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Rod Mackenzie
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President
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Meetings each month
2nd & 4th Mondays
6-8pm Woolgoolga C. ex

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The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga

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LAST MEETING : Monday 13 April



Rod and Bron gave us an overview of their Rotary Exchange trip to New Zealand. District 9930 is situated in the centre of the North Island of New Zealand with 46 clubs from Waipukarau in the south to Huntly in the north with over 1175 Rotarians. They visited five different clubs in 15 days: Hamilton – Waikato Sunrise, Havelock North, Lake Taupo, Papamoa, and Morrinsville

Waikato Sunrise has a vibrant and youthful membership of men and women. They raise funds by serving in the hospitality tents at local rugby games and other major events in the Waikato, along with the sale of tickets to Circus Quirkus – a human circus performed annually at Founders Theatre in Hamilton.

Havelock North Rotary Club works closely with the other nine Rotary clubs in the Hawkes Bay – Tairāwhiti region. This cooperation is called the Rotary South Pacific First Light Community Group

Club 3 – Lake Taupo



Lake Taupo Rotary is an amalgamation of the Rotary Clubs of Taupo, Taupo Moana, and Taupo Espresso and is a vibrant club or around 45 members. They hire out their Rotary House which is a versatile and flexible event venue for public meetings, community meetings, and theatre productions

Club 4 Papamoa –

Papamoa Rotary Club located in the fastest growing suburb of Tauranga, have a great relationship with the local Surf Life Saving Club and to date have raised funds to present them with a longboat and an ATV and has donated more than \$120,000 to community projects.

Club 5 Rotary club of Morrinsville

Nestled in the heart of the Waikato dairy producing region the Rotary



Club of Morrinsville was founded in 1945 and currently has over 40 members. In association with the Senior Citizens Club, they have secured a 30 year lease and naming rights for the building, “The Morrinsville Rotary Community Centre.”

Also at the last meeting **Chase Saban** gave us feedback on his RYLA leadership training course for the upcoming RYLA Camp (16–23 May at Yarra Adventure Park) . We look forward to hearing how he goes as a facilitator.

NEXT MEETING : Monday 11 May

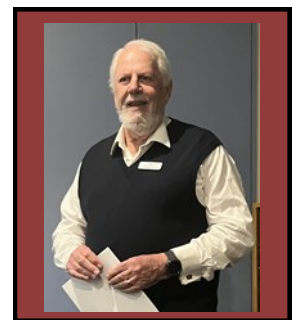


Pam and David Fayle will talk about their memorable Outback Tour with the Clarence Valley Orchestra and renowned soprano Mirusia. The Narrabri concert was organised with the help of Narrabri Rotary, and raised around \$8,000, half each to Rotary and CVO.



Board & Officers

President: Rod
Secretary: Alison
Ass Secretary: David F
Treasurer: Geoff
Vice President: Kim
President Elect: tba
Community Services: **all**
Youth Services: Mary and Michelle
Club admin & Public image: Pam F
Membership: Christopher
Projects: David E
Public Officer & TRF David F
Bulletin: Mary
Pride in Work tba
YEP Counsellor: Bronwyn



We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Gumbaynggirr people, the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters where we live, learn and work.





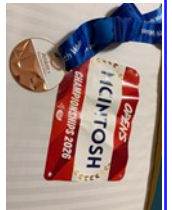
Anzac Day 25 April 2026

On Friday 25th April, seven of our members represented our Club at the 11am March and Service at the RSL War memorial. It was great to see so many people in the Community either participating or attending as supporters of this special day. Jenny Storum laid the wreath for our club



Update on our youngest member, Kyle, and his latest Running Achievements

In March Kyle ran the 1500 at State and won Bronze in 4:27.20 then later on he was invited to run at the Marie Plant in Melbourne a very prestigious race and Gold event on the World athletics calendar. He ran 4:23.22 a great time showing improvement in a tough race and rain. Friday 10th he ran at Nationals in Sydney 1500 and about 3 weeks later he flew to Melbourne for Run The Tan and then in May he's representing the Regional Australia in Darwin for the 1500. Then Cross Country started at the end of last month. Lots happening lots of travelling. Exciting times for him.



Update on our Outbounder 'Bella' in Brazil

Hi everyone,

I hope you're all doing well back home! Here's an update of some of the stuff I've been up to here in Brazil. School has been really interesting and different here, I still can't understand all of what's been happening in class but my friends have

VISITA A ESCOLA EE TORQUATO MINHOTO



been a big help in helping me understand what's going on. I have afternoon classes on Friday that go for about an hour, and students stay in one classroom while the teachers move around classes.

My Rotary has been amazing they are all so nice to talk to and welcoming, through rotary I've gotten to meet lots of amazing people. They have made a real effort to include me in meetings and events. Learning Portuguese has been the most difficult part so far during my exchange but it's really cool to see the progress I've made with understanding and speaking Portuguese. I can still not speak properly yet but I'm understanding, which I'm really happy with at the moment!

The food over here is amazing. I'm eating stuff that I never would have in Australia. Some of my favourite foods are pão de queijo which translates to cheese bread, rice and beans, that I would have never imagined me eating in Australia but here I eat it almost everyday as it's a very common dish here in Brazil, and pastel which is a pastry that's been deep fried and you can have what ever fillings you want. At meal times we always sit down at a table and talk about our days, which also helps me get better at practicing speaking Portuguese.

There are many cultural differences between Brazil and Australia. When greeting people here in Brazil you usually kiss on the cheek and hug, while in Australia I never did that around non family members. One thing you learn really quickly over here is that Brazilian's are always late, you are never there in time.

I've been in Brazil for about 3 months now and I'm still having the best time, it has been amazing meeting new people, getting used to a new language and environment. I am very thankful to Rotary for giving me this opportunity, and believing in me! .

DATES FOR ROTARY Diary

- 16 May Pop-up at Marine Rescue Markets
- 29th June Changeover



International President **Francesco Arezzo**, is a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa in Sicily, Arezzo has been part of Rotary for more than three decades. He has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee, RI director, and chair of the 2023 International Convention Committee for Melbourne, among other leadership roles.

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	11 May Meeting	25th May Board + meeting	15 June Meeting	29th June Changeover
Reminders	Order Meal by 6pm	Order Meal by 6pm	Order Meal by 6pm	Order Meal by 6pm
Welcome/Fellowship	Jenny W	Pam	Jenny S	Rod
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Peter L	David F	Geoff	na
Vote of Thanks	Peter Mc	Alison	Bronwyn	na
Guest Speakers or Event	Pam & David Outback tour	tba	tba	na

PROJECTS

- ◆ DV Safe Phone
- ◆ World War 1 Restoration and Relocation Project (joint with RSL sub-branch)
- ◆ Pop-up shop selling high quality clothing
- ◆ Pride in Workmanship awards
- ◆ Youth Exchange Program
- ◆ Parkinson Support Group
- ◆ Woolgoolga Seniors' Centre