



HOT AIR

13 August 2026 — Membership & New Club Development Month

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The President's Post

What Was

This week, we were pleased to have Donelle Whiteley, Chair of Rotary Health for District 9620, who shared the important work that Australian Rotary Health does in moving research forward in many areas of health and wellbeing for Australians. She shared various ways each Rotary Club can be further investing into the future of the mental health of our young people.

What Is

This past weekend, our Board and members came together for our Strategic Planning Day, taking time to pinpoint our direction and set the standard for the year ahead. These conversations are an important part of ensuring our club continues to grow, remain relevant and create lasting impact through meaningful service, strong partnerships and active membership. Thank you to everyone who contributed their ideas, experience and enthusiasm. Together, we are building a strong foundation for another successful Rotary year!

What Will Be

Looking ahead to this week's meeting, we are delighted to welcome Dr Tristan Wallis from Queensland Brain Institute. Dr Wallis will be speaking on Memory, Learning and Ageing, sharing insights into how our brains function, how they change as we age, and the lifestyle choices that can support cognitive health. He will also explore some of the exciting advances in brain research and emerging technologies. I hope you can join us for what promises to be another fascinating and informative morning. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

In Fellowship & Service,

Cindy Kemp

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- 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
- Thu 27 Aug Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Dr Peter Ellerton, UQ Critical Thinking Project
Critical Thinking and Agency Against the Erosion of
Professional Judgment & Public Disengagement.

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.

An Update from Ken Maisey



I haven't been around the club much recently, and while that might not seem unusual, the reason this time is a little different. In early June, I was admitted to The Wesley through their Emergency Department with severe back pain. After a series of tests, I was diagnosed with multiple myeloma — a treatable and manageable blood cancer that affects the bones.

I spent five weeks in hospital and have now been home for about a month. Life has settled into a new routine of weekly chemotherapy, rehabilitation, and specialist appointments.

This experience has reminded me how fortunate we are to have an organisation like Uniting Care and The Wesley here in Brisbane. The care, coordination, and support services across every part of the hospital have been outstanding. Having all the necessary services in one place has made an enormous difference. The care team around me is exceptional.

I want to sincerely thank the club for your support — especially those who have personally reached out. This has meant a great deal to both Charmaine and me. It's comforting to feel the support of the club behind us. For us, knowing that you are all there, should we need anything is wonderful and all we need now.

I'm staying positive, as:

- The cancer was detected early
- At 56, I'm at the younger end of the typical diagnosis age range (usually late-60's to early-70's)
- It is considered treatable and "liveable", with treatment already underway and progressing well

I look forward to reconnecting with you all soon.

Best wishes,

Ken Maisey

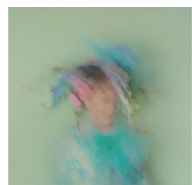


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Rotary District 9620 Conference 2027

March 12 - 14, 2027

The Pavilion Conference and Reception Centre, Gympie



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Last Week's Meeting



Suzi Mellor, Guest Speaker
Donelle Whiteley, Cindy Kemp
& Virginia Brooks



Anne Maree Buttner



Andrew Albury & Lindsay Marshall



Lift the Lid on
Mental Health
in Schools flyer

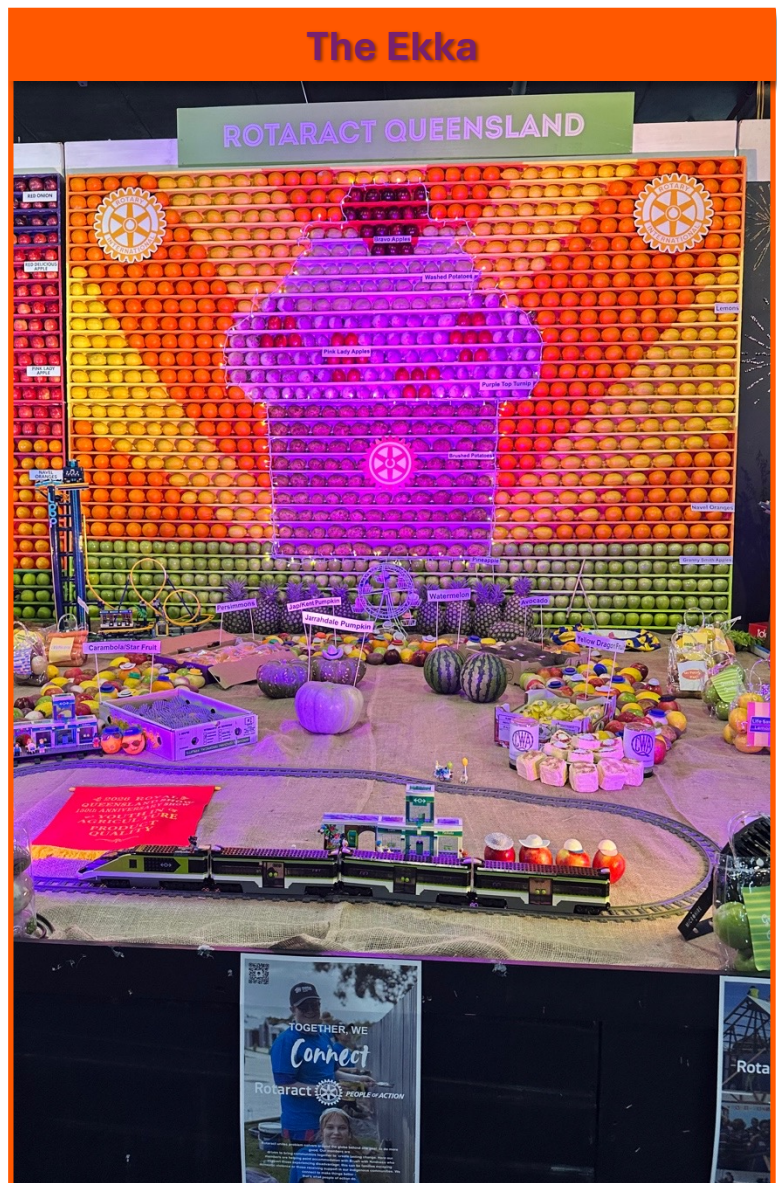


Guest Speaker Donelle Whiteley, Russell Postle,
Lindsay Marshall & Phil Gough



Greg Beard, Jennifer Eathorne & Suzi Mellor

Ros Mumford winning
another bottle of the
new Joker wine



Our local Rotaract Clubs
mounted a display at the
Ekka – what a great way
to connect with lots of
young people!



Russell & Deb Postle at the Ekka
bumped into ex-member John McGinley



Rotary Club of Hamilton 3rd Annual

CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

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International Toast

This week we are celebrating:
Rotary Club of Chapala Sunrise, Jalisco, Mexico



In February, the **Rotary Club of Chapala Sunrise** in the state of Jalisco hosted a five-day Friendship Conference with members of international partner clubs from Richmond, British Columbia; Winnipeg, Manitoba; and Lincoln, California, as well as clubs from the Mexican cities of Guadalajara, Zapopan, and Chapala.

Attendees toured projects they had supported, including a wastewater treatment facility, a plant that uses gravity to move water to wetland flower beds, and a health clinic planned to serve an Indigenous community in Jalisco.

Delegation members also delivered presentations on projects of their home clubs. "Rotary connections we're making together are going to continue for years," says Nicci Beninger, club president and organizer of the gathering.

Board Members 2026-27

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Secretary	Ann Maree Buttner
Treasurer	Loretta Lynch
Community Projects	Jane Andersen
Marketing	<i>Taking applications</i>
Membership	Deb Le Garde
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 13 Aug	Helen F	Jennifer E
Thu 20 Aug	Phil G	Helen F
Thu 27 Aug	Deb Le G	Phil G
Thu 03 Sep	Loretta L	Deb Le G
Thu 10 Sep	Kym McC	Loretta L