

 **HOT AIR**

27 November 2025 — Rotary Foundation Month

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**International Toast:**  
*Rotary Club of Coimbatore  
Cotton City, Coimbatore,  
Tamil Nadu, India  
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**The President's Post**

We In 2023, after more than 30 years working alongside Woodfordia's founder, Bill Hauritz, Amanda Jackes took over as Festival Director and Managing Director of Woodfordia Inc. Hauritz described her leadership as the perfect match to carry the festival into the future.

Last Thursday — and for the second time this year — it became clear that the incredible recent developments at Woodfordia reflect the strength and depth of that leadership.

Amanda isn't just focused on delivering a great festival; she is deeply committed to Woodfordia's 500-year vision — a long-term plan that imagines the site as a cultural parkland sustained across generations. Her passion for the arts, community, and environmental stewardship continues to underpin many of Woodfordia's signature initiatives.

I have to confess that I've never attended the Woodford Folk Festival. (Family traditions and location kept it off my radar!) But I plan on changing that this year — not just to experience the event, but also to observe and explore opportunities for Rotary involvement.

If you're planning on attending some or all of the festival this year, please let me know. If we can coordinate, it might not only enhance our enjoyment but also help us generate creative ideas together.

**Greg Beard**

**Santa is coming to Brisbane High-Rise!**

Santa will be visiting us on **Thursday, 18 December** during our normal meeting time at United Service Club, and he warmly invites all children and grandchildren to come along and say hello.

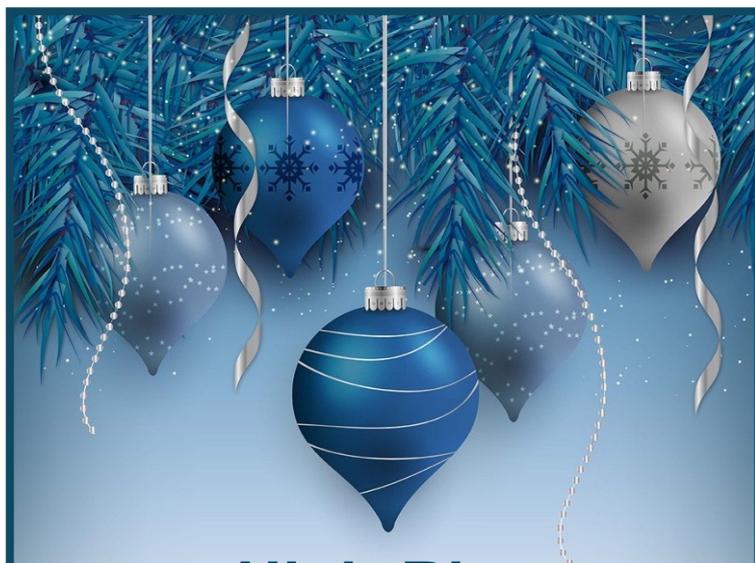


To help Santa prepare, please let his helper **Yvonne Robson** [yvrobson@gmail.com](mailto:yvrobson@gmail.com) know the names of any children who would like to meet him.



And to make the moment extra special, please bring a **wrapped gift** for each child, clearly labelled with their **name and age**, so Santa can present it personally.

**We look forward to a magical visit!**



**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 [yvrobson@gmail.com](mailto:yvrobson@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 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](#)**

**We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today, the Yuggera and Turrba people, and pay our respect to their elders past and present**

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

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

# Last Week's Meeting



Guest Speaker Amanda Jackes



Monique Betty (guest), Greg Beard & David Bunce

**A 30 YEAR HISTORY**

- Created 44,125 performance and development opportunities for over 30,000 artists
- Attracted over 3M visitors to Woodfordia (aggregate), including 1M from interstate and 77,407 from overseas
- Generated over \$102M in ticket sales
- Recruited, trained and managed over 51,345 volunteers
- Partnered with 20 festivals, 63 local government authorities and 72 community groups to deliver 833 shows in regional and remote communities over 49 tours
- Created a 500 acre parkland dedicated to the arts and humanities, underpinned by the highest environment standards
- Invested over \$27M in cultural infrastructure



Bill Phillips, Phil Gough, Dyls Bertlesen & guest Susie

To preserve Woodfordia, its wildlife and habitat for future generations, we need to secure the land and place it into a Foundation.

At the last festival we launched a campaign to raise \$5.7M, to buy the land and secure it for future generations.

To date we have raised \$1.3M from over 500 donors.

[www.aforestofgoodwill.woodfordia.com](http://www.aforestofgoodwill.woodfordia.com)

Woodfordia Inc. ABN 74 616 312 239 (Woodfordia) is a charity registered with the Australian Charities and Notforprofit Commission (ACNC) and is an endorsed cultural organisation.

All donations are tax deductible.



Jennifer Eathorne & Monique Betty (guest)



Steve Knight not winning the Joker Draw

## Pride of Workmanship Awards 2026

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**

Together we say  
**NO to DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE**  
**YES to RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS**

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

# 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](http://coffeebrigade.org.au/volunteer) and scroll down & fill in the form.

**Robyn Drake**

## Hygiene & Pantry Items:

Donations of hygiene and pantry items would be much appreciated as they are low on them.

### Hygiene items:

- Deodorant
- mini toiletries – collect from hotels & motels
- dental floss & toothbrush (ideally camping sized),
- sunscreen (small size)



### Pantry items:

- Instant Coffee Sachets, esp Caramel Latte!
- Black tea – Twinning's is popular.
- Snack sized foods: pre-packed "cheese & biscuit", popcorn, pretzels, muesli bars
- Canned food - individually packed (with a ring-pull) plain tuna
- packet soups, cup-a-soup
- 2 minute noodles

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!

**Margot Baillie, Jane Andersen & David Bunce**

## Other Service



**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.



**RIVERVIEW  
STATE SCHOOL**



8th October 2025

Dear Brisbane High-Rise Rotary Team,

I am reaching out on behalf of the Riverview Primary School Community Hub. Our school is located in Riverview, one of Queensland's most disadvantaged communities, where many families experience financial hardship and social challenges.

These difficulties often mean that children come to school without the essentials they need to learn. One of the most immediate needs we see is that some students arrive in shoes that are not adequately fitting (often far too big or too small) because families cannot afford to replace them. This highlights the importance of community support to ensure that every child has access to the basics that allow them to feel comfortable, confident, and ready to learn.

We are seeking support to collect or provide spare shoes that can be kept at the School Community Hub and shared with students when needed. We believe this aligns well with Rotary's commitment to supporting children, education, and community wellbeing.

Would your club be interested in partnering with us for this initiative? Shoes in sizes kids' size 10 through to adult sizes 9/10 would make a big difference to our primary school students.

Thank you very much for considering this request.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns by phone

3816 6111 or email [principal@riverviewss.edu.au](mailto:principal@riverviewss.edu.au)

Kind regards,

Yvette Phillips, Principal

**Contact [Bill Phillips](#) if you can assist with this request and bring items to our meetings**

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

# Earlybird Closing Soon

Rotary  
Districts 9560, 9620 & 9640

TRI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> TO 3<sup>RD</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 2025

Scan me



[www.conference.rotary-3d.org](http://www.conference.rotary-3d.org)

## International Toast

This week we are celebrating the:  
**Rotary Club of Coimbatore Cotton City,  
Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India**



The Rotary Club of Coimbatore Cotton City designed a project to raise awareness about the illicit practice of caging and trading wild parakeets. Volunteers meticulously placed nearly a ton of millet grains in a 1,200-square-foot artwork depicting the clipping of a parakeet's wings. "Each grain represents hope," says Niketu Shah, a club leader who directed the project, part of a larger effort by an animal rescue organization and supported by the state forest department. The artwork was completed in May at a shopping center. Last year, the club helped provide the forest department with an X-ray machine for birds. In captivity, many birds suffer from disease and stress that reduces their lifespan.

## 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 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	