

# Rotary

## Club of Berowra



### Kalori: The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Berowra Inc



#### Rotary Year 2024 – 2025

President Rotary International: Stephanie A Urchick  
Governor Rotary District 9685: Niranjan Deodhar  
President Rotary Club of Berowra:  
Sivaraj Sagathavan  
Rotary International Theme for 2024 - 2025:  
*The Magic of Rotary*



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**We meet second and fourth TUESDAYS @ Berowra RSL Auditorium**

#### **May and June at a glance**

*Saturday 3 May: Community Markets — Rotary Stall*

**Saturday 10 May: Mothers Day Plant Sale**

**Tuesday 13 May: Dinner Meeting**

**Tuesday 27 May: Dinner Meeting 48th Anniversary of Berowra Rotary**

*Saturday 7 June: Community Markets - Rotary Stall*

**Tuesday 10 June: Pride of Workmanship Dinner and Awards**

*Saturday 21 June: Social Lunch*

**Tuesday 24 June: Changeover Dinner**

The Rotary Club of Berowra Inc.  
*Asquith to Brooklyn*

Chartered 10 May 1977 First Meeting 25 May 1977  
Meets Second and Fourth Tuesdays 6:30pm for 7:00pm  
Club Berowra (RSL Club), 997 Pacific Highway, Berowra NSW  
Website: <https://hugsan.com/BerowraRotary/>  
Facebook: Rotary Club of Berowra

# PROGRAMME, MEETINGS, GUEST SPEAKERS, ACTIVITIES, MARKETS and SOCIAL

*Rotary Berowra (from Asquith to Brooklyn) meets  
on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month,  
at Club Berowra (RSL Club) at 6.30pm for 7.00pm,  
unless otherwise indicated.*

*Visitors, both men and women, are very welcome at  
the meetings of Rotary Berowra.*

*Please call one of the  
members of Rotary Berowra listed below.*

## Rotary Year 2024 — 2025

### May 2025

Saturday 3	Community Markets
Saturday 10	Mothers Day Plant Sale
Tuesday 13	Dinner Meeting
Tuesday 27	Dinner Meeting - 48th Anniversary

### June 2025

Saturday 7	Community Markets
Tuesday 10	Pride of Workmanship Dinner and Awards
Saturday 21	Social Lunch
Tuesday 24	Changeover Dinner

## Rotary Year 2025 — 2026

### July 2025

Saturday 5	Community Markets
Tuesday 8	Dinner Meeting
Tuesday 22	Dinner Meeting

### August 2025

Saturday 2	Community Markets
Tuesday 12	Dinner Meeting
Tuesday 26	Dinner Meeting

### New website address

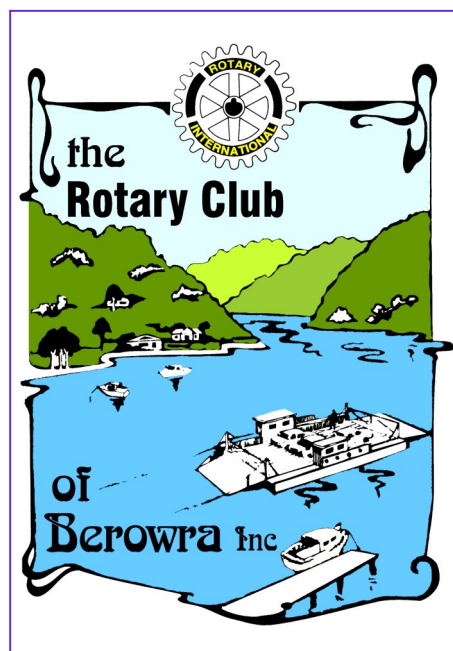
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### Attendance

For apologies for a meetings, and bringing guests, please contact,  
**Jemima Laughton 0404 057 311 or [jem.laughton@gmail.com](mailto:jem.laughton@gmail.com)**  
by 5pm the Monday before a meeting.

### Next Bulletin

The next Bulletin will be published for July 2025  
Please submit your contributions to the Editor, Peggy Sanders,  
by 5pm Friday 27 June @ [pmasanders@gmail.com](mailto:pmasanders@gmail.com)  
Please note the new email address



*Kalori means the message stick used by  
the Aboriginal Tribes which lived in the  
sandstone ranges surrounding the  
Hawkesbury River.*

*Berowra is situated above a  
major area of the Hawkesbury.  
Berowra Waters – one of Sydney's well  
known beauty spots – is  
depicted on our historic  
Club Banner.*

### BOARD 2024—2025

President: **Sivaraj Sagathavan** 0411405 396  
Immediate Past President: **Trevor Bailey**  
President-Elect: **Tom Borg**  
Secretary/Club Administration:  
**Peggy Sanders** 0413 481 854  
Treasurer: **Kathy Kendall**

Directors:  
Community Service: **Trevor Bailey**  
International: **Mary Kendall**  
Youth: **Tom Borg**  
Vocational: **Trevor Bailey**  
Rotary Foundation: **Rich Moore**  
Public Image: **Peggy Sanders**  
Membership: **Trevor Bailey** 0400 999 226

Additional Roles:  
Bulletin Editor: **Peggy Sanders**  
District Conference Promotion/Club Champion:  
**Tom Borg**  
Public Officer: **Trevor Bailey**  
Welfare: **Jemima Laughton**  
Child Protection, Verification Officers: **Carolyn  
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Sanders**  
Facebook: **Jennah Bakker, Kathy Kendall and  
Peggy Sanders**

## May 2025



**May is Youth Service Month** when Rotary Clubs around the world focus on youth services, Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, Youth Exchange and Earlyact.

Youth Service Month—a time dedicated to celebrating the local and global impact of Rotary International's young leaders. While their impact is felt year-round, this month provides a special opportunity to showcase the leadership growth and service efforts of the 350,000+ young people engaged in Rotary's youth programs worldwide.



We recently (on 25 March) heard from **Katerina McGilchrist** on her experience at Summer RYPEN February 2025.



We had our RYPEN candidate Katerina McGilchrist and her dad Tim return to our Club to speak to us about her experience and challenges at the RYPEN camp weekend held at the Sydney Sports Academy in Narrabeen.

Katerina spoke very highly of her time at the RYPEN camp and agreed that the programme was of great benefit to her in helping to develop skills in collaboration, leadership, motivation, resilience, and the ability to cope with challenges as well as building confidence. Katerina met new friends as well as some old ones. Katerina showed us photos of her time at the RYPEN camp and one could see that she truly enjoyed her time there and that she had a lot of fun being part of the RYPEN programme.

The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment is designed for teenagers from 14 to 16 years to help them develop life skills and Rotary Youth is dedicated to helping young people benefit from opportunities that the many youth programs available through the Youth Arm of Rotary.

### **Tom Borg, Youth Director**

Winter RYPEN will be held at Katoomba Christian Convention Centre from the 13 – 15 June 2025. We anticipate supporting another young person for Winter RYPEN.

After the very enthusiastic response that **Joshua Nixon** (Josh) had to his experience of RYPEN 2024 we recently sponsored him for the **Rotary Youth Sailing Challenge**, which left from Adelaide 13—17 April 2025.

Josh will return to the Club in the next Rotary year to share his sailing experience with us.





## May 2025 continued

### Meetings in May

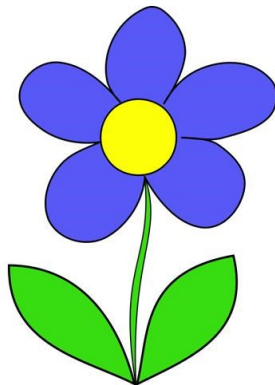
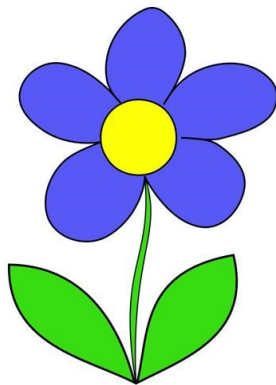
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48th Anniversary of our Club**



# Rotary

## Club of Berowra



### **MOTHERS DAY PLANT SALE**

**Saturday 10 May 2025**

**8.30am - 3.30pm**

**HUNT RESERVE**

**cnr PACIFIC HIGHWAY and BERYL AVENUE,  
MOUNT COLAH**

**AROUND THE CORNER ON BERYL AVENUE**

Choose from assorted pots and hanging pots  
suitable for gifts for your Mum, Grandmother or Aunt  
and for freshening up the garden

**ENJOY A SAUSAGE SIZZLE AS YOU BROWSE**

*Berowra Rotary raises funds through the two major  
plant sales a year to allow us to support our  
humanitarian, community and youth projects.*

*Help us to help others*

<https://www.hugsan.com/BerowraRotary/>

## June 2025

*Saturday 7 June: Community Markets - Rotary Stall*

### **Tuesday 10 June: Pride of Workmanship Dinner and Awards**

PP Trevor Bailey is currently seeking awardees for our Pride of Workmanship Awards. If you have any suggestions, please discuss with him.



*Saturday 21 June: Social Lunch*

*Our wonderful Social Director, Partner-in-Service Yvonne Borg will contact us shortly with details for our next social activity.*

### **Tuesday 24 June: Changeover Dinner**

You are invited to the Rotary Club of Berowra Changeover Dinner when President Sivaraj Sagathavan hands over to President-Elect Tom Borg.

### ***Unite for Good***

### **2025– 2026 Incoming Board and Directors**

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### **Rotary Year 2025 – 2026**

President Rotary International:  
**Mário César Martins de Camargo**

Governor Rotary District 9685:  
**John Campbell**

President Rotary Club of Berowra:  
**Tom Borg**

Rotary International Theme: *Unite for Good*

## Over Recent Weeks



On Tuesday 8 April, 2025 **Evelyn Chan** spoke to us on 'Domestic and Family Violence—the current state'. She gave a very interesting and informative presentation.

**PDG Christine Owen** joined us for the meeting. She is an advocate for the Rotary program — 'Say NO to Domestic and Family Violence and YES to Respectful Relationships'.

PDG Christine shared information on 'Safe Hands Bursaries' and 'Strong Arms Scholarships'.  
**See page 10**



### District Conference 2025

The 2024 – 2025 District Conference at the Pullman in Penrith proved to be another entertaining Rotary get together enjoyed by all which started out with a Gala dinner on the Friday night. This year's theme was, "The Magic of Rotary" and everyone dressed up as their favourite magical character.

Our MC and host for the night was past District Governor from New Zealand and professional magician Jonathan Usher. He kept us entertained through the night with his magic tricks. The Saturday started with the official opening and the traditional flag flying by all the international exchange students. Our magical host Jonathan Usher then introduced our District Governor, Niranjana Deodhar who came up on stage not wearing his traditional neck chain. The host then put some paper into a metal container and set it on fire, he then closed the lid on it and opened it up again showing the DG's neck chain inside the same container in clean shiny condition.



The guest speakers for the day were very informative and one could see that they were all very dedicated to their particular cause. The emphasis this year being on sustainability and Humanitarian Summit. One in particular that stood out was called "A Journey to the Toilet" by Mark Bella (*see Yvonne's report page 7*).

The Project Showcase was open throughout the day for people to see the different National and International projects that Rotary and District 9685 supports. Our own RAWCS Project, Shamida Ethiopia was also on show, thanks to Kathy Kendall for looking after that for our Club. The project videos sent in by all the clubs were also on display through the day.

**PE Tom Borg, Youth Director**



## District Conference 2025 continued

### THE MAGIC OF ROTARY – DISTRICT CONFERENCE 9685 – 22 March, 2025

#### TOILET WARRIOR

Mark Balla was on a business trip to India about 15 years ago. He met up with a couple of young Indian entrepreneurs who were starting up a business escorting tourists around the slums of India. Mark was directed to a small village called Dharavi, where the poverty was immense. Children who didn't go to school were used for child labour. He also noticed that there was something unusual. He saw primary school boys and teenage boys in schools, but he didn't see teenage girls. This was because there were no toilets in the school.

He learnt that toilets were not in many villages. 10% of children die before the age of five due to water borne diseases. There were no toilets in many homes, schools and businesses. Six hundred million Indian people were forced to defaecate in the streets. Women and girls were raped late at night and early morning as they searched for privacy.

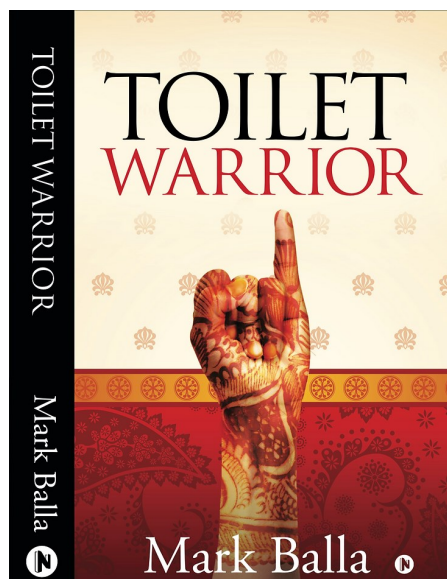
Girls drop out of school as they mature due to there being no toilets and female facilities to accommodate young women and girls during that time of the month. Female teachers are also forced to refrain from attending to their classes during their period and the whole village knows why. This is very humiliating. One teacher commented that she also refrains from drinking water during the day so as to avoid going to the toilet outside. Once a toilet was built at her school she was so grateful to be able to drink a glass of water at the beginning of her day.



Mark was so incensed by what he learnt he teamed up with a business partner and came across the Box Hill Rotary Club where he asked to be a guest speaker and subsequently joined the Club. He spoke to Rotary Clubs and schools in Victoria and gave presentations about these dilapidated schools without toilets. One girls' school in Melbourne raised \$2000 on a mufti day to assist in building a toilet in an Indian village school.

Mark, has continued to advocate and build toilets and facilities for girls over the last 15 years and through hard work, networking and fundraising at schools and Rotary Club conferences, he continues to be an inspiration to anyone who will listen to his toilet warrior stories.

When he first started his toilet journey he asked "But what can I do as I am only one person!" Well, it started with a need to start a charity called "It Can't Wait". As a result of his hard work he has impacted the lives of over 30,000 children who otherwise had little or no access to toilets at school before he came along. For Gemma Sisia, it started with \$10 to begin a school in Tanzania with three children and now has over 1000 students at the School of St Jude. For Karen Kendall it started with a dream to help vulnerable women and children in Ethiopia called Shamida Bright Vision.



That's what one person can do – you just have to START and watch the magic happen.

**Yvonne Borg, Partner-in-Service**

<https://www.toiletwarrior.net/>

<https://www.toiletwarrior.net/product-page/toilet-warrior-a-book-by-mark-balla>

## District Conference 2025 continued



## District Assembly Saturday 5 April

Sivaraj, Tom and Peggy attended the District Assembly







## Vale

We are saddened to hear of the passing of **Alice Lovegrove**, widow of our long term member the late Max Lovegrove. Alice was a wonderful support to Max, and a great and active supporter of the Club activities. Such a kind and gentle person.

Her funeral will be held Monday 5 May 2025 2pm, Rose Chapel, Palmdale Lawn Cemetery and Memorial Park, 57 Palmdale Road, Palmdale.

<https://palmdalegroup.com.au/scheduled-funerals-palmdale/>

It is possible to watch the funeral at the above link.

## **Birthdays, Anniversaries and Congratulations..... May and June**

**Happy Birthday to:** Nil

**Happy Anniversary to:** Nil

**Happy Anniversary of Induction to:**

Trevor Bailey (22/6); Hugh Thomas (27/6)



The link to the donation page on Shamida's website is below, click on 'Australia' and you can read the information about Shamida partnering with

Rotary Australia Worldwide Community Service (RAWCS).

If you click the "Donate Now" button, you will be able to view the RAWCS form.

<http://shamidaethiopia.com/donate>

Find out how you can help us help the kids:

<https://shamidaethiopia.com>



Dear Rotarians and friends of Berowra Rotary Club,

Thank you so much for the lovely Gardenia plant and for your heartfelt expressions of sympathy on the death of my Mother, Jane. Thank you also to

Trevor and Janette Bailey, Rich Moore and Kathy Ruhl and Nola Van Huissteden who represented the Club at her funeral. Your presence and condolences were very much appreciated by me and my family.

Kind Regards  
Yvonne Borg

Back in my day, the  
Rotary logo was just a  
gear wheel



## **Rotary Matters**

On air

Friday 3pm—4pm





Together we say

**N**  
**O** to **DOMESTIC &  
FAMILY  
VIOLENCE**

**Rotary**  
District 9685



and

**Y**  
**E** to **RESPECTFUL  
RELATIONSHIPS**  
**S**



Often education is one of the first areas abandoned when domestic and family violence occurs. With the support of Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS), Rotary District 9685's Respectful Relationships Program have created two compassionate funds to provide opportunities for recipients to close this gap.

For school aged children, **Safe Hands Bursaries** will provide a \$500 bursary to help them experience a 'normal' schooling. So funds can be used for education resources, school excursions, after school activities etc.

For adult survivors of domestic and family violence, **Strong Arms Scholarships** are designed to enable the attainment of a TAFE or university qualification that can contribute to a career and earning capacity and a sustainable lifestyle.

Each grant offers tax deductibility for donations over \$2.

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**Safe Hands  
Bursaries**



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