

 **HOT AIR**

11 December 2025 — Rotary Vocational Service Month

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**International Toast:**  
**Rotary Club of Trans**  
**Amadi, Nigeria**  
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**The President's Post**

Firstly to the Tillman family and "friends"! Thank you, once again, for your gracious generosity in hosting our Brisbane High-Rise Rotary Club Christmas gathering. Your hospitality, warmth, and joyful festive spirit made the evening truly memorable for all of us. You have a way of turning our end-of-year celebration into something genuinely special, and we are deeply grateful.



Friday night also reminded me of one of the reasons I enjoy being part of this wonderful club: we are surrounded by so many "yes" people! That is, people who happily step forward, time and again, without hesitation, to help, contribute, and lift the spirit of the group. It's inspiring and energising to be in your company.

A special thank you to Margot and Yvonne for their thoughtful organisation of our Christmas party, and to everyone who generously gave their time on Friday morning to help with the setup. Your efforts made all the difference.

My warmest thanks,  
**Greg Beard**

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

**Thu 11 Dec Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**  
Nigel Harris, AM - Philanthropy: Love or Money

**Thu 18 Dec Christmas Meeting @ USC – [RSVP](#)**

~~Thu 01 & 15 Jan~~ **No Meetings – Christmas Break, USC Closed**

**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

**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.

**Rotary in Action**

Last week we attended a Jimboomba Rotary meeting for Noela to do a St Jude's presentation. Photo is with the President Reagan.



It's a great little Club who punch well above their weight. They were once awarded Rotary Club of the Year for a small club by R.I.

The meeting was in the Community Hall restored, and now managed, by the Club. Dinner was self catered and no charge. The raffle tickets were not charged for either. (And pleased to report I was a winner).

A major project coming up is an Australia Day bike ride. The last project raised \$23k. Impressive!

**Bill Phillips**

**This Week's Guest Speaker**



**Nigel Harris** is an established and recognised non-profit sector leader with a strong focus on fundraising and philanthropy. With a career spanning nearly 40 years, Nigel is one of Australia's most experienced and successful health foundation CEOs and a respected advisor to organisational leaders, fundraising executives, and donors. <https://www.nigelharris.com.au>

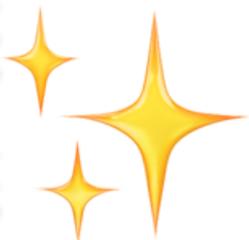
**Santa is coming to Brisbane High-Rise!**

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** [yvrobson@gmail.com](mailto:yvrobson@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're looking forward to a magical visit!**



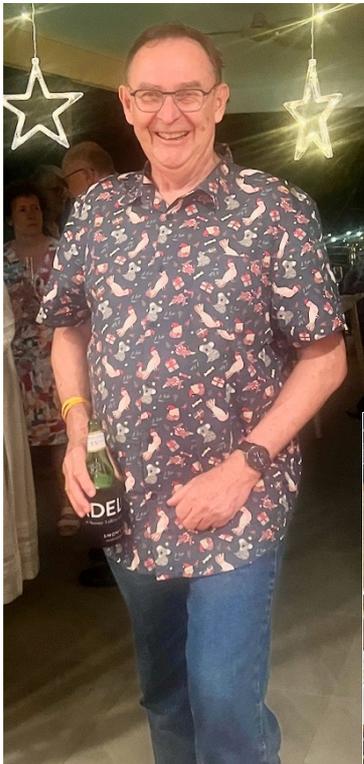
Heather Knight & Helen Fox



Bill Phillips & Kym McCluskey



**High-Rise  
Christmas Party**



Lindsay Marshall



Margot Baillie, Zanthia Tillmanns & Loretta Lynch



Robert Tillmanns, Heather Knight, Ann-Maree Bennett and Greg Beard. And Fergus



Ann-Maree Bennett & Ann Maree Buttner



*John & Ann Maree Buttner, Russell & Debbie Postle, Loretta Lynch, Ann-Maree Bennett, Ros Mumford, Margot Baillie & Greg Beard*



*Zanthia Tillmanns*



*Peter & Helen Fox, Denis & Rosemary Meadows, Lindsay Marshall, Phil & Sue Gough*



*The 3 Christmas Elves*



*Susan Rix, Anne Barker, Steve & Heather Knight, Bill Phillips, Kym McClusky, Suzy Mellor*



*Robert, Zanthia & Angela Tillmanns*



Activities outside of Club Meetings

DECEMBER	
Rotary Disease Prevention & Treatment Month	
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	
Rotary Vocational Service Month	
Art Show 2026 Preparation	Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 19-Jan
Board Meeting (ZOOM) 19/1/2025	1st BHR Club Meeting Pls note new date 22 Jan
Combined Meeting w/ Paddington Club @ USC 29-Jan	Kinross Cluster Meeting 29-Jan

**KEY:**

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

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 the myself 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**

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 11 Dec Phil G	Helen F
Thu 18 Dec Deb LeG	Phil G
Thu 25 Dec - 15 Jan No Meetings - Closed for Christmas	
Thu 22 Jan Loretta L	Deb LeG
Thu 29 Jan Ken M	Loretta L / Murray B
Thu 05 Feb Lindsay M	Ken M
Thu 12 Feb Kym McC	Lindsay M

International Toast

This week is we are celebrating the: **Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria**



**Olayinka Hakeem Babalola**, a member of the **Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria**, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's president for 2026-27. His term will begin on 1 July 2026.

Babalola began his Rotary journey in 1984 as a Rotaractor. He joined the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi 10 years later. His leadership roles include serving as district governor (2011-12), RI vice president (2019-20), and member of the RI Board (2018-20). He was also an active leader and participant in RI committees such as the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee (2017-23) and the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee (2013-present, adviser 2016-present).

Babalola received a university degree in engineering in 1988. He worked for 25 years in the oil and gas industry, holding senior positions in Shell PLC. He is the founder of two companies: Riviera Technical Services Ltd., an oil and gas infrastructure delivery company, and Lead and Change Consulting, an executive coaching and organizational performance advisory group.

Babalola and his wife, Preba, live in the city of Port Harcourt. He supports The Rotary Foundation with a named endowment and as an Arch Klumph Society member. A trustee of ShelterBox UK, he is a recipient of the Africa Centennial Heroes Award, the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World, the RI Service Above Self Award, and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.

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