Fairy Meadow Rotary Club

Don't just live in your community become part of it

~Chartered 2nd Oct 1967~

Bulletin

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

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OCTOBER IS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTH

"You can be rich in spirit, kindness, love and all those things that you can't put a dollar sign on."
Dolly Parton.

THIS MEETING.

Tonight we welcome our Guest Speaker District Governor Shane Burette for the DG's annual visit.

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

President's Report



At our last meeting we welcomed our guest speaker Braxton who the Rotary Club of Fairy Meadow sponsored to attend RYPEN.

RYPEN Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

A three-day residential weekend camp for teenagers aged between 14 and 17.

The program is designed to build confidence, communication, leadership and teamwork. Held August 28-30 at Teen Ranch in Cobbity.

Braxton gave a presentation on his experiences. The fun and funny moments was a giant swing. Braxton's favourite part of the camp was making friends and having good memories. He enjoyed the experience so much he would love to go back.

Braxton was supported by Michelle Barry, from Health Cities Australia where Braxton also volunteers.

President Jenny.

Attendance details last meeting (Monday 12 October 2026).

Apologies:	Julie, Claude, Albert & Martha.
Leave of absence:	
Members Present:	6 being 60%.
Guest Speaker(s):	Braxton Coyne, 2026 RYPEN attendee.
Club Guests:	Michelle Barry, Healthy Cities Australia and Reanna.
Friends of Rotary:	
International Toast:	Rotary Club of Broome, District 9423 formally D9455.
Joker jackpot raffle:	No draw.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday 2nd November, this will be a combined board meeting and club meeting.

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

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

ANNIVERSARIES BEFORE NEXT MEETING (19/10/2026 – 01/11/2026)

Birthdays	None this period.	
Wedding Anniversaries	None this period.	
Club Anniversaries	**Bob** joined Rotary in 1991 Congratulations on 35 years of service.	

CLUB NEWS

Braxton and his RYPEN presentation at our last meeting



Our RYPENian Braxton was guest speaker at our last meeting.

From the young man who was interviewed prior to RYPEN, to the very confident and engaging young man who presented to us demonstrates what a valued and effective programme RYPEN is.

Braxton words were: "it was fun and I made lots of friends. I feel much more confident now."

He was well prepared and we are all very proud of the incredible progress he has made in his development as a very confident and positive young man.

As Michelle Barry of Healthy Cities Australia (where Braxton volunteers) said "It was so lovely to see Braxton thrive and to actually sit down and chat with you all and not be running around!"

Mt Keira Dem School Christmas BBQ



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 have contacted 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.

End Polio Train Ride 2026.



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.

Club members will have received instructions on how to volunteer to do shifts at all three of these events using our ClubRunner website.

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.

Registration closes at midnight tomorrow Tuesday but there will be a Wait List.

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 Kieryn at: kieryn.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.

BBQ fundraiser at Bunnings Kembla Grange



Our upcoming fundraising BBQs at Bunning's Kembla Grange are:

Friday 6th November.

Friday 11th December

Friday 15th January

Grandparents for Vaccines share powerful stories

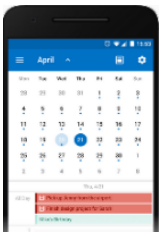
An effort to keep today's children from suffering the diseases of the past. *A must read for modern parents.*

With their unique position in society, grandparents can help dispel cultural amnesia. Traditionally, we have shared wisdom across the generations using true stories from our past, and those stories can help shape the choices that others make. The power of grandparents' stories flows from the depth of our real experience and the love we have for our grandchildren.

This is why, one year ago, I helped found **Grandparents for Vaccines**. As a husband, father, grandfather, and retired paediatrician, I have witnessed some heartbreaking moments that continue to keep me up at night. Today I can't help but wonder why parents would invite preventable diseases — diseases we had all but eradicated — back into our children's lives.

The whole article can be found here: Source: Lavin, D.A. (2026). *Grandparents for vaccines share powerful stories.* [online] Rotary.org. Available at: https://www.rotary.org/en/articles/2026/10/grandparents-for-vaccines-share-powerful-stories [Accessed 17 Oct. 2026].

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.

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.

Tuesday 15th December Healthy Cities BBQ/Smoothie Bikes at Bellambi.

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

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

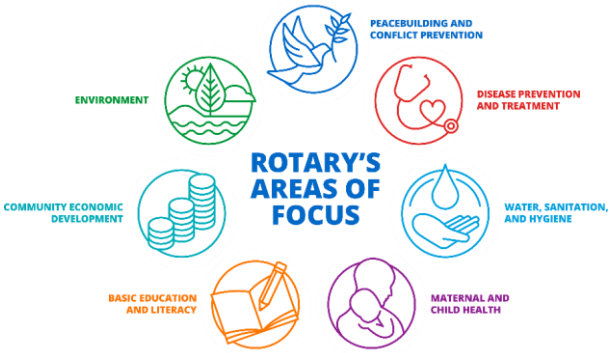
Agenda items for the board meetings should be sent to the secretary by the Saturday before the board meeting.

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.

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