



## HOT AIR

10 July 2025 — Maternal and Child Health Month

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### The President's Post:

#### Project R.I.S.E.

Huge thanks to Ebony and Zash from the Rotaract Club of Paddington, who gave a very inspirational presentation on their club's Project R.I.S.E.. More info at: <https://www.rotaractpaddington.org/project-rise>

We wish their team success and safe travels as they head for Su'u Solomons, on Monday (14th July), to begin the hands on work, culminating the two years of planning and preparations.

#### Joining with Paddington Club this week

We are looking forward to welcoming Paddington members this week, as we work together in preparation for our Art Show. There's an enhanced excitement in the air!

#### Club Planning progress

The next step from Survey, Club Discussion groups and Planning day saw, Anne Maree(sec), Wendy, Ann-Maree(Dir) and I met on Friday to create priorities for Board considerations. The outcome is 30 plus specific items for review and action. All will be dealt with over the next two( or three!) Board meetings.

#### Tri District Conference

More info: <https://rotary9620.org/events/rotary-tri-district-conference-2026/>

We had the largest contingent for years at our District Changeover on Sunday! It would be fantastic to do the same at a unique District conference next May, with all three Queensland Districts coming together. I'm booked and there are still early bird registrations available! It will be a fun weekend!

Greg Beard

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 10 Jul** Joint Meeting with Paddington Club - [RSVP](#)  
Art Show Training @ United Service Club
- Thu 17 Jul** NO MEETING – ART SHOW GALA
- Tue 25 Jul** Art Show Gala
- Thu 24 Jul** Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)  
Amanda Jackes, Woodfordia
- Thu 07 Aug** Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)  
Wendy Mulcahy, DVERT - Domestic Violence Education Relationship Training
- Thu 14 Aug** Joint Meeting with Paddington Club - [RSVP](#)  
David Muir, Voluntary Assisted Dying
- Thu 21 Aug** Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)  
Nigel Chamia, Brisbane Sustainability Agency

Rotary Grace: For the fellowship of Rotary we give our thanks.



The Rotary Clubs of Brisbane South-East and Carindale are pleased to again organise the Brisbane Kite Festival at the Minnippi Parklands, Brisbane on Sunday 24th August. Free to enter, it attracts young and old from all over to come fly kites and enjoy a day in the beautiful winter sunshine. Food trucks, children's rides and activities, kite selling stall, big kites display by Kites QLD and a Rotary sausage sizzle make for a great day out.

We are also always looking for extra help, so if you would like to lend a hand for a couple of hours on the day, please contact Colleen Orange from Rotary Bne South-East on [colleenorange@hotmail.com](mailto:colleenorange@hotmail.com)

### Rivercity Changeover

Rotaract  
Club of Brisbane Rivercity



19 July 2025 - 6PM  
KENNIGO HOTEL

Help us honour the achievements of President Susita Das and the FY 24–25 Board, proudly welcome Incoming President Gareth Seeto and the FY 25–26 board, and reflect on a decade of connection, service, and growth.

- ✨ Enjoy a gourmet canapé package (included with your ticket)
- 🍷 Toast the night away with drinks from our private cash bar
- 👑 Reconnect with Rotaractors, Rotarians, Alumni, friends, & family
- 📸 Share and celebrate your favourite Rivercity memory

This is more than just a changeover - it's a celebration of everything we've built together over the past 10 years. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1423718>



## Last Week's Meeting







## 25/26 Changeover and R.I.S.E Celebration

# 25/26 Changeover and RISE Celebration



Sun, 10 Aug, 2pm - 4pm AEST

[Add to calendar](#)



The Grove Sports Club

Ferny Grove QLD, Australia



Rotaract Paddington

34 followers · [Contact host](#)

## Event description

It's bigger! It's better! Ladies and Gentleman, it's OUR 2025/26 CHANGEOVER AND R.I.S.E CELEBRATION!!!

Wooohoooo!

Get keen for a stellar afternoon filled with good vibes as we changeover to our new board and present our awards.

Following on from that. Grab a drink, peruse the platters and sit down for the raffle prizes.

Check out our socials for the list.

Then we shall revere our efforts of pulling off such a monumental project and we need you there to celebrate with us.

NO REFUND POLICY.

Contact us at [paddington@rotaract.org.au](mailto:paddington@rotaract.org.au) if you're bringing kids or for more information.



## District 9620 changeover

We attended a delightful event at the Victoria Park function centre for the District 9620 Changeover. Congratulations on a fabulous year for PDG Sue who visited all of the clubs in Qld in 9620, plus quite a number in PNG.

Welcome to DG Mark Williams who outlined his priorities for the District for 2025/26 and introduced his District Board and the various coordinators for specialist areas.

Wendy did us proud with her toast and it was lovely to catch up with our friends in other clubs.

**Margot Baillie**







On Thursday, after our meeting, Greg, Ann-Maree and Jane attended the opening of Essential Corner at 3rd Space. This event was attended by Sam Cook - the new Qld Minister Housing and Public Works and Minister for Youth.

This is an area where 3rd Space's clients are able to use tokens to be able to select their own choice of donated clothing, shoes and toiletries. This provides more personal agency for the 3rd Space's clients as they have more control over their choices rather than staff handing over any item, they see fit.

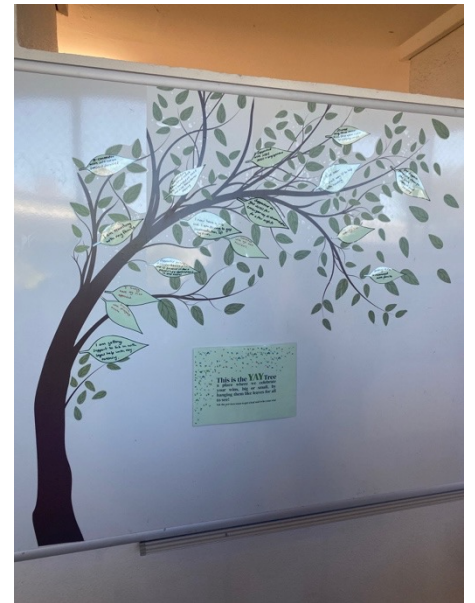
Whilst there, we were given a tour to see how the day dormitory looks, whilst in use, with our new blackout shades. This has enabled better sleep for people during the day. They told us that they appreciated their disposable towels that were provided by some left over grant money.

There is a cafeteria onsite that now provides all food, free of charge, to clients.

Other services that are now being offered include: family outreach and coaching; First Nations worker who connects members with culturally appropriate services; visiting services such as a GP; nurses; acupuncture; hairdresser; Services Australia and coaching.

They are always looking for extra toiletries (eg do you know anyone who travels regularly - or companies with several staff who travel - and can access hotel toiletries that can be donated?)

The photo of the "YAY" Tree was meaningful - each leaf represented an achieved goal by a client - such as reconnecting with children or recommencing rehab. It was a big "YAY" for that person and encouragement to others that they could also achieve these positive improvements in their lives.



## Upcoming Events and Items of Interest

**Rotary Combined Districts 9560, 9620 and 9640  
District Conference 2026  
Royal Pines Gold Coast  
1-3 May, 2026**

Super Earlybird Rate of US\$395  
Available until 25th June 2025  
Click on this graphic to go to booking site  
Refund available until March 2026  
if you are unsure you can go, but still  
want to lock in earlybird price.  
(\$50 refund charge)

**ROTARY  
INTERNATIONAL  
CONVENTION**  
TAIPEI, TAIWAN | 13-17 JUNE 2026

Rotary  TAIPEI 2026

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## "The River of Dreams"

**Saturday, 20 – Friday, 26 September 2025**

The Out Back Getaway (OBG 25) is a fundraising event organised and supported by the Rotary Club of Toowoomba East Inc. (RCTE). OBG has been held successfully every two years since 1997 and, so successful that the concept has been recently copied and adapted by others.

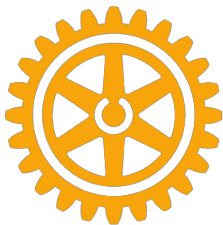
OBG is a fully managed and catered outback four-wheel drive vehicle (4WD) 'tag along' style six-day caravan and camping experience involving up to 70 participants.

With strong appeal to those looking to enjoy exploring the outback together with those interested in a family adventure without the effort, OBG is an interesting, informative and fun event.

The funds are raised through the generous support of our OBG sponsors and the involvement of the participants who travel with us on the OBG. Auctions are conducted on most evenings with local patrons encourage to join.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. To express your interest and discover the benefits of sponsorship please contact OBG via [obg@rotaryclubtoowoombaeast.org](mailto:obg@rotaryclubtoowoombaeast.org)





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*1 minute to discover Rotary news*

## **Francesco AREZZO, president for 2025/2026**

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Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, has been selected as Rotary International's president for 2025-26, following the unexpected resignation of President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo.

Chosen from candidates nominated in 2023, he officially began his term on July 1st.

His presidential theme, *Unite for Good*, urges Rotary members to foster unity in a world divided by politics, geography, and ideology.

An orthodontist in private practice, Francesco Arezzo is actively involved in Italian, European, and American orthodontic associations.

He serves as vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for Ragusa and led the local National Trust for Italy delegation for seven years.

A dedicated Rotarian for over 30 years, he has served in various leadership roles, including RI director and vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee.

A Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation, he is also a Knight of the Sovereign Order of Malta.

He and his wife Anna Maria have two children.







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SHOW**

**Celebrate creativity.  
Transform communities.**

**Exhibition - save the date!**

Showing for 12 days at Central Plaza 1 foyer, see over 200 artworks available for sale by talented Australian artists

- 14-25 July 2025
- Free entry
- Brisbane CBD location

**Gala Evening - book now!**

A beautiful night of art, artists, creativity, food and wine, all while helping to make a difference.

- Tuesday 15 July from 6-8pm
- All proceeds go to beneficiary charities
- Visit our website for tickets



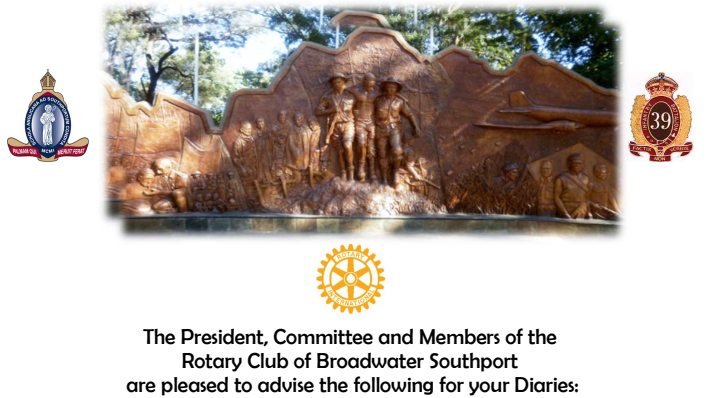
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**Visit us at [rotaryart.au](https://rotaryart.au)**

**Central Plaza 1 Foyer, 345 Queen St Brisbane | 14-25 July**



This is a very moving service and worth attending. After the service they have a nice lunch at the Broadbeach Bowls club and Nova Peris should be an interesting guest speaker. **Margot Baillie**



The President, Committee and Members of the Rotary Club of Broadwater Southport are pleased to advise the following for your Diaries:

# DATE CLAIMER

83rd ANNIVERSARY  
KOKODA DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE  
at the  
ROTARY KOKODA MEMORIAL WALL  
on  
Friday, 8 August 2025

Meet and greet from 10:00 am  
Service commences at 10:30 am

## 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	Dyls 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	Chair
Thu 10 Jul	Wendy P	Greg P (for Russell P)
<del>Thu 17 Jul</del>	<b>No Meeting – Art Show Gala Instead</b>	
Thu 24 Jul	Susan R	Wendy P
Thu 31 Jul	Yvonne R	Susan R
Thu 07 Aug	Steve S	Yvonne R

## International Travellers

Anyone who knows Russell knows that a steam train trip will always be on the itinerary...



Settle to Carlisle line



Yorkshire Dales and Pennines

## International Toast

This week is we are celebrating the:  
**Rotary Club of New York Queens, District 7255,**  
**and the Rotary Club of New York**



The Rotary Club of New York Queens, District 7255, and the Rotary Club of New York should be incredibly proud of this monumental achievement. Raising the Rotary flag at the summit of Mount Everest truly symbolizes reaching the "top of the world" in service and dedication.

This accomplishment perfectly embodies Rotary's spirit of "Service Above Self" and highlights the incredible impact Rotarians have globally. It's a testament to the club's commitment and a source of immense inspiration for Rotarians worldwide.

Congratulations to everyone involved in this historic endeavour!