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## March is Rotary's Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

**Tonight; Dinner at Foxy's Café, Ulladulla Plaza, NO BYO Drinks**

### FUTURE PROGRAMS:

#### April is Rotary's Environmental Month

7 Apr; Emma McKirner, Fall Prevention

Introduction: Yvonne Young

Vote of Thanks: Wayne Fry

Rotary 5 minuter: Issa Shalhoub

14 Apr; TBA or no speaker or the wedding

21 Apr; Alison Chiam, hearing.

Introduction; Ross Wade

Vote of Thanks; Louise Garrett

Rotary 5 minuter; John Hozack

28 Apr; BBQ at Rotary Park, 5:00pm

#### May is Rotary's Youth Service Month

5 May; TBA 12 May; TBA

19 May; Cancer Support Foundation, Peter Still and Tom OCallaghan

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by NOON ON MONDAY.

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

### CLUB CALENDAR

5 Apr	Sun	BOF Festival Bar duties Market BBQ?
10 Apr		<b>Our club's anniversary</b>
11 Apr	Sat	PETS Batemans Bay
11 Apr	Sat	BBQ at Tim's place, 12 noon to 2:00pm, 3 to 4 members are needed.
23 Apr	Thur	<b>Stage set up Surf Club</b>
28 Apr	Tues	<b>Stage down at Surf Club</b>
16 May	Sat	PETS Orange
30 May	Sat	RMC Band concert
2 May	Sat	<b>Stage set up Entertainers</b>
3 May	Sun	Bunnings BBQ
8-16 May		Entertainers' Bar
17 May	Sun	<b>Stage pulldown, Entertainers</b>
6 Jun	Sat	Bunnings BBQ
10 Jun	Wed	SESCA
21-26 June	Sun-Fri	RYLA, Murrumbateman
30 June	Tues	Club Changeover Dinner
4 July	Sat	Bunnings BBQ
Aug	Wed-Sun	Willinga Campdraft BBQ
21-23 Aug	Fri-Sun	MUNA
4-6 Sept	Fri-Sun	RYPEN, Capital Country
12-13 Sept	Sat-Sun	Bunnings BBQ for MHERV
5-7 Mar 2027	Fri-Sun	<b>9705 and 9675 Combined Districts Conference at DLC; Bush to Beach</b>

**Birthdays;** 31 Mar; Dale Wilford, 2 Apr; Ross Wade, 4 Apr; Julie Porter, 6 Apr; Jacqui Thomson, 31 Mar; Dale Wilford. **Anniversaries:** None

## 24 March 2026 Report and pics by Yvonne Young

Meeting opened by **President Geoff Johns** welcoming members and guest speakers John Mott – President and Sue Bevear, Treasurer of Milton Theatre.

Community Service Director **PP Phil Brown** OAM thanking members Geoff Johns, John Payne, John Hozack, Dale Wiford and Louise Garrett (for buying the coffees) for assistance with the putting up and taking down of the drapes at the Civic Centre for the Blessing of the Fleet Princess Ball. Upcoming events for Bar duties are Blessing of the Fleet Easter Sunday and Entertainers and the stage set up on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and take down on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at the Surf Club – watch out for rosters.

International Service Director **John Payne** spoke on the 6 monthly report – RAWCS and continuing fundraising for Eyes for Africa, how we are making a difference through Eye Clinics which are treating people from 1 to 64 years old. Reminder of the Royal Military band coming on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026 more details to follow.

Environmental Service Director PP **Craig Cameron** – in Craig's absence report was given by President Geoff Johns who thanked the members on behalf of PP Craig who attended the grand opening of Jindelara House on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

Vocational Service Director PP **Craig Saunders** handed over to PP Tony Fondacaro for an update on the visit to Foxy's for Dinner on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. Please contact Tony for any enquires into the night. Remember alcohol will be available to purchase on the night.

Almoner **Bill Harris** – nothing to report from Bill though members were informed of the passing of SES member Tracey Provest husband Tony last week and PP Bernie Jones returned from holidays in Vanuatu, only to be admitted to hospital no more information on hand, though Bernie is alive and breathing from all reports we hope.

**President Geoff** spoke on upcoming events in May the stage and bar at the Entertainers and the Camp draft at Willinga Park. The Camp draft and Entertainers being on the same weekend.

PE **Tim Trescowthick** spoke on attending the PETS/District Training in Canberra on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Thoughts from PETS and what could be possible at meetings Guest Speaker before Reports, changing Board meetings to a dinner meeting, Districts merging – watch this space, Tim then spoke on Governance and Finance sessions as well.

PP **John Hozack** spoke on Royal Military Band requirements accommodation for 40 band members, publicity for the event

Reminder to all members to contact either President Geoff or Community Service Director PP Phil Brown OAM for **thoughts on improvement to Rotary Park** – members then decided to meet up at Rotary Park on Tuesday 28/4 at 5pm for a BBQ and inspection of the Park.

PP John Hozack then introduced President of Milton Theatre **John Mott** to speak on the Milton Theatre. John congratulated our Club on being involved in so many projects in the area.

John then went on to give a brief history of the Theatre from its early days as a Picture Theatre to now being a venue for performing artists, plays and musicals. Being used nearly all year round.

John spoke on the original committee who saved the theatre from demolition in the early 90s and working for many years to create a venue for all in the community to be able to enjoy whatever is on at the theatre.

John stated that Milton Theatre is well known for its acoustic sound that the theatre produces. Upcoming events are the Milton Crawl this weekend and the Milton Blues and Jazz festival in May.

Currently getting enquires from artists who were going to be playing at Bryon Bay Blues festival on the Easter weekend which was cancelled. John reflected on back when he first started at the theatre and how the costs of operating the theatre shocked him.

When there is a show on at Milton Theatre people from far and wide come to see a show, which means they come for either dinner or for the weekend, bringing money into the area.



25 March 2026; TAFE luncheon, photo courtesy of Geoff Johns.

**THANK YOU YVONNE FOR THE REPORT. End of report**