

Bulletin

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Monday 12 October 2026

OCTOBER IS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTH

*"I always ask God to work through me and let me be a light of some kind
and help in this world, so I always pray for that, and I always want to do good."*

Dolly Parton.

THIS MEETING.

Tonight 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.

President's Report



On September 21 we welcomed two guest speakers from Keira High. Amy Wright, P&C President and Yvonne White, Deputy Principal, Inclusion and Support.

Their topic:

To develop an outdoor sensory motor space adjacent to the special education unit for the 66 children with disabilities who attend the school. To support their regulation and ability to productively engage with education. The space will also be used to support a peer mentor program in which children without disabilities can build supportive mentoring relationships

with students with disabilities.

International Project:

An update from John, Co-Founder of the Divine Mercy School in Kanungu, southwest Uganda. The ten children that the Rotary Club of Fairy Meadow are sponsoring have settled well into their third and final term of this school year and doing well in their studies.

David, Kerrie, Bob, Kel, Sharyn, Jenny, Friends of Rotary, Margaret and John and Franca worked on the BBQ on October 2 at Kembla Grange. It was a very busy day with a handsome profit.

David, Kerrie, Kel, Sharyn, Jenny and Friend of Rotary Margaret plus some friends attended the End Polio Movie Night fundraiser on October 8 at the Gala Theatre, Warrawong.

The movie "Guided By Horses", a beautiful and inspirational film set in the Kimberly region, in Western Australia.

The documentary is about the work of Professor Julie Coffin who brings healing power to indigenous children by connecting them with wild horses.

The work of Professor Coffin and her colleagues was inspiring as we were able to witness the positive impact this work has on the health and wellbeing of the indigenous children. As a bonus we also had the opportunity to see the unique geography of this region.

President Jenny.

Attendance details last meeting (Monday 21 September 2026).

Apologies:	Julie, Claude, Albert & Martha.
Leave of absence:	
Members Present:	6 being 60%.
Guest Speaker(s):	Amy Conley Wright, P&C President for Keira High School. Yvonne White, Keira High School Deputy Principal Inclusion & Support.
Club Guests:	
Friends of Rotary:	
Visiting Rotarians:	
Makeups:	
International Toast:	Rotary District 3292 Nepal-Bhutan.
Joker jackpot raffle:	No winner yet and 17 cards still in the pack. Kerrie won the raffle and drew the six of Spades.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday 19th October, we welcome District Governor Shane for the DG's annual visit to our club.

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

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

ANNIVERSARIES BEFORE NEXT MEETING (12/10/2026 – 18/10/2026)

<i>Birthdays</i>	None this period.	
<i>Wedding Anniversaries</i>	None this period.	
<i>Club Anniversaries</i>	None this period.	

CLUB NEWS

St Mary Star of the Sea Interact Club

St Mary Star of the Sea Interact Club held their changeover on Tuesday 22nd September. Kerrie attended as the club representative along with guests Ian Wilson and his daughter Lisa who presented the perpetual shield to the past co-presidents Maddie and Sophie.

April and Mae were inducted as this year's co-presidents and there is a full exec with very keen students and some new members so it's a great start to their year.

Mt Keira Dem School Christmas BBQ



Last year's flyer

We have been approached by the organizers of the Mt Keira Dem School Christmas BBQ wondering whether we would be able to run the BBQ again this year on Sunday 22nd November.

To date response has been good and I will contact the organizers saying that we are able to help. If you haven't yet volunteered and are able to the roster sheet will be available tonight.

BBQ fundraiser at Bunnings Kembla Grange



We had a fundraiser at Bunnings Kembla Grange on Friday 2nd October which started slowly: Long weekend? School holidays? Inclement weather?

By mid-morning we were run ragged and it didn't stop for the rest of the day. In the final wash-up overall takings were over \$2,300 and a profit of over \$1,800 which must be a club record for a Friday.

A big thank you to all those who made this possible

RCFM is a Foundation Supporter of the new MCCI centre



This club has been recognised as a foundation supporter of the Illawarra Regional Multicultural Centre at 5 Old Springhill Road Coniston. MCCI are now preparing the centre to welcome the multicultural communities that have shaped the region.

The centre will provide:

- A trusted, accessible centre for multicultural services
- A place for multicultural associations to meet and host events
- An anchor point for social cohesion and community collaboration

The centre has been made possible through matched investment by the Australian Government and MCCI, together with the support of the broader community.

Our contribution will help MCCI create a welcoming, fully equipped hub for connection, celebration, and support, while recognising our role in shaping a space that will serve multicultural communities for generations to come.

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) sponsorship



We were approached by two potential candidates for sponsorship in next year's NYSF event. In co-operation with all the Illawarra clubs and District NYSF Chair Michael Valceski we were able to make a donation towards the sponsorship of Jacob French directly to NYSF on his behalf. We will invite him back as a guest speaker next year to tell us of his experiences at NYSF.

Having also offered sponsorship to the second candidate we never heard back from her.

End Polio Train Ride 2026.

Illawarra Train Ride to End Polio 2026	22nd Oct
Corrimal	9.11
Fairy Meadow	9.15
North Wollongong	9.18
Wollongong Arrival	9.20
KIAMA TRAIN	
Wollongong Departs	9.59
Dapto	10.21
Albion Park	10.28
Oak Flats	10.32
Shellharbour Junction	10.35
Minnamurra	10.40
Bombo	10.45
Kiama	10.48
Morning Tea and Group Photo	
Bomaderry Train	
Kiama	12.00
Bomaderry	12.27
Lunch	
Bomaderry to Kiama	13.16
Kiama Arrival	13.43
Kiama to Wollongong	
Kiama Departs	13.55
Wollongong Platform 1 Arrival	14.35
Wollongong Platform 1 Departs	14.37
Wollongong to Corrimal via Thirroul	
North Wollongong	14.39
Thirroul	14.48
Thirroul	14.58
Corrimal	15.07



We're on again!

Included are train times for the End Polio train ride on Thursday 22 October.

It is suggested that club members congregate at Wollongong railway station (train departs W'gong at 9.59 a.m.) travel to Kiama for morning tea and photos.

Then on to Bomaderry for lunch and later reverse the journey back to Wollongong arriving at 2.35 p.m.

You can join and leave the train ride at any time and at any place, we will be in the 2nd carriage from the front.

Please wear a Rotary shirt where possible: End Polio, purple DV shirt or a club shirt.

Three upcoming events for Healthy Cities Australia.

Healthy Cities Australia have asked us if we can help with three upcoming "Play" events that they are organising across the Illawarra in the near future.

The details are:

• Shellharbour - in partnership with ISLHD.

Friday 23 October 2026

McDonald Park, Albion Park Rail 3:00pm - 5:00pm

• Shoalhaven- in partnership with ISLHD.

Thursday 12 November 2026

Harry Sawkins Park, Nowra

3:00pm - 5:00pm

• Bundaleer Christmas Party - in partnership with Barnardo's

Wednesday 16th December

Howard Fowles Park, Bundaleer, Warrawong

3:00pm - 5:00pm

I have written to the RCs of Kiama, Nowra and Gerringong asking if any of them can take the Nowra event.

KAIROS High Tea



Rotary Club of Fairy Meadow

Join Us for a Fashion Showing and a Delightful High Tea Fundraiser at Corrimal RSL on Saturday 31 October at 2pm!

Cost \$55 per person

Support KAIROS Outside while enjoying an elegant afternoon with friends and delicious treats.

<https://bit.ly/4wCRfit>

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 view and 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 this Wednesday at 11:59 p.m. and there will be a Wait List. While registration is open 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.

ShelterBox 2026 Champion Awards Night



A message from Mike Greenslade, CEO ShelterBox Australia:

"It gives me great pleasure to invite you and your members to our 2026 Champion Awards Night to be held on Wednesday, the 21st October, via Zoom.

Throughout the evening, we'll hear how the Rotary partnership has enhanced ShelterBox responses around the globe; we'll hear from Rich, one of our Australian response team volunteers, recently returned from Venezuela; and we'll celebrate the Champion clubs who have enabled us to provide shelter and dignity to those affected by disaster.

To register and receive the Zoom link, please email Kierny at: kierny.deutrom@shelterbox.org.au

I look forward to seeing you on the 21st."

As you know the RC of FM is due to be awarded a Silver award for donating \$3,000 per annum for the last three years.

UPCOMING EVENTS

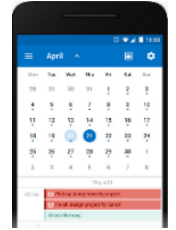
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[View our Bulletins.](#)

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

[View the District calendar.](#)

[View the Rotary International calendar.](#)



Monday 19th October DG Shane's club visit.

Thursday 22nd October PCYC Breakfast Snakepit.

Thursday 22nd October End Polio Train Ride.

Friday 23rd October Healthy Cities BBQ/Smoothie Bikes at Albion Park Rail.

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.

Thursday 19th November PCYC Breakfast Snakepit.

Sunday 22nd November Mt Keira Dem School Christmas BBQ.

Friday 11th December BBQ Fundraiser at Bunnings Kembla Grange.

Wednesday 16th December Healthy Cities BBQ/Smoothie Bikes at Warrawong.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 2nd to 4th April 2027 [Combined Districts Conference in Ulladulla.](#)

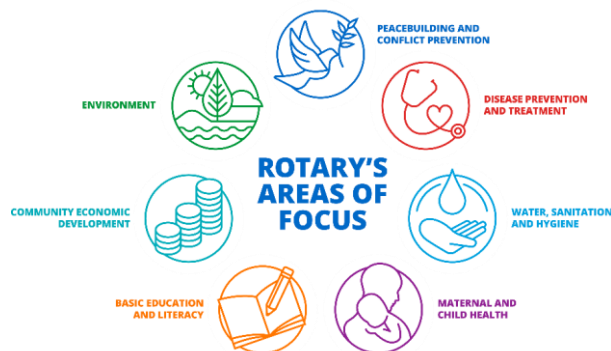
Agenda items for the board meetings should be sent to the secretary by the Saturday before the board meeting.

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.



Thank you to [Storage King North Wollongong](#) for sponsoring our storage space at 100 Montague St, North Wollongong