

Bulletin

**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**

Rotary

Monday 20 July 2026

JULY 2026 IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

"There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."
Edith Wharton.

THIS MEETING.

Acknowledgement of Country: Julie.	International Toast: Bob.
Club Host: .	Appeal: David.

President's Report



Update on Divine Mercy School in Kanungu, Southwest Uganda.

The Rotary Club of Fairy Meadow has now commenced our annual sponsorship support of 10 children through their primary school years, 5 girls and 5 boys.

The school is about one of five known Divine Mercy Schools in Uganda, and Kanungu district is among the very poor rural districts in Uganda.

Many children of school age are unable to attend school because they may be orphans or come from very poor families and cannot meet the cost of their schooling requirements. The school is now five years old and caters for 200+ children and was borne out of a community need to make education accessible to some of the underserved children within the Kanungu district.

School dropout in Uganda is alarmingly high, nearly 1 in 20 school age children have never enrolled in school and 60% dropout before completing primary school.

This annual sponsorship will provide the children with all their scholastic needs, and a hot midday meal.

Sharyn and Kel presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Albert. Albert is a long and esteemed member of the Rotary Club of Fairy Meadow, with 38 years of service to the club.

Jenny attended via Zoom the Rotary Community Group (RCG) meeting on Friday July 17. The meeting was chaired by Linda, our group's Rotary Community Leader, and defined the role of the RCL and the purpose of the RCG.

President Jenny.

Attendance details last meeting (Monday 6 July 2026).

Apologies:	Claude, Albert, Julie & Martha.
Leave of absence:	
Members Present:	6 being 60%.
Guest Speaker(s):	
Club Guests:	
Friends of Rotary:	
Visiting Rotarians:	
Makeups:	
Joker jackpot raffle:	No winner yet and 22 cards still in the pack.

International Toast:	Rotary Club of Vancouver in District 5040 British Columbia Canada.
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NEXT MEETING:

Monday 3rd August. This will be a regular club meeting.

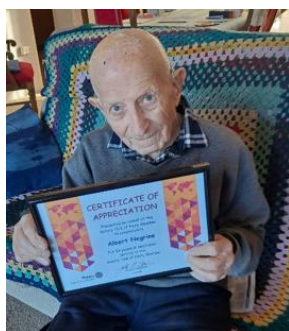
Acknowledgement of Country: Kel.	International Toast: Kerrie
Club Host: .	Appeal: Sharyn.

Rosters: Please arrange your own substitute if you cannot attend meetings.

ANNIVERSARIES BEFORE NEXT MEETING (20/07/2026-02/08/2026)

<i>Birthdays</i>	None this period.	
<i>Wedding Anniversaries</i>	None this period.	
<i>Club Anniversaries</i>	Albert joined 1 st August 1988. Congratulations on your 38 years of service.	

CLUB NEWS



Albert wasn't able to join us for the Club Presentation lunch recently, but we were able to acknowledge his 38 years of service to the club at home recently.

Thank you Albert for all that you have done for this club over many years.



Club visit to MCCI



The club made a donation to [The Multicultural Communities Council of Illawarra Ltd](#) (MCCI) recently.

Sharyn, (co-founder of SCARF which merged with MCCI) has arranged a guided tour of MCCI's new facilities for tomorrow at 2:00 p.m.

MCCI have recently moved to new premises at 5 Old Springhill Road, Coniston and we can discuss transport arrangements tonight.



President Yinka answers the call

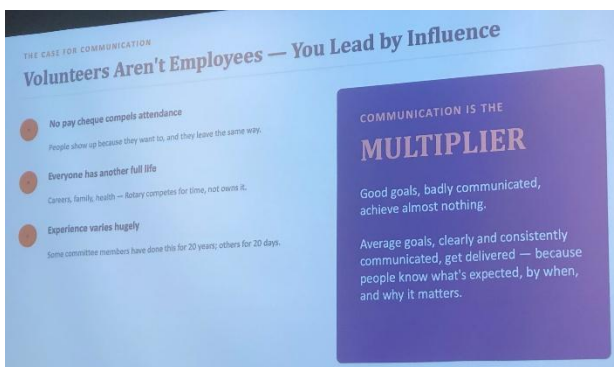
[Read the remarkable story](#) of Olayinka H. Babalola as he becomes the RI President for 2026-27.

Background and Key Facts:

- **First Rotaractor RI President:** Babalola made history as the first Rotary International President to start his Rotary journey as a Rotaractor, having joined in 1984.
- **Second from Africa:** He is the second Rotary International President from Nigeria, as well as the second from all of Africa.
- **Theme Message:** His presidential theme, "*Create Lasting Impact*," emphasizes sustainable, enduring changes in communities and focuses on leveraging member connections to produce lasting global differences.

Source: Diana Schoberg (2026). *President Yinka answers the call*. [online] Rotary.org. Available at: <https://www.rotary.org/articles/2026/07/president-yinka-answers-the-call> [Accessed 17 July 2026].

District Leadership Seminar



Kerrie attended the District leadership Seminar at Bankstown on Saturday last. It was a very productive morning and nice to catch up with District colleagues.

The District Strategic Plan was discussed in depth. By now you should have received a copy of this plan. She will explain more tonight.

RYPEN (2) for 2026



The next D9675 RYPEN event is on 28-30 August at Teen Ranch 352 Cobbity Rd, Cobbity.

RYPEN, The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment, is for young people aged 14 to 16 years and caters for teenagers who have shown qualities and application in everyday life which deserve further development.

RYPEN uses the common bonds of learning, co-operation, and friendship to design activities which facilitate trust and self-esteem. RYPEN seeks to broaden each participant's horizons culturally, socially, and academically, providing the inner foundations for a strong future.

If you know of suitable candidate(s), please let Kerrie know.

Rotary Club of Corrimal's legendary Trivia Night

It's on again. RC of Corrimal is holding its annual Trivia Night on Saturday 29th August at Woonona High School. Entry fee is \$20 pp with tables for 8 – 10 people. BYO food, drink and glasses etc.

[Read more here](#)

All proceeds to Imagination Library Illawarra and youth support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

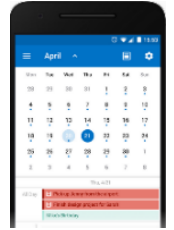
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[View details of our up-coming club events and meetings.](#)

[View the District calendar.](#)

[View the Rotary International calendar.](#)



Tuesday 21 July Club visit to MCCI premises at 2:00 p.m.

Friday 24 July BBQ Fundraiser at Bunnings Kembla Grange.

Thursday 30 July PCYC Breakfast at the Snake Pit 7:00 a.m.

Thursday 27 August PCYC Breakfast at the Snake Pit 7:00 a.m.

Friday 28 August BBQ Fundraiser at Bunnings Kembla Grange.

Friday 2 October BBQ Fundraiser at Bunnings Kembla Grange.

Thursday 22 October PCYC Breakfast at the Snake Pit 7:00 a.m.

Agenda items for the board meetings should be sent to the secretary by the Saturday before the board meeting.

Items for the Bulletin should be sent to the Bulletin editor by the Sunday before the club meeting.

If you would like to nominate a Guest Speaker for a club meeting, please send the details to the club secretary or President Jenny.



Yours in Rotary,

David.



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