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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hi Everyone,

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Natalia delivered the toast this week to the Rotary Club of Padstow. Having previously been recognised by the club for the Pride of Workmanship and nominated for RIWA, it was wonderful to hear how her connection with Rotary through Padstow club has helped her connect and join the Camden club.

Saturday is Anzac Day. The Rotary Club of Camden proudly supports ANZAC Day by honouring the service and sacrifice of veterans and current defence personnel. Members will attend the dawn and mid morning service. Through these efforts, Rotary helps preserve the spirit of remembrance while strengthening community connections and respect for those who have served.

A reminder there is no meeting on Monday. However, we have a commitment to Dinner at the TAFE on Wednesday. Spaces are still available. Please register via Club Runner or via the website. Guests are welcome.

Have a wonderful week.

Warm regards, Andrew Ellis

Note: With no meeting next week, the next Bulletin will be published on 7th May



Pride in Workmanship

Monday 11th May at Camden Golf Club

6:30pm for 7:00pm

Please click on this link (QR Code) to book in. Cost is \$30 per person.

Note that this is the only way to book in for this event. Partners and guests are very welcome.,



27th April

No Meeting (Anzac Day Holiday)

4th May

Vanessa Gimellaro - Landcare in Macarthur
Camden Golf Club (7:00pm - 8:30pm)

11th May

Pride of Workmanship Awards
Camden Golf Club (7:00pm - 8:30pm)

18th May

Denise Pritchard - Blue Wren House
Camden Golf Club (7:00pm - 8:30pm)



Happy Birthday to our Rotarians:

◇	Ian White	7th May
◇	Julie Dean	16th May
◇	Hugh Davies	31st May

Happy Birthday to Spouses and Partners

*	Judy (Hugh Davies)	2nd May
*	Christine (Mike Scarce)	16th May
*	Rachel (Rob Elliott)	17th May
*	Wendy (Ian White)	23rd May
*	Leanne (Glen Patterson)	29th May

Congratulations to Rotarians and partners on these special anniversaries

- Max and Nola Tegel 64 years on 25th May
- Errol and Carol Best 63 years on 4th May
- Bruce and Margaret Harding 61 years on 9th May
- David and Mu Ling Yong 60 years on 20th May
- Gary and Kadrienne Ireland 58 years on 10th May
- Greg and Linda Eagles 46 years on 10th May

In May, we recognise Years of Rotary service by:

Peter Claxton 31 years on 1st May

Gary Ireland 28 years on 1st May

Andrew Ellis 4 years on 1st May

In May, we also recognise and acknowledge the year our Honorary members joined Rotary:

guest
speaker

On 4th May 2026



Vanessa Gimellaro is the Macarthur Local Landcare Coordinator, working in the Campbelltown, Camden, and Wollondilly Local Government areas in South West Sydney.

After getting her degree in Natural Resources Management at Southern Cross University, she went into NSW Fisheries to be the Observer in the Shark Meshing Program – the nets at Sydney’s beaches. The role ensured the nets were checked correctly and catch was recorded and disposed of correctly. She went on to become an Interpretive Ranger with Ku-Ring-Gai Council and found her calling with Environmental Education. She started her own business, Rangers on the Run, which ran for 14 years, providing environmental education workshops and presentations in schools and at community events. COVID presented an opportunity to acquire new skills, so she gained a drone license and a Degree in Film at SAE University College. Now working with Greater Sydney Landcare, she supports the six local Landcare groups, local councils, community groups and private landholders to regenerate and protect the environment. She has also managed the Restoring Catchment and Community Resilience Grant in the Wollondilly, and is currently wrapping up the South West Sydney Koala Program.

Rotary Club of Camden

Meeting, functions and events booking protocols

Normal weekly meetings:

As per current arrangements where you are coming unless you are a 'permanent' apology or you apologise by mid-day on the Friday before. Email to camdenrotaryattendance@gmail.com

Club Events:

Our Club's events including, industry visits, BBQs, U Turn the Wheel etc: You will record your attendance in the roster on Club Runner. (As those events approach, the roster will be prepared and you will receive an e-mail with the Link, so you can 'click' and register. You can add partners to this system and also Decline attendance in a single click.

Special events:

Special events including Change-over and Pride of Workmanship where members of other Clubs and/or members of the public are invited: Bookings for everyone will be via TryBooking. Payments can be made here prior to the event

Chris Evans (Secretary)

Last Saturday, the President Elects for the 2026-2027 year met to discuss plans and directions for Rotary and the impact that will have for our Club. Jacquie Lockyer attended representing Rotary Club of Camden



Our next U-Turn the Wheel is on Monday 4th May
at Elderslie High School.

On the BBQ will be Peter Claxton, Caitlin Binskin,
Chris Evans and Jo Perrin



25th April 2026

ANZAC DAY—Dawn Service and also Camden Street Parade.

27th April 2026

Public Holiday - No meeting

29th April 2026

Campbelltown TAFE Dinner

4th May 2026

UTurn the Wheel - Elderslie High School

9th May 2026

Bunnings BBQ at Narellan

15th May 2026

UTurn the Wheel at St Benedicts College

29th May 2026

UTurn the Wheel at Macarthur Anglican College

29th June 2026

Camden Rotary Change-over



Our Rotarian 'Toast masters'

On Monday 20th April, Natalia Esdaile-Watts presented an overview of the Rotary Club of Padstow. These toasts provide insights into the important work in the local communities by our focus club. Well done Natalia who highlighted the work at Padstow and how a link through Pride in Workmanship Award led to joining as a member of Camden Rotary.



Can you match up the origin of these national dishes with their country.

Happy guessing



CREPE

Austria
Italy



ROSTI

Argentina
Canada



EMPANADA

Singapore
Malaysia



POLENTA

France
Switzerland



POUTINE



NASI LEMAK



WIENER SCHNITZEL



ROTI PRATA

Carrington Assisted Living – Open Day

Wednesday, 29th April 2026 | 10 AM

Join us at Carrington to explore Riverview Assisted Living, where we provide more than just a place to live, with delicious meals provided in our rooftop dining area, laundry and cleaning services, case management and social activities to create meaningful connections.

Location: Carrington Riverview Assisted Living Apartments, 90 Werombi Road (Gate 2 entry) GRASMERE NSW 2570

Call Carla or Kristy to RSVP by 14th April on 1300 590 590



Campbelltown TAFE Dinner

This event is on a Wednesday. Note there is no normal Rotary meeting due to ANZAC Day holiday on Monday 27th.

This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a three course dinner and support up and coming stars in the restaurant world. There are limited spaces. Only 30 available. Partners are most welcome.

Please indicate if attending on Clubrunner link in email from Dave Binskin



Date: Apr 29, 2026 6:00 pm - Apr 29, 2026 9:00 pm

Fee: \$40.00

Location: Campbelltown TAFE
The Restaurant Macarthur
181 Narellan Road
Campbelltown



RYPEN, The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment, is for young people aged 14 to 16 years and caters for teenagers who have shown qualities and application in everyday life which deserve further development. Dates for sessions at Teen Ranch are:

Friday 1st May - Sunday 3rd May

Friday 28th August - Sunday 30th August

For more details, contact the RYPEN Chair,
David Butterfield: rustonsignco@hotmail.com

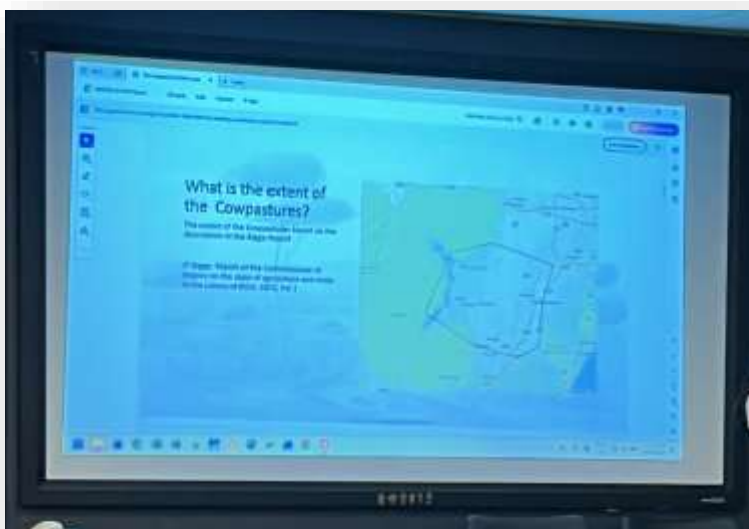
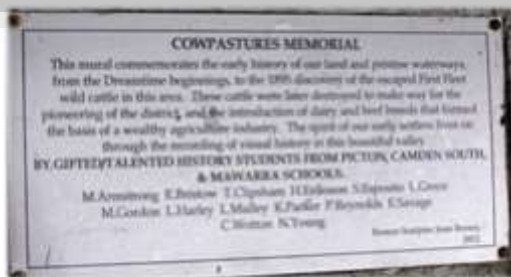


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Next Bunnings BBQ's are

May 9th

June 14th

Keep these date in your diaries

The 2026 - 2027 Rotary theme

**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**



CREPE
France



ROSTI
Switzerland



EMPANADA
Argentina



POLENTA
Italy

Canada
POUTINE



Malaysia
NASI LEMAK



Austria
WIENER SCHNITZEL



Singapore
ROTI PRATA



World Immunization Week is quickly approaching!

Rotary and our partners commemorate World Immunization Week, 24-30 April every year, to raise awareness of the importance of vaccination and highlight the success of our polio eradication efforts.

As an organization that is committed to eradicating polio as well as to fighting disease and improving maternal and child health, Rotary recognizes World Immunization Week as an ideal opportunity for Rotary and Rotaract clubs to engage in these kinds of activities:

Invite a local health care worker to speak at your club about the importance of vaccinations.

Host an event in your community to raise funds for PolioPlus and educate people about Rotary's work toward eradicating polio.

Partner with local Interact clubs or schools on a campaign to raise awareness about polio and other vaccine-preventable diseases.

The progress that Rotary and our partners have made toward eradicating polio is a success story that is important to tell, especially during this final effort to reach our goal. Our members are our greatest advocates and supporters, and we need your help more than ever to share our story with your communities.



**WORLD
IMMUNIZATION
WEEK** 24-30 APRIL





PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS



To be held 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start
11th May 2026 Camden Golf Club, 50 Lodges Road, Narellan
Bookings via Trybooking. Use QR Code to book

This program seeks to identify individuals whose exemplary contributions to their vocation are worthy of public acknowledgement.

All nominees are presented with a Rotary Pride of Workmanship plaque. The aim is to encourage a much-needed pride in personal performance in the workplace and to help create a national attitude for the benefit of the country.

Pride of Workmanship presentations provide an excellent opportunity for Rotary to promote its image, gain access to organisations for vocational visits and develop potential membership, whilst at the same time providing an avenue for small business to recognise individual effort.



Objectives of Pride of Workmanship Awards

- ◇ To promote Vocational Service.
- ◇ To encourage Pride of Workmanship in all vocations.
- ◇ To provide employers with an opportunity to recognise employees who display the qualities worthy of an Award
- ◇ To encourage favourable employer/employee relationships and a sense of community pride in individual achievement.
- ◇ To provide an opportunity for Rotary to be involved in the community, particularly the business community.



The Rotary theme for May is Youth Service Month

This focuses on:

May is designated as Youth Service Month in the Rotary calendar. This month focuses on celebrating and supporting Rotary's commitment to young people through programs like Interact, Rotaract, RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), and Youth Exchange.

Key Focus Areas for May:

- Youth Programs: Highlighting initiatives that develop leadership, communication, and professional skills in young people, including RYLA, RYPEN, and RYDA.
- Interact & Rotaract: Supporting Rotary-sponsored clubs for high school students and young professionals.
- Youth Exchange: Fostering international understanding and peace through student exchanges.
- Community Service: Recognizing young individuals who exemplify "Service Above Self".

This month encourages Rotary clubs to empower the next generation, fostering leadership and international understanding.

What Is your Rotary Club doing to focus on Youth Service this month? May is Youth Service (formerly called New Generations) Month when Rotary Clubs, around the world focus on youth services, Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, Youth Exchange.

INTERACT

Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service club comprised of 14-18 year olds. Interact gives young people the opportunity to take part in fun, meaningful service projects. Along the way, Interactors develop their leadership skills and initiative while meeting new friends. Members exchange ideas, opinions and plans with other talented, energetic people, in an atmosphere free from negative pressures and distraction. Interact strives to promote student leadership, local volunteer service, and to make members aware of the many global and world issues that effect people everyday. The word Interact stands for "international action" and today there are more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries.

ROTARACT

Rotaract is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young people ages 18-30. Rotaract clubs are usually community or university-based and are sponsored by a local Rotary club, making them true "partners in service" and key members of the Rotary family.

Young adults augment their knowledge and skill and also address the physical and social needs of their communities while promoting international understanding and peace through a framework of friendship and service. Rotaractors also often spearhead the formation of Interact clubs and participate in RYLA.

Rotaract is one of the fastest-growing programs of Rotary service with more than 9,500 Rotaract Clubs with 291,000 members in 177 countries.

Rotaractors follow the motto "fellowship through service".



Rotary
District 9675

**INSPIRATIONAL
WOMEN'S AWARDS**

RIWA NOMINATIONS

<https://riwa.awardsplatform.com/entry/entrant>



Categories:

- Rural 18-30
- Rural 30+
- City Urban 18-30
- City Urban 30+
- Health Care Worker

NOTABLE DATES:
1 JUN – Nominations Close
5 AUG – Finalists Announced (TBC)
27 SEP – Awards Lunch

Visit the District Website for the link & more updates
<https://rotarydistrict9675.org/>

The Inspirational Women's Awards (RIWA) have been established to recognise women and young women who best exemplify Rotary's motto of Service Above Self (i.e. the community service the individual performs above and beyond their normal role.

The Awards are an initiative of the Rotary Districts and Clubs of NSW.



Let us take time for a Camden 'Friendly FIKA'. Make time for family, friends and rotary colleagues to share a cuppa and chat.

Anzac Day, held annually on 25 April, is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand commemorating those who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations, specifically honouring the ANZACs who landed at Gallipoli on this day in 1915.



On the 25th of April 1915, Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula. These became known as Anzacs and the pride they took in that name continues to this day.

The Anzacs landed on Gallipoli and met fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. Their plan to knock Türkiye out of the war quickly became a stalemate and the campaign dragged on for eight months.

At the end of 1915, the allied forces were evacuated. Both sides suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. Over 8,000 Australian soldiers were killed.

The meaning of Anzac Day today includes the remembrance of all Australians killed in military operations.

It is marked by dawn services, marches, and the motto "Lest We Forget"

What does ANZAC DAY mean to you. Share a story or how this day is important to us all in Australia. Happy chatting folks!!!!!!

