

Bulletin

Monday 21 September 2026

SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

*"People are always asking me in interviews, 'What do you think of foreign affairs?'
I just say, 'I've had a few.'"*

Dolly Parton.

THIS MEETING.

Tonight we welcome our Guest Speaker Amy Conley Wright, P&C President for Keira High School, who will tell us about projects that are on their P&C wish list.

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

President's Report



International Project

An update from [Divine Mercy School in Kanungu](#), Southwest Uganda. The third and final term of the school year commenced on September 14.

A report from John, Co-Founder of the school, said it was a very busy and bustling Day One, with much laughter and chatter from the children, and great excitement as they meet up with their friends and teachers.

Our club looks forward to hearing more of the 10 children that our club is sponsoring through their primary school education.

Kerrie, Kel, Sharyn and Friend of Rotary Margaret attended the annual Race Day at Kembla Grange, organised by the [Rotary Club of West Wollongong](#) on September 12.

A very successful day, with beautiful weather for racing. It was a day to dress up, enjoy the races and fundraise. Monies raised were donated to [Greenacres](#) and [Flagstaff](#), two very worthy recipients. 300 people attended.

As our next scheduled club meeting falls on a public holiday, October 5 it has been moved to October 12.

Our club members look forward to the visit from District Governor Shane on October 19

President Jenny.

Attendance details last meeting (Monday 7 September 2026).

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

Makeups:	
International Toast:	RC of St. John's Northwest. District 7815 in Newfoundland (Canada).
Joker jackpot raffle:	No winner yet and 18 cards still in the pack. David won the raffle and drew the three of Spades.

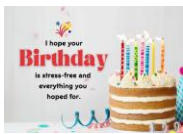
NEXT MEETING:

Monday 12th October. We welcome our Guest Speaker Braxton who we sponsored recently to RYPEN. We look forward to hearing about his experiences at RYPEN last month.

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

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

ANNIVERSARIES BEFORE NEXT MEETING (21/09/2026 - 11/10/2026)

<i>Birthdays</i>	Martha 23 September Sharyn 5 October Albert 10 October Many happy returns to all of you from all of us.	
<i>Wedding Anniversaries</i>	None this period.	
<i>Club Anniversaries</i>	None this period.	

CLUB NEWS

21st September United Nations Day of Peace.



On 21 September, the world marks the International Day of Peace. Today, amidst staggering volatility, the search for peace feels overwhelming—but it has never been more urgent.

Peace is more than the absence of war; it is the foundation necessary to collectively tackle humanity's challenges. It is the lived experience of safety, dignity, opportunities and cooperation in our daily lives.

Under the theme **Invest in Peace: For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day**, this year's International Day of Peace honours the 'everyday architects of peace'—people driving local action, laying the groundwork for stability, and building a lasting peace from the ground up.

Remember, peace isn't just built in conference rooms—it is shaped by everyone, everywhere, every day.

Read more at Source: Nations, United. (2026). International Day of Peace. [online] United Nations. Available at: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-peace> [Accessed 13 Sept. 2026].

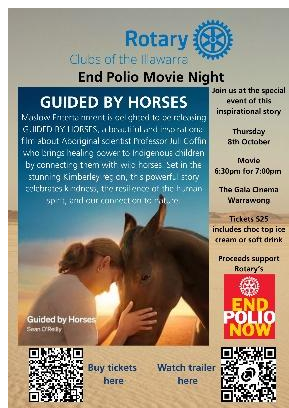
St Mary Star of the Sea Interact Club and Illawarra Rotaract Club

Tomorrow the St Mary Star of the Sea Interact Club is having their Changeover. Kerrie will attend but other club members are welcome. Ian Wilson and his daughter Lisa will attend and present the perpetual shield to the past presidents Maddie and Sophie.

We have a full exec with very keen students and some new members so it's a great start to their year.

The Illawarra Rotaract Club has a new member and is looking at a membership drive. Lucille is still happy to remain president even though she has moved south.

End Polio Movie Night



Guided by Horses This year's End Polio movie night is set down for Thursday 8th Oct at the Gala Cinema, Warrawong 6.30pm for 7pm start.

Tickets are \$25pp for the movie which includes a choc top ice cream or soft drink.

Set against the breathtaking Australian outback, Guided by Horses tells the remarkable story of Aboriginal Professor Juli Coffin and the transformative bonds between young Indigenous people and wild horses. Touching on themes of resilience, hope, connection and healing, it is a powerful film that will spark meaningful conversations long after the credits roll.

[Watch the trailer here](#), [download the flyer here](#), and [buy your tickets here](#).

DG's visit Monday 19th October

DG Shane is making his DG's visit to our club on Monday 19th October, let's make it worth his while with a good turnout.

End Polio Train Ride 2026.



We're on again!

Due to possible track work and buses on Saturday 24th October, we will once again go on Thursday 22nd October. Starting at Wollongong Railway Station as usual (northern Clubs can start at their own stop if it is convenient) and we will collect you all on the way to Kiama. There we will have our usual morning coffee/tea and photoshoot and then to Bomaderry for lunch.

Looking forward to you all being involved again this year. Start your budget and collections to be able to present an amount on the day and bring your End Polio Pelican. I will send the timetable 2 weeks before as there is much track work at present, so it is difficult to plan too far ahead. We met at Wollongong at about 9.15 last year. Kerrie.

KAIROS High Tea



Our annual High Tea Fundraiser for [KAIROS Outside](#) is on again at Corrimal RSL on Saturday 31st October starting at 2:00 p.m.

[Tickets are available now at \\$55 pp](#)

The High Tea will be preceded by a Fashion Showing presented by [Scremlins Designs Ladieswear](#) when you will be able to order garments.

KAIROS Outside, the recipients of this fundraising event, provides support to women who have been impacted by the imprisonment of a family member or friend.

Registration will close on Wednesday 14th October at 11:59 p.m. and there will be a Wait List.

If you are unable to attend or you would like to make a donation as well as attending, you can make a donation during the registration process.

UPCOMING EVENTS

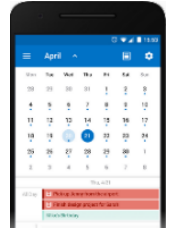
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[View our Bulletins.](#)

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

[View the District calendar.](#)

[View the Rotary International calendar.](#)



Friday 2nd October BBQ Fundraiser at Bunnings Kembla Grange.

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

Thursday 8th October End Polio movie night at The Gala, Warrawong.

Monday 19th October DG Shane's club visit.

Thursday 22nd October End Polio Train Ride.

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

Friday 6th November BBQ Fundraiser at Bunnings Kembla Grange.

Friday 11th December BBQ Fundraiser at Bunnings Kembla Grange.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 2nd to 4th April 2027 Combined Districts Conference in Ulladulla.

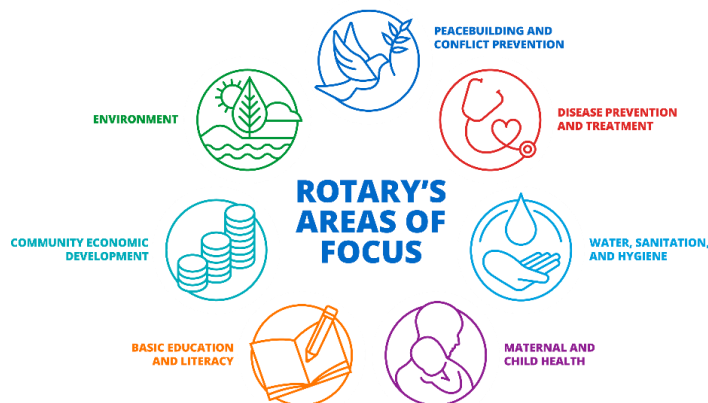
Agenda items for the board meetings should be sent to the secretary by the Saturday before the board meeting.

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 Administration Director.

If you have an idea for a **new club project**, be it local, national or international please send the details to the Service Projects Director.

Stories for the website should be sent to the Secretary along with pictures etc.



Yours in Rotary,

David.



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