



 **HOT AIR**

11 June 2026 — Rotary Fellowships Month

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The President's Post

As the nights have become colder, my thoughts have turned to the people in Brisbane who are homeless and needing help in regards to food, clothing, and safe sleep.

Matt Kearney, the CEO from Third Space, told us about the surge in numbers who are coming in for aid. He said that numbers jumped from 90-110 people per day to a record number last week of 182 - including a homeless 13-year old girl. Third Space helps provide free food, clothing, a safe place to sleep during the day as well as access to medical services; help with navigating the social security system - especially when there are no identification documents; and life and job skills coaching.

Please be sure to pencil in Saturday, 4th July from 9am - 12noon when we will be holding a working bee at Third Space. David Bunce will be asking for numbers soon.

Speaking of numbers, Roly is looking for more volunteers for the Art Show (which is a little over a month away) - people will be needed for many various roles. Please contact Roly if you can help out or if you have any art-loving friends who may wish to help out as volunteers.

We are now coming to the pointy end of my Rotary year as Club President. Payments are due to Cindy by this week for the Club Change Over High Tea, being held on the 21st June from 2-4pm. And speaking of Change Overs, the District Changeover will be held on Sunday 5th July, at the United Service Club from 11am to 3pm. Ann-Maree and I will be attending - we would love to have a group of us for lunch. Hope to see you there – [click here to book](#).

If you ever wish to know what events or speakers are coming up for the club, you can visit the following calendars in the club website to find out more:

Speakers: [Speakers | Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise](#)

Events: [Calendar | Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise](#)

Please excuse my absence this week – I'm on Moreton Island and hope to be enjoying catching multiple fish.

Greg Beard

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.

**There's JUST OVER 1 WEEK 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](#)



Upcoming Meetings & Events

- 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
- Sat 04 Jul 3rd Space Working Bee – [RSVP](#)**
Contact David Bunce

Last Week's Meeting



David Bunce with Guest Speaker Matt Cearney,
CEO of 3rd Space



Roly Wells presenting the banner
he received in Milano – see below.



Steve Knight, Murray Bell & Jennifer Eathorne



Margot Baillie & Deb Le Garde,
with Deb not winning the Joker Draw

Roly's Travels – Fund Raiser Concert in Milano

After checking where a I could do a make-up meeting in Milano I ended up, on 26 May, attending a fund raiser concert at the Milano Conservatorium Giuseppe Verdi jointly organised by the Rotary Club Milano and the Rotary Club Naviglio Grande San Carlo.

The event was held to raise funds to assist the current 39 disabled students attending the Conservatorium.

Trio of flue players Anita Hashemi, Alissa Peron and Francesco Paoletti played a series of pieces from Henry's VIII songbook using a soprano flute and two contralto flutes. The group was headed by Alissa Peron who is blind.

A harpist, Theo Balzan, then played some variations from Paganini.

Finally, a tenor, Antonio Francesco sang a piece written by Mozart and accompanied by Guido Faccini on the piano.

The evening raised over Euro 3500 which will be used to assist the disabled students with their studies.

Following the concert a buffet meal was provided, and the President of the Naviglio Grande San Carlo club presented me with a club banner as a memento of the attendance of a Brisbane Hi-Rise club member to the Milano fundraiser.

Roland Wells



Art Show Roster

Below is an outline of the run sheet for the show - you can see that there's lots to do and lots of ways you can help. It needs all of us to step in and do our part.

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
- **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 4-6pm, Show closes 6pm
- **Saturday 1 August**
Buyers & Artist collect works
Panels removed, cleanup

Rotary 

Brisbane
Rotary **ART SHOW** 2026

Support Coffee Brigade

Our Club is now working in 3 areas with Coffee Brigade:

- The opportunity to go around on the Van any morning, delivering a hot drink, a sandwich and a greeting. Please contact Billie directly via their contact page.

<https://coffeebrigade.org.au/contact-us> and mention you are from Brisbane High-Rise.

- Sandwich making on the third Monday of the month - email Robyn:

rdrak@icloud.com

- For the Ladies only - going on the Van to support a Women's Group at West End to deliver a hot drink, a sandwich and a chat to the homeless women while they participate in some presentations and get help with form filling and computer upskilling. This will occur every second & fourth Wednesday of the month. Please email Robyn if you are interested:

rdrak@icloud.com

Robyn Drake



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



Supporting St Jude's



Rachel, from the School of St Jude, presented Saife, who owns the Cultural Centre in Arusha, with a Certificate of Appreciation. He donated the tanzanite stone which was set in a ring and sold (for \$4k) to assist in funding student welfare needs at St Jude's. Saife has made a number of generous donations to Noela over the years in support of the school. and now ducks when he sees Noela coming.

With the proceeds from the ring we now have exceeded our target of raising \$8K to fund a full year of student welfare needs.

Bill Phillips



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District 9620

**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**

Rotary 

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

Rotary Fellowships Month

Kinross Cluster Meeting 11/6/2026	Art Show 2026 Preparation
Rotary International Conference TAIPAI 13/6/2026	Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 15/06/2026
Brisbane High-Rise Changeover High Tea 21/6/2026	Board Meeting & Dinner - Incoming & Outgoing Members 22/6/2026
Special General Meeting - approve Constitution 25/6/2026	

JULY

Maternal & Child Health Month

Third Space Working Bee- (9am-12noon) 4/7/2026	District Change Over at USC 1pm-3pm 5/7/2026
Art Show Set Up VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 18/07/2026	"Vernissage" Art Show Event INVITE ONLY 19/07/2026
Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 20/7/2026	Art Show Viewing Days VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 20/7/26 -31/7/2026
Art Show Gala Cocktail Party 21/07/2026	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
	Community Services
	Social

	Foundation
	Youth
	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

Thu 11 Jun	Margot B	Chair Jane A
Thu 18 Jun	Kit B	Margot B
Thu 25 Jun	Dyls B	Kit B
Thu 02 Jul	Virginia B	Dyls B
Thu 09 Jul	David B	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.

RSVP by 16th of June

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



Scan to book

Rotary



PEOPLE OF ACTION

International Toast

This week we are celebrating:

The Rotary Club of Bali Seminyak, Bali



Local women have been hired and trained to visit households and businesses to educate on proper waste practices.

Plastic Free Bali is a forward-thinking project introducing sustainable waste management practices across four villages surrounding the iconic West Bali National Park. This is Bali's only national park, and just offshore lies Menjangan Island – a place of spiritual significance, with many Hindu temples and a world-renowned diving destination with crystal-clear waters and vibrant coral reefs.

The project is a partnership between the Rotary clubs of **Bali Seminyak, Bali**, Woodend, Vic and Perth, WA, local environmental NGO Yayasan Biosfir Indonesia, the villages of Pemuteran, Perjarakan, Sumberkima, Sumberklampok and local waste management facilities.

Funding has been provided in part by a Rotary Foundation global grant which is being used to shift community attitudes towards sustainable waste management. Local waste facilities have been cleaned, renovated and expanded, and staff trained in waste sorting and making quality compost. Recyclable materials are now sold for recycling, while organic waste is turned into compost for local farmers.

New waste collection points have been installed across the villages, with trained staff collecting rubbish in collaboration with village authorities. Ten local women have been hired and trained to visit households and businesses to educate residents on proper waste practices. Around 1,500 households and many businesses will be visited three times each to ensure lasting change.

Over the two-year program, more than 2,500 villagers are expected to be trained. <https://rotarydownunder.org/waste-in-bali/>