



HOT AIR

27 August 2026 — Membership & New Club Development Month

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The President's Post

What Was

Last week we welcomed Craig Carson from the Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary, who shared the experience of the [Outback Queensland Cattle Drive](#) that raises funds for their Major Project - Beef Bank. Our members were impressed with the incredible organisation and creation that has raised so much money. Members are invited to check out the website and they can always do with more volunteers if you fancy helping out anywhere along the way from Longreach to Blackall.

What Is

Following our Strategic Planning Day, we are continuing to look at how we can strengthen our club and increase the impact we make in our community. We are particularly keen to build stronger connections with Rotaract, continue supporting projects such as Coffee Brigade and Third Space, and create more opportunities for fellowship, community visits and meaningful involvement. We also want to make our club an attractive place for mid-career professionals and pre-retirees, bringing new energy, ideas and skills into our Rotary family. There is lots to look forward to as we turn these ideas into action.

What Will Be

This week we are delighted to welcome Dr Peter Ellerton, Curriculum Director of the University of Queensland Critical Thinking Project and Senior Lecturer in Philosophy. Peter will speak about Critical Thinking and Agency Against the Erosion of Professional Judgment and Public Disengagement, exploring how AI is increasingly impacting professional and public practice and why maintaining our ability to think critically, responsibly and independently is more important than ever. It promises to be a fascinating thought-provoking morning, and I hope you can join us.

In Fellowship & Service, Cindy Kemp

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 27 Aug Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Dr Peter Ellerton, UQ Critical Thinking Project
Critical Thinking and Agency Against the Erosion of Professional Judgment & Public Disengagement.
- Thu 03 Sep Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Valerie Simons, ShelterBox
ShelterBox Australia
- Thu 10 Sep Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Dr Grace Maano - *Saving Mothers and Babies Through Skills, Partnerships & Rotary*

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.

Social Network Connections

Following on from Dr Tristan Wallis' recent talk, everyone is getting into Brazil nuts and lion mane drops, but I also took on the challenge of keeping the social networks open by catching up with past member Bill Leveritt.

In a couple of weeks time he & Eleanor are heading off to India & Sri Lanka - their first overseas trip this year.

Jennifer Eathorne



ROTARY DISTRICT 9620

Let RLI take your leadership skills to the next level!



The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district, grassroots leadership development program and recommended program of Rotary International.

RLI seeks to provide quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills to Rotarians interested in maximising their Rotary participation. The training modules will cover skills that will benefit members in their personal lives, vocation and community service.

**Power House
Boat Club
Golden Beach
Caloundra .**

1 DAY ONLY
Sunday
6 September 2026

Program:
Start 8:15am
Finish 6:00pm

Cost - \$50.00 include
Morning Tea,
Lunch,
Afternoon tea
and course materials



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Last Week's Meeting



Guest Speaker Craig Carson



Phil Gough, Murray Bell & David Bunce



Craig Carson & Wendy Protheroe



Russell Postle, Debra Hoepner & Lindsay Marshall



Deb Le Garde & Debra Hoepner



Double Joker Draw day, but no winners:

Dyllys Bertelsen with Jane Andersen behind

and Greg Beard



Cindy Kemp training Jennifer Eathorne on desk duties

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	Dyllys 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

Thu 27 Aug	Deb Le G	Phil G
Thu 03 Sep	Loretta L	Deb Le G
Thu 10 Sep	Kym McC	Loretta L
Thu 17 Sep	Suzy M	Kym McC
Thu 24 Sep	Ros M	Suzy M

Chair

Phil G
Deb Le G
Loretta L
Kym McC
Suzy M

International Toast

This week we are celebrating:

Rotary Club of Chiang Mai International, Thailand



Golf ball drops using cranes or drones might be ubiquitous, but the **Rotary Club of Chiang Mai International**, in a lush, hilly northern province of Thailand, takes it to new heights. In the sixth edition of its charity ball drop on 31 January, the club hoisted a tethered hot-air balloon to launch 300 labelled golf balls onto a green. Balls landing nearest, or in, the hole garnered gift vouchers. This year's event netted about \$4,000 for the club's projects for children. While the drop is only a minor fundraiser for the club in terms of receipts, "the event attracts a lot of attention in our community and worldwide and is a good contact point for new donors and new members," says club member John Schorr.