



HOT AIR

03 September 2026 — Basic Education and Literacy Month

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International Toast:
Rotary Club of
Borderlands,
United Kingdom
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The President's Post

What Was

Last week we welcomed Dr Peter Ellerton, Curriculum Director of the University of Queensland Critical Thinking Project and Senior Lecturer in Philosophy. His discussion style and emphasis on the distinction between Intelligence and Critical Thinking in humans formed the basis of a thought-provoking presentation exploring how AI is increasingly impacting professional and public practice and the importance of maintaining our ability to think critically, responsibly and independently. Thank you, Peter, for giving us plenty to think about and for sharing your insights with us.

What Is

As we come to the end of Membership & New Club Development Month, it is a great time to think about how each of us can help strengthen our Rotary family. Whether it is inviting a guest to breakfast, getting involved in a project, welcoming a new face or simply making time to connect with fellow members, every small contribution helps build a more engaged and welcoming club. I encourage everyone to look for an opportunity to bring someone new into our Rotary community or connect with someone not recently active with fellowship or service.

What Will Be

This week we are delighted to welcome Valerie Simons from ShelterBox Australia. Valerie will share more about the work of ShelterBox and how they provide emergency shelter and essential supplies to communities affected by disaster and conflict. I am looking forward to hearing more about this important humanitarian work and hope you can join us for another informative morning.

In Fellowship & Service,
Cindy Kemp

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 03 Sep Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Valerie Simons, ShelterBox
ShelterBox Australia
- Thu 10 Sep Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Dr Grace Maano - *Saving Mothers and Babies Through Skills, Partnerships & Rotary*
- Thu 17 Sep Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Gary Lindsay, Bloodbikes Australia
- Sat 19 Sep 3pm Sip & Stick Fellowship Afternoon – [RSVP](#)**
Fellowship and wine labelling

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.

Last Week's Meeting



Russell Postle &
Guest Speaker
Dr Peter Ellerton



Wendy
Protheroe &
Monica Fraser
(RC New Farm)



Jane Andersen, Debra Hoepner &
Ros Mumford



Deb Le Garde
(not winning the Joker Draw)
& Russell Postle



Coffee Brigade



I do Coffee Brigade sandwich making once a month on a Monday.
My grandson, Thomas, is at Grammar and is doing the Duke of Edinburgh Award. One of the activities is community work and he had heard me talk of the Coffee Brigade.

So he and my daughter, Sarah, go there each Monday before school at 6am to make muffins. When I'm there, it is three generations in one morning!

Apparently, his first attempt was not so good - he mixed the blueberry muffin mix so strongly that the muffins had a decided purple hue. He is improving according to Marjella from

Coffee Brigade "they had another very productive morning making 3 boxes of muffins that we will be able to send out fresh on tomorrow's van for our friends."

Helen Fox

**COFFEE BRIGADE - it's not just
the coffee & food - it's the
kindness**



International Toast

This week we are celebrating:
**Rotary Club of Rotary Club of Borderlands
(Passport Group), United Kingdom**



When members of the **Rotary Club of Borderlands (Passport Group)** heard about the [PolioPlus Society Kennel Klub](#), they excitedly enrolled their furry friends.

An extension of the district-led PolioPlus Society, the Kennel Klub allows pets (well, their owners) to pledge at least \$100 per year to PolioPlus and, in return, receive a pet-purrfect red End Polio Now bandana.

"The Kennel Klub welcomes animals of any kind," says Borderlands club member Beth Thomson, "and whilst ours are mainly dogs, there is a pet sheep (a Swiss Valais Blacknose) in there too!"

The club, chartered in 2023, has 100 percent PolioPlus Society membership, donating about \$5,500 per year to the cause. While the club hasn't brought the pets to its breakfast meetings — "I suspect it would be a recipe for chaos," Thomson says — it did persuade Past RI President Gordon McNally (whose wife, Heather, was the club's 2025-26 president) to sit for a photo shoot with Kennel Klub idols Mabel, Angus, Applepip, Tess, Todd, Cora, and Fleet.

Board Members 2026-27

President	Cindy Kemp
Past President	Greg Beard
President Elect	Ann Maree Buttner
Secretary	Ann Maree Buttner
Treasurer	Loretta Lynch
Community Projects	Jane Andersen
Marketing	Taking applications
Membership	Deb Le Garde
Rotary Foundation	Susan Rix
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 03 Sep	Loretta L	Deb Le G	Jennifer E
Thu 10 Sep	Kym McC	Loretta L	Russell P
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