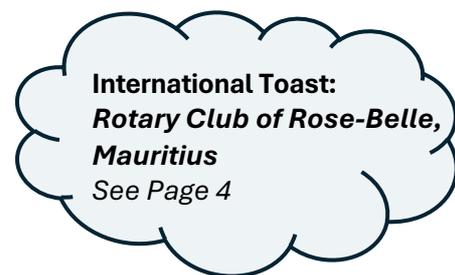


HOT AIR

25 September 2025 — Basic Education and Literacy Month

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The President's Post

Inspiring Insights from Last Week's Speaker

Last Thursday, we were privileged to hear from Mark Symons, Senior Media Advisor at the World Wide Fund for Nature (formerly World Wildlife Fund).

Mark delivered a thought-provoking presentation that sparked lively discussion and many insightful questions. His powerful imagery contrasted suburbia with and without trees — offering compelling evidence of how green spaces can combat rising temperatures. From “Heat Islands” becoming “Heat Continents” to the antics of Koala Claude, Mark blended facts with humour, showing us how storytelling and media can drive environmental awareness.

His depth of knowledge, paired with sharp wit and wisdom, made for an engaging and informative session we won't soon forget.

Looking Ahead: Defining Our Club's Future

Next week's meeting is not to be missed!

We'll be holding an important Discussion Group session focused on reviewing and refreshing our Club's Mission and Vision. This is a vital opportunity for every member to contribute to defining:

- Who we are
- Why we exist
- What we envision for the future

The session will be facilitated by Cindy Kemp, and promises to be both fun and productive, led by the energy and quick wit of our President-Elect.

Let's work together to shape the next chapter of our Club's journey.

Greg Beard

Upcoming Meetings & Events

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

Thu 23 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)

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

OCTOBER Service Activity



Our October Service Activity is at RARE on Sat 04 Oct.

Our task involves packing and stacking medical supplies, sorting books, etc, to be sent in containers to the Pacific Islands. It is as strenuous as you want it to be - there is a very wide range of activities you can choose from out there. And they do a rather nice morning tea too, plus you can meet all sorts of people from other Rotary clubs around Brisbane.

Please RSVP for this event and let me know if you (A) can come along, or (B) if you cannot come along or (C) if you do not want to come along, as I recognise this is not for everyone. This feedback helps me find activities that will best service the clubs' needs. Please send me an email if you have not already replied me via WhatsApp.

RARE is at 73 MacArthur St, Alexandra Hills. I will send a reminder SMS with directions and timing a few days prior, but it is normally an 8:30am start.

David Bunce

High-Rise Alumni



A small group of High-Rise Alumni members met in late August for a great paella lunch. Present were John McGinley, Helen Fox, John Arvier, Ron Mullins, Joy Cooper and Ken White. There were many apologies; for medical and travel reasons. Now that contact has been established the group will determine how often and in what way the connection will be continued. **Helen Fox**

Last Week's Meeting



Guest Speaker Mark Symons, WWF in centre with his wife and Bill Phillips.



Guest Alex Beard and Ann-Maree Bennett



Jennifer Eathorne & Roly Wells



Helen Fox & Bill Leveritt



Lindsay Marshall not winning the Joker Draw.

An Evening with Dr Andrew Browning

With the assistance and direct support of High-Rise, the **Barbara May Foundation** event at the Stamford Hotel on Thursday evening was a sell out.

The evening featured a presentation by the founder of the Barbara May Foundation, Dr Andrew Browning, who was our guest speaker a year or so ago. That was via Zoom. Thursday night gave us the opportunity to both hear Andrew in person and to meet him.

His address was, as always, inspiring. His Foundation provides services and support, free of charge, to East Africa's most vulnerable women through a combination of building and running maternity hospitals, providing specialist obstetric fistula treatment and conducting rural and remote educational programs. Some 700 women die each year in East Africa giving birth. More than 16,000 incur severe birthing injuries. Andrew, both personally and through his Foundation, is at the forefront of addressing these tragic circumstances, saving lives and restoring women's dignity.

High-Rise was well represented at the function and we were acknowledged for our recent support.

Bill Phillips



Coffee Brigade Sandwich Slappers

Rosemary, Helen, Yvonne, Robyn and I volunteered to make sandwiches for the **Coffee Brigade** run early last Friday. It is a well oiled machine that they have organised for volunteers to follow, and easy instructions for the sandwich shift. We were in and out under 2 hours with lots of chatter in between.

Jane Andersen



Helen Fox, Billie Murphy, Yvonne Robson, Robyn Drake & Jane Andersen



★★★★★
 'Hot drinks, cool humans
 and solid sangas!'



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

Fig Tree Pocket Equestrian Club Car Parking

Thanks to Rob O'Donovan, Roly Wells and Allan Strong on Saturday, then Robyn Drake, Lindsay Marshall, Steve Knight and Roly on Sunday, who were all at the Fig Tree Pocket Equestrian Club event over the weekend to help with the car & horse float parking.

We were there to assist RiverCity Rotaract with my son, Jimmy Postle in control. He well organised so it ran smoothly, and many of the people arriving were seasoned equestrian event participants so knew what to do, all of which made it an easy but worthwhile morning.

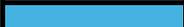
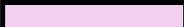
Russell Postle



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 <i>Basic Education and Literacy Month</i>	
Art Show 2026 Preparation	An Evening with Dr Andrew Browning 18-Sep
Fellowship Dinner at Caravanserai Date TBC	Board Meeting 29-Sep

OCTOBER <i>Community Economic Development Month</i>	
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

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 Rose-Belle, Mauritius



When science meets service, beautiful things can grow 🌱
The Sensory Garden of Ferney is a space where children with disabilities can experience nature in ways that support connection, emotional wellbeing, and sensory development. Led by Simi Khooblall and the **Rotary Club of Rose-Belle (Mauritius)**, this project shows the power of vision, dedication, and community.

Read the full story here: <https://on.rotary.org/4pnZs75>