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May is Rotary's Youth Service Month

Tonight; Club Princess we sponsored Keira Cioccarelli and 2025 winner Taylah Craig

Introduction: Louise Garrett

Vote of Thanks: Craig Cameron

5 minuter: Max Lake

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

20 May; Katrina Sharpe, 'Bluey's World' Partners' Night

Introduction: John Hozack

Vote of Thanks: Dom Fondacaro

5 minuter: Geoff Johns

27 May; Finnish Youth Exchange Hilma

Introduction: Yvonne Young

Vote of Thanks: Wayne Fry

5 minuter:

June is Rotary's Fellowships Month

3 June; TBA 10 June; Sophie Ray

17 June; TBA

24 June; Club Changeover at DLC

July is Rotary's Maternal and Child Health Month

1 Jul; Club Assembly

8 Jul; no meeting

9 Jul; RC of Nowra's 90th Anniversary Dinner at Bomaderry's Bowling Club, 154 Meroo Rd, Bomaderry. \$95 per head. Members and partners to car pool, please.

15 Jul; Club Assembly

22 Jul; TBA

29 Jul; TBA

18 Nov; Matt Potter; Resuscitation, Partners, Family and community members' Night

Birthdays; 13 May; Deb Fondacaro, 15 May; Ted Wild, 18 May; Louise Garrett. **Anniversaries;** None.

PLEASE NOTIFY apologies and guests to Louise Garrett 0432 091 991 loumqarr@gmail.com by NOON ON MONDAY.

If your attendance is in doubt, please apologise and if you turn up, the caterer will not mind extras.

Club's Calendar

14-17 May	Wed-Sat	Willinga Park, breakfast preparation
16-18 May	Fri-Sun	RYPEN Camp. Sutton
1 June	Sun	Bunnings BBQ
3 June		Science engineer Challenge, Nowra
6 to 13 June		The Entertainers
11 June	Wed	SESCA, Country Club, St George Basin 6 for 6:30pm \$55
18 June	Wed	TAFE luncheon, \$40, at noon
24 June	Tues	Club Changeover
5 July	Sat	Bunnings BBQ
8 July	Tues	NO Meeting
9 Jul	Wed	RC Nowra 90 th at 6:00pm Car pool, partners' night
3 Aug	Sun	Bunnings BBQ
6-7 Sep	Sat-Sun	Bunnings BBQ, for MHERV

Entertainers: 7 shows in June, club to run bar. 6-7 evening. 8 afternoon. 12-13 evening. 14 afternoon and evening s.hows

6 May 2025 meeting's report

President Ed Zonneveldt welcomed all present, many partners and visitors, including Her Excellency (HE) Mrs Ardi Stoios-Braken, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Australia, husband Wayne Stoios, DGN Judy Ford, PDA Peter Ford, Cr Jason Cox.

Her Excellency Mrs Ardi was introduced by President Ed Zonneveldt and thanked by Tim Trescowthick.

HE Mrs Ardi's first trip to Australia was in 1997 as a tourist, where she met her husband, Mr Stoios. Mrs Ardi loves reading, growing vegetables, has been the Ambassador to Australia since Aug 2023, and provided the attendees with numerous facts and stats, the population of the Netherlands is 18 million, the size of Australia is 185 times the size of Netherlands, according to the 2021 Australian Census there are 380,000 Dutch descents living in Australia.

The Embassy in Canberra, considered a medium sized Embassy, is also responsible for representing the interests with PNG, Nauru, Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands.

The first Dutch person set foot on Australian soil in 1606 was Captain-navigator Willem Janszoon on the ship The Duyfken.

In 2014, flight MH-17 was downed over Eastern Ukraine by pro-Russia separatists; 298 victims on board – 196 passengers from Netherlands and 38 from Australia and until today our two countries collaborate and fight for justice for the families of the victims and holding those responsible to account.

The Netherlands focusses on waste management and recycling, energy transition, climate change, off shore wind and hydrogen, water management and climate change. Our two countries work together on sustainable trade and investment, peace, security and stability.

Mrs Ardi finished by saying "it is an interesting time to work as a diplomat-build on the already strong foundation of the bilateral relationship – trusted and valued partnership between Australia and the Netherlands".



Raffle winner was Craig Saunders, hamper prepared by Louise Garrett, thank you Louise.

End of report.