





We were delighted to be joined by Open Arms Care CEO Clayton Sippel. Open Arms provides a range of community services including delivery of meals, Home support, Out of School & vacation care and social support for older people.

A dedicated crew of 20 volunteers deliver meals from SW Rocks to Corindi and out to Billy's Creek. Prices are good value and meals are sourced that provide the

additional protein needed by older people to maintain their muscle mass. They also provide a service to cook meals with clients who are suffering dementia.

Administration of the organisation has recently been centralised in Urunga and Clayton has been at the head of the service since 2016. In addition to the band of volunteers, Open Arms also employs 40 staff.

Below: Guest speaker Clayton Sippel with President Warren Hollyman.





### **Roger Atwal**

17 March

#### **Jennifer Makinson**

19 March

#### **Sue Paff**

31 March



Bon Voyage to the **Makinsons** who are starting a season of travels.

Below: Charley Della with guests Paul and Verity Templeton



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# **Toasting Batlow**

Ellis Nicholson shared information about the town of Batlow as his Rotary Toast for the evening. He and Bronwyn visited the town on their recent trip to Melbourne.

Batlow is a prime apple growing area, there are 50 growers who produce 1.6 million cases of apples, or 10% of the national crop. There is also 43,000 hectares of pine plantations.



Over 30,000 hectares of forest were burnt and 17 homes lost in the bushfires on 4th of January.

The town also lost the old hospital, the service station and livestock to the flames.

Left: Batlow's Big Apple scorched by the 4th January bushfires



A photo taken by James Zimmerman as the Dunns Road fire approached Batlow.

The Rotary Club of Batlow has much in common with Sawtell.

Pictured above is their annual Australia Day breakfast, to which the whole town is invited.

On the 11th of April, the club will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their charter.

## **Upcoming Events**

16 March	Jennifer Downs, Westpac Rescue Helicopter	
20-22 March	District Conference @ SW Rocks	
	Register online at:	
	https://php.rotary9650.org.au/	
	conf_2020/registration.php	
21 March	BBQ @ Home Depot for the	
9am—12	OfficeWorks re-opening	
noon		
23 March,	Vocational visit to Community	
6pm sharp	Transport, then Dinner @ Toormina	
	Hotel	
28 March	Coffs Rotary Bookfest sale starts	
30 March	Dinner & Board meeting	
6 April	April Uniting Church Soup Place	
6 for 6.30pm	\$20 p.p. partners welcome	
19 April	District Assembly @ Pt. Macquarie	
	for all of next year's Board Members,	
	registration paid by the club.	





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Date	Sergeant	Affirmation	International Toast
16/3/20	John Underwood	Warren Hollyman	Alison Williams

Sergeant in Charge: John Underwood

Duties: arrange for the back door to be open, take out and place in designated spots the name badges, President's Chain of Office, Sergeant's equipment, Fellowship equipment.

If you're not available, please arrange to change with another member, or if not successful, contact John Underwood.