

 **HOT AIR**

20 November 2025 — Rotary Foundation Month

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International Toast:
Rotary Club of St. Thomas,
Ontario, Canada
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The President's Post

We are now nearly six months into this Rotary year. After our planning meeting, we set a program with a few changes, and this is a good moment to reflect on how it's going. As we look ahead to 2026, what—if anything—should we adjust? Is there something we should add? Are there activities we could remove or refine to enhance the energy, well-being, and enjoyment of being part of the Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise?

I keep reflecting too, on Nick Mair's session with us and wondering how we might apply some of his simple suggestions to our own club behaviour, with the aim of being more supportive and strengthening our sense of "village." It would be good to bring this topic forward for discussion also as time permits.

At our next General Assembly on 27 November, I'd like us to take a few moments to discuss these questions. In the meantime, may I ask you to give this some thought so we can make the most of the time available at our meeting.

Greg Beard

This Week's Guest Speaker




Lake Glula Camping at Woodfordia offers shady bush campsites and luxury glamping tents set alongside a crystal-clear, chemical-free lake.

Swim, bushwalk, or simply relax by the water with friends or family. With options for couples, small groups, or club retreats, Lake Glula is the perfect place to unwind and reconnect.

Unity and Goodwill: A Woodfordian Invitation

Amanda Jackes, Managing Director and Co-founder of Woodfordia Inc, will share how Woodfordia and the Woodford Folk Festival embody the spirit of unity and goodwill — values aligned with Rotary's own ethos of service and community.

More than just a festival, Woodfordia is a 500-acre cultural parkland regenerated through decades of collaboration, creativity, and volunteer dedication.

The upcoming 38th Woodford Folk Festival (27 Dec 25 – 1 Jan 26) welcomes over 1,800 artists and thousands of participants in a temporary village built on kindness, storytelling, and shared imagination.

Amanda will introduce the Forest of Goodwill — a campaign to secure Woodfordia's land in trust for future generations — inviting people to be part of a legacy of cultural and environmental stewardship.

The talk is a call to connection: an invitation to visit, support, or collaborate, and a reminder that goodwill is a powerful force for shaping the future — together.



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 20th December:	Sunday 21st December:
Morning: 9am – 1pm	Morning: 9am – 1pm
Afternoon: 1pm – 5pm	Afternoon: 1pm – 5pm
Monday 22nd December:	Tuesday 23rd December:
Morning: 9am – 1pm	Morning: 9am – 1pm
Afternoon: 1pm – 4pm	Afternoon: 1pm – 4pm
Evening: 4pm – 7pm	Evening: 4pm – 7pm
Wednesday 24th December:	Location:
Morning: 9am – 1pm	Toowong Village, 9
Afternoon: 1pm – 5pm	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.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Thu 20 Nov Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)
Amanda Jackes, Woodfordia – Unity & Good Will
•• Membership Drive Meeting ••

Sun 23 Nov Paddington Club 40th 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 – [RSVP](#)

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

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

Last Week's Meeting



Roly Wells, Bill Phillips & Cindy Kemp



Rob O'Donovan & Bill Phillips

Some pics from Phil Gough's 2015 Africa Trip presentation:



Phil Gough & Dyls Bertelsen



Ways to support Coffee Brigade

Make Sandwiches:

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, it's **every month** and our slot is the 3rd Monday of each month:

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.

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 and scroll down & fill in the form.

Robyn Drake

**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 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**

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

For a registration link email us:

info@coffeebrigade.org.au

Hygiene & Pantry Items:

Today, after our sandwich making, Billie requested some donations of hygiene and pantry items would be much appreciated as they are low on them.

- Hygiene items - deodorant, mini toiletries etc
- Pantry items- packet soups and 2 minute noodles, any packaged snacks, cup of soup, tins of tuna, etc.

On a recent road trip in Tasmania I collected these mini toiletries which Coffee Brigade loves having for their clients. So, when you next are staying in a hotel or motel room, would you please collect what you can. Jane Andersen



Please bring these items to the remaining few meetings this year so that we can deliver them to Coffee Brigade before Christmas.

And with Christmas in mind if you want to add a treat – please do!

Jane Andersen & Margot Baillie

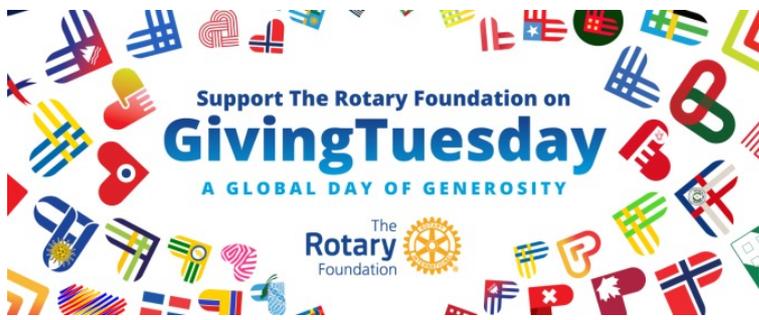
Club Christmas Celebration



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

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.



We need your leadership to help raise funds and awareness for **The Rotary Foundation this Giving Tuesday, 2 December.**

This global day of generosity is an opportunity for all members to make a big impact with a gift of any size. A donation to Annual Fund-SHARE supports projects you're passionate about, both in your community and around the world. A gift to PolioPlus helps transport vaccines and immunize children to keep them safe.

Here's how you can help prepare the Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise for Giving Tuesday:

- **Watch** our GivingTuesday video with your club.
- **Donate** to The Rotary Foundation on GivingTuesday.
- **Download** our GivingTuesday graphics and share them with others.

The Rotary Foundation will again recognize the top three clubs in fundraising, donor participation, and online giving. Find out which clubs were recognized last year and set a giving goal for your club this year.

Just be sure the gifts are made on 2 December!

Thank you for your leadership and support. As we approach this day of giving, remind other members that every contribution, no matter the size, helps Rotary create positive change in the world.

We know that with your help, together we can make an even bigger impact this Giving Tuesday!



Once again, we are requesting members and clubs to make a donation to the **Polio Plus Society** of \$100 individually or \$1000 per club.

Individuals who donate will become members of the **Polio Plus Society** and, in recognition of this, will receive a certificate and a badge.

Clubs who donate more than \$1,000 will receive a certificate.

District 9620 will match the donations \$ for \$ for the first 100 members who contribute and likewise for the first 10 clubs.

As previously, there is no stipulation as to whether the donation is in Australian or US Dollars this is up to the member to choose.

If Rotary International is to again be eligible for the Gates Foundation \$ for \$ subsidy then we must raise more than \$US100M towards the Polio Plus Campaign.

The funds raised through the **Polio Plus Society** are intended to get us over the line again this year.

Members who joined the **Polio Plus Society** last year are asked to again act on their pledge and contribute again this year.

I don't need to tell you how important this campaign is to the world and I would be delighted to see as many members as possible join up this year to expand the base of this critical campaign.

Email me and I will send you a Membership Form to complete.

Email: bruce@brucemcnaught.com

Bruce McNaught (District 9620 Foundation Polio Committee Chair)



District 9620 Rotary Foundation Seminar will be held at **Bostock House, Wacol** following the District's AGM on **Sunday 23rd November 2025.**

The seminar will run from approximately 10.15am till shortly after 1.00pm, and will be followed by a light lunch.

The program for the morning has been structured to provide a number of insights into the Foundation's activities including Project of Scale, Programs supported by the Foundation, and the does and don'ts of applying for a District Grant.

Michael Carrigan Rotary District Foundation Co-ordinator.

Email carrigma50@gmail.com Mobile 0427 009 181



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

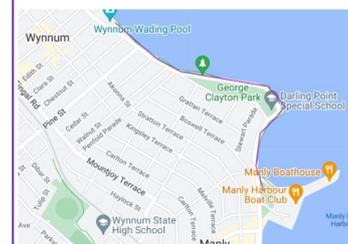


Walk Against Domestic and Family Violence

Sunday 7th 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



Effective Thinking and Writing (WRIT1999)



WRIT1999 is a University of Queensland Enhanced Studies course open to Year 11 students from eligible schools or any Queensland Year 11 student who identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

The goal of the course is to assist students who have completed Year 11 in acquiring academic skills that will enhance their Year 12 performance and gain a university place in their desired program. It is free to all eligible students.

Key Details

Dates: Monday 12 – Friday 16 January 2026

Format: 5 days of classes

Times: 9am–3pm each day

Venue: The University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus

Benefits



Previous WRIT1999 students have shown improved academic results, higher rates of university completion and success in UQ degree programs.



Students who successfully complete WRIT1999 will be eligible to receive one adjustment point toward their UQ entrance rank (1-99 scale) through the Subject Incentive Scheme.



Students who later enrol in a relevant UQ degree may receive credit for their completed course, depending on which degree they enrol in and subject to approval by the relevant Faculty.



WRIT1999 counts for 2 points towards a student's Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

For more information, please contact:

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Eligible schools and enrolment process:

To identify eligible schools and learn more about the enrolment process, visit:

www.critical-thinking.project.uq.edu.au/writ1999

UQ Donations:

To support a student, please pay the total amount of your preferred option online here:

www.donations.uq.edu.au/critical-thinking-project



Watch why WRIT1999 is award-winning

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 & 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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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
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 20 Nov	Jennifer E	Robyn D
Thu 27 Nov	Helen F	Jennifer E
Thu 04 Dec	No Meeting – Club Christmas Party instead	
Thu 11 Dec	Phil G	Helen F
Thu 18 Dec	Deb LeG	Phil G
Thu 25 Dec	No Meeting – Closed for Christmas	

Earlybird Closing Soon

Rotary 
Districts 9560, 9620 & 9640

TRI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE
SAVE THE DATE!
MAY 1ST TO 3RD 2026

**REACHING
ACROSS
BOUNDARIES**

Join us as we:

- Connect
- Collaborate
- Create meaningful change
- One connection at a time

Location:

RACV Royal Pines,
Gold Coast Resort

Early Bird Tickets

Close November 30th 2025

Scan me



www.conference.rotary-3d.org

International Toast

This week is we are celebrating the:
Rotary Club of St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada

When leaders at the **Rotary Club of St. Thomas in Ontario** noticed a lack of engagement, the club adapted by adjusting its schedule to allow more time for service. The result has been astonishing, with an energized mission and growing interest by prospective members, says Barbara Warnock, immediate past president of the club. "Meeting every week was a deterrent to new members, and we felt that we needed to have more active participation in local projects."

The club now meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, with the other Wednesdays designated for volunteering at two local organizations: Grace Café, a street mission and soup kitchen, and Harvest Hands, which collects and distributes edible foodstuffs that would ordinarily have been discarded.

"Our Rotarians have embraced this work to contribute to feeding those in need."

