



# HOT AIR

02 April 2026 — Environment Month

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## The President's Post

April is a mixed month of activity for us. So this week from our recent Board meeting, a focus on a few April happenings:

- The meeting scheduled for 23rd April has been cancelled with ANZAC Day on K'Gari in it's place and most heading there will leave early that morning.
- Also the Pride of Workmanship awards have been postponed from the meeting on the 16th, to a date to be advised. — so there's time for additional nominations.
- The art show is progressing well, but sponsors are still being sought. We are kindly asked to assist by identifying potential sponsors, and by contributing raffle donations — your support is greatly appreciated.
- A new constitution has been approved and will now move into the formatting stage.
- ANZAC Day at SS Maheno on K'Gari.  
It is still not too late to enjoy this fantastic weekend away. - speak to Russell if you're interested.
- A new club gazebo has been ordered and is expected to be ready in time for ANZAC Day.
- A donation is to be made to Alex for his RideWest campaign.

Thank you to everyone for your continued involvement and support. We are still in Wollongong but fuel supplies permitting we'll be back for Prof. Roly Sussex on Thursday. It is a meeting not to be missed!

**Greg Beard**

## Art Show Trial Raffle Winner

At our meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March raffle tickets were sold to test the system to be used for the art show raffle with 4 bottles of wine as the prize.

**And the winner is ..... Dani Conn from Paddington Club.**

Thanks to all who supported the raffle. We learnt a lot from the trial. Proceeds will be included in art show funds. **Ann Maree Buttner**



## Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 02 Apr Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**  
Prof Roly Sussex – Topic “Bullshit”
- Thu 09 Apr Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**  
Monique Lowndes – E-Waste Connection
- Thu 16 Apr Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
- Thu 23 Apr MEETING CANCELLED - ANZAC on K'gari instead**
- Sat 25 Apr ANZAC Ceremony on K'gari – [RSVP](#)**
- Thu 30 Apr Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**  
Club Assembly & PP Chuck Fisher, WASH

**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.

## This Week's Meeting



## Easter Theme

Dress in your best Easter Hat/bonnet for the chance win a hopping good prize! There will also be Easter goodies for all.

## Guest Speaker

*This week we have the inimitable Roly Sussex on the topic of “Bullshit” - a term for a type of untruthful, or rather, a-truthful talk common in public discourse. He will be discussing how it appears in our culture and media and that it is seen, read or heard everywhere today.*



Roland (Roly) Sussex is a specialist in language, communication and culture, and health communication. He was Professor of Applied Language Studies at the University of Queensland from 1989 until 2010.

He is currently Research Professor in the Institute for Teaching and Learning Innovation, in the School of Languages and Cultures, at the University of Queensland. Since “retiring” he has become involved in social issues as a public intellectual. His current research is focused on language, culture and society, technology, and, more recently, pain and health.

Roly's talkback radio program *A Word in Your Ear* has been broadcast every week to Queensland on ABC radio since 1997, and for the last 20 years to South Australia.

When he is not engaged in researching and writing, he works on his garden and acreage, rides road bikes and mountain bikes, and indulges his passion for classical music.

He was awarded the Medal of the *Order of Australia* in 2012, and was a made a *Chevalier des Palmes Académiques* by the French Government in 2017, and a member of the Queensland Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2020.

## Pride of Workmanship Awards

*The Annual **Pride of Workmanship Awards** are coming up and we need nominations by 02 April so nominate someone NOW!*

*This is your opportunity to recognise and celebrate those in your workplace or the wider community who deliver outstanding service with dedication, commitment & pride in a job well done.*

*Take a few moments to reflect on those deserving of public recognition – perhaps you already have someone in mind!*

[Click to download the Nomination Form.](#)

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**Rosemary Meadows**

## Last Week's Meeting



Our Boiled Egg presenters – Suzy Mellor & Rosemary Meadows



Ann Maree Buttner



Jennifer Eathorne not winning the Joker Draw, with Deb LeGarde and Robyn Drake.

## Congratulations Greg!

Over the weekend Greg & I attended Junior Chamber International (JCI) Senator & Ambassador reunion. These are held every 2 years, this year in Wollongong.



At the reunion Greg Beard was elected, for a 2 year term, as the chair of the JCI Australia Senate and Ambassador Group. Senate recognition in JCI is similar to a PHF in Rotary.

Many years ago both Greg Beard and Bill Phillips were national presidents of Australian Jaycees. **Russell Postle**



Greg Beard, Ann-Maree Bennett, Deb & Russell Postle letting off steam and being tourists at the Kiama blowhole



## Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

**RYLA 2026** is on from Sunday 31st May to Saturday 6th June 2026, at Camp Cooby, North of Toowoomba.

Brisbane High-Rise wants to sponsor attendees. Please invite leaders and potential leaders between ages 20 - 30 in your network to apply.

The program provides participants with an unforgettable experience in life, learning and laughter in a regional setting.

Find out more at <https://www.ryla9620.org/> and if you want to apply for sponsorship email me at [lorettalynch1@gmail.com](mailto:lorettalynch1@gmail.com)

## Who Thought A Conference Could Be So Much Fun....



Working hard at the District 9675 Conference. Taking out the 'couples' award with Jeremy Wright at the evening function. Rotarians enjoying great fellowship!

**Wendy Protheroe**





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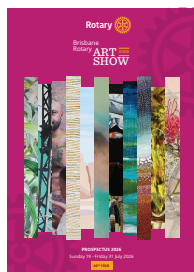
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# Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

## Calendar 2025-26

### Activities outside of Club Meetings

#### MARCH

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month

Art Show 2026 Preparation	Act For Kids Working Bee 9am-12noon 7/3/2026
Wine Tasting Newer Australian Varieties 🍷🍷 15/3/26 3.30-5.30pm	<b>Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers</b> 16/3/2026 😊
Club Mtg w/ Gemma Sisia School of St Jude 19/3/2026	Board Meeting 23/3/2026
Kinross Cluster Meeting TBA	Rotary Peace Fellows Talks UQ - 10.30am-6pm 28/03/2026 🕒🕒
<b>Pre-Registration Discount ends Rot. Int Conference 31/3/2026</b>	

#### APRIL

Environmental Month

Art Show 2026 Preparation	Kinross Cluster Meeting
<b>PRIDE of WORKMANSHIP Awards</b> 16/4/2026	<b>Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers</b> 20/04/2026 😊
ANZAC Day Ceremony Maheno Wreck K'gari 🇺🇸🇺🇸 25/4/2026	ANZAC Day Club trip to K'Gari 🇺🇸🇺🇸 24-27/4/2026
	Board Meeting 27/4/2026

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### 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

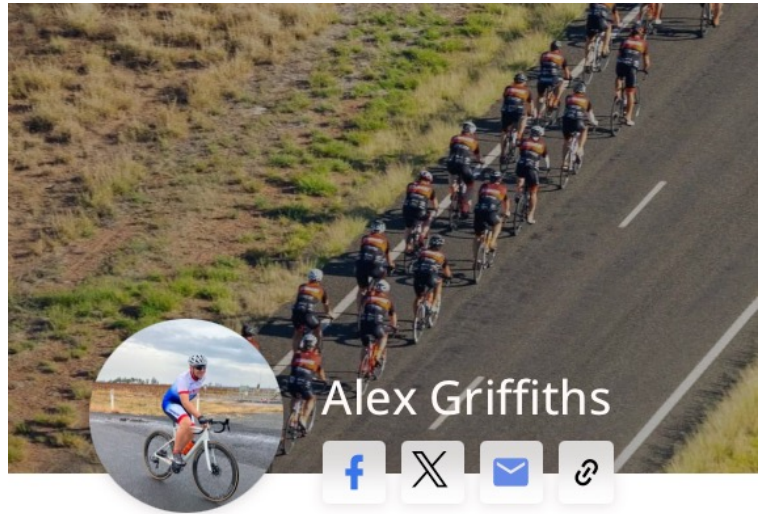
### Duty Roster

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

Setup, Greeter & Closedown	Chair
<b>Thu 02 Apr</b> Wendy P	Greg P
<b>Thu 09 Apr</b> Susan R	Wendy P
<b>Thu 16 Apr</b> Yvonne R	Susan R
<del><b>Thu 23 Apr</b></del> Meeting Cancelled	
<b>Thu 30 Apr</b> Steve S	Yvonne R

# RIDEWEST

Charity Cycle Brisbane to Longreach in Aid of the Royal Flying Doctor Service



Alex Griffiths



#### HOT NEWS:

High-Rise is supporting Alex with a \$1,000 donation

**A message from Alex Griffiths as he takes on RideWest again:**

Thank you for supporting **RideWest** to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service **Wellbeing Out West** mental health program.

**RideWest** starts on 24th April – 1311km to Longreach – I'll be ready.

Each rider pays their own costs to take part, and also raises additional funds. Every dollar raised goes directly to **Wellbeing Out West**.

Click here to donate: [RideWest – Alex](#).

## International Toast

This week we are celebrating:

**The Rotary Club of Maidenhead Bridge, England**



The **Rotary Club of Maidenhead Bridge** ran an event to celebrate Indian culture featured local luminaries with Bollywood connections, and which raised about \$2,200.

Ten of the club's 55 members are from India or have Indian heritage. Attendees included Chittal Shah, choreographer to celebrities, and vocalist Atul Pushkarna, both of whom now reside in the United Kingdom.

"The laughter, dancing, and genuine sense of connection in the room showed just how powerful cultural celebration can be in bringing people together for a good cause", says Lisa Hunter, charter president of the club.

The event helped fund a Parkinson's disease support group and a trip by the club's vocational training team to Uganda for a maternal and child health initiative.