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# Bulletin

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**JULY 2025 IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH**

*"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."*

**Francis of Assisi**

## **THIS MEETING.**

Tonight, we welcome President Jenny to her first meeting (this time around) as president.

<b>International Toast:</b> Jenny.	<b>Acknowledgement of Country:</b> Bob.
<b>Club Host:</b> .	<b>Appeal:</b> David.

## **President's Report**

This is my first meeting as President, taking over from PP Kerrie.

A big thank you to members who were able to attend and participate in our Clubs Changeover. It was well organised and all who attended enjoyed themselves.

David, Kerrie, Lucille, Illawarra Rotaract President, and I attended the District Changeover at the St George Motor Club. Thank you to David for driving us.

Congratulations to Lucille, Illawarra Rotaract President and Kayla, MacArthur Rotaract President in jointly receiving the award, "Outstanding Initiative of a Rotaract Club". The Certificates were presented at the District Changeover.

A goal I would like members to consider are Networking Opportunities, which would enhance our presence in the community and give opportunities to improve membership, this aligns with District Governor, Renga's vision.

A program that will also enable the club to have greater involvement in our community is "The Pride of Workmanship Awards". This is a program that as a club we have had involvement in the past. Businesses have been identified in Fairy Meadow and contact will be made to those businesses very soon. My thanks to PP Kerrie for her work in identifying businesses and collating the information required.

President Jenny

## **Attendance details last meeting (Monday 16 June 2025).**

Apologies:	Claude, Julie, Bob & Martha.
Leave of absence:	Nicolle.
Members Present:	7 being 58%.
Guest Speaker(s):	
Club Guests:	
Friends of Rotary:	
Visiting Rotarians:	
Makeups:	
Joker jackpot raffle:	No raffle this meeting.
International Toast:	Rotary Club of Renfrew, Scotland, District 1320. Chartered 1953.




## **NEXT MEETING:**

**Monday 21 July.** T.B.A.

<b>International Toast:</b> Sue.	<b>Acknowledgement of Country:</b> Kel.
<b>Club Host:</b> .	<b>Appeal:</b> Kerrie.

**Rosters: Please arrange your own substitute if you are not able to attend meetings**

## **ANNIVERSARIES BEFORE NEXT MEETING (07/07/2025-20/07/2025)**

<b>Birthdays</b>	None this period.	
<b>Wedding Anniversaries</b>	None this period.	
<b>Club Anniversaries</b>	Martha joined 19 July 2021 – 4 years. Congratulations Martha, we wish you many more happy years in Rotary.	

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **Club Changeover, Sunday 22 June.**



On Sunday 22 June Jenny became club president for the fourth time; a record in the club's annals.

District was represented by PDG Janice Hall and Mark, PDG Stephen Humphreys and Judith, DG Tonia Barnes and Chris, and DGE Renga and Bharathi along with representatives from local organisations: Women Illawarra, Healthy Cities Australia and KAIROS. Unfortunately, the representative from Life Education Illawarra was unable to attend.

We wish President Jenny a successful and fulfilling year.

[Photos from the day can be seen here.](#)

### **Francesco Arezzo of Italy selected to be 2025-26 Rotary International President**



Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's president for 2025-26.

Arezzo became president on 1 July 2025.

[Read the full story here on the Rotary International website.](#)

Source: Rotary International (2025). *Francesco Arezzo of Italy selected to be 2025-26 Rotary International President.* [online] @rotary. Available at: [https://www.rotary.org/en/francesco-arezzo-of-italy-selected-to-be-2025-26-rotary-international-president?source=rotaryorg\\_frontend\\_features](https://www.rotary.org/en/francesco-arezzo-of-italy-selected-to-be-2025-26-rotary-international-president?source=rotaryorg_frontend_features) [Accessed 6 Jul. 2025].

### **Renga Rajan becomes District Governor for 2025-26**



At a District Changeover event on Sunday 29 June over 160 people saw Renga become District Governor for 2025-26 at the St George Motor Boat Club in San Souci.

The current DG, Tonia Barnes, helped by her Co-DGs Sue Hayward and Warwick Richardson presented the awards for 2024-25 including Club of the Year to Corrimal and an award to The Illawarra Rotaract Club in recognition for Outstanding Initiative by a Rotaract Club. This award was presented to President Lucille.

Congratulations to all the winners, and we wish DG Renga every success during his year.

Bharathi, his wife's project for the year is for combined D9675 clubs to donate \$25,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

[Photos from the event can be seen here.](#)

### **Science & Engineering Challenge 2025**



The Office of the NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer is the principal sponsor of the [Science and Engineering Challenge](#) (SEC). This event is run by the University of Newcastle and allows NSW high school students in Years 9 and 10 the chance to experience how science and engineering can help to solve real-world problems in a fun, competitive setting.

Again, this year there will be local schools taking part in the challenge at University of Wollongong on Tuesday 29 July and Wednesday 30 July, for which volunteers are needed.

If you are able to volunteer, please let me know and I will complete the volunteer spreadsheet and send it to the Uni (I do have your WWCC details).

Teams of students from different schools compete against each other in a series of eight challenges, including:

- Bridge: students construct a model bridge out of balsa wood and masking tape, which then has to support a railcar carrying increasingly heavy weights as it races across a test rig.
- Hover Frenzy: design, build and fly a model hovercraft that is fast, manoeuvrable and maintains hover height.
- Future Power: avoid a blackout in Future City by balancing energy needs and a range of power stations to choose from.
- Helter Skelter Shelter: towers are constructed from common materials and then tested for strength and stability, through the use of weights and a shaking base which simulates an earthquake.

Morning tea and lunch are provided, allowing us to enjoy fellowship.

### **An Important Notice from Bolsta Raffles**



After much reflection, we've made the difficult decision to close down Bolsta Raffles and will no longer be offering our raffle fundraising services.

As such, we are saddened to advise June's Monthly Raffle was our last.

This decision wasn't made lightly. From day one, our mission has been to make fundraising easier, fairer and more accessible for everyday Australians. We wanted to build a platform that removed the barriers - the admin, the stress, the upfront costs - so that families and communities could focus on what really matters: supporting their kids, their community organisations and their causes.

But despite our best efforts, we simply haven't reached the level of participation needed to make the model sustainable. While the vision was strong, the reality is that we can no longer continue to personally fund and support the platform ourselves.

We've also come up against a challenge we couldn't have anticipated fully - the widespread distrust many people have towards digital fundraising offerings. This hesitation, while completely understandable, has made it incredibly difficult for the model to grow in the way it needed to.

To everyone who shared, sold or supported along the way - thank you.

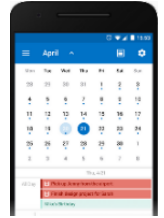
With sincere thanks and appreciation, The Bolsta Raffles Team

## UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here to see details of up-coming club events and meetings.](#)

Why not bookmark this link today for future reference?

- i) [View the District calendar here.](#) ii) [View the Rotary International calendar here.](#)



**Sunday 6 July – Sunday 13 July** NAIDOC Week.

**Thursday 24 July** Fit For Life breakfast at the Snake Pit.

**Saturday 2 August** RESCA Awards Dinner.

**Thursday 21 August** Fit For Life breakfast at the Snake Pit.

**Saturday 13 September** Rotary Clubs of the Illawarra Race Day at Kembla Grange Racecourse.

Agenda items for the board meetings should be sent to the secretary by the Saturday before the board meeting.

Items for the Bulletin should be sent to the Bulletin editor by the Sunday before the club meeting.

If you would like to nominate a Guest Speaker for a club meeting, please send the details to the club secretary or President Kerrie.



*Yours in Rotary,*

*David.*



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