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Rotary Brisbane High-Rise

HOT AIR

12 November2026 — Rotary Foundation Month

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International Toast:
The Rotary Club of Central Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
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The President's Post

What Was

Last week, had the opportunity to present our annual fundraiser donation to Coffee Brigade to President Megan Wilson. Thank you to everyone whose hard work through the Art Show helped make this possible! We also welcomed Dr John Arvier, a former member of our club and long-time supporter of the School of St Jude, to hear more about the inaugural Spoken English Immersion Program.

What Is

November is keeping us busy with opportunities for service and fellowship! Wednesday's Guided by Horses film screening supports End Polio Now, and this Sunday, 15 November, we join the Rotary Club of Paddington for Croquet Under Lights. It promises to be a lovely evening together!

What Will Be

Looking ahead, we have our RARE container-packing morning on Saturday 5 December, followed by our Christmas Family Picnic at JC Slaughter Falls on Sunday 6 December. Both are wonderful opportunities to give back and enjoy each other's company.

This week, we are delighted to welcome Jessica Reid from the Brisbane Organising Committee for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. I look forward to hearing her insights and reflecting on the innovation and collaboration that such an ambitious undertaking can inspire.

In Fellowship & Service, Cindy Kemp

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Thu 12 Nov	**Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** – RSVP Jessica Reid – *Brisbane Organising Committee for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games*
Sun 15 Nov	**Croquet Under Lights** – RSVP Joint event with Rotary Club of Paddington
Sun 15 Nov	**2026 District Foundation Seminar** – RSVP Following the 2026 AGM @ Bostock House
Thu 19 Nov	**Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** – RSVP Ian Walker (*Board of QPAC, Tatts Club & Chair of Tattersall's Art Show judging panel) – The runway to the Cultural Olympiad*
Thu 26 Nov	**Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** – RSVP *Club Assembly*
Thu 03 Dec	**Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** – RSVP Chris Grice – *Aged Care, keep cash and the banking system, mature age employment, cyber safety, retirement income.*
Sat 05 Dec	**RARE – Packing containers for overseas** *8am, 73 Macarthur St, Alexandra Hills*
Sun 06 Dec	**Christmas Family Picnic In The Park** *JC Slaughter Falls – BYO everything – see at right.*

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 Guest Speaker



Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Host Queensland

Jessica Reid is Chief of Staff to the President and Director of Government Relations for the Brisbane Organising Committee for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Rotary In Action - 4WD Ambulance

Over the past two years High-Rise has undertaken projects supporting Maternity Africa's Kivulini Maternity Hospital in Arusha, Tanzania.

Until now the most prominent project has been the provision of welfare packs for desperately impoverished Mums returning home with their new babies. These welfare packs provide essential home support for the initial months after birth.

In discussions earlier this year the provision of an ambulance for Kivulini was identified as a priority need (see *Hot Air 14 May 26*) at a cost of $60K. We the help of a generous $50K grant from the Rotary Club of Balwyn, a $1K donation from the Rotary Club of Lane Cove, and a matching $4K from a supportive donor, so funds were quickly raised and the order placed.

Originally it was scheduled for delivery at the end of August, it's now delivered, has been gratefully received and immediately put into service. Both Balwyn and High-Rise are acknowledged.

A few members of High-Rise will get to see the ambulance (and maybe do an official unveiling) during our visit to Tanzania in January next year. The scheduled visit to Kivulini is Monday 1st February. ***Bill Phillips***





Rotary Australia & New Zealand

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Events & Notices



Rotary

A celebration of 25 Years of Rotary's global sponsorship of Peace Fellows

Join us for a Gala Dinner Celebration

Customs House
Brisbane, Australia

Friday 5 March 2027
6:00 PM to 10:30 PM
$245 per person

events.humanitix.com/rotary-peace-gala

Information on full Peace Fellows Program

University of Queensland website

https://rotary.centre.uq.edu.au/

Special Guest

2026-7 Rotary Foundation Chair
PRIP Jennifer Jones





Come join us for a fun and relaxed social event, learning to play croquet - includes croquet & snacks. BYO drinks. We will order pizza dinner (additional cost). Bring along the whole family with the bonus that Sunday dinner is sorted!

Sunday 15 Nov 26 from 5 to 8pm
Stephens Croquet Club, in Yeronga Memorial Park
enter from Frederic St, which is off Villa St, Yeronga

$10 per head (plus pizza)
Children under 10 are welcome but can't play on the courts - there is other smaller gear they can use off the courts.

RSVP to Margot Baillie

2026 District Foundation Seminar

The annual *District 9620 Foundation Seminar* will be held immediately following the 2026 Annual General Meeting:

Sunday 15th November, Bostock House , 9.45am till 1.00pm

Topics will include updates on district grants, polio plus, fundraising, peace fellows, stewardship and more. All welcome

For further information email the Rotary District Foundation Co-Ordinator *Michael Carrigan carrigma50@gmail.com*



Rotary District 9620 | Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

RYLA – Empowering the leaders of tomorrow and inspiring positive change in the community

Dates:
17th – 23rd January 2027

Location:
Camp Cooby
Geham QLD

RYLA

Christmas Family Picnic In The Park

Bring your family, pack a plate of your favourite food to share and join us for a morning of good food, laughter and festive cheer!

There'll be fun, games and something for everyone. It's all about good company, great food and celebrating the festive season together.

Gas BBQs will be available if you fancy cooking a snag or 10!

📍 **JC Slaughter Falls, Mt Coot-tha**

📅 **Sunday 6 December**

⏰ **9.00am – 11.00am**

Bring your picnic spirit, bats & balls, your appetite and your Christmas cheer. The more, the merrier!

Everyone welcome! 😇

NEARLY YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SUPPORT
Lindsay Marshall, Russell Postle & Alex Griffiths
who once again are **supporting the RFDS** through the **Oceans to Outback October challenge**

RFDS OCEANS to OUTBACK

Donations during November still count so any amount really appreciated - click on the links below :



Lindsay Marshall Russell Postle Alex Griffiths



Rotary Brisbane Rotary ART SHOW 2026

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Also **Special Thanks** to the **Pronk Family**, our very generous **Major Donor**

Last Week's Meeting



Cindy Kemp (Club President), Jane Andersen, Phil Gough, Murray Bell (Art Show Chair) and Coffee Brigade President Megan Wilson with the Art Show proceeds cheque



Jane Andersen & Guest Speaker John Arvier (not winning the Joker Draw)



Loretta Lynch & Ann Maree Buttner



Guests Louise Arvier & Noela Phillips



Matt Wibberley & Murray Bell

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	Dylys 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 05 Nov	Craig W	Steve S	Susan R
Thu 12 Nov	Roly W	Craig W	Greg P
Thu 19 Nov	Matt W	Roly W	Jennifer E
Thu 26 Nov	Andrew A	Matt W	Russell P
Thu 03 Dec	Jane A	Andrew A	Lindsay M
Thu 10 Dec	Margot B	Jane A	Susan R

International Toast

This week we are celebrating:

The Rotary Club of Central Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago



In his native Trinidad and Tobago, legendary calypso artist David Rudder is known as "King David." Yet many Trinidadians don't know that as a toddler Rudder contracted polio, leaving him with a weakened left leg.

In February, the Rotary Club of Central Port of Spain honored Rudder as a Paul Harris Fellow. The artist, who continues to perform at age 73, was feted during a gala aligned with the World's Greatest Meal initiative, which supports the End Polio Now campaign.

"By honoring Mr. Rudder, the Rotary club not only celebrates a towering cultural figure but also underscores the very real human impact of polio, a disease that Rotary and its global partners are working tirelessly to eradicate," says former club member Kimberly De Souza. "His life story powerfully reinforces why the fight to end polio must continue until no child, anywhere, suffers from a preventable disease."