



Bulletin



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JANUARY 2026 IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

*"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement.
Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."
Helen Keller.*

THIS MEETING.

Tonight, we have our first meeting of the new year which happens to be a Board Meeting. Please welcome a guest of Kerrie's, Michelle Shipley.

Acknowledgement of Country: Bob.	International Toast: Sharyn.
Club Host: .	Appeal: Julie.

President's Report

International Project:

I have been in contact with John Bosco Agaba the Cofounder of the [Divine Mercy School in Uganda](#). His presentation which was presented in November highlighted the great need of the children. As a club we have agreed to provide support, and I have conveyed this to John.

For members who were not at the meeting in November to be part of the Zoom presentation or others who may wish to view the presentation again, [it is available on Google Drive](#). My thanks to David for arranging this

Our Christmas Party which was held on December 14 was a most enjoyable afternoon. Two Friends of the RCFM, Margaret and John, also attended which was great.

Kel, Sharyn and Jenny attended the, Play Illawarra Healthy Cities at Howard Fowler Park on December 17. We were kept busy with the smoothies bike for the children. Santa arrived in a police car and there was much excitement with the children when they received small gifts and lollies.

Annual School Presentations: The RCFM again attended annual school assemblies

Jenny attended Pleasant Heights Public School on December 8 and presented the Pride of Workmanship Award.

David and Kerrie attended Towradgi Public School on December 9 and presented the Citizenship Awards. As always, the staff and students were very welcoming, and the recipients were very grateful.

Kerrie attended Fairy Meadow Demonstration School on December 10 and presented the Citizenship Award. Again, the club was very well recognised in the presentation alongside the award from Ryan Park MP. Such great recognition for our Club.

David attended Mount Ousley Public School on December 16 and presented the Citizenship Award where we were acknowledged as a long-term contributor to the Rotary Citizenship Award.

As the excitement of Christmas and New Year Eve fades, we will look forward to ways our club can support our local, national and international communities

President Jenny

Attendance details last meeting (Monday 8 December 2025).

Apologies:	Sue, Julie, Claude, & 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.
International Toast:	RC of Tallinn International in District 1420, Estonia




NEXT MEETING:

Monday 2nd February.

Acknowledgement of Country: Jenny.	International Toast: Kerrie.
Club Host:	Appeal: Sue.

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

ANNIVERSARIES BEFORE NEXT MEETING (19/01/2026-01/02/2026)

Birthdays	None this period.	
Wedding Anniversaries	None this period.	
Club Anniversaries	None this period.	

CLUB NEWS

RI President-Elect Olayinka H. Babalola urges members of Rotary to *Create Lasting Impact*



Rotary International President-elect Olayinka H. Babalola called on members to Create Lasting Impact by making their clubs more welcoming, carrying out impactful projects, and allowing their Rotary experiences to transform them personally.

“Rotary has changed us. It has shaped who we are and made us better people,” Babalola said at Rotary’s International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 12 January. “We often

talk about changing the world. We talk about ending polio, about building peace. We do not think enough about how Rotary transforms us.”

Babalola, a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria, described how joining a Rotaract club as a teenager enlarged his perspective beyond the limited, privileged outlook he’d once had. That change in awareness came from observing the lasting impact his club had in the community, particularly from teaching people to read and write.

See the whole of the 2026-27 Presidential message [here](#) on YouTube.

Source: Lehoczky, E. (2026). *Olayinka H. Babalola urges members of Rotary to Create Lasting Impact*. [online] <https://www.rotary.org/>. Available at: <https://www.rotary.org/en/olayinka-h-babalola-urges-members-of-rotary-to-create-lasting-impact> [Accessed 16 Jan. 2026].

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 15th and Thursday 16th 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 provisional showtimes are 11am, 2pm and 5.30pm on Wednesday and 11am and 2 pm on Thursday.

We are back with Andre and Kath as telemarketers based in Burleigh in Queensland and they start contacting sponsors this coming Wednesday.

[Read all the details on our website.](#)

Bunnings BBQs on Boxing Day and in 2026.



Having given us a BBQ slot at Bunnings Kembla Grange on Boxing Day they have now offered us ongoing monthly Friday BBQs in 2026. Naturally, we have accepted their offer, and so far, we have been offered Friday 30th January, and 6th March with, I suspect, more to come. We have also been offered Valentine's Day being Saturday 14 February. Busy times ahead! A big thank you to all the club members who volunteer to help out at BBQs and not forgetting "Friends of Rotary" whose help makes all the difference.

President Jenny was approached by Ron Woods, a member of the Vietnam Vets, offering to help us with our BBQs at Bunnings KG and Ron is now a regular helper, at the same time they have donated their redundant BBQ equipment to us. A generous gesture.

RC of Corrimal is busy!

An e-mail from President Adriana:

Here is our Corrimal Rotary Scavenger Hunt flyer, time is drawing closer, and I would like to invite everyone to come along for a day of driving, laughing, games and fellowship as we enjoy driving around looking for hints as to what we are collecting or looking for.

Our Corrimal Rotary BBQ will also be on hand as will a special coffee van man, who will be on hand to give us a boost.

For those who wish to just hang around, please enjoy the games set aside for all to enjoy, with even an adult only game to be had.

Don't forget to bring along your picnic everything, including chairs.

Adriana Pyrah
President 2025-26
Rotary Club of Corrimal



RC of Corrimal is again supporting the Men's (and Women's) Health Education Rural Van at Bellambi Bunnings.

The van will be open for business on Saturday 7th and Monday 9th February from 9.30am to 4.15pm each day in the Bellambi Bunnings car park.

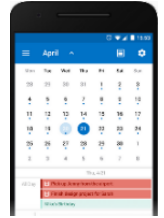
They will be running a BBQ on the Saturday.

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.](#)



Friday 30 January Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange.

Saturday 14 February Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange.

Friday 6 March Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange.

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

Wednesday 15 April Razzamatazz shows at Woonona-Bulli RSL – 11am, 2pm & 5.30pm

Thursday 16 April Razzamatazz shows at Woonona-Bulli RSL – 11am and 2pm.

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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