



# Rotary Club of Berri Bulletin



Meetings held fortnightly at the Berri Resort Hotel,  
Riverview Drive, Berri. Mondays 6.15 for 6.45pm

District 9510 Governor – Craig Dowling

Area Governor – Bill Simons



## 2023 – 2024 Board

**President : Bruce Richardson OAM Secretary: John Rix OAM: Treasurer: Vicky Andriske  
Immediate Past President: Peter Jarvis Directors : Mary Hansen, Kerry Woolston**

## Last Rotary Meeting

Our last meeting was the Combined Service Club meeting where Rotary hosted the event. Our speakers for the night were Julie Ahrens of Berri Our Town and Emma Vallelonga of Volunteering SA & NT.

Formed in 2019 with Out Town funding, Julie Ahrens, and Donna Safralidis of Berri Regional Secondary College set about to improve the wellbeing of life in Berri. For many years it was believed that Berri lacked community spirit and the vision of the project is to have an inclusive town that thrives through community connections, and amongst other things to create a strong identity and town pride and positive wellbeing.

Emma spoke of her appointment at the Berri Regional Secondary College as a Community Connector funded by Volunteering SA & NT. Emma is nurturing a Student Volunteer Army to carry out more community activities.



PP John Rix OAM thanks Emma Vallelonga and Julie Ahrens for their presentation

In addition to our guest speakers, we learnt of activities undertaken by Berri Lions and Riverland Zonta and Berri Rotary club during the last twelve months.

### **Berri Lion's**

- Manned the Flood emergency centre during the recent floods.
- Ran their pyjama project.
- Reinstated the Lions walking trail following the floods.

- Contributed and assisted Zonta with the Birthing kits project.
- Produced the Images of the Riverland calendar raising funds for the RFDS.
- Australian Lions Children Foundation.
- Prostate Cancer program.
- Along with Rotary installed solar panels on Berri Men's Shed.

#### **Riverland Zonta**

- Zonta International UN women's project freeing women from violence in PNG.
- Climate change project in Madagascar.
- Ending trial marriages in India.
- Along with Lions and Rotary "Riverland says NO to domestic violence.
- Year 11 & 12 awards to Girls in four Riverland High Schools.
- Hosted UN Women's Day dinner with Julie Ahrens as guest speaker.
- Packed 800 birthing kits on 10 September for Nigeria.

#### **Berri Rotary**

Major achievements during the twelve months included the

The 40<sup>th</sup> Riverland & Mallee Vocational Awards.

The Club continues to raise funds for projects through the battery collection and catering at Sporting events.

We support the community by using our BBQ trailer at no cost in the following events:

- In partnership with Radio 5RM to provide the free Easter Breakfast by cooking the BBQ for around 1,000 people, and
- Cooking bacon and eggs at the Australia Day celebrations at both Berri and Barmera.

We support Rotary Youth programs by:

Providing opportunities for students from Berri Regional Secondary College and other local areas to attend programs such as RYLA and RYPEN

The Science & Engineering Challenge when approx. 180 Year 10 students from six Riverland & Murraylands High Schools that is held each year.

Our Club continues to support financially the following projects:

Berri Regional Secondary College Awards.

Berri Swimming Club.

The Rotary Foundation.

The End Polio Now campaign to eradicate Polio from the world, a project that commenced in 1985.

Australian Rotary Health for research into Mental Health.

Carol Bristow Wig Library.

Together with Lions we funded the installation of Solar panels on the Berri Men's shed.

We also collect and transport second-hand educational books to South Pacific School Aid program which operates out of Adelaide.



Lion Pres Rob Cook, Rotary Pres Bruce Richardson OAM and Zonta rep Jenny Boyd

More recently, the Rotary Districts of Australia have undertaken a program of "Rotary Says NO to Domestic Violence".

The club is also working with the RC of Loxton to organise the District Conference to be held in Loxton in March 2024.

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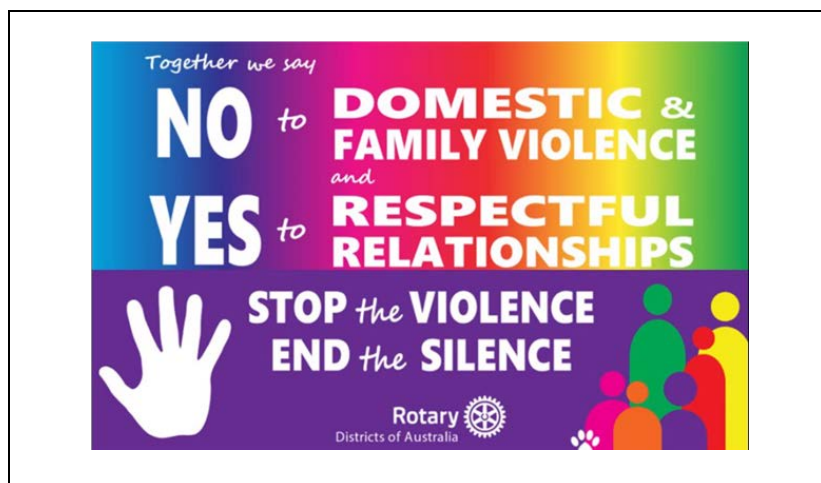
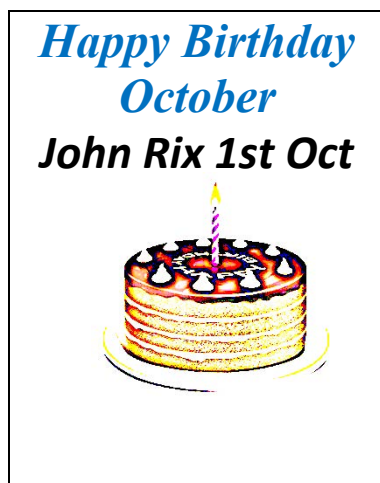
October 9th Club Meeting at Berri Hotel

## Future Meetings – (Two each Month)

October 23<sup>rd</sup> Club & Board Meeting at Berri Hotel  
November 13th Club Meeting at Berri Hotel  
November 27th Club & Board meeting at Berri Hotel

## Dates for your Diary

## The Birthday Box



**Please take note of the roster below – Mark it on your calendar**

### Club Meeting Roster

Date	Equipment	Plaques	Attendance:	Apologies to:
October	All members	All members	Vicky Andriske	John Rix