



CAMDEN IN ACTION

ROTARY CLUB OF CAMDEN BULLETIN

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End Polio Update

The latest 2026 year to date data shows there are at least 23 cases of the Wild Polio Virus 1 (vs 24 for the same period in 2025), with Afghanistan reporting 18 new WPV1-positive environmental samples; The number of Circulating Vaccine Derived Polio cases reached 130 YTD as DR Congo and Nigeria each logged new cases. These Vaccine Derived cases occur in communities with low immunization rates, as the virus spreads to unvaccinated children in communities after mutating and taking on a form that can cause paralysis just like the wild poliovirus.

Following the detection of the polio virus in Western Australian wastewater in May of this year, a discussion was held with Communicable Diseases department in WA Health who have advised there have been no further recordings of the polio virus.

In the Spotlight this week



- Police Open Day on 17th October. We need help on the BBQ
- This Wednesday is the visit to Amazon fulfilment Centre
- Our next guest speaker will detail the End Polio Train ride arrangements
- Happy 60th Birthday to RC of Picton
- Registration details for District conference are now available
- Golf day is just over two weeks away and grab a raffle ticket that could unlock the esky and contents.
- Check out the calendar with lots on at the RC of Camden

Rotary International President 2026/2027:
District Governor 2026/2027:
District Governor Elect:

Olayinka H. Babalola
Shane Burette
Rick Vosila





From President Jacquie



*Club President,
2026 -2027*

Dear Members, Friends of Rotary and our wonderful Camden community,

What a fantastic meeting we had on Monday night last week!

It was wonderful to see such a great turnout, and I would like to thank all of our members for coming along and making the evening such an enjoyable one. We were especially fortunate to have two wonderful presentations, and it is always a privilege to welcome people into our club to share their stories, their ideas and their enthusiasm with us.

Our first presentation introduced us to The Saxon, a new retirement living development being planned for Oran Park. Although the project is still in the planning stages and the soil has yet to be turned, the team have clearly put an enormous amount of thought into the design and the way this development can connect with the local community.

The name The Saxon has a wonderful local connection. In researching the Camden and Macarthur area, the team recognised our strong history with merino sheep and, in particular, the famous Saxon merino. The development itself looks absolutely stunning. It will offer a variety of retirement living options, from more compact apartments through to some very impressive three-bedroom penthouses.

What really caught my attention, though, was the focus on community connection. The lower level of the development is designed to be open to the wider community, with facilities including a Pilates studio and a coffee shop. I think this is such a lovely idea. It creates opportunities for people in the wider community to come together, build connections and spend time with residents who may otherwise find it more difficult to get out and about.

And I have to admit, I was also rather excited to see a beautiful wine bar included on the second level! I think The Saxon will be a wonderful addition to Oran Park and will provide some terrific opportunities for retirees to live, connect and enjoy their community.

Our second presentation was from Dean, a Year 11 student who will soon be participating in the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) with the support of the Rotary Club of Camden.

Dean approached our club seeking sponsorship, and we were very happy to support his application. He is an impressive young man with a genuine passion for science and a very exciting future ahead of him. We wish Dean every success as he heads into Year 12 and, of course, we look forward to hearing all about his NYSF experience when he returns.

It was lovely to have Dean's mum, Camilla, join us for the evening as well.

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A week off!

Due to the long weekend, we had no meeting on Monday 5th October. So everyone had a week off, including no bulletin being published in the lead-up to the public holiday. Note that if there is no scheduled Monday meeting, the Bulletin will follow a few days later in a lead up to the next regular meeting.

I will, however, see some of you at our visit to the Amazon facility at Kemps Creek. For those attending, please remember that you have received an email with the requirements for the visit. Closed-in shoes are essential, pants are preferred, and sleeves must be worn as it is a working warehouse.

I am quite excited to see behind the scenes and discover a little more about this fascinating operation.



Looking ahead

The following week we will welcome Margaret Noonan from our Rotary District. Margaret is the District Polio Chair, and I am really looking forward to hearing more about the ongoing work of End Polio Now.

I also want to thank Greg for sharing such an interesting story with us this week about the connection between polio and trains. I certainly did not know that trains played such an important role in the spread of polio through communities, or that trains were also used in India as places to begin immunisation programs for children.

It was a fascinating piece of Rotary history and a great reminder of just how long and significant the fight to eradicate polio has been.

Please keep an eye on our emails and socials for more information about the upcoming polio train event.



Rotary toast this week presented by Mark Donehue

This week's Toast was to the Rotary Club of Markham Sunrise in Toronto, Canada. A very active club of just 28 members raising over \$1m for local and global activities since 1993





From President Jacquie

Spotlight on Nigel

This week I also wanted to shine a little spotlight on one of our board members, Nigel, who has taken on the role of Public Image Director this year. Nigel has been doing a wonderful job in helping us tell the Rotary story. He is taking photographs at our meetings, working with images and information from our members, and creating engaging Facebook posts and videos that showcase the great work being done by our club.

It is lovely to see these appearing throughout the week, and I would encourage all of our members to like, share and comment on our posts whenever you can.

The more we engage with these stories, the further they travel into our community. I am still surprised when I meet people who say, "I didn't realise Rotary did all of that!" Our club does an enormous amount of work, much of it quietly behind the scenes. The more we tell our story, the more our community understands what Rotary is and what we can achieve together.

A little Rotary challenge

Finally, I want to thank everyone who continues to come along to our meetings and make them such a welcoming, engaging and enjoyable experience.

Our guests regularly tell us how much they enjoy being part of our meetings, and many leave wanting to know more about Rotary and how they can be involved. That is a wonderful reflection of our club and the people who make it what it is.

So, friends, I have a little challenge for you this week. Pick up the phone and call one of your Rotary friends. Perhaps there is someone you haven't seen for a little while. We all notice when one of our Rotary companions is missing, and sometimes a simple phone call can mean more than we realise. Check in, have a chat and let them know they are thought of.

That is Rotary too — not just service to our community, but looking after one another along the way.

Yours in Rotary,

Jacquie

President, Rotary Club of Camden

Rotary Year 2026-2027

This Week's thought

"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy."

— Rabindranath Tagore



Our Guest Speaker were Bianca, Maria and Rachel from The Saxon



THE SAXON



Our guest speakers on Monday night were This week, our guest speakers will be Bianca Tulich (Owner), Maria Carew (Community Engagement) and Rachel Pullicino (Sales Manager) from the Saxon Development in Oran Park.

The Saxon retirement community brings together luxurious apartments and penthouses complemented by exceptional shared spaces, services and amenities.

At the heart of the Town Centre, The Saxon is Oran Park's first multi-level retirement living community, steps from shops, cafés, the library, Aquatic Centre and local hotels.



Vote of thanks was provided by Denise Tsoukalas who highlighted the importance of retirement living meeting community expectations of facilities with a wide range of services readily available.



The Focus of Rotary



The Rotary theme for October is Economic and Community Development Month, which focuses on building long-term economic stability and reducing poverty.

Key Focus Areas

- *Entrepreneurship: Providing training, mentoring, and capacity building for small business owners.*
- *Poverty Reduction: Creating sustainable economic opportunities in underserved areas.*
- *Professional Development: Hosting workshops on financial literacy and digital skills.*
- *World Polio Day: Recognizing global health efforts on October 24*



Rotary in action supporting economic and community development

Economic and Community Development is one such area of focus that Rotary has asked all clubs to focus on, especially in October. What is your club doing?

Here are some ideas:

190 million people are funding their business endeavors through microfinance

- Partner with a local microlender to improve access to financial services and provide financial infrastructure in the community.
- Develop mobile banking resources in partnership with a microlender. Cell phones, which can be used to make deposits and transfer funds, can increase access to banking systems in developing communities
- When supporting service projects in a developing community, purchase goods and supplies locally to stimulate the economy and avoid unnecessary shipping fees

1.4 billion people — nearly half of them employed — live on less than \$1.25 a day

- Expand vocational training opportunities, including job placement programming, at local nonprofit organizations
- Send a vocational training team to teach business leaders in developing communities how to create a business plan and maintain accurate financial accounting.
- Partner with a cooperative that provides training, joint economic ventures, and ownership of assets to its members through a democratic structure
- Provide equipment or supplies to a cooperative to increase production and sales in the local market
- Support entrepreneurs and small businesses in developing communities. The success of local business leaders can multiply employment opportunities in the community



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**U Turn the Wheel
Tuesday 13th October @
Oran Park Anglican College**



**Thanks to Cait Binskin,
Peter Claxton, Chris Evans
and Glen Patterson for
being on BBQ duty**

**Want to help with the Charity
Golf Day but do not play golf.**

**Buy a key that has the
potential to unlock the esky
full of beer and wine. \$20 a
ticket with a chance to open
the lock. Only 100 keys and
all proceeds go to charity
thanks to the generous
donation of the major prize.**



**Tickets available at Rotary on
October 12th or on Golf Day**

**39 Active Members
9 Honorary Members
1 Corporate Members**



**Rotary Member at
Camden**

**148 copies emailed
Members 71% read
Others 42% read**



Bulletin Statistics

**31 attended this
week's meeting**



Attendance



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Bunnings BBQ held on Sunday 27th September

Considering the weather on the day, the Bunnings BBQ to-day was a success. We sold about 700 sausages. Our gross income was \$2583.58 (plus donations of \$65.60); expenditure was \$762.12; giving us a net income of \$1887.06.

The Board has previously decided that to-days income would be our annual donation to the **Men's Health Education Rural Van (MHERV)**.

My grateful thanks to the following:

- Glen and Leanne Patterson
- Alek Jankowski
- Greg Dobson
- Peter Riordan
- Mark Donehue
- Greg Eagles
- Jacquie and Paul Lockyer
- Natalia Esdaile-Watts and her daughter Veronica
- Peter Claxon
- Hugh Davies
- Ben Vocalan and
- (as usual) Camden Hire for the Van, eskys and chairs,

Well done everyone.

Regards Chris

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Rotary  Saving lives in rural Australia



This Wednesday 7th October at 1:30pm to 2:30pm

Complete registration from email sent by Greg Eagles. Limited to 25 places only.

Note that 23 bookings are confirmed. Note to be at Kemps Creek at 1pm



**Camden Rotary Tour of
Amazon Fulfilment Centre @
Kemps Creek**



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Camden Volunteer Expo was held on 26th September at Camden Civic Centre. Denise Tsoukalas, Stephen and Judith Humphreys provided information and insight into the work of the club to the local community

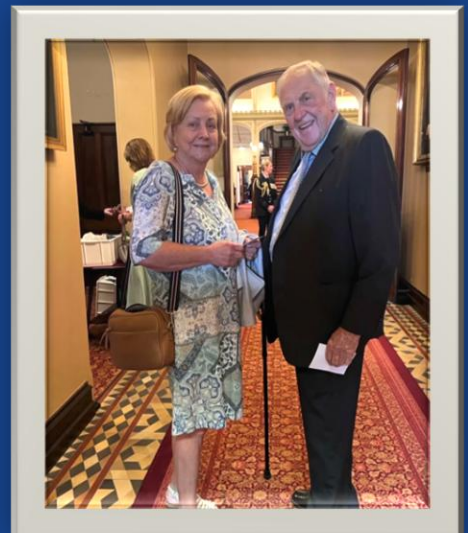


Police Open Day on 17th October at Narellan Police Station HELP WANTED

Rotary Club of Camden are once again on the BBQ. This is a wonderful community event. 8 Volunteers needed.
See email from Chris to add your name to roster

Congratulations to David Funnell, on his way in to receive his Order of Australia Medal in the King's Birthday 2026 Honours List for service to local government, and the community of Camden.

For more than 50 years David has demonstrated his passion and commitment to Camden in a variety of roles serving as Deputy Mayor and Councillor, community representative on the Camden Bicentennial Park and Camden Town Farm committees and was Camden Citizen of the Year in 2018.





Upcoming Speakers and Events

12th

Oct

Margaret Noonan

Camden Golf Club 7:00pm to 8:30pm

19th

Oct

No Meeting – Charity Golf Day

26th

Oct

MUNA Presentation

Camden Golf Club 7:00pm to 8:30pm

2nd

Nov

No Meeting – Melbourne Cup Eve. Golf Club unavailable



This week, our guest speakers will be Margaret Noonan is a dedicated member and past president (2023/2024) of the Rotary Club of Five Dock within Rotary District 9675 in Sydney, Australia. She serves as the Finance Committee Chair and Projects Committee Chair for the Five Dock Rotary Club. Margaret is active in District 9675 governance and leadership, holding key positions such as the District Polio Plus Chair and serving on the District Governance Committee. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and frequently speaks or presents updates on Rotary initiatives, such as polio eradication updates for regional clubs



Upcoming Events

October 7th

Amazon Industry Visit

October 10th

World Mental Health Day

October 13th

U Turn the Wheel @ Oran Park Anglican High School

October 17th

Police Open Day BBQ @ Narellan

October 19th

Camden Rotary Charity Golf Day

October 22nd

U Turn the Wheel Magdeline Catholic College

October 24th

World Polio Day

November 27th

Purple Shirt Friday – Say No to Domestic Violence



Member Spotlight



Monday 12th October Cait Binskin

Monday 26th October Peter Riordan



Greg Eagles

Rotarian since 1988

Classification - Auto Garage Service

Greg Eagles is a valued member of our Club. Greg is a past President of the Club and also received Paul Harris Fellow Awards in 2005, 2015, 2024 in recognition of his on-going service in the community. A very familiar face at BBQ events and member of the Sergeant at Arms team.

Generosity

Respect

Empathy

Giving



**Toaster Masters in
October**

Oct 12th: Bill McGookin

Oct 26th: Denise Tsoukalas

Member Celebrations

Happy Birthday to our Rotarians:

<i>Bruce Farquharson</i>	<i>3rd October</i>
<i>Ken Macaulay</i>	<i>7th October</i>
<i>Rob Mulley</i>	<i>10th October</i>
<i>Dave Binskin</i>	<i>16th October</i>
<i>Greg Dobson</i>	<i>18th October</i>
<i>Ian McKenzie</i>	<i>20th October</i>
<i>Rob Elliott</i>	<i>29th October</i>

Happy Birthday to Spouses and Partners

<i>Nola (Richard Cornhill)</i>	<i>2nd October</i>
<i>Sheena (Greg Dobson)</i>	<i>11th October</i>
<i>Diane (Terry Gordon)</i>	<i>17th October</i>
<i>Tom(Natalia Esdaile-Watts)</i>	<i>27th October</i>
<i>Marlene (Rob Eaglesham)</i>	<i>31st October</i>

Congratulations to Rotarians and partners on these special anniversaries

<i>Richard and Nola Cornhill</i>	<i>62 years</i>
<i>Ian and Glenys McKenzie</i>	<i>58 years</i>
<i>Rob and Dianne Mulley</i>	<i>50 years</i>
<i>Ian and Wendy White</i>	<i>35 years</i>

We recognise 'Years of Rotary Service' by:

<i>Colin Stanzione</i>	<i>3 years on 9th October</i>
<i>Cait Binskin</i>	<i>2 years on 28th October</i>
<i>Glen Patterson</i>	<i>2 years on 28th October</i>

We also recognize our Honorary Member David McDonald joined Rotary on 6th October 1983

Our regular features



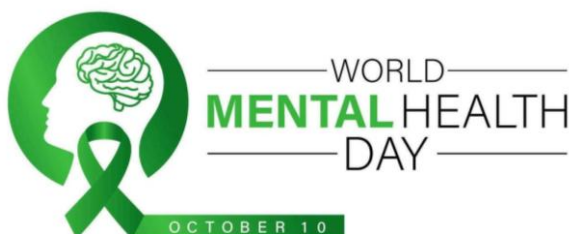
FIKA is a Swedish tradition that means taking a break to drink coffee or tea with friends or family. At Camden Rotary, we gather to enjoy a **FIKA and CHAT**

World Mental Health Day takes place on October 10, 2026, to raise global awareness of mental health issues and reduce social stigma

The 2026 Theme is **Lived Experiences Heard**. The official theme focuses on real voices and real change, emphasizing the leadership and insight of people with lived experience in shaping effective mental health policies. So here are two ways you can be active in supporting Mental Health

- Check In: Pause to reflect on your own well-being and connect with friends or family.
- Start Conversations: Talk openly about mental health at your social gatherings, in the home, at work, school, or even online.

My FIKA this week is to have that chat or conversation and ensure the Lived Experiences are Heard.



**Stephen
has
booked a
table. Join
in for a
great
night.**

**AUSTRALIAN
ROTARY
HEALTH**



Join us to celebrate 45 years of Australian Rotary Health and help fund what's next in mental health research at our **Chairman's Gala Dinner**
Book at australianrotaryhealth.org.au/chairmans-dinner



6.30pm
Friday
October 16, 2026

Triple Crown Ballroom
Rydges Parramatta
116-118 James Ruse Drive
Rosehill NSW 2142

Tickets:
\$95 per person, or
\$720 per table of 8

Black Tie

FIND OUT MORE HERE:



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45 YEARS OF POSSIBILITY**



Special Events

Upcoming Training

Crisis Support Worker Training (CSWT)

Do you want to make a difference to those who are struggling or experiencing crisis? To learn more about what is involved in being a crisis supporter and to register your interest go to: lifelinemws.org.au/crisis-support-training

DV-alert (Domestic & Family Violence Response Training)

DV-alert has different learning options to support frontline workers and community members who encounter people who are experiencing, or at risk of, Domestic and Family Violence. Find your learning pathway by going to: lifelinemws.org.au/dv-training

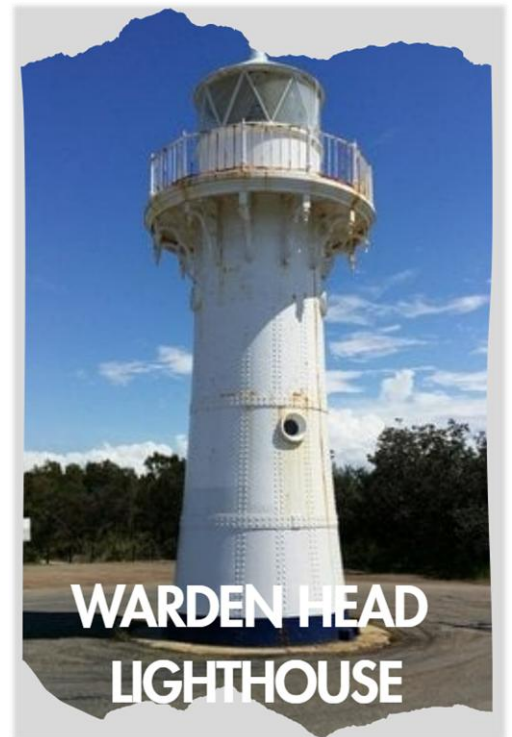
Mental Health and Suicide Awareness

We deliver a suite of training focused on mental health wellbeing and suicide intervention. We offer Mental Health First Aid, MiFA - Conversations About Suicide, Accidental Counsellor, ASIST, SafeTalk and Read the Signs. Find out more, follow or register for one of our upcoming courses by going to: eventbrite.com.au/o/lifeline-macarthur-13919818399

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Do you need tailored in-house training or presentations for your team of staff/volunteers to enhance their professional knowledge and skills through accredited courses or bespoke workshops with our expert trainers? To discuss your needs please email: training@lifelinemws.org.au

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WARDEN HEAD LIGHTHOUSE

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details for the
District
Conference

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BUSH TO BEACH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

D9675 and D9705

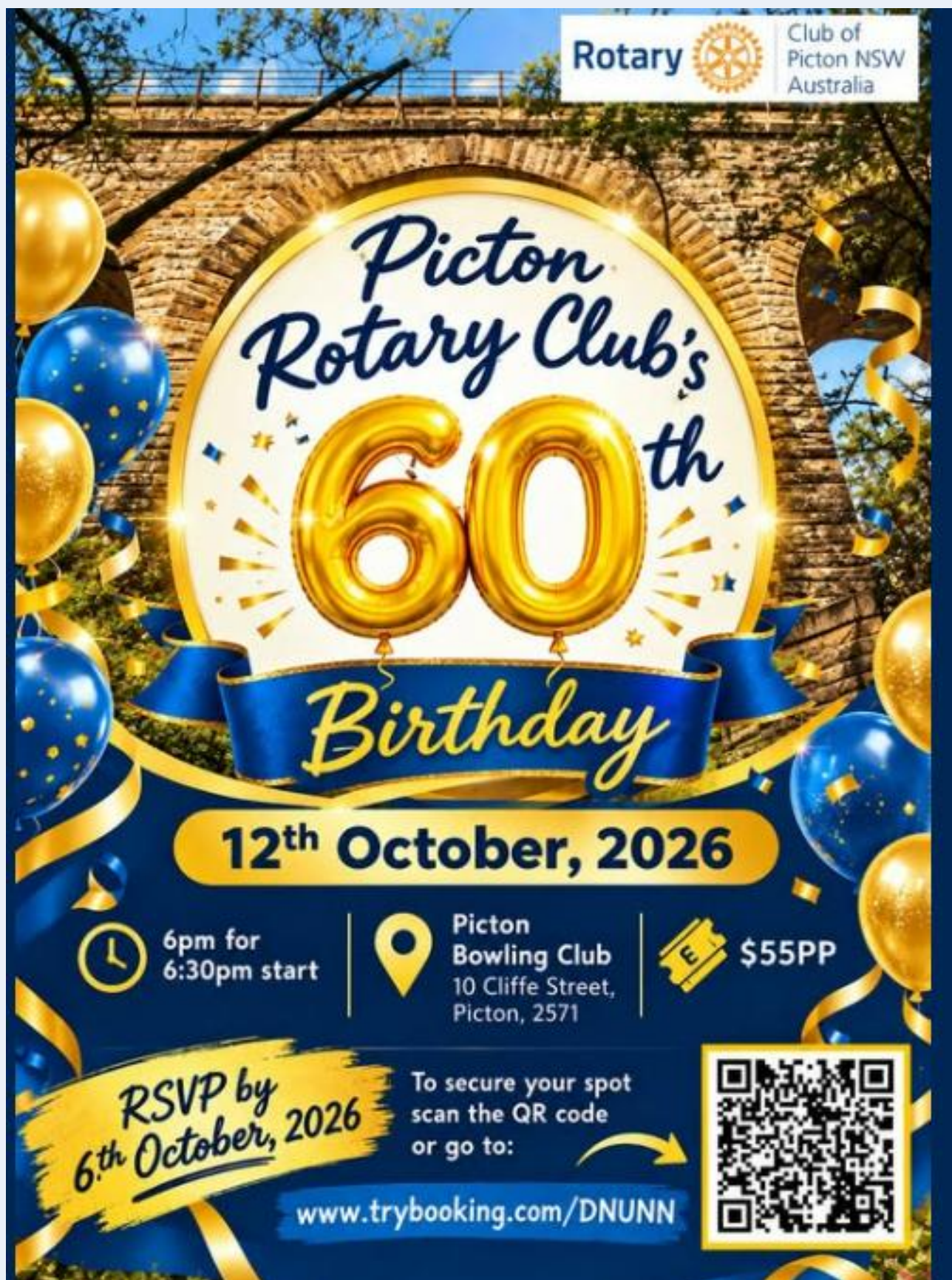
**Dunn Lewis Centre, Ulladulla NSW
2-4 April 2027**

Real passion and real growth
for every Rotarian



Special Events

Picton Rotary Club celebrating 60 years on 12th October



The poster features a central graphic of a large, arched stone bridge with a white circular sign in the center. The sign reads "Picton Rotary Club's 60th Birthday" in a mix of script and bold fonts. The number "60" is in large, gold, foil-like balloons. The background is decorated with blue and gold balloons, streamers, and confetti. The overall theme is celebratory and festive.

Rotary  Club of Picton NSW Australia

Picton Rotary Club's 60th Birthday

12th October, 2026

 6pm for 6:30pm start

 **Picton Bowling Club**
10 Cliffe Street,
Picton, 2571

 **\$55PP**

RSVP by 6th October, 2026

To secure your spot scan the QR code or go to:

www.trybooking.com/DNUNN





Congratulations

Rotary Club of Camden congratulate the winners of the Rotary Inspirational Womens Awards (RIWA) presented on Sunday 27th September.

Below is are the award winners in each category and special mention to Jacki Waugh on also being awarded the overall winner.

Thank you to Judith and Stephen Humphreys for representing our Club at the Awards Lunch.

