



# Bulletin

**Monday 8 December 2025**

**DECEMBER 2025 IS DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH**

*"I refuse to join any club that would have me as a member."*  
**Groucho Marx.**

**THIS MEETING.**

Tonight, we have a Board Meeting and our Annual General Meeting when we vote for and ratify the club's officers for the Rotary International Year 2026-27.

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

**President's Report**

Our club has had an exciting and busy few weeks

At our last meeting we heard via Zoom from John Bosco Agaba Cofounder of the Divine Mercy School in Uganda. It was a great presentation and identified the great need for support in financial aid for upgrades and rebuilding in children and staff amenities, and the educational needs of the children. The needs identified were most overwhelming but achievable with support from liaison with other Rotary Clubs and Global grants.

Our Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange is moving along with David, Kerrie, Kel, Sharyn, Julie and myself attending. With great thanks to Wendy, Franca and Friends of Rotary Margaret and John for helping us.

Our club was given the privilege of helping at the annual Christmas Market at Mount Keira Demonstration School on November 23. Again, a BBQ and it was great to work with some of the dads and teachers. David, Kerrie, Bob and myself helped out and many thanks to Franca and Friend of Rotary John for helping on such a busy day.

David, Kerrie and I attended the walk Against Domestic Violence from Fairy Meadow Surf Club to Stuart Park on November 29. It was great to see the number of people who walked with the Rotary clubs of Fairy Meadow, Corrimal, Dapto and Kiama, Illawarra Rotaract and St Mary Star of the Sea Interact club. David and I were given the honour of carrying the banner at the rear of the parade. At the end of the walk we heard from speakers, who highlighted the terrible effects of Domestic Violence, support available and education in the avenues of RESPECT. (see photos on pages 3 and 4).

Our latest BBQ was with Heathy Cities Illawarra at Bardsley Park in Shellharbour on December 4, where David and I manned the BBQ and Kerrie the smoothies bike.

This brings me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a great New Year and I will see you at our Christmas Party on 14<sup>th</sup> December. Our next meeting will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**President Jenny**

**Attendance details last meeting (Monday 17 November 2025).**

Apologies:	Julie, Claude, Sue, and Martha.
Leave of absence:	Nicolle.
Members Present:	7 being 58%.

Guest Speaker(s):	John Bosco Agaba (via Zoom) cofounder and codirector of <a href="#">Divine Mercy School</a> in Kanungu, Past President of The Rotary Club of Kabale in Uganda.
Club Guests:	
Friends of Rotary:	
Visiting Rotarians:	
Makeups:	
Joker jackpot raffle:	No raffle.
International Toast:	Rotary Arizona District 5495 Interact Council.



### **NEXT MEETING:**

**Monday 19 January 2026.**

<b>Acknowledgement of Country:</b> Bob.	<b>International Toast:</b> Sharyn.
<b>Club Host:</b>	<b>Appeal:</b> Julie.

**Rosters: Please arrange your own substitute if you cannot attend meetings.**

### **ANNIVERSARIES BEFORE NEXT MEETING (07/12/2025-18/01/2026)**

<b>Birthdays</b>	David 16 December, Nicolle 15 January. Congratulations to both of you from all your friends at RCFM.	<i>Birthday Wishes</i>
<b>Wedding Anniversaries</b>	None this period.	
<b>Club Anniversaries</b>	President Jenny joined 7 Jan 2008. A great achievement, well done!	

### **CLUB NEWS**

#### **Club's Christmas Party**



The club's Christmas Party this year is being held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December starting at 12:30 p.m. at [Figtree RSL Bowling Club](#), 120 The Avenue, Figtree.

The venue is not to be confused with Collegians Figtree which is across the road and is also a bowling club.

If you haven't booked in yet, please let President Jenny know your intentions tonight.

#### **First comprehensive world-wide Interact project**

##### **Tackling schistosomiasis, the neglected tropical disease caused by parasitic worms**

Interact Global Schistosomiasis Project.

Since this disease was first mentioned in the last Bulletin PP Kerrie has presented details of the the project at the last Presidents' Meeting and further to that you will have received an individual e-mail from District Secretary Kay with further details. Interest in supporting the project is gathering pace and if you go to YouTube and search for "Interact Global Schisto Project Video" you will find a plethora of videos on work being done across the world on reducing/eradicating this insidious disease. Watch this space for further developments.

#### **Razzamatazz is on again in 2026**

President Jenny has signed the Razzamatazz contract for 2026 as have the other two parties. In the contract performance dates are set down as Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of April at Woonona Bulli RSL. Dates are subject to change until confirmed by the Producer ( [International Entertainment](#) ). 15 & 16 April are during the school holidays. The showtimes and the number of shows each day have not yet been finalised.

## Supporting Mt Keira Demonstration School.



Board members agreed to support the Mt. Keira Demonstration School fundraising efforts by putting on a BBQ at their recent Market Day. Inclement weather threatened to cancel the day, but it started with sunshine and fine weather with no wind or rain in sight. Attendance was steady all day and egg and bacon rolls were a great success. Thank you to the club members, friends, teachers and friend of the school who helped make the BBQ a success.

## Bunnings BBQs in 2026.

Bunnings Kembla Grange have contacted us offering ongoing Friday BBQs in 2026. Naturally, we have accepted their offer, and we are waiting for confirmation of the dates. President Jenny was approached by a member of the Vietnam Vets offering to help us with our BBQs at Bunnings KG. President Jenny is pretty sure that we have been allocated the Vietnam Vets slot which they have vacated. At the same time the Vietnam Vets have offered us their redundant BBQ equipment. A generous gesture.

## Say No to Domestic Violence Walk.

Last year's walk was cancelled at the last moment due to predicted dangerous weather but fortunately this year's walk went ahead with no hitches.



St Mary's Interactors, Illawarra Rotaractor and RCFM Rotarians.



RC Fairy Meadow group with DG Renga



Cr Tania Brown, Carol Berry MP, Julie Collareda, & DG Renga



Presentations



Carol Berry MP, DG Renga, Becky Garrett (SAHSSI) and Cr Tania Brown.

### **Healthy Cities Pop Up & Play/Fishing Event**

Three club members helped out at this Healthy Cities Pop Up & Play event at Bardsley Park, Shellharbour last Thursday for a couple of hours until 6 p.m.

### **Rotary Australia World Community Service - RAWCS news**



RAWCS has officially achieved full membership with the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), a recognition of our ongoing commitment to best practice, transparency, and accountability in international development.

This achievement reflects the dedication of our members, volunteers and partners who continually work to uphold the highest standards of integrity and impact in everything we do!

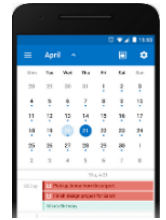
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Why not bookmark all of these links now for future reference?

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



**Sunday 14 December** Club's Christmas Party 12:30 p.m. at Figtree RSL Bowling Club.

**Wednesday 17 December** Healthy Cities Pop Up and Play Howard Fowles Park, Warrawong.

**Friday 26 December** Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange.

**Saturday 14 March 2026** One day District Conference at Novotel Brighton-Le-Sands. [Register here](#)

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 Jenny.

*Yours in Rotary,*

*David.*



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