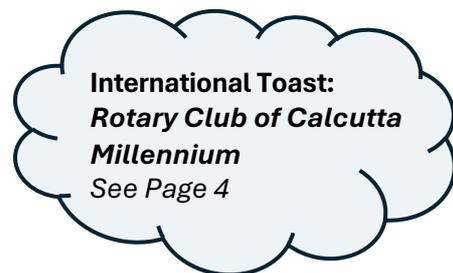


 **HOT AIR**

18 September 2025 — Basic Education and Literacy Month

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The President's Post

A little sad news to start: Peter Olds (95) passed away last week. Peter was the fellow who said he was honoured to be asked to forge the five Maheno Ship's bell replicas. We look forward to hearing more on Thursday.

Homelessness in Brisbane City is closely tied to urgent food insecurity: people sleeping rough, couch-surfing, or stuck in temporary accommodation often lack regular access to nutritious meals.

Brisbane Zero's "By-Name List" reported that there are 2,486 individual adults identified on the Brisbane By-Name List. These are people who are or have been sleeping rough (streets, parks, cars, tents etc), or moving in and out of emergency accommodation (like motels, couch surfing).

While ours is a relatively small contribution, it is no doubt a very important local issue in which we are involved. Our support of 3rd Space, Shelter Bags and Coffee Brigade is well placed. This was certainly reinforced this week when we had the opportunity to meet and hear from Billie Murphy, CEO at Coffee Brigade.

At our meeting, Murray handed over to Billie the \$18,900 raised by our recent Brisbane Rotary Art Show, and we were told that this donation was enough to fund and enable their second van to provide service for an additional day each week for a year.

Homelessness and food insecurity is an agreed priority area of support for our club, and I do believe that we should remain open to what else we might do.

Greg Beard

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 18 Sep Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Mark Symons, WWF – How WWF gets stories into the media - The art of pitching
- Thu 18 Sep An Evening with Dr Andrew Browning**
5-7pm Stamford Plaza, Brisbane – See Page 4
- Sat 20 & Sun 21 Sep Fig Tree Pocket Equestrian Centre**
Assist Rotaract RiverCity with car parking
- Thu 25 Sep Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Club Assembly – Club Mission Discussion
- Thu 02 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Tamsyn Kiely, 3rd Space
- Thu 04 Oct RARE Working Bee – [RSVP](#)**
Assisting at RARE Alexandria Hills
- Thu 09 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Dr Darryl Gauld OAM, Team Rainbow Rainbow Games Inc - an Overview
- Thu 16 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Prof Nick Martin, QIMR Berghofer - What twins can tell us about mental health problems

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

This Week's Guest Speaker

Mark Symons, WWF Australia

How WWF gets stories into the media

The art of pitching

WWF-Australia's mission is to restore and regenerate our Sky, Country and Saltwater.



WWF

AUSTRALIA



Regenerative Sky



Regenerative Country



Regenerative Saltwater



Fig Tree Pocket Equestrian Club - Parking Assistance

Help the Rotaract Club of Brisbane RiverCity with the parking at the Fig Tree Pocket Equestrian club on Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 September.

RiverCity provides the team to assist competitors arriving for the day's event; however, due to a mix up they are short for numbers and really need our help.

They need 3 or 4 people each day from 6am to about 9.30 / 10am.

The task is to guide 4WDs with floats attached into the allocated areas. Coordination of each day's parking will be led by Jimmy Postle. I will also be on the main gate parking those who are camping at the event.

Whilst there take the opportunity to have a look at the competition underway:

- Saturday till about 11:30 dressage in five arenas; showjumping from 12:30.
- Sunday cross country (yes you can walk onto the course to watch) and showjumping in the arena.

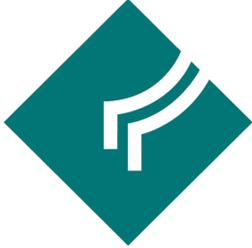
Competitors range from starting out to high level. Hosted by Fig Tree Pocket Equestrian Club, this is in the Olympic sport of eventing – one horse and rider competing in the three disciplines of dressage, showjumping & cross country.

Coffee and food is available at the canteen. Let me know if you can assist

Russell Postle



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Last Week's Meeting

Art Show Beneficiary Presentation:

One of the beneficiaries of the 2025 Rotary Art Show is Coffee Brigade and Murray Bell presented their share of this year's proceeds to Billie Murphy, CEO of the Coffee Brigade, when she was speaking at our meeting last week.

Coffee Brigade are so grateful for the incredible donation from the Brisbane Rotary Art Show. This amount will make a significant difference to Coffee Brigade and enable us to provide our service to more people, who need it most. We have just launched a second van service, and this amount will allow us to add an additional day of service, over a 12-month period. A truly generous donation and one that will have an impact on those doing it tough in the Brisbane community!



Greg Beard, Billie Murphy, Jane Andersen & Murray Bell



Matt Wibberley & Billie Murphy



Jennifer Eathorne, Ann-Maree Bennett & Yvonne Todd



Yvonne Robson & Bill Phillips



Wendy Protheroe & Dyls Bertelsen.
Roly Wells behind.



Susan Rix, Jane Andersen & Murray Bell

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

COFFEE BRIGADE'S FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

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

FORMAL INVITATION AND TICKET INFORMATION COMING SOON

Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

Calendar 2025-26

Activities outside of Club Meetings

KEY:

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

SEPTEMBER

Basic Education and Literacy Month

Art Show 2026 Preparation	An Evening with Dr Andrew Browning 18-Sep
Fellowship Dinner at Caravanserai Date TBC	Board Meeting 29-Sep

OCTOBER

Community Economic Development Month

Art Show 2026 Preparation	R.A.R.E. 4-Oct-25
Kinross Cluster Meeting 9-Oct	Poetry Night Date & Venue TBC
World Polio Day 24-Oct	Board Meeting 27-Oct

ROTARY'S VISION STATEMENT

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

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
Assisted By:	
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 18 Sep	Margot B	Jane A
Thu 25 Sep	Murray B	Margot B
Thu 02 Oct	Ann-Maree Be	Murray B
Thu 09 Oct	Kit B	Ann-Maree Be
Thu 16 Oct	Dylys B	Kit B



An Evening with DR ANDREW BROWNING AM

Join us to hear Dr Browning's latest stories and updates about the state of maternal healthcare, including fistula repairs and prevention, in East Africa.

Thurs 18th Sept
5pm - 7pm

Stamford Plaza
Brisbane

Tickets \$60pp



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International Toast

This week is we are celebrating the:
Rotary Club of Calcutta Millennium



The **Rotary Club of Calcutta Millennium** organized Project Virangana at Calcutta Airport English High School, focusing on empowering young girls through self-defence training. The purpose of the project was to enhance personal safety, confidence, and self-reliance among students, equipping them with practical skills to protect themselves in challenging situations. The project plan included professional instructors conducting interactive workshops covering essential defence techniques, situational awareness, and confidence-building exercises. Over 100 schoolgirls participated, gaining hands-on experience and guidance to face real-life scenarios. This initiative benefits the students directly by fostering a sense of empowerment and independence while indirectly impacting families and the wider community by promoting safety awareness and encouraging a culture of proactive protection for young women.