



HOT AIR

16 July 2026 — Maternal & Child Health Month

The President's Post

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What Was

A great meeting this week with Alex Griffith visiting and sharing that **Ride West** raised an incredible **\$800,000 this year for the RFDS Wellbeing out West**. We are grateful for the very small part we are able to play in this amazing work and congratulate Alex and the team on their efforts year after year for such a needed cause.

And our speaker, **Norm Hunter OAM**, who shared his experience and life lessons as a 'Chalkie', teaching and serving in PNG in 1975. An amazing example of doing one's duty with respect and humility as a young man, that sparked an amazing impact on so many lives over decades of teaching and leadership.

What Is

The **Brisbane Rotary Art Show** is fast approaching, and now is the time to get involved. With setup commencing 18 July and public viewing days running from 20-31 July, volunteers are needed to help bring this major event to life. Please consider putting your hand up for a roster spot and supporting one of our club's significant upcoming activities. Reach out to Roly if you have time to spare!

What Will Be

This week, we look forward to joining our friends from Paddington for our combined club meeting at Wests Rugby, where we will welcome **Sivaq Prasad Pillai, Administrator of Rotary's International Travel and Hosting Fellowship**. With 900 members across 80 countries, this unique fellowship brings Rotarians together through travel, hosting and international friendship; a wonderful reminder of the connections Rotary creates across borders.

In Fellowship & Service,
Cindy Kemp

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 16 Jul** **Joint Meeting with Paddington @ Wests Rugby**
Western District Rugby Football Club
Memorial Park, 65 Sylvan Rd, Toowong
Induction for Art Show roster volunteers
- Thu 23 Jul** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** – [RSVP](#)
Club Assembly & Board Meeting
- Thu 30 Jul** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** – [RSVP](#)
Catherine Baxter, BCC Transport
Bus and ferry operations at Brisbane City Council
- Thu 06 Aug** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** – [RSVP](#)
Donelle Whiteley, Chair of Rotary Health D9620
Rotary Health - Lift the Lid on Mental Health

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.

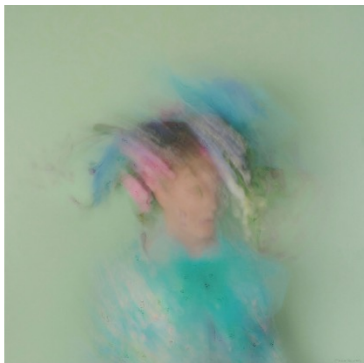
Rotary Grace: **For the fellowship of Rotary, we give our thanks.**

Art Show Roster

There are still ways you can assist with the Art Show Roster and it's open to partners and friends so rope them in!

Contact me to discuss what shift work best for you.

Roly Wells



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EXHIBITION JULY 20-31

GALA EVENT JULY 21

ARTICULATE JULY 26

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SAVE THIS DATE

Rotary District 9620 Conference 2027

March 12 - 14, 2027

The Pavilion Conference and Reception Centre, Gympie

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

Last Week's Meeting



Guest Speaker Norm Hunter OAM, Phil Gough & Rob O'Donovan



Loretta Lynch & guests Jon and Nicole Rosie



Andrew Albury ecstatic the night before when the Blues won ... but not so keen about the breakfast he was served at our meeting!

Ros Mumford not winning the Joker Draw. She was actually quite pleased to be taking home the consolation bottle of red wine!



Rotary Abroad – Noela's School Report



I arrived at St Jude's with 30 lesson plans for prescribed activities, a few basic resources, packets of coloured chalk and a blackboard duster. I knew I would be teaching 50 Form 1 One students who had been at St Jude's for only six months. They came from the public school system in Tanzania with mixed abilities, with ages at a guess from 13 to 16 years. The students had forfeited their vacation to attend our program. Their spoken English abilities and comprehension skills were unknown. Despite this, I was super excited to be back in the classroom!

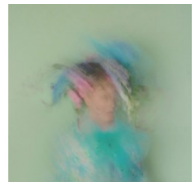
Our brief was to focus on building student confidence to speak English, ask questions, stress to students it's ok to make mistakes and have fun all within the 30 different lesson goals.

On day one the first group of 10 students sat rigid and silent afraid to offer up a wrong answer. After two weeks of interactive learning activities inside and outside the classroom - eg. learning through art, drama, games and minimal chalk and talk - the students' wings unfolded like those of a beautiful butterfly. Students identified as struggling would receive tuition.

On my final teaching day the girls and boys were in tears, a few sobbing into my shoulder. As volunteer teachers we all taught from a position of love, kindness and encouragement. We learnt together and respected each other. According to a Tanzanian teacher, our caring attitudes and fun activities were the reason for the students' sadness and tears. I wish it was so easy in our Australian classrooms.

I met many truly special students. Their unique spirits, their thirst for learning, the respect shown and their beaming smiles, will certainly leave imprints on my heart for a very long time.

Noela Phillips



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Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

Calendar 2026-2027

Activities outside of Club Meetings

JULY

Maternal & Child Health Month

Third Space Working Bee (9am-12noon)
4/7/2026

District Change Over
at USC 11am-3pm
5/7/2026

Combined meeting with
Paddington Club - Art
Show training at Wests
Rugby 16/07/2026

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 🧑🏻🧑🏻🧑🏻

Art Show Gala
Cocktail Party
21/07/2026 🧑🏻🧑🏻🧑🏻

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
20/7/26 - 31/7/2026

ARTiculate Event
Meet the Artists, Wine
& Cheese Event 🧑🏻🧑🏻🧑🏻
26/07/2026 2-4pm

First 2026-2027
Board Meeting
Date & Venue
To be Confirmed

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AUGUST

Membership & New Club Development Month

Brisbane Rotary Art
Show Pack Up
Volunteers needed
1/8/2026

Coffee Brigade
Sandwich
Makers
17/8/2026 😊

Possible Wine Labelling/
Joker Draw Social
Event
To be Confirmed

Board Meeting
Date & Venue
To be Confirmed

KEY:

	Major Projects
	Community Services
	Social
	Foundation
	Youth
	Rotary International Events
	District Events, Conferences or Training

Board Members 2026-27

President	Cindy Kemp
Past President	Greg Beard
President Elect	Ann Maree Buttner
Secretary	Ann Maree Buttner
Treasurer	<i>Taking applications</i>
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 16 Jul	Cancelled – Joint Meeting with Paddington	
Thu 23 Jul	Ann Maree Bu	David B
Thu 30 Jul	Robyn D	Ann Maree Bu
Thu 06 Aug	Jennifer E	Robyn D
Thu 13 Aug	Helen F	Jennifer E

Rotaract Clubs of Paddington & RiverCity Combined Changeover

You're Invited — Rotaract Paddington × RiverCity Joint Changeover | 26 July

Good Evening,

It's with great pleasure that the Rotaract Club of Paddington, alongside the Rotaract Club of RiverCity, invites you to our **Joint Changeover Ceremony**, celebrating the year that's been and welcoming in the new leadership for both clubs.

Date: Sunday, 26 July 2026
Time: 2pm-7pm

Venue: [534 Samford Road,, Mitchelton, QLD 4053](#)

This year has been one of genuine impact. From community projects to new friendships forged across both clubs, we'd love for you to be part of the night as we hand over the reins to our incoming Presidents and Boards.

The evening will include:

- Guest speakers and outgoing/incoming President addresses
- Award presentations
- A raffle
- Plenty of finger food as well

Tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/26-27-brisbane-rivercity-and-rotaract-paddington-combined-changeover>

Early Bird tickets are only \$29 but the tickets are limited.

We can't wait to celebrate this milestone with you. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Kind regards,
Callum Mitchell (He/Him)
President 2025-2026
Rotaract Paddington

Rotaract
Club of Paddington



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.