

 **HOT AIR**

13 November 2025 — Rotary Foundation Month

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**International Toast:**  
*The Rotary Clubs of  
Benin, Niger, and Togo*  
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**The President's Post**

Nick Mair's presentation last Thursday has prompted a great deal of reflection. It struck me how much our Club already functions as a kind of "support group" — perhaps even a "Wolfpack" — offering encouragement and connection among its members.

Still, I find myself wondering whether there is more we could, or should, do to support one another. This isn't to suggest that we're lacking in any way, but rather to consider whether there are opportunities to deepen that sense of mutual support.

Even if we ultimately conclude that our current approach serves us well, I believe it would be valuable to have the conversation. May I propose that we set aside a few moments at an upcoming meeting to explore this idea? It may reaffirm that what we have is exactly right — or it might reveal new ways to strengthen our bonds and the spirit of our Club.

**Greg Beard**



*Welcome on Board!*

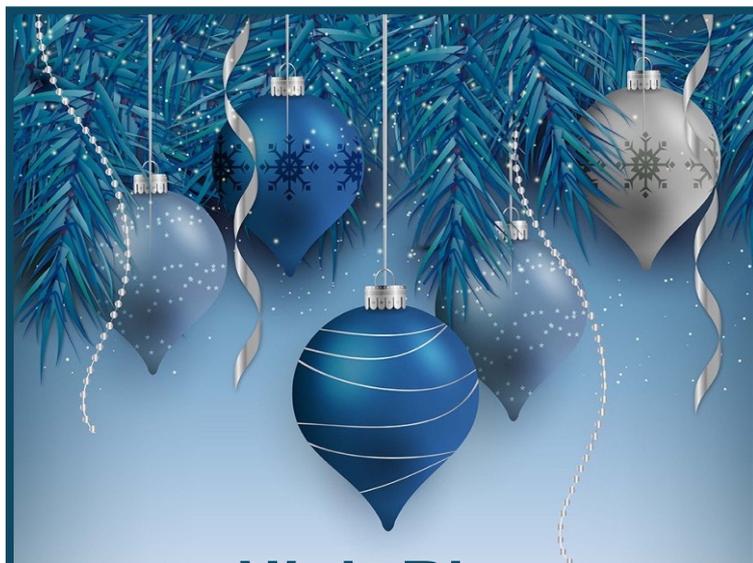
The focus for the two **Member Meetings – m&m's** - is on bringing along a guest. Our meetings feature excellent guest speakers so a great opportunity to see our Club at its best.

The second m&m is in two weeks on the 20th November. The guest speaker will be **Amanda Jackes, Woodfordia**, speaking about Unity & Good Will.

Plenty of time to search into your networks of friends and neighbours, with an emphasis on bringing along guests who might be interested in Rotary - they just haven't been asked!

So what have **m&m's** got to do with it? Everything!  
As a very special incentive, for every guest you bring along, you will receive a packet of **m&m's**. How's that for stimulation!

**Bill Phillips**



**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 [yrobson@gmail.com](mailto:yrobson@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 13 Nov** Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)
- Thu 20 Nov** Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)  
Amanda Jackes, Woodfordia – Unity & Good Will  
•• Membership Drive Meeting ••
- Sun 23 Nov** Paddington Club 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch – [Book](#)  
Botanic Gardens Café, Mount Coot-tha
- Thu 27 Nov** Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)  
Club Assembly
- ~~**Thu 04 Dec**~~ No Weekly Meeting – Christmas Party instead
- Fri 05 Dec** Club Christmas Party – NOTE CHANGED DATE

## Last Week's Meeting



Guest Speaker  
Nick Mair &  
Greg Beard



As one of the prizes in the 2025 Brisbane Rotary Art Show Raffle, Phil Gough generously donated himself to paint and frame a watercolour. This is the completed work, which was enthusiastically received.



Deb LeGarde  
& Jennifer  
Eathorne



Greg Beard & Ann-Maree Bennett and their  
guests and neighbours



Deb LeGarde & Robyn Drake not  
winning the Joker Draw.



Dyls Bertelsen & guest

## Pride of Workmanship Awards 2026 Nominations

The **Annual Pride of Workmanship Awards** will be on again in 2026.

This is your opportunity to recognise and celebrate those in your workplace or the wider community who deliver outstanding service with dedication, commitment and pride in a job well done.

During the Christmas break we are asking you to take a few moments to reflect on those deserving of public recognition – perhaps you already have someone in mind!

For more information, or to nominate someone, please email me at:

[apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com](mailto:apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com)

**Rosemary Meadows**



## Ros Mumford's Recent Travels



That is Mt Etna, of course, near where I stayed.

We visited the extinct craters as there is no access to the active peak!

I was an apology last week while I sort out a damaged thumb, torn ligament.

And no, I wasn't tipsy on lovely Sicilian vino – that came later to kill the pain.

# Upcoming Events

JANE ANDERSEN IS ORGANISING A TABLE AT THIS EVENT  
PLEASE LET HER KNOW IF YOU ARE ATTENDING



SAVE THE DATE! YOU'RE INVITED TO...

COFFEE BRIGADE'S

## FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

WESTS RUGBY CLUB

7:30AM FOR 8:00AM START

MEMORIAL PARK, 65 SYLVAN ROAD TOOWONG  
QLD 4066

JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST,  
FUN RAFFLES, ENGAGING SPEAKERS,  
AND MORE

Space is limited – \$80 per ticket - Book Now!

For a registration link email us:

[info@coffebrigade.org.au](mailto:info@coffebrigade.org.au)

## Sandwiches at Coffee Brigade

**Sign up now!**

We need to get the Sandwich roster sorted  
for the rest of this year and all of 2026.

Please let Robyn know what dates  
you can assist.

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

Mon 17 Nov 25  
Mon 15 Dec 25  
Mon 22 Dec 25  
Mon 19 Jan 26  
Mon 16 Feb 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.

**Robyn Drake**



## 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LUNCH PARTY

Rotary Paddington/Brisbane Planetarium



Sunday 23rd November  
12pm for 12:30pm start

### ABOUT

40th Birthday Celebration of a remarkable Club

On: Sunday 23 November 2025

At: 12:00 for 12:30pm – 4:30pm

Where: Botanic Gardens Café 152 Mount Coot-tha Rd, Mount Coot-tha QLD 4066

Rotarians and their friends Cost: \$ 68 Inc. 2 course lunch & drink on arrival then cash bar  
Rotaractors and their friends special price \$35

### DATE

Sunday 23 November 2025 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (UTC+10)

### LOCATION

Botanic Gardens Cafe  
152 Mount Coot-Tha Rd, , Mount Coot-Tha QLD 4066

[Book Here](#)



## 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.

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

## Activities outside of Club Meetings

NOVEMBER <i>Rotary Foundation Month</i>		DECEMBER <i>Rotary Disease Prevention &amp; Treatment Month</i>	
Art Show 2026 Preparation	World Interact Day 5-Nov	Art Show 2026 Preparation	Kinross Cluster Meeting 4-Dec
Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 10-Nov 😊	Pretty Woman The Musical QPAC 12-Nov	Club Christmas Party 5-Dec 🍷🎉	Last Day Early Rego Rotary Int Conf. 15-Dec
Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 17-Nov 😊	Club Meeting Bring a Guest 20-Nov 🧡	Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 15-Dec 😊	Family Xmas Party 18-Dec 🎁🎁🎁
Board Meeting 24-Nov	Coffee Brigade Fundraising Breakfast 25-Nov	QPAC Theatre Night "Spirit of Christmas" 18-Dec	Xmas Gift Wrapping Fundraiser for Act for Kids 20-Dec 🎁🎄
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## 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*

	Greeter & Closedown	Chair
Thu 13 Nov	Robyn D	Tom D
Thu 20 Nov	Jennifer E	Robyn D
Thu 27 Nov	Helen F	Jennifer E
<del>Thu 04 Dec</del>	<i>No Meeting – Club Christmas Party instead</i>	
Thu 11 Dec	Phil G	Helen F

## Upcoming Event



Rotary  
Club of Wynnum and Manly

## 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



**TOGETHER** WE SEE A WORLD  
WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION  
TO **CREATE** LASTING  
**CHANGE** ACROSS THE GLOBE  
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES

## International Toast

This week we are celebrating the:  
**Rotary Clubs of Benin, Niger, and Togo**



In **Cotonou, Benin**, a school wall has become a canvas of hope. Rotary members from **Benin, Niger, and Togo** introduced a 150 m<sup>2</sup> mural, a living story inspired by Benin's rich culture.



Created by local painters, the artwork reflects Rotary's values and raises awareness about key social issues.

The mural's unveiling gathered Rotary members, local leaders and students, all united by a shared belief: that art can be a force for awareness, action, and hope.

