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FEBRUARY 2026 IS PEACE BUILDING & CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

THIS MEETING.

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

President's Report

International Project

I've been in contact with John Bosco Agaba the co-founder of Divine Mercy School in Kanungu Uganda and requested that he prioritise the needs of the school to allow the RCFM a better understanding of the overall project.

Below is the list of the needs:

- Priority 1. Lack of a nearby source of safe water and lack of latrines for staff
- Priority 2. Limited capacity to provide meals and lack of decent kitchen and energy saving stoves
- Priority 3. Using temporary classrooms and incomplete classroom block
- Priority 4. Lack of a dining hall
- Priority 5. Too many children in need of sponsorship
- Priority 6. Lack of accommodation space/dormitories for learners and lack of staff accommodation

John is also seeking to have a strategic partnership with the RCFM and perhaps a visit sometime in the future.

RCFM is grateful to the Vietnam Veterans of the Illawarra Association for their kind donations of utensils and equipment to support our BBQ fundraisers which include, Bains Marie, large Esky and chest freezer.

A very big thank you to all that assisted at the Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange on Friday January 30, David, Kerrie, Julie and Jenny. Friends of Rotary Margaret, Sue and John, a lovely surprise to have Rose from the Rotary Club of West Wollongong, and Franca, and Ron. Last but not least Lucille from Illawarra Rotaract.

District Presidents' meeting to be held on February 19 at Bankstown Sports Club, Kerrie and Jenny attending.

Secretary David has been busy composing flyers for our upcoming Razzamatazz concerts and International Project with Divine Mercy School in Kanungu Uganda and also writing stories of both projects to be viewed on our website. I encourage readers of our club bulletin and others to also connect with our [club website](#) for some interesting reads and information.

President Jenny

Attendance details last meeting (Monday 19 January 2026).

Apologies:	Sue, Claude, & Martha
Leave of absence:	
Members Present:	8 being 73%.
Guest Speaker(s):	
Club Guests:	Michelle Shipley
Friends of Rotary:	
Visiting Rotarians:	
Makeups:	
Joker jackpot raffle:	No raffle.
International Toast:	RCs of Fiji (all clubs) D9920.




NEXT MEETING:

Monday 16th February.

Acknowledgement of Country: Julie.	International Toast: David.
Club Host:	Appeal: Kel.

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

ANNIVERSARIES BEFORE NEXT MEETING (02/02/2026-15/02/2026)

Birthdays	None this period.	
Wedding Anniversaries	Sue and Peter, congratulations to both of you.	
Club Anniversaries	None this period.	

CLUB NEWS

Razzamatazz in 2026



The telemarketers are off to a flying start, and sponsors have already donated over 170 tickets for the 5 shows in April.

[Read all the details on our website](#) and you can download a show information flyer [here](#) and details of sponsorship [here](#).

Bunnings BBQ Friday 30 January



Sales of sausages were down on our last BBQ there, but sales of ice-cold drinks were well up. The profit on the day was just over \$1,200 but we do have plenty of frozen sausages ready for our next BBQ on Valentine's Day which will help reduce the expenses on that day.

See President Jenny's report above.

PCYC Fit For Life programme is back for 2026



The PCYC NSW Fit for Life Program includes structured morning exercise, a healthy breakfast, and positive role modelling to support young participants.

The program fosters physical fitness, wellbeing, and personal growth, while promoting prosocial behaviours through mentorship. Additionally, participants are transported to school, ensuring they start their day positively.

Our first shift is on Thursday 12 Feb at 7 am at the Snakepit. Ray Lee of RC of West Wollongong will be providing us with our roster for Term1 very soon.

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 this coming Saturday and next Monday, 9th February, from 9.30am to 4.15pm each day in the Bellambi Bunnings car park.

They will be running a BBQ on this coming Saturday.

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



Turning the tide on Australia's silent falls epidemic

With falls now Australia's leading cause of accidental death for older people, a united movement is stepping up to drive awareness, action and life-saving prevention.

Rotary is once again demonstrating its power to unite clubs and amplify impact across Australia, with the Rotary Falls Prevention Project and the establishment of the Falls Prevention Alliance Australia standing out as powerful examples.

The scale of the issue is stark: falls cost Australia \$3 billion each year in direct health costs for people over 65, rising to \$5 billion when indirect impacts are included.

One in three older Australians will experience a fall each year. For those aged 65 and over, falls are the leading cause of accidental death and the primary trigger for unplanned entry into aged care.

These statistics compelled Bob Barnes, from the Rotary Club of Lismore West, NSW, to take action. Recognising both the human and systemic costs, he initiated the Rotary Falls Prevention Project, aiming to share evidence-

based prevention strategies through Rotary networks. The project will be launched to clubs in 2026, inviting you to share falls prevention with your community and putting Rotarians front and centre in a national call to action on falls prevention. [Read the whole story here.](#)

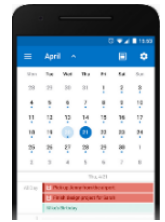
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UPCOMING EVENTS

[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.](#)



Friday 12 February PCYC roster at the Snakepit Stadium 7 a.m.

~~**Saturday 14 February**~~ Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange. **Changed by Bunnings to 3rd May**

Monday 23 February Rotary's birthday.

Friday 6 March Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange.

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

Friday 10 April Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange.

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.

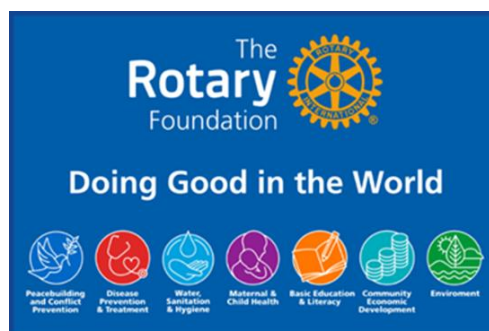
Saturday 3 May Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange.

Friday 15 May Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange.

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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