

# 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

#### March and April at a glance

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*From Monday 24 March: Science and Engineering Challenge*

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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/>

# 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

<b>March 2025</b>	<b>Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month</b>
Saturday 1	Community Markets — Rotary stall cancelled
Saturday 8	President Elect Learning and Development
Tuesday 11	Dinner Meeting — TRANSFERRED
Tuesday 18	Joint Meeting — Rotary Community Group (RCG) @ Forestville RSL, Gemma Sisia, School of St Jude
Fri 21-Sat 22	District Conference , Pullman Penrith
From Monday 23	Science and Engineering Challenge
Tuesday 25	Dinner Meeting — Reflections on Conference; RYPEN Report Katerina McGilchrist
<b>April 2025</b>	<b>Environment Month</b>
Saturday 5	Community Markets — Rotary stall cancelled
Saturday 5	District Assembly - <i>see pages 5 and 6</i>
Tuesday 8	Dinner Meeting Evelyn Chan - Procuring Grants
Tuesday 22	Dinner Meeting Plant Sale Planning
<b>May 2025</b>	<b>Youth Service Month</b>
Saturday 3	Community Markets
Saturday 10	Mothers Day Plant Sale
Tuesday 13	Pride of Workmanship Dinner and Awards
Tuesday 27	Dinner Meeting - 48th Anniversary

### ***New website address***

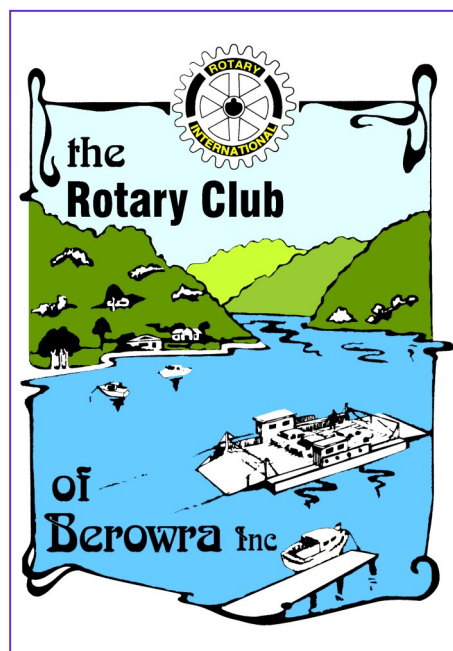
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### ***Attendance***

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 May 2025  
Please submit your contributions to the Editor, Peggy Sanders,  
by 5pm Friday 25 April @ [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  
Higgs and Peggy Sanders**  
Attendance: **Jemima Laughton** 0404 057 311  
Web Manager: **Hugh Thomas and Peggy  
Sanders**  
Facebook: **Jennah Bakker, Kathy Kendall and  
Peggy Sanders**

**March 2025**

## **Water Sanitation and Hygiene Month**

**Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life.**

When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.

### **HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN**

Through water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs, Rotary's people of action mobilize resources, form partnerships, and invest in infrastructure and training that yield long-term change.



**Rotary Community Group special event with guest speaker Gemma Sisia of St Jude's Tanzania** as part of her Australian Tour 2025.

**Tuesday 18 March**

**Forestville RSL, 22 Melwood Ave, Forestville**

6:00 pm onwards - Bistro downstairs - event attendees are welcome to gather and purchase food prior to the event (optional)

**7:30 pm - Event upstairs** - there is lift access

**Public event** Tickets are **\$20** - all proceeds go to St Jude's

Founded by Australian humanitarian Gemma Sisia in 2002, The School of St Jude is one of the largest charity schools in Africa, providing free scholarships to 100% of its 1,800 primary and secondary school students every year.

We are excited to share the enormous impact local donations and support have already achieved at the school. Rotary Australia played a significant role in the early development of the school.

Gemma and a graduate of the school, John Stanley, will be joining us at this Rotary hosted event to share firsthand the incredible impact the school has had on students, the local community and Tanzania thanks to the generosity of Australians who contribute to 92% of all revenue raised.

The school not only provides education but plays a significant role improving economic, social and health outcomes for families. The school supports the local community through jobs, where 98% of all staff are Tanzanians. St Jude's graduates who have committed to a year of community service have taught more than 112,000 students at local government schools over the years.

Ninety-seven cents in every dollar raised goes towards the operational costs of running the school.

We are also proud to mention that our Davidson High School Interact Club chose St Jude's as their international project and helped us fundraise for this cause at our local shopping centre.

**The School of St Jude**



**Together, let's break the cycle of poverty...**



**100%**  
of secondary school students are in safe and supportive boarding

**92%**  
of our funds are from Australians

**97 cents**  
of every \$1 donated directly supports the school



## March 2025 continued



District Conference will be held on **Friday 21 and Saturday 22 March** at the Pullman, in Penrith. <https://ourbetterworld2025.wordpress.com/>

**PE Tom Borg**



### Science and Engineering Challenge at Sydney Olympic Park

**Week beginning Monday 24 March**

Jan Childs would like to go to the Science and Engineering Challenge, as she has done for so many years, any day of that week but Thursday, as Gil is away can someone in the Club join her, or at least transport her to and from Olympic Park, please?

**Tuesday 25 March:** Dinner Meeting — Reflections on Conference; and Katerina McGilchrist reporting on her experience at Summer RYPEN 2025

**Sunday 30 March:** Climate Pitch FREE online workshop (*details circulated to members on 10 March*)

## April 2025

### Environment Month



**Rotary shares an interest in protecting our common legacy: the environment.**

We are committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment. We empower communities to access grants and other resources, embrace local solutions, and spur innovation in an effort to address the causes and educe the effects of climate change and environmental degradation.

#### HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

Rotary members are tackling environmental issues the way they always do: coming up with projects, using their connections to change policy and planning for the future.

## April 2025 continued

*Saturday 5 April: Community Markets Rotary stall cancelled*

### **Saturday 5 April: District Assembly**

Lindfield Learning Village  
100 Eton Rd, Lindfield

**8.30am for 9.00am - 4.00pm**

Attn: 2025-26 Club Boards (see page 6)

District Assembly for 2025-2026 is coming up on Saturday 5 April 2025 at Lindfield Learning Village, and we need you to do a few things to prepare to lead Rotary!

Please register to attend.

You will be asked as part of the registration to nominate two breakout sessions to attend - please liaise with your incoming Board to ensure your team is covering all sessions relevant to your club.

Note that the Foundation breakout is **compulsory** for any club seeking a Foundation grant in 2025-2026.

Online Learning Modules – please visit the Rotary Learning Centre at <https://learn.rotary.org> and enrol and complete the modules relevant to your 2025-2026 club role. If you've already completed these, I encourage you to check out the course catalogue and see what other learning might interest you.

If you have any questions about the day or the preparation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Michele Ellery

**Learning & Development Chair, District Governor Nominee** [learning@rotarydistrict9685.org.au](mailto:learning@rotarydistrict9685.org.au)

The Learning & Development team have put in considerable effort along with our session facilitators to make sure the day is a great use of your time and attention, and sets up each club across District 9685 for the new Rotary year.

***It is strongly advised that all incoming board members attend. If you are not able to attend please let PE Tom know. You should have received registration details. If you are having any trouble registering please talk with Tom or Peggy.***

**Tuesday 8 April:** Dinner Meeting - Evelyn Chan, Procuring Rotary Grants

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### **Forward Dates**

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



**Tuesday 13 May:**  
Pride of Workmanship  
Dinner and Awards

If you can assist in any way with this, suggestions for awardees etc. please talk with PP Trevor.



## Rotary 2025 — 2026



### **Berowra Rotary Incoming Board and Directors 2025—2026**

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***Note: the above is what appears on District Club Runner—these are the areas for which you should be receiving communications from District.***

***Please register for District Assembly as per the above.***



## Over the past few months

### December 2024

We attended each of the Primary Schools in our area and presented the awardees as selected by the schools. Thank you to all who were able to participate in this. The names of the awardees were published in *The Bush Tele*. One awardee was not able to be present for Presentation Day and PP Trevor went along to the school at a later date to make the award.



#### Berowra Rotary Primary School Citizenship Awards

For over thirty years Berowra Rotarians have personally presented this Award to the Students (selected by the staff of each school) of the 7 Public Schools in the local area to promote 'Service above Self'. In

December 2024 our members were delighted to be invited once again to participate in the School Presentations. Berowra Rotary congratulates the following Awardees for 2024.

Asquith: **Archie B**

Berowra: K-2 – **Kayli A**; 3-6 – **Sophie C**

Brooklyn: **Caleb**

Cowan: **Grace B**

Mount Colah: Citizenship - **Lewis Q**; Year 6 English – **Nena Z**

Mount Kuring-gai: **Ashley K**

Wideview: Junior – **Amelia F**; Senior – **Grace D**



**Saturday 7 December:** we enjoyed a relaxing Christmas function @ Mooney Mooney, thanks to Yvonne's organisation.

**Tuesday 10 December:** we held the Club AGM

**New Year's Eve:** Trevor and Janette hosted a party

### January 2025

**Tuesday 28 January:** Visit from District Governor Niranjan Deodhar

### February 2025

**Saturday 8 February:** Community Markets

**Tuesday 11 February:** we met Katerina McGilchrist ahead of her attendance at Summer RYPEN 14– 16 February



**Tuesday 25 February:** DG Nominee, Michelle Ellery  
Michelle will be DG in 2026-2027

Winter RYPEN will be held  
**13-15th June 2025**  
at Katoomba Christian Convention Centre  
Applications will be open from February until mid-May.

*Could we please be thinking about anyone for Winter Rypen.  
Approach High Schools in March/April (Year 9/10 Advisors seeking  
young people in year 9 or 10; ages 14-16)*

If you can help PE Tom with any suggestions for a candidate please let him know.



**Our condolences to** Yvonne Borg and her family on the death of her mother, Jane Vella, at the age of 96.



**For details of Berowra RSL sub-Branch ANZAC Day Commemoration**

<https://rslnsw.org.au/community-events/berowra-rsl-sub-branch-anzac-day-2025-commemoration/>



**Rotary Matters**

On air

Friday 3pm—4pm

**Birthdays, Anniversaries and Congratulations..... March, April**

**Happy Birthday to:** Hugh Thomas (16/3)  
Trevor Bailey (29/3); Carolyn Higgs (24/4)

**Happy Anniversary to:** Carolyn and Fred (18/3)

**Happy Anniversary of Induction to:** Jan Childs (8/3); Tom Borg (14/3); Karen Kendall (24/3); Shane Fitzsimmons (8/4); Sivaraj Sagathavan



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:

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