Fairy Meadow Rotary Club
Don't just live in your community become part of it

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Bulletin

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NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

You'll never do a whole lot unless you're brave enough to try".

Dolly Parton.

THIS MEETING.

Tonight we have a combined club meeting and board meeting.

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

President's Report



A very busy couple of weeks for the members of the Rotary Club of Fairy Meadow

At our last meeting held on 19th October we welcomed District Governor Shane Burette for the DG's annual club visit.

Shane's presentation covered:

The Year Ahead:

- Grow our Fellowship, Deepen Our Impact
- Create Belonging That Lasts
- Lead With Excellence, Serve with Purpose
- Let the World see What Rotary Stands For
- Embrace Change, Strengthen our Future

He also spoke on Redistricting: Rotary Community Groups: The Rotary Foundation and the Seven Focus Areas: ShelterBox and the RI Convention to be held in Barcelona, 26-30 June 2027.

A very big thank you to Kel and Sharyn who assisted at the PCYC breakfast on October 22. All went well.

Also on October 22nd, David, Kerrie, Bob and Jenny attended the Illawarra End Polio Now Train Ride from Wollongong to Kiama and Bomaderry. It was a great day with Rotary members from, Corrimal, Fairy Meadow, Dapto and Kiama attending. We stopped at Kiama for morning tea, then a few of us went onto Bomaderry. Polio is now only present in two countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

On October 23rd David, Kerrie, Bob and Jenny assisted at the Healthy Cities Australia event at McDonald Park at Albion Park Rail. Kerrie manned the smoothies run and David and Jenny manned the BBQ and were very grateful for the assistance from some of the volunteers who served the customers with their sausage sandwich. A very busy afternoon.

The Rotary Club of Fairy Meadow organised a major fundraiser on the afternoon of October 31. A High Tea and Fashion Showing to raise funds for Kairos Outside South Coast. Kairos Outside is a program run by Kairos Prison Ministry and supports women who have a family member or close friend currently or formally incarcerated. The program offers a weekend away each year where the women who attend are pampered, and also monthly get togethers. It was held at Jaffas Corrimal RSL club, with over 100 people in attendance. We heard from two

speakers, one who spoke of the work of Kairos Outside and the other who spoke on her personal experiences of the support she has received from the program.

The fashions were provided by a local fashion house, Scremlins.

It was a great afternoon. My grateful thanks to Corrimal RSL for a raffle prize of a bottle of chocolate champagne, to Warren and team from Jaffas who provided a wonderful High Tea and also gifted the lucky door prize, and to Melinda from Scremlins for the fashion showing.

President Jenny.

Attendance details last meeting (Monday 19th October 2026).

Apologies:	Julie, Claude, Albert & Martha.
Leave of absence:	
Members Present:	6 being 60%.
Guest Speaker(s):	DG Shane Burette.
Club Guests:	President Lucille Anderson Rotaract Illawarra, Michelle Shipley.
Friends of Rotary:	
International Toast:	Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka District 3220.
Joker jackpot raffle:	Still no winner and 16 cards left in the deck.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday 16th November, this will be a regular club meeting.

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

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

ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER 2026

Birthdays	None this month.	
Wedding Anniversaries	Claude & Wendy on 14th November. David & Kerrie on 18th November.	
Club Anniversaries	Bob joined Rotary on 1st November 1991.	

CLUB NEWS

End Polio Train Ride 22/10/2026



A group of club members, RCL Linda and DG Shane met at Wollongong Railway station in time to catch the 9.59 a.m. train to Kiama for morning tea and photos. Along the way we collected Rotairians from RC of Corrimal and Dapto. At Kiama we teamed up with more Rotarians from RC of Kiama for the photo on the stairs down to Kiama station platforms.

Then on to Bomaderry for lunch and later reverse the journey back to Wollongong arriving at 2.35 p.m. Collectively the Illawarra clubs donated $7,650 to the End Polio Now project.









Healthy Cities Australia Event, Friday 23rd October



On Friday 23rd October we helped out at Healthy Cities Australia Active In-Betweens event at McDonald Park at Albion Park Rail.

The weather promised to be rainy and expectations all day were when are they going to cancel? It rained quite heavily on the way to the event to carry out our usual activities of Smoothie Bike and BBQ.

The weather cleared and it was sunny for the whole event with a very good turnout.

The Smoothie Bikes were busy the whole time and between 200-250 sausages cooked and served. With thanks to the Uni students who helped on the BBQ. For the first time we took our own portable BBQ plate rather than relying on the static electric BBQs provided by Council.

A big thank you to all those who helped.

St Mary's Star of the Sea College Interact meeting 27/10/2026

A big thank you to Sharyn who attended the recent Interact club meeting on behalf of the club.

From co-presidents April and Mai: "Interact Club is on today and it is Bring a Friend Day!! We hope to see you there with one or more of your friends. If you can't bring a friend, you can find one at the club. There will be colouring sheets available, information about Interact and what we do as well as other fun activities"





KAIROS High Tea

Our annual High Tea Fundraiser for KAIROS Outside was held at Corrimal RSL on Saturday 31st October starting at 2:00 p.m. with just over one hundred guests booked in. The event was organised by President Jenny and past member Sue Armitt.

Our meeting room (Suite 168) was set up to showcase clothes by Scremlins Designs Ladieswear, and guests were able to order clothes at the time.

The High Tea was in the main restaurant area of Jaffa's restaurant with three long tables seating 30+ on each table.













ShelterBox 2026 Champion Awards Night



A message from ShelterBox Australia:

Hi everyone, thank you for attending the 2026 ShelterBox Champion Awards Ceremony last week.

We had such a great night presenting 112 awards to Rotary Clubs around Australia for their work raising funds and sheltering people in need.

We started these awards 8 years ago and we're so pleased this year that we had such a high number of Gold and Silver Award winners. You can find all the winners listed here on our website. [There are only ten silver awards in the whole of Australia and two of those awards are from D9675; RCs of Corrimal and Fairy Meadow].

Unfortunately we had some technical issues on the night showing our videos so please find the links to the videos that we showed during the night.

Our Impact 2025 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIhEVGekv0k

Yinka Babilola (Introducing partnership video) - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7d3flvgyT8

Together we make a difference (2026 Rotary partnership video) - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ke77IRVdzaY

Rotary International and ShelterBox - working together - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYvwKZhBa34&t=1s

Thank you again for joining us to celebrate the amazing work that Rotary does to shelter millions of people around the world. And congratulations to all our 2026 ShelterBox Champion Award winners!

Mt Keira Dem School Christmas BBQ



As you know 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.

Some photos from last year's event:









Upcoming BBQs at Bunnings Kembla Grange



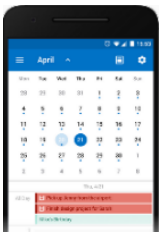
Our upcoming fundraising BBQs at Bunning's Kembla Grange are:

Friday 6th November.

Friday 11th December

Friday 15th January

UPCOMING EVENTS



Why not bookmark these links now for future reference?
View our Bulletins.
View details of our up-coming club events and meetings.
View the District calendar.
View the Rotary International calendar.

Friday 6th November BBQ Fundraiser at Bunnings Kembla Grange.

Thursday 12th November Rotary Community Group (RCG) meeting 7pm-9pm in Sinclair Room 2 at Dapto Leagues Club.

Thursday 19th November PCYC Breakfast Snakepit.

Sunday 22nd November Mt Keira Dem School Christmas BBQ.

Saturday 28th November Domestic & Family Violence Bunnings.

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.

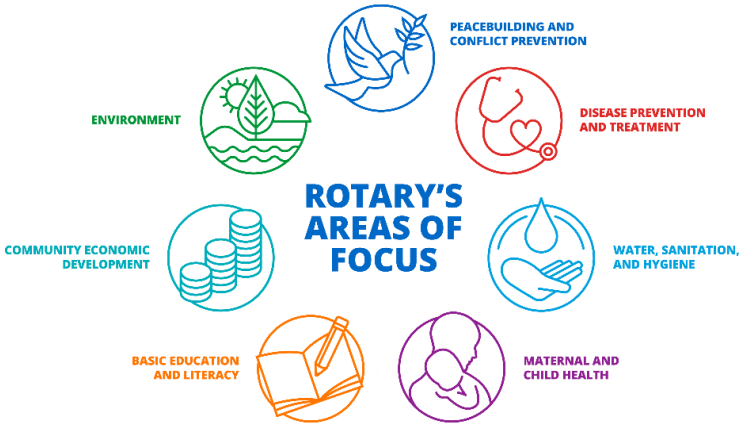
Agenda items for the board meetings should be sent to the secretary by the Saturday before the board meeting.

If you would like to nominate a **Guest Speaker** for a club meeting, please send the details to the Club Administration Director.

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

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

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.



Yours in Rotary,

David.

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