

 **HOT AIR**

04 December 2025 — Rotary Vocational Service Month

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**The President's Post**

Some may see the exercise as pointless however, as we look ahead, I'd like us to pause and reflect on something fundamental to the longevity of Brisbane High-Rise: Who we want our club to be for the members of tomorrow.

Our tagline, mission and vision aren't just statements for a website or a handbook. The words reflect our identity. They are touchstones that shape how we present ourselves to the community and what future members see when they look our way.

To attract people who will carry this club forward for the next decade, and beyond, we need to be intentional about the story we tell and the values we project.

The encouraging thing is that we already agree on what our organisation should stand for.

Taking the time to articulate that clearly isn't about changing who we are. It's about aligning our message so every member is on the same page. When we do that, we strengthen our unity, sharpen our purpose and create a club that is easier to explain, easier to invite people into, and easier for new members to see themselves belonging to.

By shaping our identity with tomorrow in mind, we give our club its best chance to thrive well into the future.

**Greg Beard**

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IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES



**High-Rise  
Christmas Party**

**Date:** Friday 5 December  
**Time:** 6.00 – 10.00pm  
**Venue:** The Tillmans, Tarragindi  
**BYO:** Wine and Beer (ice provided)  
**Cost:** \$50/person  
**RSVP:** Friday 21 November - email [yrrobson@gmail.com](mailto:yrrobson@gmail.com)

The cost includes a glass of welcome bubbles, three course sit down dinner, coffee and tea and a take home treat. Plenty of street parking.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

- ~~Thu 04 Dec~~ No Meeting – Christmas Party instead
- Fri 05 Dec Club Christmas Party – [RSVP](#)
- Thu 18 Dec Christmas Meeting @ USC – [RSVP](#)**
- ~~Thu 01 & 08 Jan~~ No Meetings – Christmas Break, USC Closed
- Thu 15 Jan Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)
- Thu 22 Jan Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)
- Thu 29 Jan Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)  
Art Show Sponsorship Discussion  
Joint Meeting with Paddington Club

**Santa is coming to Brisbane High-Rise!**

Santa will be visiting us on **Thursday, 18 December** during our normal meeting time at United Service Club, and he warmly invites all children and grandchildren to come along and say hello.

To help Santa prepare, please let his helper **Yvonne Robson** [yrrobson@gmail.com](mailto:yrrobson@gmail.com) know the names of any children who would like to meet him.

And to make the moment extra special, please bring a **wrapped gift** for each child, clearly labelled with their **name and age**, so Santa can present it personally.

**We look forward to a magical visit!**



**We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today, the Yuggera and Turrbal people, and pay our respect to their elders past and present.**

Rotary Grace: For the fellowship of Rotary, we give our thanks.

# Last Week's Meeting



Cindy Kemp hosting the Vision/Mission debate



Peter Weissman (RC Front Royal, Virginia, USA), Yvonne Robson & Helen Fox



Loretta Lynch, visitor Ashley & Susan Rix, all former Rotary Exchange Students.



An ecstatic Susan Rix not winning the Joker Draw



## FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST



Phil Gough, Greg Beard, Jane Andersen, Ann Maree Buttner, Robyn Drake & Ann-Maree Bennett

**Winners are Grinners:**  
A group of our members supported Coffee Brigade at their Fundraising Breakfast on 25 November, and came home with some raffle prizes!



Ann-Maree Bennett, Deb Le Garde & Yvonne Todd



## PRETTY WOMAN THE MUSICAL

Members and guests enjoyed an evening at Pretty Woman, The Musical at QPAC on 12 November - Thanks Susan!



# Ways to support Coffee Brigade

## Make Sandwiches:

*Thanks to those who have volunteered!  
We now need helpers from Feb 26*

*Please let Robyn know when you can assist.*

We have committed to assisting with the sandwich making. There are a few slots remaining, it's **every month** and our slot is the 3rd Monday of each month:

Mon 16 Feb 26  
Mon 16 Mar 26  
Mon 20 Apr 26  
Mon 18 May 26

and so on for the rest of the year.

We need **at least 4 people** for each session, starting about 10:00am, and usually finishing in less than 2 hours.

Please let me know your availability - no need to apply online.

It would be good if you could book in with me for as many sessions as you feel you can do and for the months ahead, so that I can get the roster filled well in advance.



## Go out in the Van:

Are you interested in going out in the van to deliver sandwiches and a drink to the homeless? Book online at [coffeebrigade.org.au/volunteer](http://coffeebrigade.org.au/volunteer) and scroll down & fill in the form.

**Robyn Drake**

## Other Service



**Service Project:  
GIVEwrap  
Christmas Gift  
Wrapping**

We're inviting volunteers to join the **Act for Kids Christmas Present Wrapping Fundraiser** at **Toowong Shopping Centre** — a wonderful way to support a great cause and share some festive cheer with the community.

**Please let me know your availability for any of the following shifts:**

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December:

Morning: 9am – 1pm  
Afternoon: 1pm – 5pm

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December:

Morning: 9am – 1pm  
Afternoon: 1pm – 4pm  
Evening: 4pm – 7pm

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December:

Morning: 9am – 1pm  
Afternoon: 1pm – 5pm

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December:

Morning: 9am – 1pm  
Afternoon: 1pm – 5pm

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December:

Morning: 9am – 1pm  
Afternoon: 1pm – 4pm  
Evening: 4pm – 7pm

### Location:

Toowong Village, 9  
Sherwood Road,  
Toowong, QLD 4064.

It would be great if you could donate a few hours of your time to make this event a success and raise funds to help kids heal from trauma.

Contact **David Bunce** to **lock in a shift spot** or for more info.



## 2025 Impact Update: A Year of Safe Births

with Dr Andrew Browning AM



127 Midwives and  
Midwifery students trained

16,202 babies delivered safely

601 specialist obstetric  
fistula operations performed

The recent **Melbourne Cup Trifecta** raised funds in support of **Maternity Africa**, part of the Barbara May Foundation's reach.

Click to view the [2025 Annual Impact Report](#) & see the fantastic work they are doing.

**Bill Phillips**



## RIVERVIEW STATE SCHOOL



8th October 2025

Dear Brisbane High-Rise Rotary Team,

I am reaching out on behalf of the Riverview Primary School Community Hub. Our school is located in Riverview, one of Queensland's most disadvantaged communities, where many families experience financial hardship and social challenges.

These difficulties often mean that children come to school without the essentials they need to learn. One of the most immediate needs we see is that some students arrive in shoes that are not adequately fitting (often far too big or too small) because families cannot afford to replace them. This highlights the importance of community support to ensure that every child has access to the basics that allow them to feel comfortable, confident, and ready to learn.

We are seeking support to collect or provide spare shoes that can be kept at the School Community Hub and shared with students when needed. We believe this aligns well with Rotary's commitment to supporting children, education, and community wellbeing.

Would your club be interested in partnering with us for this initiative? Shoes in sizes kids' size 10 through to adult sizes 9/10 would make a big difference to our primary school students.

Thank you very much for considering this request.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns by phone

3816 6111 or email [principal@riverviewss.edu.au](mailto:principal@riverviewss.edu.au)

Kind regards,

Yvette Phillips, Principal

**Contact [Bill Phillips](#) if you can assist with this request and bring items to our meetings**

# Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise Calendar 2025-26

## Activities outside of Club Meetings

DECEMBER <i>Rotary Disease Prevention &amp; Treatment Month</i>	
Art Show 2026 Preparation	Kinross Cluster Meeting 4-Dec
Club Christmas Party 5-Dec 🎄	Last Day Early Rego Rotary Int Conf. 15-Dec
Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 15-Dec 😊	Family Xmas Party 18-Dec 🎁🎁🎁
QPAC Theatre Night "Spirit of Christmas" 18-Dec	Xmas Gift Wrapping Fundraiser for Act for Kids 20-Dec 🎄🎁
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JANUARY <i>Rotary Vocational Service Month</i>	
Art Show 2026 Preparation	1st BHR Club Meeting 2026 15-Jan 😊
Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 19-Jan 😊	

**KEY:**

	Major Projects
	Community Services
	Social
	Foundation
	Youth
	District Events, Conferences or Training

## Board Members 2025-26

President	Greg Beard
Past President	Jane Andersen
President Elect	Cindy Kemp
Secretary	Ann Maree Buttner
Treasurer	Cindy Kemp
Community Projects	David Bunce
Marketing	Ann-Maree Bennett
Membership	Bill Phillips
Rotary Foundation	Susan Rix
Youth	Loretta Lynch
<b>Assisted By:</b>	
Fellowship	Margot Baillie
Speaker Program	Ann-Maree Bennett
Administration	Rosemary Meadows
Hot Air	Steve Knight

## Duty Roster

**REMEMBER:** *If you won't be there that day then it's your responsibility to arrange a replacement*

Setup, Greeter & Closedown	Chair
Thu 04 Dec <i>No Meeting – Club Christmas Party instead</i>	
Thu 11 Dec	Phil G      Helen F
Thu 18 Dec	Deb LeG      Phil G
Thu 25 Dec – 08 Jan <i>No Meetings – Closed for Christmas</i>	
Thu 15 Jan	Bill L      Deb LeG
Thu 22 Jan	Loretta L      Bill L
Thu 29 Jan	Ken M      Loretta L / Murray B



Together we say  
**NO to DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE**  
**YES to RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS**



## Walk Against Domestic and Family Violence

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
**8.30am for 9.00am Start**

Join us for a fun walk along the Wynnum Manly foreshore - we will give you a bottle of water to help you on the way.

**Just turn up!**

For details of the walk, please visit our website using the QR Code below





## Plan Ahead



## International Women's Day 2026 luncheon

*Partner with Act for Kids or host a table to support children's healing and hope.*

Before the holiday rush begins, we wanted to touch base and lock this into your 2026 calendar:

**Act for Kids is delighted to invite Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise to our International Women's Day 2026 luncheon**, to be held on Thursday, 4 March, at the beautifully appointed Callie Hotel on James St, Brisbane.

It's a terrific event that **makes a real difference for Act for Kids** and I hope it will be of interest to the club. We would also be grateful if you could share it within your professional networks.

As a national child protection charity, Act for Kids provides vital therapy and support so children can heal and thrive after experiencing abuse or neglect.

The theme for the 2026 IWD event is **#GiveToGain**, highlighting the powerful connection between empowerment and giving back to the community. This luncheon offers a unique opportunity to not only celebrate women's achievements but also to support children and families impacted by trauma across Australia.

We would be delighted to have you participate in this significant event. There are two ways to get involved:

**1. Sponsorship** – We offer various sponsorship packages that will provide your company with visibility and the opportunity to connect with key stakeholders and industry leaders. Please find the sponsorship overview attached with full details on available packages and benefits. We would be happy to discuss how your company can make a lasting impact through a sponsorship option.

**2. Attend the Luncheon** – Purchase a table for your team or clients. Each table seats 10 guests, with individual tickets @ \$225 per seat. Now in its sixth year, this event offers a wonderful networking opportunity and an inspiring afternoon filled with incredible guest speakers, entertainment, and delicious cuisine.

### Event Details:

- **Date:** Thursday, 4 March, 2026
- **Time:** 12-3pm
- **Venue:** The Calile Hotel, Brisbane
- **Theme:** #GiveToGain
- **Ticket Price:** \$225 per seat (Table of 10: \$2,250)

Your involvement will directly support Act for Kids' life-changing work, providing integrated therapy services to children across Australia.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a meaningful impact. We hope to celebrate International Women's Day with you.

Kind regards,  
Tracy-Anne

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