



 **HOT AIR**

30 April 2026 — Environment Month

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The President's Post

The Anzac Day service at the TSS Maheno on K'gari is one of Australia's most unique commemorations. Held each year, it would seem on "windswept sands" of Seventy Five Mile Beach. The service is held beside the rusting remains of the former hospital ship creating a powerful connection between place and history.

By mid morning hundreds had gathered creating a line of 4x4's parked side by side for a half a kilometre to the north and south of the wreck. All then gather in a quiet reflection as the sound of waves replaces the usual city silence of such services.

Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Humphries DSC brought a strong connection to contemporary service, linking past and present through lived military experience. His address highlighting not only the killed and wounded during conflicts but also those lost after their return!

Wreaths were laid in the sand, flags fluttered in the sea breeze, and speeches honoured not only soldiers but also the doctors, nurses, and crew who embodied the spirit of mateship. The setting makes the experience especially moving, as attendees stand where history feels tangible rather than distant.

The Maheno (named after the town of Maheno in New Zealand) served during World War I, transporting thousands of wounded soldiers, initially from Gallipoli, and mostly Australian and New Zealanders. This year we again enjoyed the company of staff, students and Board members of the Maheno School. Kiwis so connected and mingling with Aussies beside such a historical artifact, creates a very real moment of ANZAC meaning. We hope that together we can ensure that younger generations can carry forward this unique ANZAC legacy.

Greg Beard

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 30 Apr Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** – [RSVP](#)
Club Assembly & PP Chuck Fisher, WASH
- Thu 07 May Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** – [RSVP](#)
Maureen O'Brien-Stone, TADQ
Technology for Aging & Disability Qld
- Thu 14 May Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** – [RSVP](#)
Wendy Protheroe, The DNA of Rotary
- Thu 21 May Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** – [RSVP](#)
Jeanette Johnstone, Teacher In A Box
- Thu 28 May Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** – [RSVP](#)
Club Assembly

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.

Mothers Day Raffle

Tickets On Sale This Week

At this week's meeting we will be selling tickets in our Mother's Day Raffle. The prize is this beautiful pearl necklace valued at \$700 and generously donated by Margaret Rix.



Tickets are 3 for \$10 or 20 for \$50 and the winner will be drawn at our meeting on the 7th May.

Pay Cindy at the desk, deposit online (make sure to put a suitable reference) or pay cash to me at our meetings. Raising funds for our club projects - Pride of Workmanship and RYLA.

Margot Baillie.

Mothers Day Flower Deliveries

We are assisting with flower deliveries again on Mothers Day, Sunday 10 May. All deliveries will be by car and you need to work in pairs. Should be a quick morning's work. Let me know if you can assist and I will provide more details. **Bill Phillips**

REMINDER – Coffee Brigade

A Reminder - Coffee Brigade has run out of Cup of Soups - please add some to your shopping list and bring them to our meeting.



They are also happy to receive the usual items they always need:

- Small tins of tuna
- Small tins of baked beans
- Small tins of spaghetti
- Muesli bars
- Coffee sachets

Jane & Robyn

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



K'gari ANZAC Day Service

Our Eleventh ANZAC Day Service at the Maheno.

Despite the weather and fuel challenges we had a strong crowd attend. Another first this year – being seriously rained on and windblown during the set up. It started to rain again just before the 10am start but no one headed for their cars. We enjoyed close to dry weather for the entire service.

Our defence representative this year was Lt Col Kevin Humphreys DSC who shared a strong message about doing something good every day.

We were joined by the Maheno School Principal Stella Macrae and her husband Roddie. We were also joined by Ross and Jo Hay and their three children – Phoebe and Charlie were past students of Maheno School and the youngest, Archie is one of the head students at Maheno School. Ross is the current Chair of the School Board of Trustees. Archie was our bell ringer Charlie and Phoebe were our flag orderlies. They also had time to see the island with guidance from Lindsay Marshall.

A highlight of the service was a low level flyover by an RAAF F/A 18 at 11:05am.

After a windy and wet set up, and then windy pack down, everyone welcomed the Anzac roast lunch. A boisterous session of a formal two up session added some fun pre dinner.

Rotary members in attendance and assisting included Greg Beard, Ann-Maree Bennett, Andrew Albury, Jane Andersen, Deb Le Garde, Lindsay Marshall, Suzy Mellor and Bill Phillips.

With arrivals from Thursday there was time for fishing and social activities and the first catch on Thursday was a fish hook embedded in Andrew's toe so we had the opportunity to see the local QAS officer extract the hook and the RFDS Medical Chest put to good use to access antibiotics.

Russell Postle



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K'gari Trip – Catch of the Day

Fishing was always going to be part of the K'gari trip and the first catch was Andrew's toe with a fish hook embedded - ouch!

The hook was extracted by the local QAS officer and then "Dr" Darren called for authority to dispense the required antibiotics from the RFDS Medical Chest located at the Retreat.



A topical podcast featuring our very own member Kit Bennetts
<https://www.rnz.co.nz/podcast/the-agency>

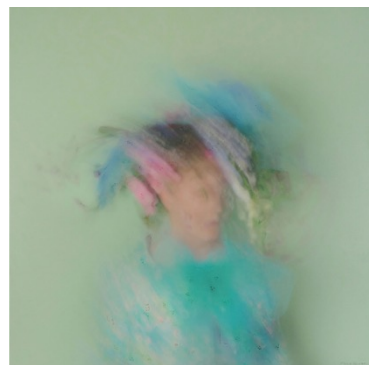


A Kiwi working for CIA describes the operation he ran against Russian military intelligence at the height of the Cold War.

RIDEWEST

Charity Cycle Brisbane to Longreach in Aid of the Royal Flying Doctor Service

Alex set off on Friday. Click here to donate: [RideWest – Alex](#).



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

EXHIBITION JULY 20-31

GALA EVENT JULY 21

ARTICULATE JULY 26

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K'gari Trip





SAVE the DATE!
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

Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise
Calendar 2025-26

Activities outside of Club Meetings

MAY <i>Youth Service Month</i>		JUNE <i>Rotary Fellowships Month</i>	
Tri-District Rotary Conf. Gold Coast 1-3 May 🌴🌴	Art Show 2026 Preparation	Kinross Cluster Meeting 11/6/2026	Art Show 2026 Preparation
Mothers Day Flower Deliveries 🌸🌸🌸 10/05/2026 (TBC)	Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 18/05/2026 😊	Rotary International Conference TAIPAI 13/6/2026	Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 15/06/2026 😊
EPIC DAY of SERVICE Global Event 16/5/2026	Board Meeting 25/5/2026	Brisbane High-Rise Changeover High Tea 21/6/2026	Board Meeting & Dinner - Incoming & Outgoing Board 22/6/2026

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 30 Apr Steve S	Yvonne R
Thu 07 May Craig W	Steve S
Thu 14 May Roly W	Craig W
Thu 21 May Matt W	Roly W
Thu 28 May Andrew A	Matt W

RYLA
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

RYLA 2026 is on from Sun 31st May to Sat 6th June 2026, at Camp Cooby, North of Toowoomba.

Brisbane High-Rise wants to sponsor attendees. Please invite leaders and potential leaders between ages 20 - 30 in your network to apply.

The program provides participants with an unforgettable experience in life, learning and laughter in a regional setting.

Find out more at <https://www.ryla9620.org/> and if you want to apply for sponsorship email Loretta at lorettalynch1@gmail.com



At last Susan Rix feels complete again...

International Toast

This week we are celebrating:
The Rotary Club of Rotary Club of Collinsville, Maryville, Caseyville, Illinois USA



Everett Singleton was an educator who helped integrate schools in Collinsville, Illinois, in the 1950s. When Interactors from Collinsville High School learned that Singleton's gravesite lacked a marker, they organized a Dine-to-Donate event to raise the \$1,700 needed for a proper headstone.

Honoring Singleton, who died in 1970, was second nature to the civic-minded students, says Brad Skertich, the club adviser and member of the **Rotary Club of Collinsville, Maryville, Caseyville** Singleton, who grew up in the town's Black neighborhood during segregation, served as a teacher at various schools and as a principal. "Our students have been eager to get involved, give back to their community, and help others," says Skertich.