

# *Kalori*

## The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Berowra Inc.

*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 Club Banner.*

### Rotary Year 2016 – 2017

President Rotary International: John F. Germ  
 Governor Rotary District 9685: Bruce Lakin  
 President Rotary Club of Berowra: Tom Borg  
 Rotary International Theme for 2016 - 2017:  
*Rotary Serving Humanity*



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**Wednesday 8 February — Dinner Meeting**

**Wednesday 22 February — Dinner Meeting: Guest Speaker  
 Steve Hopwood President Hornsby Connect**



#### **Attendance Officer**

For all meetings please contact **Jan Childs** if you are unable to attend a meeting, you will be bringing a guest, or if you would like to be a visitor at meeting.

**Tel: 9456 1482**

**Rotary Grace:**  
 For food, friendship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks.

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## PROGRAMME, MEETINGS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

The Rotary Club of Berowra meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, and 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 the Rotary Club of Berowra.

Details of the meetings and guest speakers are listed. Please call one of the members of the Rotary Club listed below, or just turn up.

<b>Rotary Year 2016—2017</b>	
<b>February 2017</b>	
Wed 8	Dinner Meeting <i>Board Meeting included</i>
Wed 22	Dinner Meeting — <i>Steve Hopwood, President Hornsby Connect</i>
<b>March 2017</b>	
Wed 8	Dinner Meeting — RYLA 2017, from several perspectives: <i>Berowra Rotary RYLarian—Hayley Schagen, and also Courtney Bicknell (District 9685 RYLA); also Briannah Devlin (District 9675 RYLA) DG Bruce Lakin Visit</i>
Wed 22	Dinner Meeting — <i>Nathan Tilbury</i>
<b>April 2017</b>	
Wed 12	Pride of Workmanship/Community Service Awards
Wed 26	ANZAC Dinner Meeting — <i>Dr Michael Bendon The Forgotten Flotilla</i>
<b>May 2017</b>	
Wed 10	Dinner Meeting <i>Board Meeting included</i>
Sat 13	<i>Mothers Day Plant Sale</i>
Wed 24	Dinner Meeting
Sat 27	<i>40th Anniversary Dinner</i>
<b>June 2017</b>	
Wed 14	Dinner Meeting — <i>President's Report</i>
Wed 28	Changeover Dinner

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The next Bulletin will be published for March 2017. Please submit your contributions to the Editor, Peggy Sanders, by Friday 24 February 2017 @ 5pm [psanders@ozemail.com.au](mailto:psanders@ozemail.com.au)



**Steve Hopwood**  
**President Hornsby Connect**  
**Wednesday 22 February 2017**

Steve really needs no introduction to Berowra Rotary, having been a member over a number of years. We look forward to learning about his involvement in Hornsby Connect, a community hub which provides 'a hand up to people in need'. Providing affordable food for those who need it most. The aim of Hornsby Connect is to provide support and hope to those that need it most within the community.

Steve Hopwood has worked in a Business Development, Sales and Marketing roles for the past 35 years. Steve has spent most of this 35 years in the Engineering and ICT Security Industries. In addition Steve has devoted much of his leisure time to community involvement and service. Legacy (16 years); Hornsby Connect; previously a member of the Rotary Club of Berowra and he has served on several Rotary district boards.

We look forward to hearing from Steve!



**RYLA 2017: from several perspectives**  
**Wednesday 8 March 2017**

**Hayley Schagen** was selected by Berowra Rotary to attend RYLA 2017 from Sunday 8 January to Saturday 14 January 2017.

We very much look forward to hearing Hayley's impression of her week.

We will also have another District 9685 2017 RYLarian, **Courtney Bicknell** attending and we will be joined by **Briannah Devlin**, a 2017 RYLarian in District 9675.

**DG Bruce Lakin will also be visiting the Club**





## **President's Report**

Hi Everyone and Happy New Year to All,  
I would like to again thank everyone for the year just past and for all the help given to ensure the year went smoothly, and now we about to embark on another great year of Rotary At Work. The **Christmas Party** at our place was a great success, special thanks to my wife and social director, **Yvonne**, and to all of you who came along to make it a great night. So far this year we have yet to have our **first meeting of the Club** — Wednesday 8 February and this will also be our first board meeting for the year.

I have kept in touch with some Rotary events so far this year such as **RYLA** at the Elanora Heights Conference Centre. A few weeks before RYLA I was contacted by a young lady from **Triple H** (100.1FM) radio station in Waitara (**Briannah Devlin**) to speak about RYLA and our Club, which I did. Briannah hosts a radio programme every Friday Morning called “Finally Friday” between 7am and 9am. So I took the opportunity to speak about RYLA and also about our Club and how new members are always welcome. Anyway, as it happens, Briannah was also going to RYLA herself on the very same week as Hayley except that Briannah was doing it through the Rotary Club of Guilford, which comes under District 9675. Their RYLA venue was at the YMCA Camp at Yarramundi, which is situated near the Hawkesbury River close to Richmond. I actually ended up taking two young women to RYLA this year, besides our own candidate **Hayley Schagen** there was also another from Berowra, **Courtney Bicknell**, who was a late comer into RYLA and sponsored by the Dee Why Rotary Club, but as she also lives in Berowra I took her there with Hayley. I have also invited Courtney to come and talk to our Club with Hayley on Wednesday 8 March.



I participated in some of the **RYLA events** on the Tuesday as I was one of two bus drivers for RYLA whose job it was to shuttle the candidates to different places around the area to do various projects such as working in a nursing home, working in a nature reserve, Graffiti Removal and working in a school. It was a beautiful day, but very hot so after dropping them off I had a few hours to kill so I drove up to the beach in Mona Vale, found a nice shady spot and sat in the air conditioned bus sipping on a cool drink and looking out over the ocean. I'm not sure who had the best time in all that, I think I would have come close. That same evening Yvonne and I attended the **RYLA dinner** held at the Mona Vale RSL Club. Yvonne drove herself there, as I had to shuttle the candidates from their camp base in Elanora Heights to the dinner venue at the RSL Club in Mona Vale. It was a great night with very interesting speakers, at the end of the night I drove the kids back to Elanora Heights then, we returned the buses back to from where they were hired. On the Saturday I went back to Elanora Heights to pick up our candidates to bring them back home, I arrived a little earlier, around 2.00pm, so that I could listen to the last keynote speakers who were very interesting, then at the end of the day each of the RYLA candidates were presented with their awards.

The following week after RYLA, Briannah rang me to ask about doing a radio interview with our RYLA candidate(s). An interview was done with a RYLarian from Hornsby that Friday morning, it was really interesting to listen to the two women bouncing their different experiences off each other as both were at different RYLA venues. I have also invited Briannah to come and speak to us on that same night as Hayley and Courtney to give us her perspective and experience of RYLA.

Yvonne and I also attended a Rotary meeting with **Hornsby Club** to listen to a guest speaker who was giving a talk on his trip through South America and into the now accessible country of Cuba. The talk was very interesting but unfortunately the Club had problems setting up the projector and computer link and we were not able to see any of the photos that the speaker had brought with him. It was a bit disappointing but it's nice to know we are not the only Club that have computer problems.

Yvonne and I are booked in for the **District Conference** on Saturday 11 March, (8.00am—6.00pm) which will be held at Penrith Panthers, and we are looking forward to a great day and to listen to great keynote speakers that our District Conferences always have.

This year we are also looking forward to our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, which will be held at Club Berowra (RSL Club) on Saturday 27 May. We anticipate that to be a big bash with many ex Rotarians, Rotarians from other Clubs and friends coming along to join the celebration. I have invited our District Governor, Bruce Lakin to come and join us on the night.

Looking forward to seeing you all again on our first day back for the year.

**Tom Borg, President**



### **Project Director's Report**

**School Citizenship Presentations:** Congratulations to all Awardees, and thanks to all Rotarians who presented these awards. The Awardees are published on our website, and were published in *The Bush Telegraph Weekly*, 19 January 2017 page 5.

**Community Service/Pride of Workmanship Presentation Dinner:** Wednesday 12 April Basic plans underway, details and correspondence to be finalised.

**Mothers Day Plant Sale:** Saturday 13 May. Hornsby Shire Council has been contacted and the booking of Hunt Reserve for May and September has been secured.

**40th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Berowra Charter:** Saturday 27 May 2017 Dinner at Club Berowra (RSL Club). Names and contact details of Past Members and Awardees are being collected and collated. *The Bushtelegraph Weekly* will help with publicity.

**Jan Childs**

### **2017-18 District Training**

**President Elects Training (PETS)** Saturday 1 April 2017  
Macquarie Graduate School of Management  
Talavera Road, North Ryde

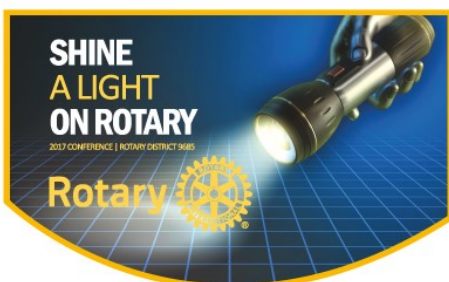
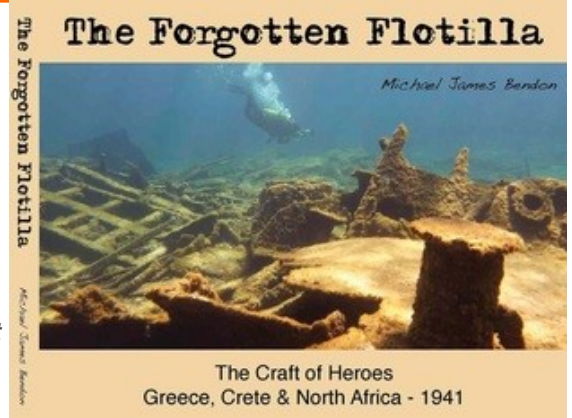
**District Assembly** Sunday 23 April 2017  
The Kings School  
Pennant Hills Road, Parramatta

These events will begin with registrations at 8.30am and formal start at 9.00am, finishing at 4.30pm. The training content will be informative and entertaining.

***It is a Rotary International requirement that each Club is represented at PETS and District Assembly. It is important that a representative from the Club is present.***

**Advance Notice: For our Anzac meeting —Wednesday 26 April — Allan has organised Michael Bendon to speak about his latest research on 'the forgotten flotilla'.**

Dr Michael James Bendon holds post-graduate qualifications in Archaeology, History, Linguistics, Maritime Archaeology, Education and Cultural Heritage. He has worked for a great number of years as an archaeologist on numerous sites around the Mediterranean and Europe including Israel, Portugal, Germany and Greece. More recently, he has been assisting a colleague in investigations on Phalasarna, a large Classical/Hellenistic maritime city in Western Crete, as well as working on the excavation of the first Minoan shipwreck to be discovered. His most recent research has revolved around two British WWII wrecks located off shore from the ancient Phalasarna site. After some five years of research, Michael has found out some amazing stories of the involvement of these craft in the Mediterranean campaigns of 1941. The talk presents a story of secretly developed vessels and the part they played in not only supporting ANZAC troops in North Africa and Crete but also in saving many thousands of troops from the hands of the invading German forces. Website: [www.forgottenflotilla.com](http://www.forgottenflotilla.com)



**Rotary Conference 2017 Saturday March 11 2017  
Penrith Panthers**

**Registrations are open!!!**

**Then click on this link to connect to the Conference website and register.**

[conference2017.rotarydistrict9685.org.au](http://conference2017.rotarydistrict9685.org.au)

# MEMBERS' PAGE

<b>March 2017</b>	
<b>Saturday 11</b>	<b>District Conference</b>
<b>April 2017</b>	
<b>Saturday 1</b> 8.30—4.30	<b>PETS</b> Macquarie Graduate School of Management Talavera Road, North Ryde
<b>Saturday 23</b> 8.30—4.30	<b>District Assembly</b> The Kings School Pennant Hills Road, Parramatta
<b>May 2017</b>	
<b>Saturday 13</b>	<b>Mothers Day Plant Sale</b>
<b>Saturday 27</b>	<b>40th Anniversary Dinner</b>

## Birthdays, Anniversaries and Congratulations.....

**1 February - 28 February**  
**Happy Birthday to:** Lilah Redden (1/2)  
**Happy Anniversary to:** Allan and Pat Smith (12/2)  
**Happy Anniversary of Induction to:** Nil  
**Welcome home to:** Rich Moore



Although Rotary was not mentioned in the AO citation, in precious articles on Bill's service to the community his involvement in Rotary has featured, and he has continued as a member of Balmain Rotary.

## Welfare Report:

I have made contact with Alice and Max Lovegrove and with Jan Polcynski, and I can report that all are quite good at the moment and positive.

**Jan Childs**



## OFFICER (AO) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Berowra Rotary congratulates our previous member **Emeritus Professor William Peter GIBSON AM**, Birchgrove NSW 2041 on his award of an AO on Australia Day 2017.

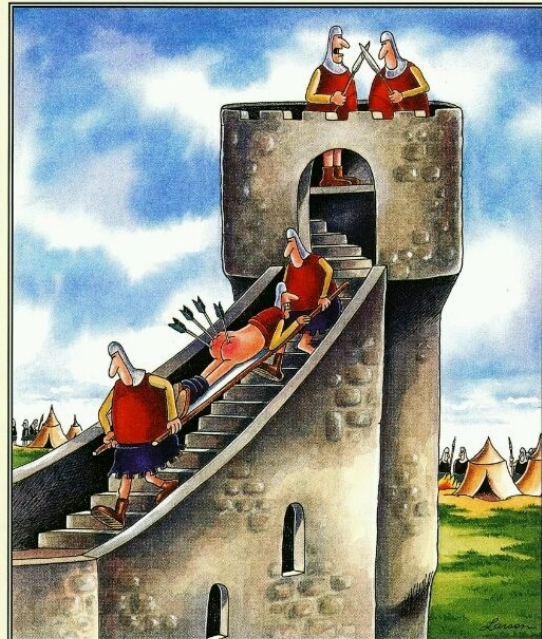
From the announcement: *For distinguished service to medicine, particularly in the area of otolaryngology, as a clinician, to the advancement of cochlear implant programs, and to professional medical organisations.*

*Service includes: Founder and Clinical Director, Sydney Cochlear Implant Centre, 1984-2012. Member, Ministerial Standing Committee on Hearing, New South Wales Health, 1998- 2004. Director, EAR Foundation, University of Sydney, until 2012 and Chair and Inaugural Professor, Otolaryngology, 1983-2013. Head, Ear Nose and Throat Department, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, 1983- 2012. Honorary Visiting Medical Officer, The Children's Hospital Westmead, since 1983. Established Meniere's Laboratory, Brain and Mind Research Institute, 2009. Advisor, National Health and Medical Research Council, until 2012. Member, Australian Medical Association, current. Fellow, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, since 1988 and Graham Coupland Lecturer, 2009. Member, Australian Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery, 1983-2013. Patron, Cochlear Implant Club and Advisory Association, current and Past Chairman. Supporter, Meniere's Support Group of New South Wales, 1994-2010. Research Team Leader, Meniere's Research Fund, since 2001 and Committee Member and Secretary, current. Patron, Sydney Branch, Better Hearing Australia, since 1988. Life Member, Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, since 2009.*

*Awards and recognition includes: Recipient, Medal for Distinguished Contribution to the Art and Science of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, Australian Society of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, 2015. Recipient, Gold Medal, British Association of Otolaryngology, 2009. Recipient, Humanitarian Award, The Variety Club of Australia, 1994. Recipient, Gold Medal, The Prosper Meniere Society, USA, 1998. Recipient, Gold Medal, The British Association of Otolaryngology, 2009. Recipient, Medal for Distinguished Contribution to the Art and Science of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, Australian Society of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, 2015. Recipient, Outstanding Achievement Award, The American Cochlear Implant Alliance, USA and Canada, 2016.*

## Christmas at the Borg's

*Our sincere thanks once again to Tom and Yvonne for hosting a very enjoyable function for the Club on Saturday 10 December 2016*



"So then I says to Borg, 'You know, as long as we're under siege, one of us oughta moon these Saxon dogs.'"

Cartoon provided by Rich Moore from the USA