

# 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 WEDNESDAYS @ Berowra RSL Auditorium**

***We return to meeting on a Wednesday evening for our regular dinner meetings***

#### January and February at a glance

**Tuesday 13 January RYLA Dinner @ Magpies**

**Wednesday 28 January: Dinner Meeting**

***Saturday 7 February: Community Markets - Rotary Stall***

**Wednesday 11 February: Dinner Meeting**

**Wednesday 25 February: Dinner Meeting**

***Saturday 7 March: Community Markets - Rotary Stall***



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

### January 2026

**Tuesday 13** RYLA Dinner @ Magpies — *booking essential*

**Wednesday 28** Dinner Meeting — *Catching up with Shamida*

### February 2026

**Sunday 1** District Picnic — *Fagan Park*

**Saturday 7** Community Markets

**Wednesday 11** Dinner Meeting

**Wednesday 25** Dinner Meeting

### March 2026

**Saturday 7** Community Markets

**Wednesday 11** Dinner Meeting

**Friday 20—** District Conference Newcastle

**Saturday 21**

**Wednesday 25** Dinner Meeting

### April 2026

**Saturday 4** Community Markets TBC

**Wednesday 8** Dinner Meeting

**Wednesday 22** Dinner Meeting

### May 2026

**Saturday 2** Community Markets

**Saturday 9** Mothers Day Plant Sale

**Wednesday 13** Dinner Meeting

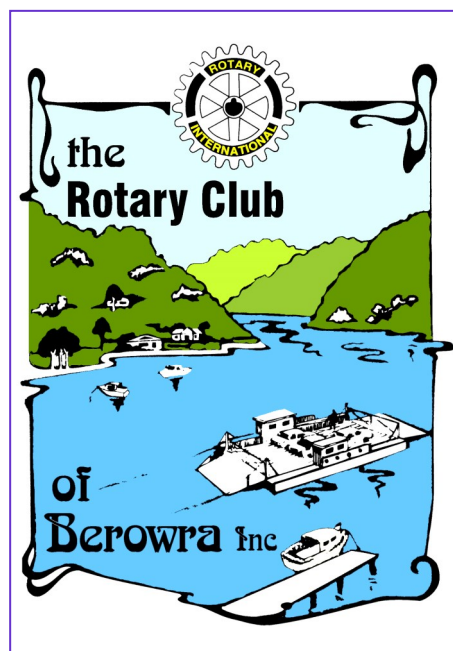
**Wednesday 27** Dinner Meeting

### 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 March/April 2026  
Please submit your contributions to the Editor, Peggy Sanders,  
by 5pm Friday 27 February @ [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**  
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Additional Roles:  
Bulletin Editor: **Peggy Sanders**  
District Conference Promotion/Club Champion:  
**Tom Borg**  
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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**

## January and February 2026

In January we return to meeting on a **Wednesday** evening for our regular dinner meetings at Berowra RSL.

**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)** are a transformational 7-day program facilitated by Rotary. Open to young people with leadership potential based in North/North-West Sydney, the Blue Mountains and through to the Central Coast.



rotary youth  
leadership  
awards

RYLA 2026 will be held at Knox Grammar School from 11-17 January 2026

**Tuesday 13 January** the **RYLA Dinner @ Magpies** — our RYLarian, who we are co-sponsoring with Hornsby District Rotary is **Hanieh Ebrahimi**, we look forward to catching up with her at the dinner, and also hearing from her during the next month.

**Wednesday 28 January:** Dinner Meeting  
We will hear from Kathy Kendall on the Gala fundraiser for **Shamida** in Ethiopia, held on 29 November, 2025 — for which Kathy was again the MC.

Kathy will also update us on Karen Kendall's latest Shamida project - Shamida has partnered with Kidus Petros Hospital (St Peter's Hospital), and is renovating two floors to provide state-of-the-art medical help to children, no one will be turned away regardless of their financial situation. They are renovating and re designing a new NICU and PICU (neonatal and paediatric intensive care).



**Sunday 1 February:** District Picnic

**Saturday 7 February:** Community Markets - Rotary Stall

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**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!

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 IPP Sivaraj Sagathavan, and Sushada, in Thailand

Sister Club relationship between The Rotary Club of Berowra, District 9685 Australia and  
The Rotary Club of Lamphun District 3360 Thailand



Signing the Sister Club Relationship document with the Rotary Club of Lamphun; in the presence of PDG Dr Wathit Tangrapeelear of the Rotary Club of Nakorn Hariphunchai of District 3360





## From IPP Sivaraj Sagathavan, and Sushada, in Thailand



Exchanging Club banners with the Rotary Club of Nakhon Hariphunchai



Dinner and belated Christmas/New Year Party with Kris Kringle



Sushada writes: *Travel feels richer when it comes with purpose. Honoured to join Rotary Lamphun for a day of service, connection, and meaningful experiences.*



## From IPP Sivaraj Sagathavan, and Sushada, in Thailand



Sivaraj has sent a series of photographs from his current trip to catch up with his friends at the **Rotary Club of Port Klang, Selangor, Malaysia District 3300**

Here the Rotary Club of Port Klang is distributing hospital beds to elderly patients requiring them.



Here Sivaraj is getting involved in the food basket programme of the Rotary Club of Port Klang.

Above: Sivaraj with Andrew Goh of the Rotary Club of Port Klang who is DGN of District 3300, The Club has a membership of 70.

200 people with hardly any income are provided half their monthly requirements of rations (rice, noodles, cooking oil, tinned sardines, Milo etc) on a monthly basis.



## Congratulations to our previous Rotarian Garry Whitaker

NSW SES Hastings Cluster Deputy Local Commander, and recently appointed State Protocol Officer, Garry Whitaker, was named **2025 Officer of the Year Serving in a Volunteer Capacity** in the national **Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards** at a ceremony at ACT Emergency Services Headquarters. This follows his recent win at the NSW State RESCA Awards earlier this year.

Superintendent Whitaker said it was an extraordinary honour to receive the award amongst three impressive candidates. "Winning the state award was extraordinary on its own, and to go onto get the national recognition is quite surreal," he said.

"No one goes into these roles wanting to receive medals and awards, we do it because it needs to be done. But every now and again, it is nice when someone says thank you. This was a thank you beyond any expectation."



Superintendent Whitaker has contributed more than 53 years of outstanding volunteer service to the NSW SES. He first joined the NSW SES at the Warringah Unit in 1972, where he served for 20 years. He later transferred to the Sydney Northern Region Headquarters, then Hornsby and Wyong Units, before moving to the Mid Coast and joining the Camden Haven Unit in 2020.

Now, as Deputy Local Commander of the Hastings Cluster, he supports four Units and provides leadership, coaching, and operational management. He also mentors emerging leaders across the region. Superintendent Whitaker has contributed to major disaster responses, including Cyclone Yasi and the Newcastle Earthquake, as well as delivering ceremonial services, state-wide learning projects and being a long-time member of the Land Search Capability Development Group.

He has deployed to other states and countries with the NSW SES, including to Queensland and the 2023 Canadian wildfires. Beyond the NSW SES, Garry has been deeply engaged in community service through Studio ARTES, Laurieton Men's Shed, and multiple honorary board roles. He has served as Deputy Mayor of Hornsby, supported programs for youth and disability support, and volunteered as a blood donor and community bus driver. Garry also continues to serve in the NSW Rural Fire Service as a firefighter and chainsaw trainer.

NSW SES Acting Deputy Commissioner Colin Malone said Superintendent Whitaker was truly deserving of the prestigious recognition. "Garry has served with the NSW SES for an outstanding 53 years and this award is a testament to his decades of selfless dedication," Acting Deputy Commissioner Malone said. "His contributions as a Deputy Local Commander and State Protocol Officer have strengthened not only the Hastings cluster, but the entire service, and we are immensely proud to see him recognised at a national level."

Highly respected for his compassion, professionalism, and lifelong dedication, Garry embodies the values of community service and leadership. Congratulations Garry on this well-deserved recognition.

The Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards (RESCA) recognise emergency service personnel who go above and beyond their call of duty, embodying Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self". These awards are community-nominated, meaning recipients are selected based on their reputation and contributions as seen through the eyes of their local communities.

## District Conference



### 2026 Rotary Districts' 9660 & 9685 Conference

#### Rotary Unites for Good: 2026 Districts 9660 and 9685 Conference Set for Newcastle on the 20 and 21 March 2026

In 2026, Rotary Districts 9660 and 9685 will come together for a **joint conference** in the vibrant city of Newcastle, NSW.

This special event will celebrate Rotary's impact, strengthen connections across districts, and inspire Rotarians and friends through shared learning, collaboration, and fellowship.

**Register now!**

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

# 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.



## Social Functions

Thank you to Janette and Trevor Bailey for once again hosting our **Christmas celebration** on Saturday 13 December, 2025.







## Birthdays, Anniversaries and Congratulations..... January and February

**Happy Birthday to:** Kathleen Ruhl ( 8/1); Nola Van Huissteden (11/1); Yvonne Borg (28/1); Sivaraj Sagathavan (22/2); Shane Fitzsimmons (22/2)

**Happy Anniversary to:** Tom and Yvonne (20/1)

**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.



**FEBRUARY IS**

**PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/ RESOLUTION MONTH**

"Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict -- alternatives to passive or aggressive responses, alternatives to violence." Dorothy Thompson

**Rotary** TAKE ACTION: Engage Rotary, Change Lives



Thank you to all Rotarians who attended one or more of the seven primary schools in our area for their end of year Presentation Day, and made presentations on behalf of our Rotary Club.

We also received an invitation from Berowra Pacific Christian School this year, and I was pleased to represent Rotary at their end of year celebration of the children.

**BOOK NOW**

**Sunday March 8, 2026**

*International Women's Day High Tea*

Raising critical funds to underpin the Rotary District 9685 Educational Scholarship Scheme for Domestic and Family Violence Survivors

Rotary Club of Warragootie, Community Bank Lindfield, Bendigo Bank, WWS, HORNSBY RSL CLUB, UNITE FOR GOOD

11am—3pm  
Hornsby RSL  
Dress:  
Sunday Best

<https://events.humanitix.com/iwd2026>

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Radio

**TRIPLE 100.1 FM**

LIVE & LOCAL

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

Together we say  
**NO to DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE**  
and  
**YES to RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS**