

 **HOT AIR**

25 June 2026 — Rotary Fellowships Month

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**President Greg's Wrap:**

I remain humbled and privileged to have been accepted as your 32nd president. If I'm being honest, there have been moments of daunting, ALL outweighed totally by the activity and commitment of an incredible club.

My personal vision for this year was simple:

every member engaged, every talent valued, every moment meaningful.

Given our International theme UNITE FOR GOOD together with the strengths and breadth of talent in our club I decided that the best way to approach my role was to ensure that as much of that talent shone when and where it might and where it wanted to. This in practice frustrated one or two I know but I appreciated your perseverance.

Given the tone of this occasion I plan to focus on people. From our planning, Survey, Discussion groups you wanted:

- more hands-on service.
- events that connect us with our community and each other.

It was to be a club with a slightly shifting focus. Still one that laughed, worked, played and learnt together. The opportunity was there many fold. And there have been some incredible contributions this past year:

*Anne Maree Buttner, Secretary* : Baptism of Fire comes to mind! Incredible contribution to Board Discussions, Minutes from Board meetings available for review the next day. You Kept me honest. To have you coming in as president after Cindy gives us all much confidence (You were too my incredibly patient and capable sounding board!)

*President Elect Cindy*: No doubt a great leader in waiting. We've all witnessed her contributions – leading discussions, keeping the books, ensuring that the Board understood where we stood financially. It is strong! And, thanks in many way, to funds from our Art Show.

*Murray*, a very capable Art Show Chair leading what is an incredible team this year. Can't wait to see it all come together.

An increase in Hands On. And that's what David Bunce, delivered "hands on" once a month with RARE, Act for Kids, 3rd Space, Shelter Bags Tree Planting and more. MORE includes now, our Joker Wine! Thank you for the energy and vibrancy that you bring.

*Past President Jane* has over-seen some of our major programs and grants process with QIMR Infectious Diseases concluded, and now endeavouring to assist Wendy Mulchay's passion to educate students about sexual consent and the otherwise consequences. But Jane also joined the Art Show team with passion and gusto.

*Robyn* supporting of Coffee Brigade (our Art Show beneficiary again this year) efficiently ensuring sandwich makers every month.

*Bill Phillips* with M&Ms for membership (Ann-Maree reckons you still owe her 5), Art Show, Maternity Africa (our chosen program for international support this year) delivered 29 maternity Kits and a fully equipped Ambulance worth \$60,000.

And of course Bill and many members continue to support St Judes. Apart from almost half the club individually supporting students there was \$9,000 raised with an additional matching grant of \$6,700, sufficient to provide welfare support now for 2 years.

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**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

- Thu 25 Jun** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**  
Special General Meeting – New Constitution  
Cindy's Taipei Conference Report
- Thu 02 Jul** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**  
Dr Scarlett Raine, QUT Centre for Robotics
- Sat 04 Jul** **3<sup>rd</sup> Space Working Bee – [RSVP](#)**  
Contact David Bunce
- Thu 09 Jul** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**  
Speaker TBC
- Thu 16 Jul** **Joint meeting with Paddington @ Wests Rugby**  
Induction for Art Show roster volunteers
- Thu 23 Jul** **Cancelled – ART Show GALA instead**

**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.

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## President Greg's Wrap (continued):

**Rotary Foundation** - thanks to **Susan Rix** ensuring our continuing commitment to the Foundation. Her timely promotions saw High-Rise with a total contribution of \$10,181 this year. While our contributions remain consistent over the years, this year is our highest for a few years.

**Wendy Protheroe** - our direct link to Rotary International - appreciated her stories and keeping us informed. I genuinely too appreciated her counsel.

**Youth Programs** and **Loretta** remained passionate in her commitment to nurturing future leaders in spite of youth program postponements. Loretta was a valuable contributor to board discussions this year. Her work producing the Volunteer Impact Report - an outstanding contribution not only for our own use but also the opportunity for application to the broader organisation.

**Marketing & Public Image:** If you've seen us, on Social Media it's probably thanks to **Ann-Maree** who spent hours almost daily on this and other marketing. But Ann-Maree also undertook to manage our speaker program, which again proved to be a significant highlight of our program and year! (Ann-Maree also had to put up with me - far more demanding than all of the above!)

While sill on the **Marketing** theme, **Kym** joining the Art Show team has made a needed and serious impact with a range of Marketing initiatives.

Fellowship is a critically important part of ensuring a well-functioning club. You may have read my discourses on just how important! So special thanks to all who have contributed especially Margot, Yvonne and Deb.

Two people who didn't serve on the board but contributed probably daily throughout the year are the beautiful **Rosemary Meadows** and the not as beautiful **Steve Knight**: **Rosemary** venue liaison and her interesting and well produced Power Points. Taking photos every week, reviewing and managing the increasing costs of venues and especially after another search for venues (thanks to AM). **Rosemary** continues to manage a delicate relationship with patience and aplomb!

**Steve Knight** - a mainstay of the Art Show but his dedication also to Hot Air has served us so well.

I know I've singled out people, true leaders all, who have had a significant impact on club achievements this year. And I know that each and every member has committed to as much as they are able. That is always all that should be asked for, and expected. Others always were ready to "put their hands up". Some may have reflected that they put them up too far!

That may have included **Roly**, **Ken**, **Rob** (thinking Race Days! Last one raised us over \$800). But there was also:

**Hon Member Margaret Rix** - Beautiful jewellery again this year that continues to enable us to raise thousands of dollars

**Greg Pearson** - always ready when asked, and ensures levity for us always.

**Suzu** - Signed up and immediately became totally involved!

**Virginia** - a welcome return and look at to your involvement

**Ros** - Observes more than we realise and always ready to offer great ideas

**Rob O'D** - Poetry night a highlight, always ready to MC, always able to add levity to any situation

**Lindsay** - Energy plus - your passion is infectious especially when it comes to SS Maheno and Ride West, our Stand in Treasurer at the ready

**Phil Gough** - Always ready and willing to help. Suggests Speakers (as many have thank you). Attached at the hip to Art Show. Makes a spectacle of collecting glasses - thousands of them! A mean trivet maker to boot.

A couple not here but worth a mention:

**Russell** - acknowledge his efforts and those members who made this year's ANZAC at SS Maheno another very memorable one. And **Deb Postle** too a regular on Sandwich patrol!

**Craig Wappett** - counsel on agreements and constitution, very valuable assistance when needed this year.

**Andrew Albury** - a proud New South Welshman (interestingly absent since last Wednesday)! What an influence he makes on the wellbeing of our club

**Helen** - looking after Alumni and keen supporter of Coffee Brigade Sandwich makers

And finally may I acknowledge our Partners - always enjoy their company and their ready support.

Have I missed anyone?!

And now **Dyllys** ..... missed you, missed that you too were at the races, missed mentioning your birthday (along with Anne Maree's) last Thursday. "Apologises for not attending as regularly as she would like". Such is the character of this lady. I recall a dedicated President who preceded her year with some two years ensuring had we enjoyed an excellent speaker program - a very demanding task. Travelling to Tanzania. Personally, bringing in an external facilitator to her Board planning day. A year that saw many important achievements, for the benefit of our club. A focus of Governance, a clearer strategy and process around our finances, **Dyllys** really did bring a new level of professionalism to our club. You may not be here at the moment as often as you would like. We certainly all understand that time is needed to refocus on your business.

On behalf of all members we thank you for what you have given to our club and in fact given to the broader community. A quick look at LinkedIn reveals a history of significant contributions to Business and Community, beyond Rotary serving on a range of boards over some three decades.

**Dyllys Bertelsen OAM**, may I ask, and it is with the support of all members of your club, that you please accept a well deserved **Paul Harris Fellow** from your club.



And now I have the very pleasant duty of handing over to **Cindy Kemp** to usher in a new year of High-Rise.

## Greg Beard

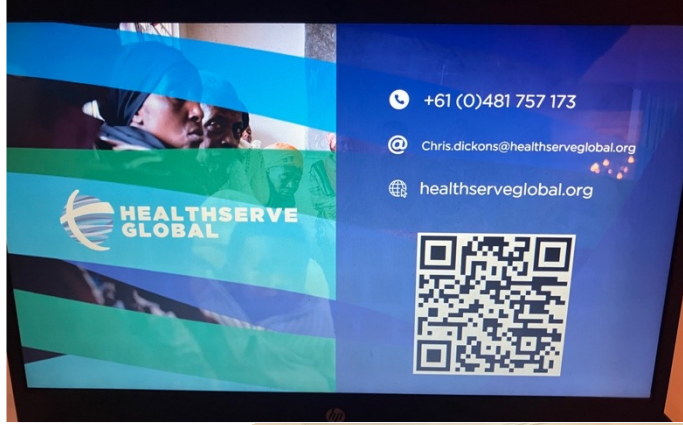


Thanks to Loretta for being our MC, and to Yvonne & Margot for organising the event.

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# Last Week's Meeting



## Loaves & Fishes Luncheon



Rotary had a great presence when a large group represented High-Rise at the **Loaves and Fishes** event at St John's Cathedral on Tuesday 2 June.

The event raised funds for **MND and Me** who support those with Motor Neurone Disease and their families.

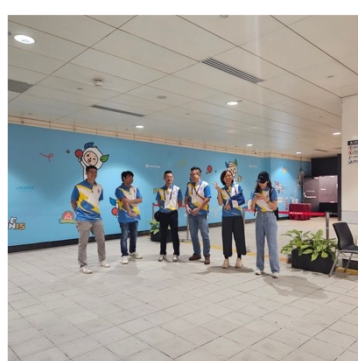
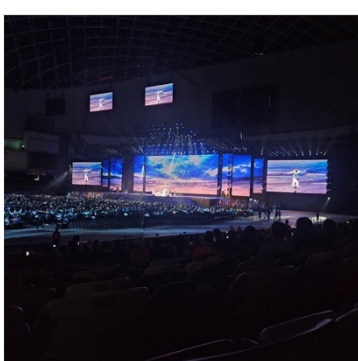
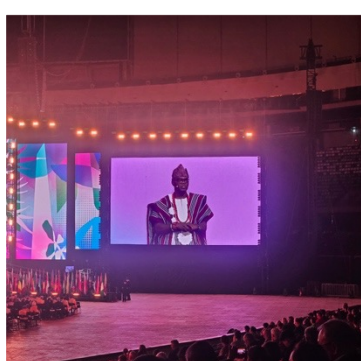
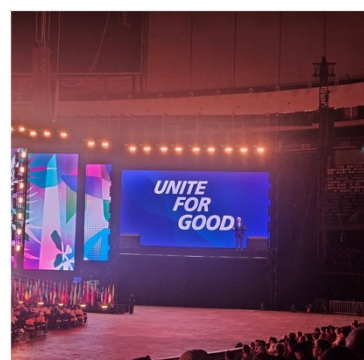
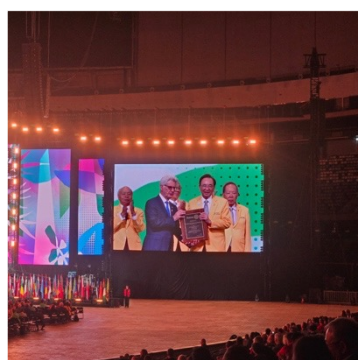
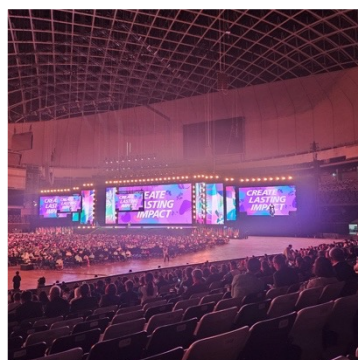
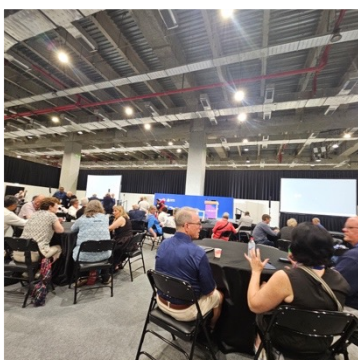
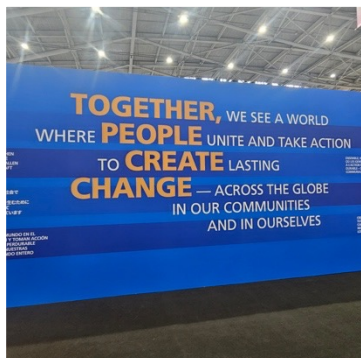
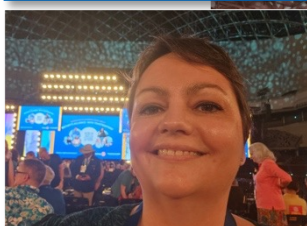
Thank you!  
**Russell Postle**



# A Global Tapestry of Connection

Walking into the magnificent Taipei Dome alongside tens of thousands of fellow Rotarians, the energy was heartwarming. The **Rotary International Convention in Taipei** was a powerful reminder of what happens when the world unites with a shared heart for service, bringing together representatives from hundreds of countries. Taipei proved to be the ultimate host city, showcasing beautiful, state-of-the-art facilities that provided the perfect backdrop for great conversation and immersion.

The true highlight was observing (and being part of) the warm, genuine connections made with incredible people from every corner of the globe. Sharing stories of local impact across all seven areas of focus was a reminder of Service Above Self by ordinary persons everyday. These photos capture just a glimpse of the vibrant energy, the stunning surroundings, and the wonderful new friendships that a Global Convention creates. **Cindy Kemp**



# Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

## Calendar 2025-2026

### Activities outside of Club Meetings

JUNE <i>Rotary Fellowships Month</i>		JULY <i>Maternal &amp; 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 11am-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

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### 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
<b>Assisted By:</b>	
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
<b>Thu 25 Jun</b> Dyls B	Kit B
<b>Thu 02 Jul</b> Virginia B	Dyls B
<b>Thu 09 Jul</b> David B	Virginia B
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## 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



*Together, we continue*  
**SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

**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 Clubs of Taipei, Taiwan**



Rotary International Convention in Taipei concludes with inspiration and a call to action

The Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan, ended on a high note as singer Leona Lewis brought thousands of attendees to their feet with a stirring performance that included the resilience anthem "Fire Under My Feet" during the closing ceremony on 17 June.

Taipei's warm hospitality was on full display as hundreds of Rotary volunteers formed a human corridor outside the venue, greeting departing attendees with cheers and celebratory gestures. Many people stopped to take selfies and exchange farewells before heading home.

The four-day event attracted more than 38,000 people from 140 countries and regions, making it one of Rotary's largest conventions in recent years.

"This year, I spoke often about uniting for good," said Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy. "These past days, we have seen what that means. Rotary is a meeting place — where strangers become friends, friendship becomes trust, where trust becomes action."

*For Cindy's perspective check out page 5.*