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Rotary Brisbane High-Rise

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19 November2026 — Rotary Foundation Month

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The Rotary Club of Padova, Italy
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The President's Post

What Was

Last week, we welcomed Dominique Lamb, Director of Community Affairs for the Brisbane Organising Committee for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. We learned more about the beautiful official emblems for the games - the Australian Cockatoos and a tonne of other facts about getting Brisbane ready and what will be needed. Thank you to Dom for making time to join us as we look towards Brisbane 2032.

What Is

Some wonderful news from Tanzania! The 4WD ambulance for Maternity Africa's Kivulini Maternity Hospital has been delivered and is already in service. This project came together through High-Rise's efforts and generous support from the Rotary Clubs of Balwyn and Lane Cove, alongside other donors. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen.

What Will Be

Looking into the new year, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) will bring young leaders together at Camp Cooby from 17–23 January, and the Peace Gala on 5 March will celebrate 25 years of Rotary's global sponsorship of Peace Fellows. It is heartening to see these opportunities for leadership and peace continuing to grow.

This week, we are delighted to welcome Ian Walker, who serves on the boards of QPAC and the Tatts Club and chairs the Tattersall's Art Show judging panel. He will speak about The runway to the Cultural Olympiad, and I look forward to hearing how the arts can inspire creativity and innovation in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032.

A reminder that our next Club Assembly is on Thursday 26 November.

In Fellowship & Service, Cindy Kemp

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Thu 19 Nov	**Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** – RSVP Ian Walker - *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.*
Thu 10 Dec	**Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** – RSVP *Ian Hope, DG*

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



Ian Walker, a lawyer for 35 years and then served in the Queensland Parliament as Minister for Science, IT, Innovation, and the Arts.

He has had leadership roles in the Anglican Church, at Churchie, as a trustee of the Lord Mayors Community Trust and with several arts bodies, including Camerata, Circa and Queensland Youth Orchestras, and is presently Chair of QPAC, a member of the UQ Senate, and Principal Advisor to the Advanced Robotics Manufacturing Hub.

Coffee Brigade

An excerpt from their October Newsletter:

We've always said we're there for our friends 365 days a year, rain, hail or shine, and last month had it all. Despite some challenging weather, our volunteers still showed up bright and early to prepare fresh sandwiches and muffins, jump in the van to visit our daily stops, and even catch a loaf.

Here's what we achieved together this month:

☕ 4,325 hot drinks served 🥪 4,841 sandwiches provided

Throwing bread to Raise Bread

In October, we had singers, chefs, sporting stars, local businesses, councillors, school students and volunteers in front of the camera to throw loaves of bread.

Why? To help us Raise Bread this Christmas. We'll be sharing these videos across our social media channels throughout November and December, so keep an eye out for some familiar Brisbane faces!

As our volunteers already know, we go through a lot of bread. In fact, we need around 35 loaves every single day to share fresh sandwiches with our friends. To help cover this cost, we've set ourselves a goal of raising $10,000 towards our bread costs for 2027.

Whether you'd like to make a donation or simply help us spread the word by sharing our campaign with friends and family, we'd love your support.

Can You Help?

It's costing $3,200 per month for the basics that Coffee Brigade has to purchase to provide the service:

Butter	*$270*	*Cheese*	*$850*	*Ham*	*$550*
Beef	*$800*	*Spreads*	*$200*	*Sugar*	*$40*
Muffins	*$65*	*Coffee*	*$250*	*Milo*	*$167*

Surely amongst us we know of businesses that would be prepared to donate one or more of these items, or at least provide them at a discounted rate. Either introduce them directly to Coffee Brigade or let me know and we will setup the connection and make the request.

Jane Andersen

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

International Catch Up

In October 2026 there was a meeting of former High-Rise members in Munich - Christine and Vic met up with Frank and Sabine.

One of Vic and Christine's two daughters is Commissioner for New Zealand in Berlin. They travelled to Europe visiting her and also visiting Norway. We had a meal at our place in Munich and the next day Vic's 75th birthday dinner at the Spaten brewery restaurant in Munich with their daughter Rebecca.

Frank Leschhorn.



International Travels and Ouch!

Greg & Ann-Maree are in the Philippines:

We've had a busy time whilst in the Philippines:

A couple of days in Manila trying out the local food and discovering places such as as the Aussie Slouch Hat Hotel & Bar (16 beers less than $32 between 4 of us)

Caught up with friends going to same Conference, who are Rotarians from Tasmania, and checked out Intramuros which is an old fortified part of the city. A beautiful cathedral which has been rebuilt 7 times due to earthquakes, typhoons, fire and WWII.

We'd all heard of various battles during WWII but I had not heard about the Battle of Manila. The Japanese killed 100.000 people in a month in 1945 within the Intramuros walls - a city block. The stories and photos were horrific.

We noticed a lot of Rotary and JCI signs in Manila - including a large brass plaque with the 4-Way Test.

Up to Clark, a former US Airforce base which was converted into a large conference/golf/entertainment & residential area 2 hours drive north of Manila.

ASEAN takes place in Manila this week and Donald Trump is supposed to be flying in on Monday. We've been warned that there will be chaos at the airport when he comes and that Manila residents have been given a mandatory 5 day holiday to allow the event to run smoothly.

The JCI 2026 World Congress has been in action for the last 5 days. 5000 attendees from around the world. The President of the Philippines, Ferdinand (Bongbong) Marcos Jnr, gave a video speech welcoming all of us, and sent an envoy for an extended speech.

Our son Alex, JCI Australia's National President, has been heavily involved in many meetings and there have been many parties thrown - official and unofficial. We even had a couple of the members from Black Eyed Peas performing.

I had a mishap and now have a fracture in my leg which will require surgery. Cannot blame alcohol - I was on the way to an event and fell 30 metres after exiting a car. Now hobbling around on crutches with a leg in bright blue plaster.

At Awards night Alex was named one of the Top 3 National Presidents (same as Atlanta, his partner, was named last year).

To top the Awards night off, Greg & I were given a free ride back to our hotel in an ambulance with the Red Cross as it was impossible to catch a Grab car (Uber) due to poor internet and having to fit in a wheelchair, so they thought it was the easiest way to get us home!

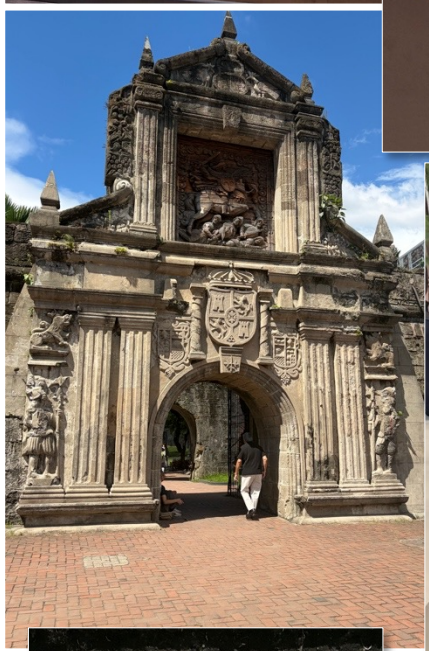
Next we are off to a resort island, Siargao, with several attendees which was arranged by the Philippines JCI National President who calls this island his home. Lots of activities arranged but only one of us will be able to do them!

We head home to Australia on Friday night and doctors' appointments in the next week.

Ann-Maree Bennett











Sunday Evening 15 Nov 26 - Croquet Under Lights with Paddington Club

A beautiful evening for some friendly competition. Thanks to Margot for organising and supporting this event!







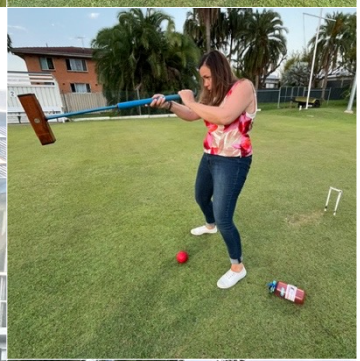














Last Week's Meeting



Guest Speaker Dominique Lamb, Cindy Kemp & Dylys Bertelsen



Guest Ozgun Sumbuloglu & Lindsay Marshall



Susan Rix not winning the Joker Draw

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 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
Thu 17 Dec	Murray B	Margot B	Greg P

No Meetings Thu 24 Dec, 31 Dec, 07 Jan



OOPS – Last Week's International Toast

Last week we celebrated:

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

but the photo was wrong – here's the correct photo!



In his native Trinidad and Tobago, legendary calypso artist David Rudder is known as "King David." Yet many don't know that as a toddler Rudder contracted polio. In February, the ***Rotary Club of Central Port of Spain*** *honored Rudder as a Paul Harris Fellow.*

International Toast

This week we are celebrating:

The Rotary Club of Padova, Italy



District 2060 Rotarians and guests toured Italy's fertile Po Valley in 40 vintage sports cars, tracing a portion of the route taken in the historic Mille Miglia race. On 21 June, the entourage "took in landscapes unknown to most, traveling along quiet back roads at an elevation of roughly 200 meters, spanning the area from the hills across the valley to the foothills of the Alps," says Roberto Busetto, an event organizer and a past president of the **Rotary Club of Padova**.

After gathering at Busetto's childhood home outside the city, the drivers set off in their cars, and the tour concluded with lunch at a luxury hotel in Montegrotto. "Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and participants," Busetto says, "we donated about $3,000 to the polio cause and everybody received a red End Polio Now shirt."