



 **HOT AIR**

04 June 2026 — Rotary Fellowships Month

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The President's Post

June is designated as **Rotary Fellowships Month**.

Rotary's Fellowship Month celebrates one of the organization's most cherished values—friendship. Fellowship is the foundation upon which Rotary was built and Rotary's global network enables us to form connections across countries and cultures, promoting international understanding and goodwill.

Strong friendships inspire trust, cooperation, and teamwork, enabling us to make a greater impact in our community. By celebrating fellowship, Rotary reinforces the idea that lasting friendships and shared purpose are powerful forces for positive change in the world.

It is particularly an opportune time to reflect on relationships among members and an opportunity to further enhance a spirit of camaraderie. Through our social gatherings, club activities, we have opportunities to connect, share experiences, and strengthen lasting friendships.

Our club enjoys a wonderful sense of fellowship, shaped by the character, commitment, and friendship of both past and present members. Maintaining that culture requires only a little intentional effort. Something as simple as learning something new about a fellow member each week can deepen connections and strengthen our club community.

By investing in our relationships, we not only enrich ourselves but also enhance the effectiveness of our work together. Strong fellowship strengthens our club, supports our service, and ensures that our club remains welcoming and inspiring.

Greg Beard

**It's LESS THAN 3 WEEKS until the
Brisbane High-Rise Change Over**

Join us for a relaxed

High Tea

Riva Kitchen and Events, Hamilton

Sunday, 21 June, 2-4pm

\$50 per person

RSVP to: [Yvonne Robson](mailto:Yvonne.Robson)



Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 04 Jun Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Matt Carney, 3rd Space
- Thu 11 Jun Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Christine West, Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital
- Thu 18 Jun Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Chris Dickons, Health Serve Global
- Sun 21 Jun High-Rise Changeover High Tea – [RSVP](#)**
2-4pm, Riva Kitchen and Events, Hamilton
- Thu 25 Jun Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Club Assembly
- Thu 02 Jul Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Dr Scarlett Raine, QUT Centre for Robotics

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.

MAKE YOUR MARK

FUNDRAISING GALA
6 JUNE 2026
PORT OFFICE HOTEL

Fundraising for the Book It Forward Project providing books and supplies to rural schools in Fiji

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Club of Brisbane Rivercity

Last Week's Meeting



Greg Beard, Virginia Brooks & Bill Phillips. Virginia Brooks was re-inducted last week after a few years away – welcome back!



Ouch! – not really!



Margo Baillie, Suzi Mellor & Jennifer Eathorne showing that people do actually read Hot Air – thanks!



Margot Baillie and Rosemary Meadows. Congratulations to Rosemary and Denis on their 60th Wedding Anniversary



Bill Phillips not winning the Joker Draw, with Deb LeGarde behind.

PELDS



Ann Maree Buttner & I attended the PELDS training for Presidents this weekend. Great sessions by incoming DG Ian Hope and great fellowship meeting District 9620 incoming leaders.
Cindy Kemp



They Made Up



A recent Hervey Bay make-up crew coffee meeting.



Art Show Roster

Rotary 

Brisbane
Rotary **ART SHOW** 2026

I've taken on the task of ensuring that we do our bit on the Art Show Roster.

Below is an outline of the run sheet for the show - you can see that there's lots to do. It needs all of us to step in and help, and there are lots of different times and events you can choose to help with.

On each day or event there are many different slots available that need to be filled – pick a day or an event and then talk to me about what is involved and what shifts work best for you.

Roly Wells

- **Monday 13 to Friday 17 July:**
Artworks start arriving from interstate artists
- **Evening of Friday Night 17 July from 5pm**
Panels are installed
Sales desk setup
Secure the Queen St loading bay
- **Saturday 18 July**
Artworks delivered by artists 8am to 12noon
Artworks hung on panels in the afternoon
- **Sunday 19 July**
Judging 10am to 12noon
VIP viewing 12noon to 2pm
Vernissage event 3 to 5pm - announce winners
- **Monday 20 July**
Show opens: Open 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday
9am to 4pm Weekends
Coffee Brigade Evening Event 6 to 8pm
- **Tuesday 21 July**
Gala Night from 6pm
- **Thursday 23 July**
YoungCare Evening Event 6:30 to 8:30pm
- **Sunday 26 July**
ARTiculate afternoon event 2 to 4pm
- **Friday 31 July**
Buyers collect purchased works from 4-6pm
Show closes 6pm
Secure the Queen St loading bay
- **Saturday 1 August**
Artist collect unsold works
Buyers collect purchased works
Panels removed
Uncollected works taken to storage floor
Courier collection works wrapped
Cleanup
- **Monday 3 to Wednesday 5 August**
Remaining works collected

Noela's Upcoming Travels

Thank you for wishing me safe travels on my upcoming 5 week trip to Tanzania. I fly Qantas from Brisbane this Sunday 7 June to Singapore, before boarding Ethiopian Airline's flight to Addis Ababa, then on to Kilimanjaro Airport, Tanzania. Maybe it's the Ethiopian flight which prompted the "safe travels" comments!

St Jude's:

Primarily, I am heading over as part of the English Immersion teaching team at the School of St Jude. But any excuse is worthy of a trip!

I have thirty separate lessons with resources all prepared ready to go. Quite a novel challenge. Catching up with sponsor students and chatting with the Visitor's Department about our upcoming January trip will be an added bonus.

I happened to see Heather Knight at the Museum last week and she was very excited to share that not only has Nora (Heather & Steve's sponsored student) recently graduated from Form 6, but she has also been accepted into the Community Service Year starting in July (only 70% of the graduates are accepted for this), and then plans to study Social Work. Education, the ultimate gift out of poverty and one which nobody can ever take away.



Nora is amongst this group of students who earlier this year visited a local orphanage, putting St Jude's values into action through service. They helped with daily tasks such as cooking, cleaning, and laundry, while also spending quality time with the children. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to give back and make a real difference in the community.

Maternity Africa:

Reading about the conditions these women face after major surgery or childbirth is for me quite heartbreaking. I can't imagine navigating such a vulnerable time in my life without basic comforts, quality medical assistance and a caring family. High-Rise's incredible support is enriching the lives of these resilient mums, bringing hope where it is needed most. It is real-world example of what is possible when people 'Unite for Good'.

Below are photos of items to be donated on 11 June.

Noela Phillips



Beautiful hand-knitted beanies and baby blankets which will be enthusiastically received by the team at Maternity Africa.



2025 - 2026

Rotary
District 9620



**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**



DISTRICT GOVERNOR

CHANGEOVER

Honouring the Past, Inspiring the Future



DG MARK WILLIAMS
District Governor
2025 - 2026





DG IAN HOPE
District Governor
2026 - 2027

DATE
SUNDAY,
5TH JULY 2026

TIME
11:00AM FOR
12:00PM START

VENUE
UNITED SERVICE CLUB
183 Wickham Terrace
Brisbane QLD 4000

TICKETS
\$85 PER PERSON

DRESS CODE
LOUNGE SUIT /
BUSINESS ATTIRE

VENUE

UNITED SERVICE CLUB
183 WICKHAM TERRACE
BRISBANE QLD 4000



Together, we continue
SERVICE ABOVE SELF

SCAN TO REGISTER



REGISTRATION LINK

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50367/Events/district-9620-district-changeover>

ENQUIRIES: 001chriswright@gmail.com | www.rotary9620.org.au

Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

Calendar 2025-2026

Activities outside of Club Meetings

JUNE <i>Rotary Fellowships Month</i>		JULY <i>Maternal & Child Health Month</i>	
Kinross Cluster Meeting 11/6/2026	Art Show 2026 Preparation 🎨	Third Space Working Bee- (9am-12noon) 4/7/2026	Art Show Set Up 18/07/2026 🎨
Rotary International Conference TAIPAI 13/6/2026	Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 15/06/2026 😊	"Vernissage" Art Show Event INVITE ONLY 19/07/2026 🎨	Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 20/7/2026 😊
Brisbane High-Rise Changeover High Tea 21/6/2026	Board Meeting & Dinner - Incoming & Outgoing Members 22/6/2026	Art Show Viewing Days 🎨 20/7/26 - 31/7/2026	Art Show Gala Cocktail Party 21/07/2026 🎨
Special General Meeting - approve Constitution 25/6/2026		Club Meeting cancelled this week due to Art Show 23-Jul	ARTiculate Event Meet the Artists, Wine & Cheese Event 🎨 26/07/2026 2-4pm
		First 2026-2027 Board Meeting Date & Venue To be Confirmed	

KEY:

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

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*

Setup, Greeter & Closedown	Chair
Thu 04 Jun	Jane A
Thu 11 Jun	Margot B
Thu 18 Jun	Kit B
Thu 25 Jun	Dyls B
Thu 02 Jul	Virginia B

Rotary Club of Paddington

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

Changeover Dinner 2026

Saturday 27 June

6:00pm for a 6:30pm start

The Ship Inn, South Bank

- Thai Buffet Dinner & Dessert \$60 per person
- Cash Bar

Dress Code: Smart Casual

Celebrating what we've achieved—and what we will build next.



Scan to book

RSVP by 16th of June

<https://www.trybooking.com/DLNMA>



International Toast

This week we are celebrating:
The Rotary Club of Thane Hills, India



The city of Thane, northeast of Mumbai, is recognized for its arts and culture scene. It's home to drama troupes, an art expo, international film festivals, and comedy venues. What it was lacking, says Atul Bhide, of the **Rotary Club of Thane Hills**, was a large showcase for aficionados of the written word. To amend that, the club (which also sponsors a book-reading initiative for youth) launched the Thane Literature Festival.

Over two days in November, bibliophiles toasted 22 authors and poets who read from their work and participated in panel discussions. The event honored journalist and writing coach Bachi Karkaria with the Thane Literature Festival lifetime achievement award, and judges critiqued entries in a short-story contest.

"Encouraging reading habits and love for literature for Gen-Next is also our motive behind this literature festival," says Bhide.