



HOT AIR

06 August 2026 — Membership & New Club Development Month

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The President's Post

What Was

It was wonderful to welcome Catherine Baxter to our meeting this week and hear about the challenges and opportunities involved in keeping Brisbane moving through its bus and ferry network and even the love'em or hate'em scooters. Thank you Catherine, for sharing your insights and giving us a greater appreciation of the planning, innovation and collaboration that goes into delivering public transport for our growing city.

As our 2026 Brisbane Rotary Art Show draws to a close, I would also like to once again thank every member, volunteer and supporter who helped make this year's event such a success. It has been inspiring to see our club come together with such generosity, enthusiasm and teamwork, demonstrating the very best of Rotary in Action.

What Is

As we prepare for our Strategic Planning Day next week, I am excited about the opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved and where we want to go next. Our discussions continue to focus on creating lasting impact through meaningful community service, strengthening our membership and ensuring our club remains welcoming, relevant and sustainable for years to come. Thank you to everyone who continues to share ideas, volunteer their time and contribute so generously to the future of our club!

What Will Be

This week we are delighted to welcome Donelle Whitely, Chair of Rotary Health for District 9620, Donelle will be sharing the important *Lift the Lid on Mental Health* initiative and the vital work Rotary is doing to support mental health research and awareness. I hope you can join us for what promises to be a thought-provoking and worthwhile morning. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

In Fellowship & Service, Cindy Kemp

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 06 Aug Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Donelle Whiteley, Chair of Rotary Health D9620
Rotary Health - Lift the Lid on Mental Health
- Thu 13 Aug Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Dr Tristan Wallis, QLD Brain Institute
Memory, Learning & Ageing
- Thu 20 Aug Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Craig Carson, Beef Bank – RC Brisbane Centenary
Beef Bank - Feeding the Community

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.

Art Show – Wrap Up

What a great finish to the Art Show for 2026!

Sales closed at an amazing **\$150,907**.

The collection and close down day went well, with no issues, lots of fun, happy buyers and artists.

Thanks to everyone for your support and involvement - let's do it again next year!

Murray Bell

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Raffle & Silent Auctions

The Raffle has been drawn and the prizes awarded:

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| 1 st | David Frost |
| 2 nd | Carly Bairstow |
| 3 rd | Sheridan McMahon |
| 4 th | Leslie Smith |
| 5 th | Marie Adams |
| 6 th | Dani Conn |
| 7 th | Jimmy Postle |

The **Silent Auctions** have also finished, with all items purchased.

Over \$10,000 Total funds raised - FANTASTIC!

Thanks to all of you for supporting this part of the Art Show.

Jane Andersen

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Last Week's Meeting

We welcomed Catherine Baxter, Group Executive of Public Transport Services at Brisbane City Council, who delivered an engaging presentation on how public transport keeps Brisbane moving and supports the city's future growth.

The presentation highlighted the scale of Council's transport operations, which include buses, Brisbane Metro, CityCat and KittyCat ferries, and the city's expanding e-mobility network. Brisbane City Council currently operates one of Australia's largest bus fleets which alone supports over 91 million passenger journeys each year. Buses are actually owned by the Qld Government, with the exception of the new Metro buses.

Translink (Qld Government) sets the fares and routes, and we are all wondering why they bother to collect the 50c fares – well that so they can count passengers – but a new system being developed by BCC will be counting the passenger numbers more accurately using cameras – watch this space.

Brisbane's rapid population growth, preparations for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and the importance of investing in transport infrastructure to ensure the city remains connected and accessible all inform the vision for Public Transport in Brisbane for the years ahead.

The Brisbane Metro project was showcased as a key part of this vision, providing high-capacity, sustainable public transport and encouraging more people to choose public transport over private vehicles.

Of note also was Brisbane's rich ferry heritage, the role of CityCat services in connecting communities along the Brisbane River.

Then there is the growing contribution of e-scooters and e-bikes in providing first and last-mile transport options. Council outsource these to Lime and Neuron. They can geo-fence these and also reduce top speed at peak times and in event areas..

We were shown a great outline of Council's vision for a safer, more sustainable and better-connected Brisbane, with continued investment in public transport, active travel and innovative mobility solutions to meet the needs of a growing city.



Guest Speaker Catherine Baxter, Ros Mumford, Dyls Bertelsen and Virginia Brooks



Jane Andersen & Wendy Protheroe



Yvonne Robson & Jennifer Eathorne



Steve Knight (not winning the Joker Draw) with Deb LeGarde behind.

Rotary In Action – Ambulance

Friday, 24 July 2026

Dear Rotary High-Rise,

Thank you for your extraordinary efforts and contribution in raising the much-needed funds for the new ambulance at Kivulini Maternity Hospital in Arusha.

Our Medical Director, Dr Andrew Browning AM, said:

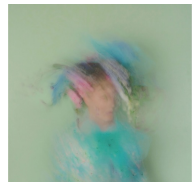
Thank you Brisbane High-Rise Rotary for your extraordinary efforts in raising the money for an ambulance for the maternity hospital in Arusha. It's a busy hospital with between 3,000-4,000 deliveries each year as well as many sick newborn, fistula patients and community work being performed. The current ambulance we have was purchased second hand and has always had problems, to the current state that it spends more time getting fixed than being used. Having a reliable ambulance is a Godsend for the women and communities that the Kivulini Maternity Centre serves. Thank you.

With our best regards,
Karen Baker, General Manager

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International Toast

This week we are celebrating:
Rotary Club of Healdsburg, California, USA



The party starts early in Healdsburg, California. The Bay Area city's St. Patrick's Day festivities begin with a raucous, early morning procession that originated in the 1990s as a prank to rattle tourists out of bed.

Since 2010, the **Rotary Club of Healdsburg** has gone green — with hair dye and wigs — to use the parade as a PolioPlus fundraiser.

In March, two dozen Rotarians joined the crowd of about 2,000 partygoers at 7 a.m. to frolic around the town plaza, raising an expected \$50,000, says club member Tim Mann. "The parade is more than just a spectacle; it's an annual platform for our ongoing fight against polio," Mann says. March 17, adds club member Devin Lee Drew, is "the one day of the year where we get up at dawn for our club meeting."

Board Members 2026-27

President	Cindy Kemp
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Rotary Foundation	Susan Rix
Youth	<i>Taking applications</i>
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 that day then it's your responsibility to arrange a replacement*

Setup, Greeter & Closedown	Chair
Thu 06 Aug	Jennifer E
Thu 13 Aug	Robyn D
Thu 20 Aug	Helen F
Thu 27 Aug	Jennifer E
Thu 03 Sep	Helen F
	Phil G
	Phil G
	Deb Le G



AN INVITATION TO REMEMBER

84th Kokoda Day Commemorative Service

The Rotary Club of Broadwater Southport and the Surfers Paradise RSL Sub Branch warmly invite you to join us as we honour the courage, endurance, mateship and sacrifice of those who served on the Kokoda Track.

This year is also the 20th Anniversary of Kokoda Day being declared on the Gold Coast by Mayor Ron Clarke AO MBE in 2006.

SERVICE DETAILS

Saturday, 8 August 2026

Arrival: 10.00 am | Service: 10.30 am

Rotary Kokoda Memorial Wall

Cascade Gardens, Broadbeach QLD 4218

Please let us know you will be attending by **Thursday, 6 August 2026**. The online form is our preferred RSVP option. If you are planning to lay a wreath, please include this in your registration so that arrangements can be made.

Complete RSVP Online

Dress code

Smart day dress is respectfully requested. Veterans, current serving members of the Australian Defence Force and ex-service personnel are warmly invited to wear medals and decorations.

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



SAVE THIS DATE

Rotary District 9620 Conference 2027

March 12 - 14, 2027

The Pavilion Conference and Reception Centre, Gympie