

# 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 generally meet second and fourth TUESDAYS @ Berowra RSL Auditorium**

#### November and December at a glance

*Saturday 1 November: Community Markets — Rotary Stall*

*Saturday 1 November: Club Social Dinner — Smoke Shack BBQ*

**Tuesday 11 November: Dinner Meeting**

**Tuesday 25 November: Dinner Meeting**

*December: Primary School Citizenship Awards*

*Saturday 6 December: Community Markets - Rotary Stall*

**Tuesday 9 December: Annual General Meeting**

*Saturday 13 December: Club Christmas Function*

**Tuesday 23 December: NO Meeting**

*They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.*

*Lest we forget*

*Remembrance Day  
November 11*



Rotary The Rotary International logo.

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

### November 2025

Saturday 1 Community Markets  
Social Dinner — Smoke Shack BBQ

Tuesday 11 Dinner Meeting

Tuesday 25 Dinner Meeting

### December 2025

Primary School Citizenship Awards

Saturday 6 Community Markets

Tuesday 9 Annual General Meeting (last meeting of the year)

Saturday 13 Club Christmas Function

Tuesday 23 No Meeting

### January 2026

Tuesday 27 Dinner Meeting

### February 2026

Sunday 1 District Picnic — Fagan Park

Saturday 7 Community Markets

Tuesday 10 Dinner Meeting

Tuesday 24 Dinner Meeting

### March 2026

Saturday 7 Community Markets

Tuesday 10 Dinner Meeting

Friday 20— District Conference Newcastle

Saturday 21

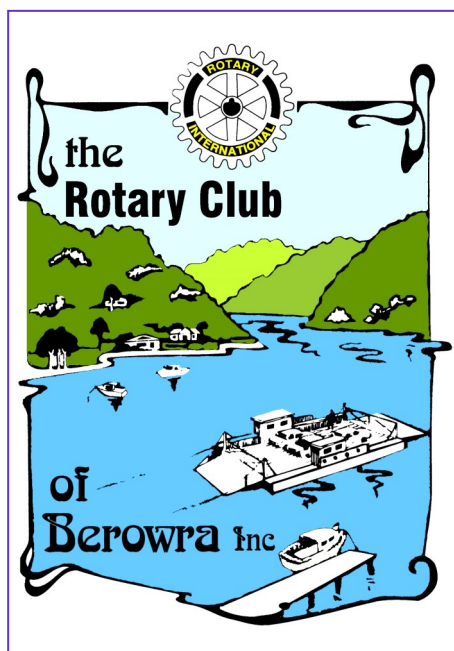
Tuesday 24 Dinner Meeting

### Attendance

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

### Next Bulletin

The next Bulletin will be published for January/February 2026  
Please submit your contributions to the Editor, Peggy Sanders,  
by 5pm Wednesday 31 December @ [pmasanders@gmail.com](mailto: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 Officer: **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

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September was mostly a write off as far as dinner meetings were concerned as many of our members were away.



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youth  
exchange

On Tuesday 9 September PP Sivaraj and I attended a meeting with Turramurra Rotary for a **Youth Exchange** night where their exchange student Adel Rachterora gave a wonderful presentation about her home background in Prague, Czech Republic and showed us some photos of her country and scenery. Our outgoing exchange student to Austria, Ruby Nicholson and her dad Adam Nicholson also attended.

There was no meeting for Tuesday 23 September as most members were still away, we also cancelled our stall at the Community Markets on the Saturday 4 October for the same reason.

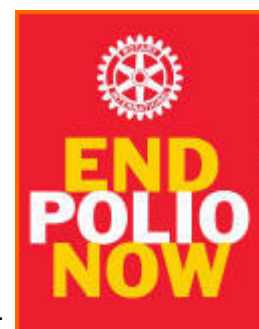


On Saturday 18 October we had our long anticipated **Spring Plant Sale**. We were worried as to whether this was going to be a success or not. Fortunately all went well. PP Trevor managed to get all the new banners made in time and hung up around the area. We were not sure about having enough bodies to help set up on the day as the Rovers were going to be away in Newcastle that weekend but luckily all our friends came to the rescue. Special thanks to John Bakker, Jennah Bakker, Ruby Nicholson and her dad Adam Nicholson, our friend Barry Collins and Kathy Kendall. Thanks to Mary Kendall for her making up of the pricing signs and all the coloured sticks and to Yvonne Borg for resetting all the new prices on the signs, it certainly made things so much easier when it came to the selling.

Overall we did quite well in sales considering the change in timing, from the usual Father's Day weekend. Fewer sales than usual, but we did not have as many plants as we usually have on Father's Day and we probably could have had with more colour. PP Sivaraj contributed more plants that he was able to get for free, and they sold well; so did his jars of homemade condiments.

Trevor Bailey did a great job looking after the BBQ/Sausage Sizzle on his own as Richard is away in the United States.

On Tuesday 23 October one member (PP Peggy) and Associate Jim Fairlie and Sue, and Berowra Lion Jackie, attended a **Pymble Players Theatre Night** hosted by the Chatswood Roseville and Turramurra Rotary Clubs at the Zenith Theatre Chatswood as a fund raiser for End Polio Now. The play being The Appleton Ladies Potato Race. Unfortunately I could not attend that night as I had an early start next morning.



We had our **Rotary and Shamida Stall** at the Community Markets on Saturday 1 November, unfortunately it was a rainy day making it hard to keep our stock dry, and keeping the customers away. Hopefully we will do better on Saturday 1 December.

On the same day had our **social night** at the Smoke Shack BBQ in Mount Colah, thanks to our social director, Yvonne Borg. We had quite a few people joining us, including one of the Youth Exchange students from Lane Cove Rotary Club, Jesse from Germany. I met Jesse at the Turramurra Club on Youth Exchange night and invited him for a night out with our Club.

**Tom Borg, President Berowra Rotary**





## November and December 2025



*Saturday 1 November: Community Markets — Rotary Stall*

*Saturday 1 November: Club Social Dinner — Smoke Shack BBQ (see page 9)*

**Tuesday 11 November: Dinner Meeting**

*Wednesday 19 November: Rotary Club of Upper Northern Beaches*

*'The Rotary Foundation' - Haran Ramachandran (see page 10)*

**Tuesday 25 November: Dinner Meeting**

*December: Primary School Citizenship Awards*

We make a donation towards the Presentation Day for each of the seven public Primary Schools in our area, and the schools kindly invite us to be present and to make the presentation to the awardee. The School makes the decision regarding awardees.

As soon as the dates and times are available we will check who is available to attend the Presentation Day.

*Friday 5 December: Berowra Christmas Night Markets, Berowra Community Centre 5pm—9pm (see page 11)*

*Saturday 6 December: Community Markets - Rotary Stall*

**Tuesday 9 December: Annual General Meeting**  
(see page 5)

*Wednesday 10 December: 'Singing for Fun' Christmas Carols, District Hall 2pm—3.30pm including afternoon tea*

*Saturday 13 December: Club Christmas Function*

**Tuesday 23 December: NO Meeting**



President Tom has been invited to attend the **Rotary Club of Wahroonga** gala dinner on 29 November to celebrate the 50th Birthday of the Club - the first breakfast Rotary Club in Australia.

President Tom will also be attending the **District AGM** on Saturday 22 November 2025.

# Annual General Meeting 2025

**Rotary Club of Berowra Inc.**

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday 9 December 2025

**Venue:** Club Berowra (Berowra RSL) 997 Pacific Highway, Berowra NSW

**Time:** 7.00pm

### Order of Business:

- Adoption of Report of Annual General Meeting 10 December 2024
- Business arising
- Half Yearly Report
- Financial Report 2024/2025
- Adoption of Financial Report
- RAWCS Project Report - Shamida Bright Vision
- Appointment of Public Officer for 2026-27 (Dept. of Fair Trading)
- Elections
- The have year ahead - 2025/2026
- General Business
- Close of Annual General Meeting

### Nominations called for the following positions:

1. Confirm President–Elect: 2026—2027
2. President–Elect: 2027—2028
3. Treasurer: 2026– 2027
4. Secretary/Club Administration: 2026—2027
5. Directors: 2026—2027

***Peggy Sanders***  
***Secretary***

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### Nomination Form

**Position:** .....

**Nominated by:** .....

**Seconded by:** .....

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**Please provide nominations, reports and agenda items to the Secretary,  
Peggy Sanders,  
by Monday 1 December**

## Belrose Spring Trivia Night



We were invited to participate in the Belrose Rotary Club **Spring Trivia Night** fundraiser on Saturday 8 November 2025 at Forestville RSL Club. Some members attended and our President Tom was a winner, as was past President Sivaraj!



The  
**Rotary**  
Foundation



**Our Foundation — Our Charity: Every Rotarian Every Year**

This month, we celebrate the Rotary Foundation, a time to recognise and celebrate the transformative work made possible by The Rotary Foundation.

Our commitment during Foundation Month ensures we can continue transforming communities and creating positive change locally and globally.



## Shamida Ethiopia

*From the Australian Embassy, Ethiopia* “In early September 2025 The Australian Ambassador, Dr Peter Hunter, was delighted to visit Shamida Ethiopia Orphanage, warmly welcomed by Karen Kendall, an Australian and the General Manager of the orphanage, who has dedicated her life to supporting vulnerable women and children in Ethiopia.

Ambassador Hunter and his spouse Chihiro spent the day with the children, shared stories, and smiles, and celebrated the joy and hope that fills this remarkable orphanage.”





## Shamida Ethiopia



SHAMIDA  
ETHIOPIA



***Berowra Rotary wishes Karen, Mary and Kathy, and all involved, the very best for the gala fundraiser in Ethiopia.***

***We trust that it will be another wonderful fundraising event for Shamida.***

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>



## Social Functions

On Saturday 1 November, eleven of us sat down to huge meals at the **Smoke Shack BBQ at Mount Colah**.

If you are a meat lover then this is the place for you. On entering the premises, the wafting smells of smoked meat and BBQ sauce tantalised the senses and the menu was quite extensive. Though it was very noisy as it was a full house, the atmosphere was very American with a singer guitarist singing melodies with a Texas feel.



We were also joined by a Youth Exchange student from Germany, Jesse Kuhlmann from the Rotary Club of Lane Cove.

Jesse loved his Loaded Fries with slow cooked Brisket and American style mustard sauce.



On the other hand, I enjoyed a Cowboy Sweet Potato, with 12 hour slow cooked brisket topped with delicious sour cream and chives. The rest of us settled for massive sized burgers, roasted chicken and crispy chips and as we said good-night with very full bellies we were very glad we live in this amazing country and still enjoy food that originate from other countries.

Thank you to Sivaraj, Suchada, Jan, Nola, Jennah, John, Libby, Barry, Jesse, who came along with Tom and me to enjoy this very different culinary delight.

Next social will be our **Christmas celebration on Saturday 13 December**, so save the date and details will be advised shortly.

**Yvonne Borg, Social Director**



## Other Clubs



**Sunday 7 December  
2025**

**Wahroonga Village**

The Rotary Club of Upper Northern Beaches invites all Group 5 Club members and guests to Wednesday 19 November meeting on the theme of 'The Rotary Foundation', with speaker Rotarian Haran Ramachandran

When: Wednesday, 19 November

Where: Narrabeen Sands Hotel,  
1260 Pittwater Road, Narrabeen

Time: 6 pm dinner; 7 pm meeting

Speaker: Rotarian Haran Ramachandran  
DG for 2027 – 2028 / Rotary Foundation Chair D9685



## District News

SAVE THE DATE

*Cup-full of  
Connection  
Picnic*

SAVE THE DATE





A Rotary District 9685 Picnic in the Park  
Reconnect, Recharge, Refill

**FAGAN PARK**  
Carrs Road 1 & 2 Picnic Areas  
Carrs Road, Galston NSW

**SUNDAY**  
1 February 2026  
11:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Bring your family, bring your joy, and bring your picnic rug!

**Register for conference:**

<https://www.togetherfortomorrow.com.au/>





**Berowra Community**  
CHRISTMAS NIGHT MARKETS

Special Visit From Santa

Berowra Community Centre-  
The Gully Rd Berowra

5<sup>th</sup> December  
5pm-9pm

Christmas Shopping, Food, Raffles, Live Entertainment and more

Proudly brought to you by

Normanhurst  
Girl Guides Australia  
Apex Australia  
Rotary International  
Lions International  
Scouts NSW

Proudly supporting  
**Black Dog Institute**



### **Birthdays, Anniversaries and Congratulations..... November and December**

**Happy Birthday to:** Karen Kendall (12/11); Jennah Bakker (18/11); Tom Borg (27/11); Gil Stokes (28/11); Janette Bailey (5/12); Mary Kendall (5/12)

**Happy Anniversary to:** Trevor and Janette (29/11)

**Happy Anniversary of Induction to:** Nil

### **Berowra Community Markets Generally the first Saturday of the Month**

Berowra Rotary has a Trash and Treasure Stall, often in conjunction with Shamida Trash and Treasure.

We do look for quality trash and treasure to sell; and helpers for the stall.



### **Congratulations to Honorary Member, Julian Leeser on receiving the 2024 McKinnon Prize—shared with Labour member Josh Burns MP.**

*Now in its eighth year, the McKinnon Prize is judged by an independent panel drawn from across Australia's political and civic life. Past panellists and recipients have included former prime ministers, premiers and respected community leaders, ensuring the Prize is a credible and bipartisan recognition of leadership that serves the national interest.*

### **Federal Award – Julian Leeser MP and Josh Burns MP**

Julian Leeser MP, Federal Member for Berowra, and Josh Burns MP, Federal Member for Macnamara, have been named joint recipients of the 2024 Federal McKinnon Prize for Political Leadership. The two MPs, from opposite sides of politics, stood together in confronting antisemitism during a year marked by global conflict and rising domestic division. Their collaboration elevated the issue above party lines, demonstrating that empathy and moral courage can unite rather than divide Australians.

<https://mckinnon.co/leadership/mckinnon-prize/insights/mckinnon-prize-celebrates-leadership-of-empathy-courage-and-conviction>



**Rotary Matters**  
On air  
Friday 3pm—4pm

