



 **HOT AIR**

18 June 2026 — Rotary Fellowships Month

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The President's Post

My contribution this week follows the Rotary Fellowship Month theme, even at the risk of repeating some recent comments. As this Rotary year draws to a close, may I reflect on something that is a real strength of our club and something we should consciously nurture and strengthen into the future:

Camaraderie.

It is one of the most important elements of any successful organisation and especially it's "volunteers". Shared goals and effective organisation are essential, but it is the trust, friendship and mutual support between members that often determine how successful and sustainable a group will be over time.

When we feel connected to one another, we are more willing to contribute our skills, share ideas and work collaboratively. Strong camaraderie creates an environment where members feel valued and respected, fostering a genuine willingness to support one another.

Because we all freely give our time and energy, camaraderie becomes particularly important. We are far more likely to remain active and engaged when we enjoy the company of our fellow members and feel part of a supportive community.

Camaraderie also enhances resilience. During demanding projects, or challenging periods, strong personal connections help us maintain motivation, perspective and focus.

Camaraderie is undoubtedly one of the great strengths of our club. It certainly is reflected by the breadth and depth of our activity.

From time to time, however, it is worth asking others about their sense of camaraderie in our club. If the response is hesitant, that may be an opportunity for us to act. Fellowship is strongest when everyone feels they belong.

Greg Beard

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- 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

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 less than a week until the
Brisbane High-Rise Change Over**

Join us for a relaxed

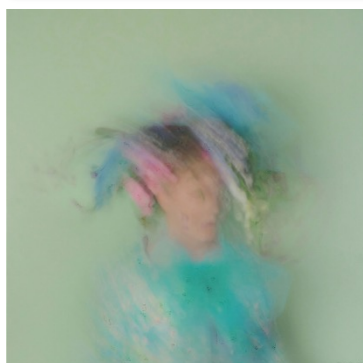
High Tea

Riva Kitchen and Events, Hamilton

Sunday, 21 June, 2-4pm

\$50 per person

RSVP to: [Yvonne Robson](#)



Rotary 

Brisbane
Rotary **ART** 2026
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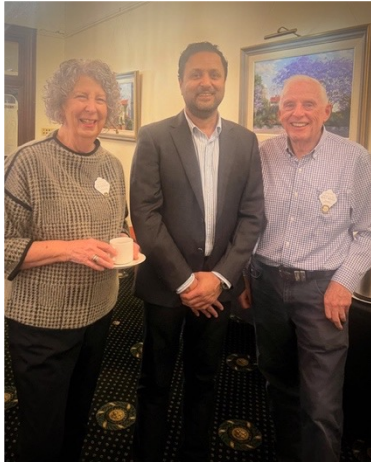
Last Week's Meeting

Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation

Our Guest Speaker this week was Christine West from the Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation which is a not-for-profit organisation with a vision to improve outcomes for wildlife in our community. They are about to construct a much-needed specialist wildlife hospital for injured and orphaned native animals where they can be treated by highly skilled veterinary professionals and be released back into the wild in Moreton Bay. The nearest wildlife hospitals are RSPCA Wacol and Australia Zoo, both about 2 hour round trip. [Click for more info.](#)



Lindsay, with Kimberley (President Elect) & Jimmy from the RiverCity Rotaract Club.



Jane, Nasir & Roly



Virginia going to extreme lengths to get sympathy, but on the mend.

Robyn & Deb, Robyn not winning the Joker Draw

Rotary Abroad - Tanzania

Noela Phillips together with John & Louise Arvier are in Tanzania to assist with the St Jude's Spoken English Immersion program, but of course they are doing other things as well:



John attended a meeting of the Mt Meru Rotary Club where he was presented with their banner.



Noela, with John & Louise, visited Kivulini.

She took over beanies and baby wraps to give to the Mummas.

The hospital staff are very excited about the ambulance.



The Tree of Life with the number of births embroidered on the leaves



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Calendar 2025-2026

Activities outside of Club Meetings

JUNE <i>Rotary Fellowships Month</i>		JULY <i>Maternal & Child Health Month</i>	
Kinross Cluster Meeting 11/6/2026	Art Show 2026 Preparation	Third Space Working Bee- (9am-12noon) 4/7/2026	District Change Over at USC 1pm-3pm 5/7/2026
Rotary International Conference TAIPAI 13/6/2026	Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 15/06/2026	Art Show Set Up VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 18/07/2026	"Vernissage" Art Show Event INVITE ONLY 19/07/2026
Brisbane High-Rise Changeover High Tea 21/6/2026	Board Meeting & Dinner - Incoming & Outgoing Members 22/6/2026	Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 20/7/2026	Art Show Viewing Days VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 20/7/26 -31/7/2026
Special General Meeting - approve Constitution 25/6/2026		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		Foundation
	Community Services		Youth
	Social		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	Chair
Thu 18 Jun Kit B	Margot B
Thu 25 Jun Dyllys B	Kit B
Thu 02 Jul Virginia B	Dyllys B
Thu 09 Jul David B	Virginia B
Thu 16 Jul <i>Cancelled – Joint Meeting with Paddington</i>	

Rotary

District 9620

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

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

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SCAN TO REGISTER

REGISTRATION LINK
<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50367/Events/district-9620-district-changeover>

ENQUIRIES: 001chriswright@gmail.com | www.rotary9620.org.au

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

International Toast

This week we are celebrating:
The Rotary Club of Belén, Costa Rica



Lush rainforests and world-renowned birding help draw hundreds of thousands of travelers to Costa Rica every year. That backdrop belies many needs, including for children in the country.

Stéphane Dähler, a Swiss expatriate who works in the tourism industry, reports his **Rotary Club of Belén**, northwest of the capital of San José, is committed to improving education and health outcomes.

In February, members worked at the Español School to assemble, sand, and paint 112 desks funded by the club, District 4240 in Costa Rica, and Rotarians from District 5280 in California.

The following month, Belén Rotarians visited the Santiago Alpízar School to drop off books. To help fill gaps in health care, the club held a medical camp in rural Puriscal in December to offer blood screenings and a toy distribution.

The club “has become a bridge that unites Costa Rican industry with the common good, showing that the private sector and volunteers can generate a positive and sustainable effect,” Dähler says.