



 **HOT AIR**

09 April 2026 — Environment Month

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**The President's Post**

**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) – Invitation for 16 April**

Our club currently has an outstanding opportunity available for young people, and it is a program we have proudly supported for many years: the **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)**.

RYLA will run again this year from **31 May to 6 June**. It's a powerful leadership development program designed to help young adults build confidence, recognise their potential, learn from experienced leaders, and practise new skills in a supportive environment.

Over time, our club has not only sponsored participants but has also seen several return as leaders and organisers of the program. It's a testament to the impact RYLA can have on a young person's growth.

At our **16 April breakfast meeting**, **James Postle** will join us to present and speak about this year's program. James in fact first attended the program with some hesitation (as most actually do!), went onto become a Leader, then trainer of their leaders and is now a key organiser as well.

RYLA is open to young adults aged 20 to 30, and we encourage you to think about anyone in your network who might benefit from this opportunity.

If someone comes to mind, please invite them to attend the breakfast meeting on 16 April. It's a great chance for them to learn more and consider applying.

**Greg Beard**

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

- Thu 09 Apr** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** – [RSVP](#)  
Monique Lowndes – E-Waste Connection
- Thu 16 Apr** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** – [RSVP](#)  
James Postle – RYLA
- ~~**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
- Thu 07 May** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** – [RSVP](#)  
Maureen O'Brien-Stone, TADQ  
Technology for Aging & Disability Qld

**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**

**Monique Lowndes**  
**E-Waste Connection**



**E-Waste Connection builds purpose,  
helps the environment & creates friendships**



*A social enterprise for the community, providing opportunities to recycle, volunteer, train and empower people of all abilities in an inclusive environment.*

*You can attend or volunteer in workshops, donate electrical items, purchase our recycled working items, or donate funds or equipment.*

*Find out more [here](#).*



**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)

## Last Week's Meeting



Guest Speaker Roly Sussex, Ann-Marree Bennett & Greg Beard



Wendy Protheroe, Rob O'Donovan & Jane Andersen



Ann Maree Buttner & Phil Gough



Margot Baillie & Ken Maisey



Best Easter Bonnet on Bill Phillips & Noela (who was the creator)



Rob O'Donovan, Graig Wappett & Jennifer Eathorne



Wendy Protheroe not winning the Joker Draw (again), with Deb LeGarde behind

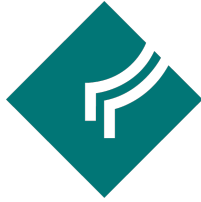
## Anzac Day 2026 Project

Resting peacefully on the eastern beach of K'gari / Fraser Island is the wreck of the TSS Maheno. During WW1 the Maheno was a hospital ship, arriving at Anzac beach on the morning of 26 August 1915. There the crew did the first retrieval of the wounded Australian and New Zealand soldiers.

Anzac Day is Saturday 25 April 2026 and High-Rise coordinates the service – are you able to assist with this year? If so please contact me: M: 0419 703 581 E: [russell.postle@bdo.com.au](mailto:russell.postle@bdo.com.au)

**Russell Postle**





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# Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

## Calendar 2025-26

### Activities outside of Club Meetings

#### APRIL

*Environmental Month*

Art Show 2026 Preparation 🎨	Kinross Cluster Meeting 9-Apr
<b>Social Event</b> STING - The Last Ship - Glasshouse 16/4/2026	<b>Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers</b> 20/04/2026 😊
Club meeting CANCELLED due to K'gari ANZAC Day trip 23/4/2026	ANZAC Day Ceremony Maheno Wreck K'gari 🇺🇸🇺🇸 25/4/2026
ANZAC Day Club trip to K'Gari 🐕🐕🐕 24-27/4/24	District Tree Planting Day 26/4/26 🌳🌳
Board Meeting 27/4/2026	<b>World Immunisation Week</b> 24-30 April

#### MAY

*Youth Service Month*

Tri-District Rotary Conf. Gold Coast 1-3 May 🌴🌴	Art Show 2026 Preparation 🎨
Working Bee 3rd Space To be Confirmed 2/5/2026	<b>Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers</b> 18/05/2026 😊
Mothers Day Flower Deliveries 🌸🌸🌸 10/5/2026	<b>EPIC DAY of SERVICE</b> Global Event 16/5/2026
Board Meeting 25/5/2026	

#### KEY:

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<span style="background-color: lightgreen; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span>	Community Services	<span style="background-color: pink; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span>	Youth
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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 09 Apr</b> Susan R	Wendy P
<b>Thu 16 Apr</b> Yvonne R	Susan R
<b>Thu 23 Apr</b> Meeting Cancelled	
<b>Thu 30 Apr</b> Steve S	Yvonne R
<b>Thu 07 May</b> Craig W	Steve S



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
High-Rise  
Change Over

Join us for a relaxed

High Tea

River Kitchen and Events  
Hamilton

Sunday, 21 June, 2-4pm  
\$50 per person

Rotary

Brisbane  
Rotary **ART SHOW** 2026

## Calling artists

**Brisbane Rotary Art Show** returns in 2026 with Best of Show prize of \$20,000.

- Entries Close 10 May
- Exhibition: 20 - 31 July



Central Plaza One | [www.rotaryart.au](http://www.rotaryart.au)

## International Toast

This week we are celebrating:  
**The Rotary Club of Tokyo Hiroo, Japan**



The Rotary Club of Tokyo Hiroo embarked on a melodic mission in October, collaborating with the Rotary Club of Beverly Hills in California to bring the music therapy program Music Mends Minds to people with Alzheimer's. Over several visits, club members brought drums, cowbells, and other percussive instruments to care facilities and encouraged participants to clap along as the Rotarians struck up tunes. "Music Mends Minds helps older adults with memory loss reengage," says Miyuki Ochi, president of the club. "Watching older adults' faces light up through music is one of the greatest joys of our service."