

Bulletin

Monday 17 August 2026

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

"Let us sacrifice our today so that our children can have a better tomorrow"

A. P. J. Abdul Kalam.

THIS MEETING.

Acknowledgement of Country: Julie.	International Toast: Sharyn.
Club Host: .	Appeal: Jenny.

President's Report



A very big thank you to Kel and Sharyn who assisted at the PCYC breakfast at the Snake Pit on July 21.

Our member Albert had a fall at home earlier this month and has been admitted to Bulli Hospital. Thankfully Albert was not badly injured. Thank you to Kel & Sharyn, Kerrie & David who have been visiting him. Albert is very keen to go home.

Vietnam Veterans' Day is commemorated on August 18. In the Illawarra the memorial service was held on Sunday August 16 at the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial at Flagstaff Hill.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. The Battle of Long Tan occurred on August 18 and sadly 18 Australians were killed and 24 wounded during this very fierce battle. Vietnam Veterans' Day was originally called Long Tan Day but was changed in 1987 to recognise nearly 60,000 Australians who served in Vietnam.

This year also marks 53 years of the withdrawal of Australian Troops from Vietnam.

Kel, Sharyn and Jenny attended the service, and I had the honour of laying a wreath on behalf of the Rotary Club of Fairy Meadow.

During the service the plaques of 10 Vietnam Veterans were dedicated, and their plaques placed on the Memorial Wall.

President Jenny.

Attendance details last meeting (Monday 3 August 2026).

Apologies:	Claude, Albert & Martha.
Leave of absence:	
Members Present:	7 being 70%.
Guest Speaker(s):	
Club Guests:	
Friends of Rotary:	
Visiting Rotarians:	
Makeups:	

Joker jackpot raffle:	No winner yet and 20 cards still in the pack.
International Toast:	Rotary Club of Danang, Vietnam District 3350. Nearest club to Kerrie's holiday destination.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday 7th September. This will be a board meeting combined with a regular club meeting.

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

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

ANNIVERSARIES BEFORE NEXT MEETING (17/08/2026-06/09/2026)

<i>Birthdays</i>	Kerrie 23 rd August Many happy returns from all of us.	
<i>Wedding Anniversaries</i>	None this period.	
<i>Club Anniversaries</i>	None this period.	

CLUB NEWS

International Women's Day of Dance + Culture.

Join us for a wonderful afternoon of connection through conversation, dance, food and culture at the Salvation Army building in Burelli Street Wollongong on Friday 25th September 2026 from 10:30am-2:30pm.

Free women's health checks and information | 3 course lunch | non-alcoholic drinks provided | cultural dance and entertainment.

This event is open to women.

Ticketing: Adult - \$30 + 50c booking fee per ticket, Children under 6 – Free. [Register here.](#)

[Click here to download a flyer.](#)

India's Bharat Pandya selected to be 2028-29 Rotary International President



Bharat Pandya, a member of the Rotary Club of Borivli, Mumbai, India, is the selection of the nominating committee for Rotary International president for 2028-29. He will officially become the president-nominee on 15 September if there are no other challenging candidates.

[Read the full story here.](#)

Source: Lehoczky, E. (2026). *India's Bharat Pandya selected to be 2028-29 Rotary International President*. [online] Available at: <https://www.rotary.org/en/articles/2026/08/bharat-pandya-selected-to-be-2028-29-rotary-international-president> [Accessed 15 Aug. 2026].

Quick notes

- i) Next PCYC Breakfast Thursday 27th August at the Snake Pit 7:00 a.m.
- ii) The Bunnings BBQ for Friday 28th August **has been cancelled.**
- iii) International Women's Day of Dance + Culture.

- iv) Our next Bunnings fundraiser is on **Friday 2nd October**
- v) Members have been emailed invoices for club fees *for the whole year*. A reminder by the treasurer to please pay half of these now.

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.

RC of West Wollongong Race Day



RC West Wollongong members invite you to come along and be part of it in 2026, supporting both Greenacres and Flagstaff Illawarra.

[See more information and register here.](#)

Our next project?



Golf ball drops using cranes or drones might be ubiquitous, but the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai International, in a lush, hilly northern province of Thailand, takes it to new heights.

In the sixth edition of its charity ball drop on 31 January, the club hoisted a tethered hot-air balloon to launch 300 labelled golf balls onto a green.

Balls landing nearest, or in, the hole garnered gift vouchers. This year's event netted about \$4,000 for the club's projects for children.

"The event attracts a lot of attention in our community and worldwide and is a good contact point for new donors and new members," says club member John Schorr.

Source: Webber, B. (2026). *Rotary projects around the globe – August 2026*. [online] Available at: <https://www.rotary.org/en/articles/2026/08/rotary-projects-around-globe-august-2026> [Accessed 15 Aug. 2026].

RI Convention 2027

The next RI Convention will be held in Barcelona on the 26-30 June 2027. [Read more here](#). *Registration for the 2027 Convention in Barcelona opens 17 September. A special discount will be available until 21 September.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

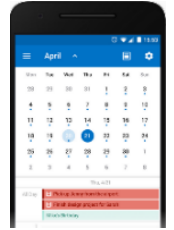
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[View details of our up-coming club events and meetings.](#)

[View the District calendar.](#)

[View the Rotary International calendar.](#)



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

Friday 25 September International Women's Day of Dance + Culture.

Friday 2 October BBQ Fundraiser at Bunnings Kembla Grange.

Monday 5 October Club meeting moved to Monday 12 October due to public holiday.

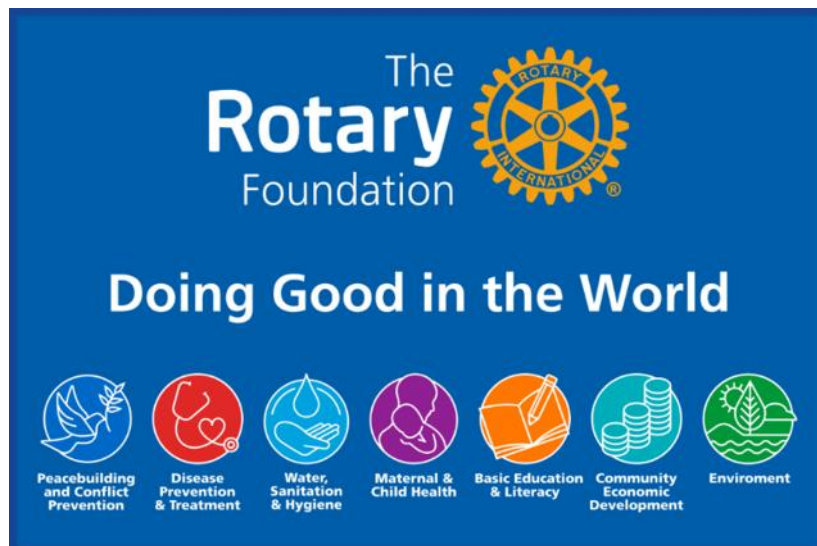
Thursday 22 October PCYC Breakfast at the Snake Pit 7:00 a.m.

Saturday 31st October High Tea Fundraiser for [KAIROS Outside](#) at Corrimal RSL at 2:00 p.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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