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Rotary Brisbane High-Rise

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26 November2026 — Rotary Foundation Month

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International Toast:
The Rotary Club of Taipei, Taiwan
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The President's Post

What Was

Last week, we welcomed Ian Walker for The runway to the Cultural Olympiad. We also had the huge pleasure of awarding Stephen Pronk with a Ruby Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his amazing financial support of our annual Rotary Art Show over the last 4 years.

It was lovely to see everyone enjoying our recent Croquet Under Lights evening with the Rotary Club of Paddington. Thank you to Margot for organising such a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and a little friendly competition!

What Is

This week is our Club Assembly, an opportunity for us to turn our attention to the club and the work ahead. We will be focusing on our club and what it looks like in 2027. I hope you can join us.

What Will Be

Coffee Brigade has set a goal of raising $10,000 towards its bread costs for 2027 through its *Raise Bread* campaign. With around 35 loaves needed every day, every contribution makes a difference. Also, if you know a business that could help with donations or discounted supplies, please reach out to Jane Andersen.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming Chris Grice, who will speak about topics including aged care, cyber safety and retirement income. I look forward to hearing some fresh perspectives on these important issues.

In Fellowship & Service, Cindy Kemp

Upcoming Meetings & Events

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** – RSVP *8am, 73 Macarthur St, Alexandra Hills*
Sun 06 Dec	**Christmas Family Picnic In The Park** *JC Slaughter Falls – BYO everything.*
Thu 10 Dec	**Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** – RSVP *Ian Hope, DG*
Thu 17 Dec	**AGM & Meeting @ United Service Club** – RSVP *Children's Christmas Party*

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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.**

Christmas Family Picnic In The Park

Bring your family, pack a plate of your favourite food to share and join us for a morning of good food, laughter and festive cheer!

There'll be fun, games and something for everyone. It's all about good company, great food and celebrating the festive season together.

Gas BBQs will be available if you fancy cooking a snag or 10!

📍 **JC Slaughter Falls, Mt Coot-tha**

📅 **Sunday 6 December**

⏰ **9.00am – 11.00am**

Bring your picnic spirit, bats & balls, your appetite and your Christmas cheer. The more, the merrier!

Everyone welcome! 😇

Emerald Patient Transfer Facility Opening

The official opening date is looking to be Wednesday 14 April 2027.

Attendance at the opening will be by invitation only. Emerald Rotary has offered to include High-Rise members who wish to attend on their invitation list. Accommodation will be available at the Mayfair Tavern.

So, if you are interested, can you let me know by early January. Russell Postle

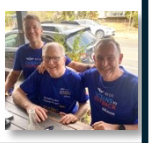
$14,330 RAISED SO FAR - YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SUPPORT

Lindsay Marshall, Russell Postle & Alex Griffiths are once again **supporting the RFDS** through the **Oceans to Outback October challenge**

Donations during November still count so any amount really appreciated - click on the links below:

Lindsay Marshall Russell Postle Alex Griffiths

RFDS OCEANS to OUTBACK







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Rotary District 9620 Conference 2027

March 12 - 14, 2027

The Pavilion Conference and Reception Centre, Gympie

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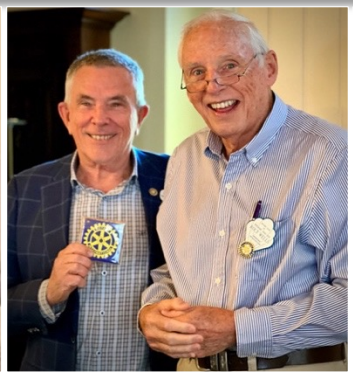
GYMPIE WEB DESIGN

Also **Special Thanks** to the **Pronk Family**, our very generous **Major Donor**

Last Week's Meeting



Susan Rix, Wendy Protheroe, Stephen Pronk, who was presented with a Ruby PHF, & Murray Bell



Guest Speaker Ian Walker and Roly Wells



Loretta Lynch, guest Monique Betty & Yvonne Robson







Above Left: Dylys Bertelsen, Ian Walker & Ann Maree Buttner

Wendy Protheroe & Margot Baillie

Susan Rix, guest David Mendonca & Denise Shellbach





Susan Rix not winning the Joker Draw (again)

The Rotary Foundation

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UQ Rotary Peace Centre 25th Anniversary Celebration

25 Years of Partnership, Learning, and Impact

Join us on **5 & 6 March 2027** as we celebrate 25 years of partnership between Rotary and the UQ Rotary Peace Centre

Venues

*The University of Queensland, St Lucia

**Customs House Brisbane

5 March 2027

Walking Tour of the UQ Rotary Peace Centre and UQ campus*

(9:00am - 10:00am)

Briefing and Discussion: How Can We Reimagine Peace for the Next 25 Years?*

(10:30am – 12:00pm)

Gala Dinner Celebration featuring Jennifer Jones and Prof Deborah Terry**

(6:00pm)

6 March 2027

Annual Rotary Peace Fellows Seminar — 'From Learning to Impact'*

(10:00am - 6:00pm)

Scan the QR code for full program details and registration, or visit the link below.

https://rotary.centre.uq.edu.au/event/rotary-peace-centre-25th-anniversary-celebrations

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SPECIAL EVENT



Rotary

A celebration of 25 Years of Rotary's global sponsorship of Peace Fellows

Join us for a Gala Dinner Celebration

Customs House
Brisbane, Australia

Friday 5 March 2027
6:00 PM to 10:30 PM
$245 per person

events.humanitix.com/rotary-peace-gala

Information on full Peace Fellows Program

University of Queensland website

https://rotary.centre.uq.edu.au/

Special Guest

2026-7 Rotary Foundation Chair
PRIP Jennifer Jones



Albert Park Flexible School Graduation



I recently attended the annual Albert Park Flexible School (APFS) Graduation Ceremony, held in the Holy Trinity Church which is just across Hale St from the school. High-Rise again provided bursaries to two graduating APFS students to assist with future career and work pathway needs. At the ceremony Quentin Robertson and Lasko Bowers-Sinnott received their awards, which includes a bursary payment of $300 from High-Rise, and I had the pleasure of presenting the certificates.

The graduation ceremony is a joyous high energy occasion which highlights not only the education milestone, but also the important work that APFS undertakes in providing a safe space for vulnerable young people challenged by personal circumstance, or unable to fit into the mainstream educational system. As such, the ceremony acknowledges individual recipients' achievements and provides a platform for students to express gratitude to the school and the teaching and support staff.

To this end, the ceremony included a valedictory speech from Atlas Cromwell, who focused on the unique aspects of APFS, being a home away from home and an environment where individual differences are celebrated and encouraged. Atlas was extremely grateful for the support she had received during her time at APFS and acknowledged Head of Campus Stephanie Walsh and other educators for their encouragement and compassion. The ceremony also included an open mike session at which a number of other graduates also expressed gratitude for being helped through difficult times and being able to turn their lives around. The school's support dog "Rocket", sponsored by High-Rise, was prominent in complementary commentary throughout the event. ***Steve Settle***

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Speaker Liaison	Dylys Bertelsen
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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 26 Nov	Andrew A	Matt W	Russell P
Thu 03 Dec	Margot B	Andrew A	Lindsay M
Thu 10 Dec	Margot B	Margot B	Susan R
Thu 17 Dec	Murray B	Jane A	Greg P

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International Toast

This week we are celebrating:

The Rotary Club of Taipei, Taiwan



For more than seven decades, the **Rotary Club of Taipei** has coordinated a contest that challenges high school and college students to find solutions to societal problems.

In its 2026 iteration, the club judged proposals to assist the country's aging population. A team from Southern Taiwan University of Science and Technology garnered the top prize of about $1,500 for designing low-cost updates to medical-alert bracelets that allow the devices to transmit the wearer's location after a fall, even through thick apartment walls.

"What distinguishes [the contest] is not only its emphasis on communication but its expectation that students engage meaningfully with the world around them," says Nancy Chen Baldwin, a club member and service projects committee chair.