

Rotary

Club of Berowra



Kalori: The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Berowra Inc

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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 generally meet second and fourth TUESDAYS @ Berowra RSL Auditorium

September and October at a glance

Saturday 6 September: APEX Woodchop — Rotary Stall

Tuesday 9 September: Transfer to Turramurra Rotary for Youth Exchange by Adel

Tuesday 23 September: NO Meeting

*Saturday 4 October: Community Markets - There will **NOT** be a Rotary Stall*

Tuesday 14 October: Dinner Meeting

Saturday 18 October: Spring Plant Sale — Hunt Reserve

Friday 24 October: World Polio Day

**Tuesday 28 October: Transfer to Theatre Night with Turramurra Rotary —
The Appleton Ladies Potato Race Zenith Theatre Chatswood — End Polio Now**

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

September 2025

- Saturday 6** Berowra Woodchop
Tuesday 9 Transfer to Turramurra Meeting Youth Exchange
Tuesday 23 There will be NO Meeting

October 2025

- Saturday 4** Community Markets — we will NOT have a Rotary stall
Tuesday 14 Dinner Meeting
Saturday 18 Spring Plant Sale see page 6
Friday 24 World :Polio Day
Tuesday 28 Turramurra Theatre Night see page 5

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

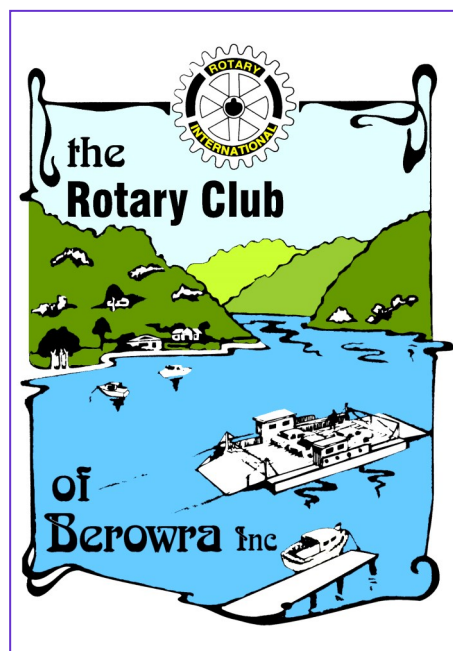


Attendance

For apologies for a meetings, and bringing guests, please contact,
Trevor Bailey 0400 999 226 or jenalsar@ozemail.com.au
 by 5pm the Monday before a meeting.

Next Bulletin

The next Bulletin will be published for November/December 2025
 Please submit your contributions to the Editor, Peggy Sanders,
 by 5pm Friday 31 October @ 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
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Peggy Sanders 0413 481 854
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 Youth: **Sivaraj Sagathavan**
 Vocational: **Sivaraj Sagathavan**
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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

We have had a great month with plenty achieved thus far.

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On Tuesday 22 July we had our **Youth Night** with our District Governor Michele Ellery, Josh Nixon and Jemimah Slade who both spoke to us about their experiences in their particular Rotary youth activities. Being a Rotary Youth Sailing Challenge (District 9510) experience for Josh, and the Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment (RYPEN) Winter Camp experience for Jemimah.

We were also joined by members of the family of each of Josh and Jemimah, and members of Belrose Rotary, and Katerina McGilchrist, who attended Summer RYPEN.

On Sunday 27 July a few of us attended the **Glenn Street Theatre**. We saw *Le New Paris Skies*. It was a great performance.

Followed by a meal together — coordinated by our Social Director, Yvonne.

On Saturday 2 August we did not participate in our **Community Markets** as it was very wet. With some of our members away our next chance to participate in the Community Markets will be Saturday 1 November.



On 19 August we, once again, participated in the **Trivia Night at Turramurra**, supporting 'Books for Homes' Moree East Public School. This time we gained 4th place out of ten tables/teams — special thanks to our Honorary Member, Nola van Huissteden. The night raised a significant figure, \$7.5K — great effort. I also got to catch up with some of the Exchange Student Placement Officers, Pam Bennett and Sue Rice. I also got to meet an outgoing exchange student Lizzy, who will be off to Germany.



I am happy that our Club is able to sponsor an outgoing **Youth Exchange** student, Ruby Nicholson, who attended our Club meeting on Tuesday 26 August with her dad Adam. At

this stage it seems that Ruby's overseas placement will be in Austria. We presented her with several pennants for our Club which she will use on her visits to Clubs wherever she is placed. We look forward to following her year away, and hearing more about it in detail when she returns. In the meantime we may see a bit more of Ruby and Adam at our Spring Plant Sale!

On Saturday 16 August we supported the **Belrose Rotary Club** for their movie night. President Chris Psaltis did a great job of setting up the Theatre at the Forestville RSL. The movie was an oldie but a goody, "Back to the Future". A lot of work goes into setting this up, you need to get public performance licenses and hire projector equipment etc. But they did manage to raise a couple of thousand dollars for the night. They had popcorn, sweets and raffles and auctions. Sivaraj and Sue won a couple of 'back to the future dolls' - Marty McFly (Michael J Fox) and Dr. Emmett (Christopher Lloyd).



From the President *continued*

Daffodil Day on Thursday 21 August — thank you to those who helped to collect the donations at the Berowra Shopping Centre, a particular thank you to Trevor Bailey, Rich Moore and Jan Childs. We had a successful day raising just on \$1000 for the Cancer Council.



On Tuesday 26 August, as well as Ruby and her dad we had our Guest Speaker, Kimberly Degenhardt, from **HeartKids**, supporting **Childhood-onset Heart Disease (CoHD)**. Kimberly spoke to us about the various situations facing hundreds of children, and their parents, facing childhood – onset heart disease and the great work they do to make them feel



like a real family and to try to lessen their trauma with lots of help.

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

Next at the **Berowra Woodchop Festival** (organised by Berowra Apex Club) at Warrina Street Oval on Saturday 6 September, we will have a Rotary Stall. This is the day before Father's Day and is usually our Father's Day Plant Sale which we have now postponed to Saturday 18 October. This will make it more in line with the spring season and hopefully get better sales.

Wednesday 27 August PP Sivaraj attended the **St. Ives Rotary Club** where he collected all the new District Directories. Their guest speaker for the night was Ian Thom, great great grandson of Sir Henry Parkes and Chair of The Henry Parkes Foundation. Ian shared historical and personal details of the life of Henry beyond his greatest legacy to federation. His contributions to education, railways, immigration and social reform ensured that he was one of the most influential leaders in 19th Century Australia. (See page 8)

On the Saturday 4 October we are **not** able to hold our stall at the Community Markets as we do not have the personnel available — our next **Rotary Stall at the Community Markets** will be **Saturday 1 November**. Trevor is still looking for worthwhile items that can be sold at the Markets.

On Saturday 18 October we will hold our **Spring Plant Sale**. We are looking into new signage for the event. We will need some assistance from our Associates and Friends. Please send a flyer to your family and friends.

On Tuesday 28 October we will transfer our meeting to the Turramurra/ Chatswood/Roseville **Theatre Night fundraiser for End Polio Now**. It will be held at Zenith Theatre, Chatswood — see page 5. Please book your own seats.

Our Honorary Member **Mary Kendall** is back from her time with her daughter, Karen, at **Shamida Ethiopia**. We wish Mary well with her medical treatments while she is home.

Tom Borg
President Berowra Rotary

September and October 2025

Saturday 6 September: Apex Berowra Woodchop Warrina Street Oval — Rotary Stall

Tuesday 9 September: Transfer to Turramurra Rotary for Youth Exchange by Adel

Sunday 21 September: International Day of Peace

Tuesday 23 September: NO Dinner Meeting — as most members are unavailable we will not hold a meeting

*Saturday 4 October: Community Markets - Rotary Stall - we are **NOT** able to participate in the Markets*

Tuesday 14 October: Dinner Meeting

Saturday 18 October: Spring Plant Sale

Friday 24 October: World Polio Day



END POLIO NOW WORLD POLIO DAY IS 24 OCTOBER



Tuesday 28 October: Transfer to Theatre Night with Turramurra Rotary

PLEASE BOOK YOUR OWN SEATS: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1458137>

Join Us

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Hosted by

Rotary

Chatswood Roseville
& Turramurra

**Discount
Parking**

**Cast
Q & A**

**Lucky Door
Prizes & Raffle**

Stage Play - The Appleton Ladies Potato Race

- **Tuesday 28th October** 6:30 for 7:30pm start
- Zenith Theatre, Railway Street, Chatswood
- Book here: <https://www.trybooking.com/1458137>
- Enquires PDG Pam Pritchard AM: pamelapritchard8@gmail.com
- Snacks & Drinks available from the Bar
- \$40 per person

Tickets

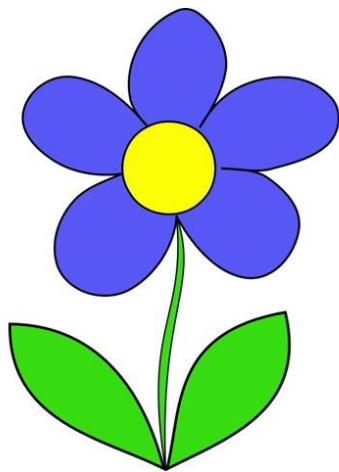
Donations

**24 OCT
to
1 NOV
2025**

BY MELANIE TAIT
DIRECTED BY ALEXANDRA PELVIN

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SPRING PLANT SALE

Saturday 18 October 2025

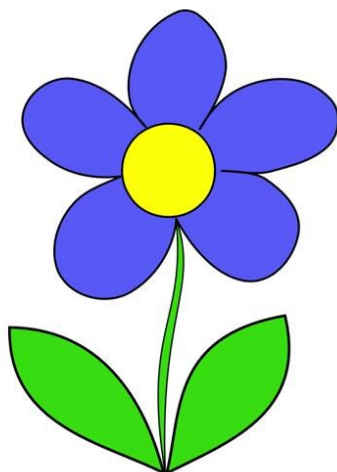
8.30am - 3.30pm

HUNT RESERVE

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

AROUND THE CORNER ON BERYL AVENUE

Spring is the time for freshening up the garden — come and choose from a great selection of plants.



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/>

Other Clubs

Carlingford
Rotary
Club



Environment and Habitat
Rotary
Club



Fundraising

EVENT 2025

Life & Rhymes of **Banjo Paterson**

📅 1 OCTOBER 2025
🕒 2:00 PM

Parramatta Town Hall

📍 182 Church St, Parramatta

🎫 Tickets available online or at the door

Proceeds donated to Australian Rotary Health's Lift the Lid on Mental Illness Campaign



BANJO PATERSON



WAR CORRESPONDENT & LECTURER

Featuring three-times Australian champion bush poet **GREGORY NORTH**



Hear your favourite poems and all about Banjo's amazing life on the 125th anniversary of his visit to Parramatta Town Hall.

Discover a rich tapestry of cultures with incredible food, a variety of market stalls, wines direct from the vineyards, live entertainment and kids' activities

Sunday 21 September 2025 Multicultural Celebration at St Ives Food and Wine Festival

St Ives Village Green
10am-2pm



Rotary
Club of St Ives NSW



WAHROONGA



Village Fair

Rotary Club of Wahroonga

Sunday 7 December 2025

**Wahroonga Village
Fair
Rotary Club of
Wahroonga**



Other Clubs

From the St Ives Rotary Club Report on the Guest Speaker Ian Thom

PP Sivaraj attended the meeting (*see him in the photo below*)

It is difficult to refrain from using superlatives when reflecting on our guest speaker last week, **Ian Thom, great great grandson of Sir Henry Parkes and Chair of The Henry Parkes Foundation.**

Ian generously shared historical and personal details of the life of Henry beyond his greatest legacy to federation. His contributions to education, railways, immigration and social reform ensured that he was one of the most influential leaders in 19th Century Australia.

Here are some of the facts that Ian shared that helped bring Sir Henry Parkes, the man, to life for us and identified why we need leaders of vision more than ever today.

- Best remembered as the Father of Federation for championing the idea of a federated Australia where colonies would unite under one national government.
- His Tenterfield Oration of 1889 is considered the spark that set the federation movement in motion to **“unite and create a great national government for all Australia.”** This speech gave momentum to the Federation Conventions of the 1890s and is often regarded as his defining legacy.
- In 1850 while trying to establish himself in Sydney, became joint founder, part-owner and editor of *The Empire* which launched on 27 December 1850 as a daily newspaper as a strongly political, intended as a liberal voice, advocating responsible government, self-determination for the colony, opposition to transportation of convicts and broader democratic reforms.
- Parkes served as Premier five times (1872-1891), one of the longest and most influential careers in NSW politics and implemented wide-ranging reforms in education, railways and immigration.

Ian wearing the fob watch



Minature bone carvings Henry made for his daughter



Original copy of 'The Empire' publication



Loch of Henry's hair



Ian's 'Show and Tell Table' displayed an outstanding collection of his personal items inherited from the family or purchased at auctions. It was clear Ian is truly an authority of Sir Henry Parkes and proud ancestor of The Father of Federation.

Other Clubs

From the St Ives Rotary Club Report on the Guest Speaker Ian Thom continued

- As an advocate for free, secular and compulsory education he introduced the Public Schools Act 1866 and the Public Instruction Act 1880 making schooling accessible to all children regardless of background.
- Parkes was a driving force in the expansion of railways across NSW and laid groundwork for interstate rail connections in a future federation.
- Parkes argued that Aboriginal people should be included in education and employment. His views were paternalistic by today's standards, but he did speak publicly against their exclusion at a time when many politicians ignored them.
- As Colonial Secretary and Premier, he encouraged improved migration from Britain to boost Australia's skilled workers to NSW.
- Although not a radical feminist, Parkes supported reforms that gave women greater access to education and property rights, helping the later movement towards women's suffrage in Australia.
- Championed prison reform in NSW through a focus on rehabilitation and improvements in the legal system making it more accessible and efficient.

Even more than his influence through parliament and specific policies his lasting achievement was the influence he had on others for his vision of a united, self-government Australia. He helped Australians see themselves not just as colonists of Britain, but a separate independent nation.



District News





Congratulations to Trevor Bailey on his prize winning orchid at the Berowra Orchid Society showing in Westfield Shopping Centre. Well done Trevor!



Birthdays, Anniversaries and Congratulations..... September and October

Happy Birthday to: Rich Moore (3/9); Peggy Sanders (16/9)

Happy Anniversary to: Nil

Happy Anniversary of Induction to: Peggy Sanders (3/9)



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>

**From Sivaraj:
Jars required**

David Michael, the person who provides us with chutneys and salsas has asked whether we have some empty little jars (200 mL) to be filled with those chutneys, as he's running out of them.



Advance Notice Christmas 2025

We will have our Christmas function on Saturday 13 December 2025



Rotary Matters

On air
Friday 3pm—4pm

