



HOT AIR

01 October 2026 — Community Economic and Development Month

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The President's Post

What Was

Last week we came together for our Club Assembly, with a novel idea - recording responses to how we learned skills of organisation and efficiency, to share these with others who are skill building. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the conversation and shared their ideas. These discussions are an important part of making sure our club continues to work well for its members.

What Is

There are plenty of opportunities coming up to connect, learn and get involved. Our QBI Tour on Tuesday, 6th October is a great opportunity to see more of the work being done at Queensland Brain Institute, while RYTS 2026 and RYLA 2027 offers us the chance to support a young person in our community through an exciting week of leadership, personal development and connection. If you know someone who could benefit from either opportunity, please get in touch.

What Will Be

Looking further ahead, we are looking forward to welcoming this week Dr Cassie Oxenford, Neurologist, when she will speak to us about Motor Neurone Disease (MND), also known as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). I am sure this will be an informative and thought-provoking morning, and I hope you can join us.

In Fellowship & Service,
Cindy Kemp

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 01 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Dr Cassie Oxenford, Neurologist - MND
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) - aka MND
- Thu 01 Oct Youngcare Dinner – see at right**
- Tue 06 Oct QBI Tour – Contact Cindy for more info**
- Thu 08 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Ross Elliot, Managing Director Suburban Futures
How we broke the housing market (and can it ever be fixed?)
- Thu 15 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Monica Fraser, AG
- Thu 22 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Club Assembly - End Polio Now theme

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

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



Dinner 1st of October with Youngcare

Rotary Club of Paddington beneficiary of the Art Show

- Time:** 6pm for 6.30pm start
- Venue:** The Beetson - 33 Caxton St, Petrie Tce
- Parking:** 2h free parking at Coles or street parking
- Cost:** \$30.00 (does not include drinks)
- RSVP:** Valerie Simons – RC Paddington President
valeriesimons@gmail.com

An Update from Ken Maisey



Since my last note in early August, things have been fairly steady with weekly chemotherapy and the ongoing rehab program.

That changed from Monday 21 September, as I began the Stem Cell Transplant Program (SCTP) at The Wesley — a significant next phase in my treatment. I'll be going through mobilisation chemotherapy, self-injections to boost stem cell production, a short hospital stay while my immunity is deliberately reduced, and then the harvesting of my own stem cells. These will be stored for potential future use if I'm later deemed suitable for a transplant.

My specialist has been upfront, and well-explained, that this period can be challenging, and the next few months may be rough depending on how my body responds. I've been fortunate with a relatively smooth run so far, but I'm realistic that things may change as my treatment changes and intensifies.

There may be a new picture for the next update with me wearing a beanie, as I may lose my hair during this phase. That will be one for the records. I'll stay in touch with the club as I'm able.

Charmaine is travelling well given everything happening, and she'll reach out if anything is needed. From our end, we're both staying positive and taking each stage as it comes. We both appreciate the ongoing support from members — it genuinely makes a difference.

One overall benefit has been I have managed to lose nearly 20kgs to date and feel the cold now (I have never been one to feel the cold).

For those of you who may be interested in more information – Dr Google has some good outlines of the SCTP; albeit my program uses my own stem cells, as opposed to waiting for an external donor match.

Best wishes, Ken Maisey

Last Week's Meeting



Cindy Kemp recording our contributions



Loretta Lynch, Jane Andersen & Jennifer Eathorne



Chair Rob O'Donovan



Murray Bell, Phil Gough, Bill Phillips, Lindsay Marshall and Wendy Protheroe



Ann-Maree Buttner & Lindsay Marshall



Greg Beard, not winning the Joker Draw, and Jane Andersen

Board Members 2026-27

President	Cindy Kemp
Past President	Greg Beard
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Secretary	Ann Maree Buttner
Treasurer	Loretta Lynch
Community Projects	Jane Andersen
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Youth	Taking applications
Assisted By:	
Rotaract Liaisons	David Bunce & Lindsay Marshall
Fellowship	Margot Baillie
Speaker Liaison	Dyls Bertelsen
Administration	Rosemary Meadows
Hot Air	Steve Knight

Duty Roster

REMEMBER: If you won't be there on the day then it's your responsibility to arrange a replacement

	Setup, Greeter, Closedown	Chair	Cashier
Thu 17 Sep	Rob O'D	Kym McC	Lindsay M
Thu 24 Sep	Ros M	Rob O'D	Cindy K
Thu 01 Oct	Bill P	Ros M	Susan R
Thu 08 Oct	Debra H	Bill P	Greg P
Thu 15 Oct	Wendy P	Debra H	Jennifer E
Thu 22 Oct	Yvonne R	Wendy P	Russell P

International Toast

This week we are celebrating:
Rotary Club of Lake Bunyonyi, Uganda



Health initiatives are a hallmark of the Rotary Club of Lake Bunyonyi. In April the club conducted a daylong medical clinic that served 772 people, most of them from rural outposts.

"The outreach was aimed at improving access to healthcare, including general medical consultations, screening and testing, health education, counselling, and the treatment of common illnesses," says Jean Tukamushaba, the club's immediate past president. "Limited medical resources, financial constraints, and long distances to health facilities often prevent community members from seeking timely medical attention."

At the clinic, Rotarians, doctors, and other health workers teamed up with local leaders and Red Cross representatives. Tukamushaba says that demand was stronger than expected and future health initiatives will include more dental professionals and specialists.