

 **HOT AIR**

23 October 2025 — Community Economic Development Month

hotair@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com



The President's Post

Thanks for being at last week's meeting and thanks to all who asked a guest along. A special thanks to those who succeeded; Loretta, Phil, Roly, Yvonne, David and Bill. It made for an encouraging and entertaining meeting.

Friday 24 October is World Polio Day!

From our Assistant Governor Bruce McNaught living with polio as a child, to Sir Clem Renouf Rotary International President 1985 from Nambour in Queensland introducing and placing Rotary at the forefront of the global fight to end polio.

Through the past 40 years Rotary's PolioPlus program has helped immunize over 3 billion children across 122 countries. Working with partners like the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary has reduced polio cases by over 99.9%. Volunteers worldwide raise funds, spread awareness, and participate in vaccination campaigns. Today, polio remains endemic in only a few countries, but Rotary remains committed until the disease is completely eradicated. Ending polio is Rotary's promise—a gift of health and hope for every child.

It is possible to donate to PolioPlus through the Rotary Foundation. Please speak to Susan Rix if you need help doing so.

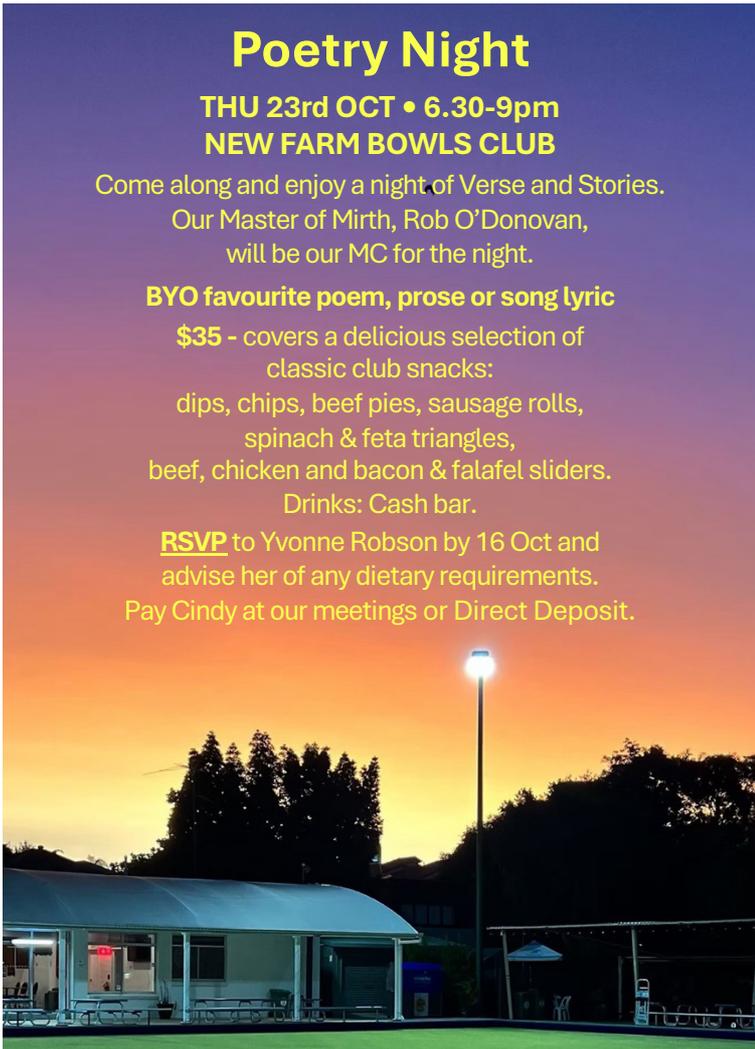
Looking forward to another great meeting this week with our guest speaker Madonna King, and then the Poetry Night to follow:

*Rob, so as not to be outdone.
Let me mention next week's fun.
Breakfast will be with a King
as Madonna does her thing.
Kirsten will greet us well
as Dylys chairs - what a belle.
The well loved poetry night then to follow
Lead by Rob - Oh such a quickwitted fellow
Bill suggests how helpful it might beearly drinks
so I'll be early too ...me thinks!*

Greg Beard



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



Poetry Night

THU 23rd OCT • 6.30-9pm
NEW FARM BOWLS CLUB

Come along and enjoy a night of Verse and Stories.
Our Master of Mirth, Rob O'Donovan, will be our MC for the night.

BYO favourite poem, prose or song lyric

\$35 - covers a delicious selection of classic club snacks:

- dips, chips, beef pies, sausage rolls,
- spinach & feta triangles,
- beef, chicken and bacon & falafel sliders.
- Drinks: Cash bar.

RSVP to Yvonne Robson by 16 Oct and advise her of any dietary requirements.

Pay Cindy at our meetings or Direct Deposit.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 23 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Madonna King – Screenwise: what we need to know to keep our children and grandchildren safe
- Thu 23 Oct Poetry Night @ New Farm Bowls Club – [RSVP](#)**
Hosted by Rob O'Donovan

 **WORLD POLIO DAY IS 24 OCTOBER** 

- Thu 30 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Club Assembly
- Tue 02 Nov Melbourne Cup Trifecta – See Page 3**
Got your tickets? Check to see if you won!
- Thu 06 Nov Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Nick Mair, Mental Health Pack
- Thu 13 Nov Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**

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 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:

info@coffebrigade.org.au

This will be a great event and a good fundraiser for Women's Legal Service Qld. It isn't an official High-Rise event but may be of interest as it's a fun thing to do. Tickets are on sale now. **Margot Baillie**

at RIVERSTAGE it's
PUB CHOIR'S
CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING
EXTRAVAGANZA!
for Women's
Legal Service Qld
Thursday 11 December 2025
BRISBANE/MEANJIN tickets at
PUBCHOIR.COM.AU

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

QPAC Theatre Night SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS Thursday 18 Dec 25



Adult \$79 Child \$49

QPAC's longest running event returns to the iconic Concert Hall. Two of Australia's leading musical theatre stars will join a host of special guests in uplifting seasonal song and much-loved Christmas carols, beautifully supported by a full orchestra and the glorious voices of the QPAC Chamber Choir and MOSAIC Multicultural Choir.

Click for more info: [QPAC Spirit of Christmas](https://qpac.com.au/whats-on/spirit-of-christmas)

Contact Susax Rix to book

2025 Rotary South Pacific Zone Conference

Gold Coast, Australia | 31 Oct – 2 Nov 2025

All Rotarians and Rotaractors are invited to come together to **Connect, Share and Grow** at the **2025 Rotary South Pacific Zone Conference.**

You will be inspired and motivated as we connect and share ideas to grow Rotary and activate the strategic priorities of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

The 2025 event will be held at Twin Towns Conference and Function Centre, Tweed Heads, just a few minutes stroll to Coolangatta and the Gold Coast's spectacular beaches.

<https://rotarydownunder.org/events/rotary-international-convention-2025/>

Last Week's Meeting



Guest Speaker Prof Nick Martin, QIMR Berghofer & Rob O'Donovan, Chair.



Andrew Albury, Ann-Marre Bennett, Maggie O'Neill (visitor from Ireland & JCI Senator) & Greg Beard



Nick Martin & Ann Maree Buttner



David Bunce, Ian Bunce & Matt Wibberley



Yvonne Robson, Bill Leveritt & Anne Barker



Steve Knight, Maggie O'Neill, Ann-Maree Bennett & Russell Postle



Thank you for your support with our Members Meeting last week. (16th). We had a nice number of guests resulting in a broad payout of M & M packets as promised. It was a great meeting with a fascinating guest speaker. This is a feature of our Club making it easy to promise guests an enjoyable experience with an introduction to Rotary through attending one or our meetings. The added guests ensured we had a good attendance level. This adds to the experience for guests and members alike. It certainly sends a strong message that we are a vigorous and healthy Club.

On 20th November we have another M & M meeting. The guest speaker is from the Woodford Folk Festival, Amanda Jacks, invited back by popular demand. It will be another feature meeting. I know some members who had potential guests to bring along could not make it happen last week. With plenty of notice aim for the 20th. You don't want to miss out on a bonus pack of M & M's.

Bill Phillips



JCI 110 Most Influential Leaders Award – Greg Beard

Greg Beard has been recognised by Junior Chamber International:

Junior Chamber International (JCI) recognised 110 Influential Members as part of their 110th Anniversary celebrations which were announced at the recent JCI ASPAC Conference in Mongolia. Presentations were made in Melbourne, Perth and at the recent National Conference.

Some more detail from Greg's Son Alex:

Dad was recognised in Manila back in July with the 110 Influential Members for Asia & Pacific award. The category which he was recognised celebrates former JCI officers who've continued to show commitment to developing young people.

He was one of six Australians recognised, with the judging panel looking at both contributions through JCI and the impact nominees have made in their communities and careers since 'aging out.' In Dad's case, his work in people development at NAB, and his involvement with the Queensland Cancer Council, Relay for Life, the Mater Foundation, and programs like RYLA and Rotary more broadly were all highlighted in his nomination.

Other names recognised from the region included Japanese Prime Ministers Tarō Asō and Shinzo Abe, and His Royal Highness Mangkunegara X of Java — so he's in pretty impressive company! I was lucky enough to be in Manila to receive the award on his behalf.



Volunteering at Coffee Brigade

Sandwiches:

Sign up now! It's nearly the end of the year and we need to get the Sandwich roster filled for 2026. Please let Robyn know what dates you can assist.

We have committed to assisting with the sandwich making **every month** from January next year, and our slot is the 3rd Monday of each month:

- Mon 19 Jan 26
- Mon 16 Feb 26
- Mon 16 Mar 26
- Mon 20 Apr 26
- Mon 18 May 26
- Mon 15 Jun 26
- Mon 20 Jul 26
- Mon 17 Aug 26
- Mon 21 Sep 26
- Mon 19 Oct 26
- Mon 16 Nov 26
- Mon 21 Dec 26



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.

Van:

Are you interested in going out in the van to deliver sandwiches and a drink to the homeless? Skye, our contact at Coffee Brigade, has suggested that you book online at coffeebrigade.org.au/volunteer and scroll down to fill in the form.

Then, initially, Skye will match you up with two other experienced volunteers, until you become more experienced. Eventually, if you have indicated your connection with Brisbane High-Rise, Skye will put us together in small teams.



Robyn Drake

Salvos Bike Workshop

Today we donated a couple of bikes to the **Salvos Bike Workshop** and Andy gave me this pamphlet. Five years on they are going strong and Damon, their mechanic, is clean and in stable housing in West End which is great to hear. They raised funds and have bought this terrific van which they share with **StreetLevel**.

This is a reminder to our members and their contacts in the cycling community to support them. **Margot Baillie**

BIKE WORKSHOP
80 GLENROSA ROAD, RED HILL

OPENING HOURS:
TUESDAY – SATURDAY
9AM-12PM

IF BIKE SHOP IS UNATTENDED PLEASE CALL:
0432 422 371

SALVOS STORES 

Thank you for supporting the SALVOS by having a bicycle from our SALVOS RE-CYCLE BIKE range.

You may know the SALVOS as a haven for saving broken and damaged lives. Many people are doing it tough for all sorts of reasons. At StreetLevel we see the analogy between giving purpose to damaged and fractured lives and helping to restore damaged and unwanted bikes.

Our bike workshop is to keep the unwanted goods, the damaged, those that others can't be bothered to repair, those that are no longer pretty, those you may no longer want around you, those that just sit, unloved and unloved.

STREETLEVEL provides a safe drop-in centre.

We hope it is a "place to experience grace" where everyone is Valued, Accepted & Loved.

Our Re-Cycle Bike Workshop is an extension of that safe place and gives our members a supported environment from which to redeploy their skills and give back to the community.

Our members take great pride in bringing your bike back to life.

You've not just bought a bike, your bicycle has been restored.

You've given new purpose to members of our community who have worked on its restoration.

When it needs a service, bring it to us and when it no longer fits your purpose, please remember us again. We're committed to ongoing care of our community and value your support and recommendations!

"A place where people are Valued, Accepted and Loved"

Maternity Africa, Arusha, Tanzania

This is an excerpt from a report by Magdalena at Maternity Africa, recently received by Noela – I have included below the story of just one Social (Care) Pack recipient, the report speaks about many more, 13 in total, and highlights the need of these packs and the gratitude with which they are received – Ed:

Before a patient is discharged, several factors are considered when preparing a social support package. These may include the patient's living conditions, financial status, family support, access to community services, and any ongoing medical or psychological needs.

Things included in the package:

Commodity	Quantity	Price @	Total
Rice	15kg	3000	45000
Sugar	3kg	3500	10500
Bar soap	3bars	3500	10500
Baby clothes	1 pair	25000	25000
Porridge flour	10kg	2000	20000
Ugali flour	17kg	2000	34000
Cooking oil	5lts		37000
Total			182000/=

(Prices are TZ Shillings, total ~\$114 AUD):

Prices vary depending on market conditions. For mothers who give birth to twins, we provide two sets of baby clothes, which increases the overall cost. However, for fistula patients, we offer support without including baby clothes, which reduces the price.

Below is just one story and photos of a mama that we have recently supported with a social pack:



Theresa Mukutii Mollel is a mother from Moita Bwawani, living with her four children. Her husband is not around, and it is the in-laws (from the Maasai Boma), who are supporting her. Before delivery, she was admitted with anaemia, but none of her relatives could come to donate blood due to poor living conditions and a lack of transport money to the hospital. We also found out that her husband does not provide food, and it is the in-laws who help her with meals.

After delivery, we gave her a social support pack and took her back home. The environment she lives in is very dry, with challenges in accessing clean water and food. She was very happy to receive the support, and it brought a smile to her face. With the food provided, she will be able to take care of her baby and have enough milk to breastfeed.

The pictures show the place where she lives and sleeps. The room is very dark and has no mattress. They spread cow dung on the floor and cover it with a Maasai shuka, where she sleeps together with her children.

She received the pack on 22/09/2025.

melbourne cup

Rotary
Brisbane High-Rise



WIN \$1,000

trifecta



TICKETS \$2 ea

Contact: Bill Phillips 0418 780 663

In support of:

**Maternity Africa's Kivulini Maternity
Centre, Arusha, Tanzania**

Maternity Africa's Kivulini Maternity Centre is a not-for-profit, charity hospital in Arusha, Tanzania, founded by Dr Andrew Browning AM, an Aussie Obstetrician and Gynaecologist. It provides FREE, quality, evidence-based health care to vulnerable and poor women & girls in Tanzania, including: safe birthing procedures, antenatal and postnatal care, counselling, family planning and fistula repair.

All funds raised will support Andrew's aim to improve maternal health outcomes for the most destitute women in Tanzania. <https://maternityafrica.org/>

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

OCTOBER

Community Economic Development Month

Art Show 2026 Preparation	R.A.R.E. 4-Oct-25
PUBLIC HOLIDAY King's B'Day 6-Oct	Kinross Cluster Meeting 9-Oct
Club Meeting Bring A Guest 16-Oct	
Movie Night Polio Fundraiser \$25pp 20-Oct 6-9pm	Poetry Night \$35pp 23-Oct 6.30pm
World Polio Day 24-Oct	Board Meeting 27-Oct

NOVEMBER

Rotary Foundation Month

Art Show 2026 Preparation	Dinner Social TBC
World Interact Day 5-Nov	Pretty Woman The Musical QPAC 12-Nov
Club Meeting Bring a Guest 20-Nov	Board Meeting 24-Nov
Coffee Brigade Fundraising Breakfast 25-Nov	

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 23 Oct	Kerstin B	Dyllys B
Thu 30 Oct	Ann Maree Bu	Kerstin B
Thu 06 Nov	Tom D	Ann Maree Bu
Thu 13 Nov	Robyn D	Tom D
Thu 20 Nov	Jennifer E	Robyn D
Thu 27 Nov	Helen F	Jennifer E
Thu 04 Dec	No Meeting – Club Christmas Party instead	



Lindsay Marshall, Russell Postle and Alex Griffiths are, once again, supporting the RFDS through the **Oceans to Outback** October challenge.



*The 3 Musketeers met for coffee and all arrived wearing our O2O shirts (Oceans to Outback). As a relay on the actual ride Russell and I would be on the way from Tambo to Blackall. Alex is lagging a bit but extending his ride by detouring via Vietnam – I'm sure he will be at finish in time! **Lindsay Marshall***

Use the links below to support Lindsay, Russell and Alex and donate to the RFDS who provide vital emergency assistance to Outback Australia:

[Lindsay Marshall](#) [Russell Postle](#) [Alex Griffiths](#)

International Toast

This week is we are celebrating the:
Rotary Club of Türkiye Evrensel



Where did you first learn about Rotary's polio eradication efforts? For Diana Maria Pirga, it was 10 years ago during a Rotaract event. Today, she helps fight polio online and in the field, tracking misinformation and building trust in communities. Diana is not only a member of the Rotary Club of Türkiye Evrensel but she also works as an UNICEF digital communication specialist in Pakistan. For her, the fight to #EndPolio isn't just a cause...it's a calling to protect future generations ❤️ 24 October is #WorldPolioDay, get involved: on.rotary.org/4gZtsSQ