

Rotary

Club of Berowra



Kalori: The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Berowra Inc

**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**



Rotary Year 2025 – 2026

President Rotary International: Francesco Arezzo
Governor Rotary District 9685: Michele Ellery
President Rotary Club of Berowra: Tom Borg
Rotary International Theme for 2025 - 2026:
Unite for Good



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We meet second and fourth TUESDAYS @ Berowra RSL Auditorium

July and August at a glance

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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 2025 — 2026

July 2025

Saturday 5	Community Markets
Tuesday 8	Dinner Meeting: <i>cancelled</i>
Tuesday 22	Dinner Meeting: Youth Night and DG Visit <i>Michele Ellery; Josh Nixon and Jemimah Slade</i>

August 2025

Saturday 2	Community Markets
Tuesday 12	Dinner Meeting—transferred
Tuesday 19	Turramurra Trivia Night (5.30pm for 7.00pm)
Thursday 21	<i>Daffodil Day</i>
Tuesday 26	Dinner Meeting: Kimberly Degenhardt Fundraising & Events Coordinator NSW / ACT HeartKids

September 2025

Saturday 6	<i>Berowra Woodchop</i>
Tuesday 9	Dinner Meeting
Tuesday 23	Dinner Meeting

October 2025

Saturday 4	Community Markets
Tuesday 14	Dinner Meeting
Saturday 18	<i>Spring Plant Sale</i>
Tuesday 28	<i>Turramurra Theatre Night</i>

November 2025

Saturday 1	Community Markets
Tuesday 11	Dinner Meeting
Tuesday 25	Dinner Meeting

December 2025

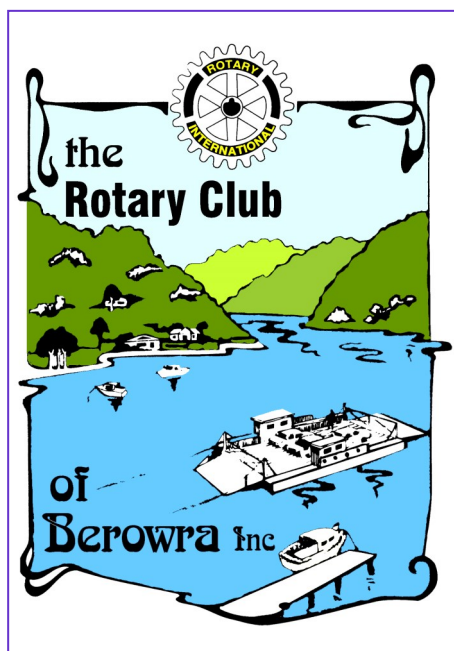
Saturday 6	Community Markets
Tuesday 9	Annual General Meeting

Attendance

For **apologies** for a meetings, and **bringing guests**, please contact,
Trevor Bailey 0400 999 226 or jenalsar@ozemail.com.au

Next Bulletin

The next Bulletin will be published for September /October 2025
Please submit your contributions to the Editor, Peggy Sanders,
by 5pm Thursday 31 August @ pmasanders@gmail.com



*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 2025—2026

President: **Tom Borg** 0407 274 757
Immediate Past President: **Sivaraj Sagathavan**
President-Elect: **Tom Borg**
Secretary/Club Administration:
Peggy Sanders 0413 481 854
Treasurer: **Kathy Kendall**

Directors:
Community Service: **Trevor Bailey**
International: **Kathy Kendall**
Youth: **Sivaraj Sagathavan**
Vocational: **Sivaraj Sagathavan**
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: **Trevor Bailey**
Child Protection, Verification Officers:
Carolyn Higgs and Peggy Sanders
Attendance: **Trevor Bailey** 0400 999 226
Web Manager: **Hugh Thomas and Peggy Sanders**
Facebook: **Jennah Bakker, Kathy Kendall and Peggy Sanders**

From the President



Firstly I would like to thank everyone who attended the Berowra Rotary Changeover night. It was a real pleasure to see so many members and guests there including some notable Honorary members — Julian Lesser MP, Shane Fitzsimons and Nola van Huissteden as well as our favourite Associate member Jennah Bakker. Thank you to Past District Governor Christine Owen and Rotary Community Group Leader Ruth Vumbaca for your support.

I would like to thank all of our Club members for placing your trust in me to be your elected President for 2025 – 2026. It's a privilege I hold with great respect and purpose. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding leadership of our outgoing President, Sivaraj Sagathaven, your dedication, strength and warmth brought us through a remarkable year. Thank you for setting a great example for our Club. Also thank you for your donation of special wines from your personal cellar as gifts to all the outgoing board members.

A special acknowledgement to our Bulletin Editor and Club Administration Director and Secretary, PP Peggy Sanders for her time and dedication to ensuring that everything in our Club runs smoothly and is not forgotten, without who's help I'm sure this Club would not exist. Also a special thanks to our Associate member, Jennah Bakker who looks after our Facebook and always ensures that we are seen in the community as well as always making herself available to help with our projects such as our plant sales.

A special thanks to my wife and Club Social Director, Yvonne Borg for the outstanding job she has done in ensuring that our social days were always enjoyable and she would always pick great places to go for visits and luncheons.

This year, we and Rotarians around the world rally around a powerful theme, Unite For Good. These are more than just words, they are a call to action, a reminder that our true strength lies in our unity, in the way we come together to uplift one another and our shared commitment to service.

Our focus for the year ahead centres on Community, Youth and International Outreach. Three pillars that not only reflect Rotary's international vision, but also resonates deeply within our own local hearts. In community we will continue to listen, support and step up where we are needed most. We are very keen on running our community projects such as Pride of Workmanship, as well as getting involved with the community markets and the annual Woodchop events. We run and will continue to run our Mother's Day and Father's Day plant sales as this is a large community drawcard for our Club. This year we will be running our Father's Day plant sale as a Spring Plant Sale later in the year, on Saturday 18 October, as the regular date clashes with the APEX Woodchop event on Saturday 6 September.

For our Youth, the future is bright and we have a role to play in lighting the way through Mentorship and Leadership programs as well as opportunities that empower our youth. We here at Berowra Rotary believe in investing in the change makers of tomorrow and we will continue to support youth programs:



From the President *continued*

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), PP Trevor Bailey and I both participate in this Rotary Youth program as bus drivers taking the participants to their different activities anywhere around the Northern Sydney Region; Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) both the Summer and Winter camps for Year 10 students; Model of the United Nations Assembly (MUNA) where high school students get to experience an awareness of the United Nations and the countries they represent; something that is much needed today the Science and Engineering Challenge where high school from many different schools get to complete many scientific projects — I am happy to say that Rotarians from our own Club help to facilitate this Rotary project. We will continue with our support of students in the local primary schools with the Rotary Citizenship Award. There are many more Rotary Youth programs out there including International Youth Exchange which are only limited by funding.

On the International front, we reaffirm our Global Citizenship. From supporting education and clean water projects abroad, to responding to global challenges with compassion. We will show the world what Rotary means. We here at Berowra Rotary are pleased to be associated with an International project in Shamida in Ethiopia, a safety and education facility which empowers woman and girls run by one of our own members Karen Kendall who resides there, and two other members of our Club who make regular trips to Ethiopia to help her. It is sponsored by Rotary through Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS), which is both an International and local branch of Rotary.

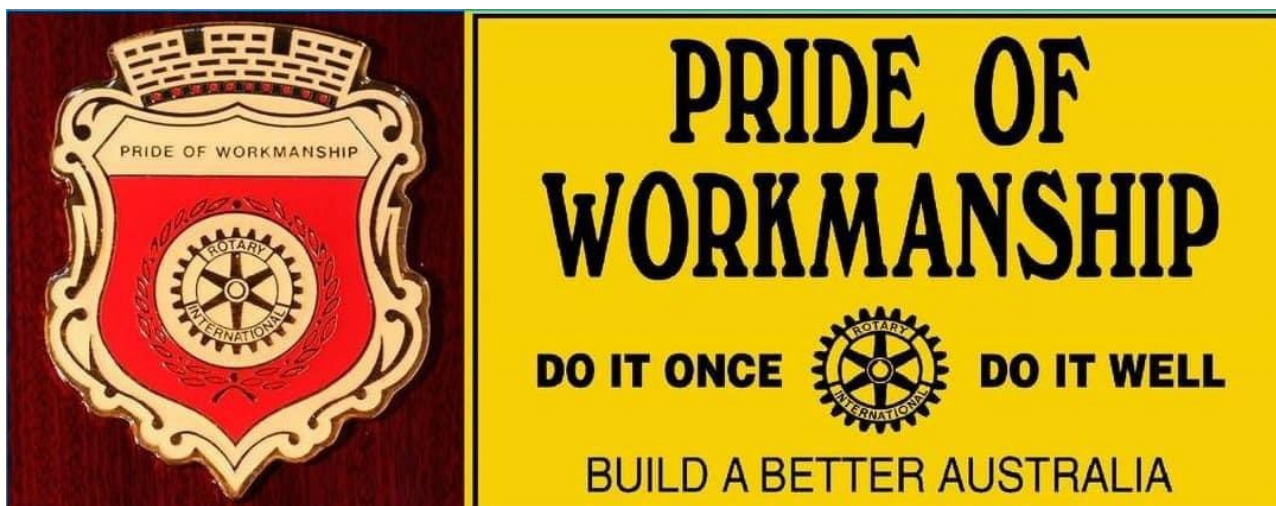
The thing that struck me the most when I first joined Rotary is how strangers can become friends overnight. This is not a journey we walk alone, if we unite for good then we do not just uplift our Club but the world beyond these walls.

Thank you
Tom Borg, President



Changeover Dinner
Tuesday 24 June 2025

Pride of Workmanship 2025



Berowra Rotary held our Pride of Workmanship awards on Tuesday 10 June 2025.

We were delighted to welcome our guest speaker Haran Ramachandran, The Rotary Foundation Chair 2024 –2025 who spoke on *"Empowering Youth: Locally Inspired, Globally Impactful"* and Ruth Vumbaca, District Vocational Chair 2024-2025 who made the presentations to the Awardees.

In attendance were the Awardees, their family and colleagues, Honorary members including Julian Leeser, and members and partners. The Award recipients:

Ryan Bolger PDHPE teacher at Asquith Boys High School
Lynne Moore PDHPE teacher at Asquith Girls High School
Amanda Panich an enrolment manager at Asquith Girls High School
Alyssa Parisi from Bambinos Too Pizza, Pasta and Ribs who has managed the business and who is also studying education
Lara Sholl a music teacher at Hornsby Girls High School.



July and August 2025

Saturday 5 July: Community Markets — Rotary Stall

Tuesday 8 July: Dinner Meeting — *cancelled as most members were unavailable*

Tuesday 22 July: Dinner Meeting, Youth Night



- **District Governor Michele Ellery**
- **Josh Nixon** - returning to the Club to report on his recent participation in the Rotary Youth Sailing Challenge (District 9510);
- **Jemimah Slade** will share her recent experience at Winter RYPEN 2025



We will also be joined by our Summer RYPEN attendee Katerina McGilchrist, and the parents of our young speakers. We may have other visitors; this is a good night to be present and maybe to bring some visitors.

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<https://www.heartkids.org.au/>



July and August 2025 continued



TURRAMURRA | CHATSWOOD / ROSEVILLE

PRESENT



**SUPPORTING 'BOOKS IN HOMES'
MOREE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL**

19 AUG 2025

5.30PM DINNER | 7PM TRIVIA

TURRAMURRA BOWLING CLUB

181 Bobbin Head Road, North Turramurra

[CLICK LINK TO BUY TICKETS](#)



**ENTRY TICKET
\$25**

**RAFFLES
TRIVIA
AUCTIONS
GAMES**

Dinner & drinks to be
purchased separately
at the bar

The Books for Homes Project introduces quality new books of choice into homes for Moree East Public School kids, allowing them to establish their own libraries. It also enables parents to understand the value of reading and improves literacy outcomes for students.

Tuesday 12 August: we will not meet at Berowra RSL as we have transferred our meeting night to be able to participate in, and support, **Turramurra/Chatswood/Roseville Trivia Night Tuesday 19 August** raising funds for a good cause.

The Rotary Clubs of Turramurra and Chatswood Roseville have been working to support Moree East Public School for a number of years. The Books-in-Homes project promotes literacy and allows children to take home books each term.

Please book in, and note times for dinner and start of trivia, and let Trevor know if you will be there.



Belrose Rotary is having a film night on Saturday 16 August.

Rotary
Club of Belrose

MOVIE NIGHT

40th Anniversary

contact@
belroserotary.org.au

**TICKETS
\$25**

**SWEETS
PROVIDED**

Profits go to
Rotary Club
of Belrose
charities
and projects.

Saturday 16th August 2025

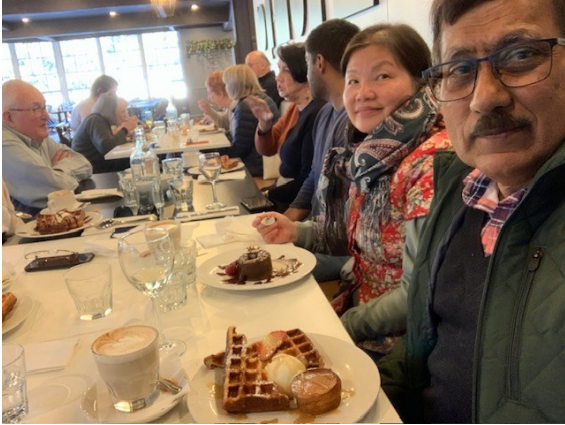
FORESTVILLE RSL - doors open 6:30pm

RAFFLES - DOOR PRIZES - AUCTIONS - GAMES

Social Events



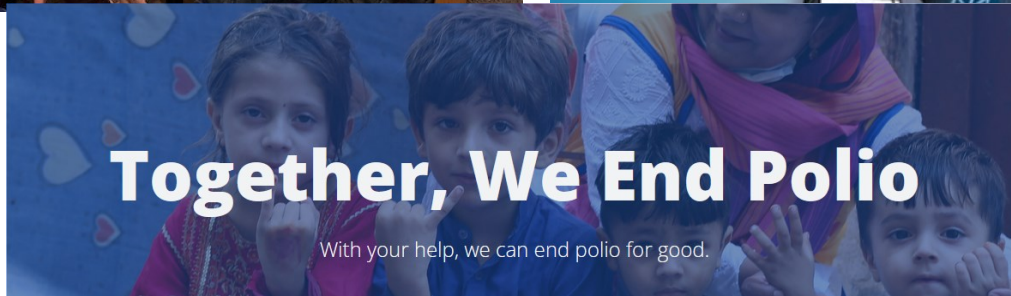
Thank you to Social Director Yvonne Borg for organising functions for us. On Saturday 21 June a number of us went to lunch at Griddle Restaurant at Berowra Waters.



The same day in the evening some went to the Belrose Rotary Trivia Night.



On Sunday 27 July we are going to the Glen Street Theatre





Birthdays, Anniversaries and Congratulations..... July and August

Happy Birthday to: Jan Childs (1/7); Kathy Kendall (16/7)

Happy Anniversary to: Nil

Happy Anniversary of Induction to: Trevor Bailey (22/6); Hugh Thomas (27/6)



SHAMIDA
ETHIOPIA

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>

Celebrating our Sustainable Community

Please come and join the Berowra Sustainability Co-Op for a lighthearted and warm gathering where we will hear from people within our community who have a sustainability story to share. There will be drinks, food and an opportunity to make connections and learn.

If you have a sustainability story or some information to share, please contact Sarah on 0415 340 690 or email sarahflarey@googlemail.com or berowrasustainabilitycoop@gmail.com

If you'd like to just come along, take it all in, meet some new people and have a nice evening out, then you are more than welcome too!

The Berowra Sustainability Co-Op is aiming to build connection between like-minded people who are interested in creating a resilient and sustainable network within our wonderful community.

When: Monday 28 July
Where: Warrina Street Oval Clubhouse
Time: 7.30 - 9.30pm

