



HOT AIR

07 Nov 2024 — Rotary Foundation Month

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International Toast:
*Interact Club of
Pinhais, Parana,
Brazil*
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The Presidential Point:

If you missed the meeting on Thursday you missed a whirlwind. We had Assembly with David Bunce giving an update on Services, and Dyls and Rob telling a little about themselves. But before that we had a surprise presentation to Steve Knight of a Paul Harris Fellow for the amazing amount of work he has taken on to ensure that the Art Show is a success. The one hitch we had with this presentation was that no one had told Susan it was occurring that morning, so his medal was sitting on her desk back at the office - if only Steve was organising the PHF, Susan would have known!! This was all done in a sea of fabulous hats (men and women), a suspect character (Man), dressed to win the Best Dressed prize for Melbourne Cup. Dyls took out the honours for the women and Phil Gough for the Suspect male outfit.

I have recently spoken to Garry Dubickas who was happy for me to pass on his news that he is stepping away from Rotary for the moment and won't be renewing his membership. He is hoping to do the medical exam in March next year but, in the meantime, he has to find the money to sit the exam and of course study. As you may know, he and Sorour have moved to Russell Island as this is where his 81-year-old mother lives, and he is looking after her. I assured Garry we were all backing him and looking forward to his return. Sorour will remain a member which is great!

And it is great to hear that Loretta has found someone to drive Mette to Alexandra Headlands this coming Friday for her to attend a surfing camp - the night she arrived she told me this was what she was most looking forward to doing in Australia

Jane Andersen

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 07 Nov Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Anna Marsden, Great Barrier Reef Foundation
- Thu 11 Nov Remembrance Day @ ANZAC Square - see P3**
- Thu 14 Nov Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Susita Das
- Sat 16 Nov Café Danmark – see at right**
- ~~Thu 21 Nov Meeting Cancelled~~ – Poetry Night instead**
- Thu 21 Nov Poetry Night at Mu'ooz Restaurant - [RSVP](#)**
Fundraiser for Rotary Foundation - max 50 people
- Thu 28 Nov Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Club Assembly
- Thu 12 Dec No Meeting**
Club Christmas Party on Friday 13th instead
- Fri 13 Dec Club Christmas Party @ Tillmans – [RSVP](#)**
- Thu 19 Dec Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Family Christmas Meeting

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

Our Recent Movie Night Fundraiser: Maternity Africa - Essential Needs Packs

In a recent **Barbara May Foundation Newsletter** there is an article about our Movie Night Fundraiser:



A successful fundraiser by Rotary Hi-Rise Brisbane

The Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise has committed to raising \$12,000 to provide poor and vulnerable women, who access Maternity Africa's Kivulini Maternity Centre (Kivulini), with essential care packs. Noela and Bill Phillips (Rotarians) visited Kivulini where they learned of the desperate plight of the poorest women and girls giving birth at Kivulini. Dr Browning's inspirational presentation via zoom to one of the Club's regular Thursday morning breakfast meetings prompted the Rotary Club to take action.

In October, they held a very successful movie event at the New Farm Theatre where they raised \$4k! And so far for the year, \$8k! They are well on their way to raising their target of \$12k! We are very grateful to these dedicated Rotarians and generous friends and families for raising this money.

To read the full newsletter click [here](#)

Café Danmark



The Danish Club is hosting Café Danmark Saturday 16 November, 1 to 5pm

Mette has asked if members of the club and their families would care to join her there. She has promised to teach 3-4 important Danish words to the club members and hopes that you will come and enjoy some Danish food with her.

The Danish Club is located at 36 Austin Street, Newstead, roughly half way between Newstead House and Gasworks.

Entry tickets are \$5 each and are available online at the Danish Club's event page: [Café Danmark](#)

The club suggests that you pre-order all smørrebrød and cheese orders one week before the event – menu is on the event page above.

Freshly made \$5 hotdogs will be available for purchase on the day, but it is highly recommended that you pre-order those also to avoid disappointment.

David Bunce

Last Week's Meeting

It was Club Assembly with a Melbourne Cup theme and prizes for best dressed - Phil Gough definitely found his true inner self! David Bunce reported on his Service portfolio, and Dyls and Rob gave us their short potted personal histories.

There was also a PHF presentation to Steve Knight for his work on and commitment to the Art Show – Bill Phillips gave him a good (and deserved) roasting (which David Bunce added to in regard to the recent 3rd Space Painting project!):

"I have greatly enjoyed working on the Art Show over many years and particularly working with Bill. There is still plenty of opportunity to develop the show further and I'm looking forward to being part of that. This award was a huge surprise and thanks to everyone."



Heather Knight, Di Marshall, Craig Wappett, Lindsay Marshall



Heather Knight, Steve Knight, Craig Wappett



Phil Gough



Rob O'Donovan, Ros Mumford



Rob O'Donovan, Bill Phillips



Russell Postle, Deb Postle, David Bunce



Stephen Pronk, Ann Maree Buttner, Deb Le Garde



Best Dressed: Phil Gough and Dyls Bertelsen



Deb Le Garde and Jane Andersen not winning the Joker Draw!

Remembrance Day, Mon 11 Nov An Invitation to join Margot:



Hi to Members in SE QLD,

It's less than 2 weeks until Remembrance Day and you are invited to join your Executive at Anzac Square:

• RSL Service in the city

Time: 10.15 - 11.30

Place: Anzac Square, Ann Street entrance

Gathering: RSL erect shade for VIPs only so we sit at the Tables outside the Grand Central Hotel. (You are free to move closer to the Guest Speakers when the Service starts. Patron Don Graham will Lay our Wreath as usual.)

Dress: We recommend hats and Medals (if available) [Best to arrive before 10.15 if you want a seat.]

• Poppy Service below the Shrine

Time: 11.30 approx.

Gathering: inside the State Library Galleries for WW1 & 2, gather at the PIB & NGIB Plaque. (After our very brief ceremony, you are free to interact with the digital displays).

• Lunch at Grand Central Hotel

Time: 12.30

Gathering: at "PIR Table" for Drinks or Lunch (no Tea/Coffee available).

RSVP: not needed for this Lunch



Service Project: Support Act for Kids by wrapping Christmas Gifts

We're excited to invite Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise to participate in our annual Christmas **GIVEwrap** in partnership with Act for Kids! The smell of tinsel is in the air, and Christmas 2024 is just around the corner. What better way to get into the festive spirit than by volunteering to wrap presents and help kids heal?

We are looking for passionate, reliable, and friendly volunteers to fill the available shifts for this year's event at Toowong Shopping Centre.

Sunday 22nd December:

morning shift 10am – 1:00pm (1 spot)
afternoon shift 1:00pm – 4pm (2 spots)

Monday 23rd December:

morning shift 10am – 1:30pm (2 spots)
afternoon shift 1:30pm – 5pm (2 spots)

Tuesday 24th December:

morning shift 10am – 1:30pm (3 spots)
afternoon shift 1:30pm – 5pm (3 spots)

Location:

Toowong Village, 9 Sherwood Road, Toowong, QLD 4064.

We would be honoured if members of Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise could donate a few hours of their time to make this event a success and raise funds to help kids heal from trauma.

Contact **David Bunce** for more info and to lock in a shift spot.

Oceans to Outback >> THEY DID IT! >> Support them NOW



Lindsay Marshall, Russell Postle and Alex & Sharon Griffiths are supporting the RFDS by participating in the **Oceans to Outback** October challenge

Lindsay is walking 247km:

Please support my challenge to walk 247 kms in October, whilst working full-time – use the link below donate to the RFDS who provide vital emergency assistance to Outback Australia.

Why the 247 km distance? With the fact that I now can no longer ride a bike, I decided to take on walking one of the cycling distances instead, as a salute to the great times and friends I have cycled with over several decades.

Any support would be greatly appreciated.

Click on the links below to get more info and to support each of them:

[Lindsay Marshall](#) walked **247km** **302km**

[Russell Postle](#) cycled **609km** **651km**

[Alex Griffiths](#) cycled **609km** **624km**

[Sharon Griffiths](#) walked **96km** **106km**



Russell & Lindsay at our meeting last week showing their achievements



**Poetry Night – Mu’ooz Restaurant
Thursday 21 November – 6 for 6:30pm
Fundraiser for Rotary Foundation**

**No talent required -
Just you and some favourite words,
prose, poetry, lyrics or limericks to share.**

- WHERE** Mu’ooz Traditional African Restaurant
54 Mollison St, West End.
- WHEN** Thursday 21 November, 6 for 6.30pm
- COST** \$60
- BYO** Drinks and your Poem / Song Lyrics
- RSVP** Thursday 14 November to:
Yvonne Robson yrobson@gmail.com
- PAY** Please pay in advance by Direct Deposit
(remember to let Cindy know) or at a meeting.



Lindsay’s Loiterings

Lindsay was walking home (see Oceans to Outback Challenge on Page 3) when he was caught in a storm, just as he was passing the Normanby pub ... so he had to go in to shelter from the storm. And, surprise, he was welcomed by the crew from Rotaract Paddington (who assisted us at the recent Art Show)!



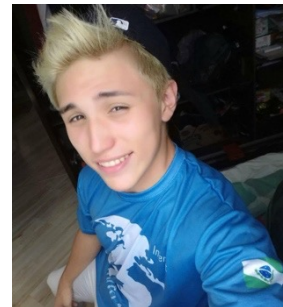
Sienna, in Halloween theme, and Lindsay



The gang and Lindsay

International Toast

This week is **World Interact Week** so we are celebrating the: **Interact Club of Pinhais, Parana, Brazil**



Horrified by stories about an online suicide game called *Blue Whale*, Gabriel Kenji of Brazil decided to create a game to counter the dangerous online trend, and hopefully, save lives.

The *Blue Whale Challenge* is a chilling suicide game allegedly run by a social media group. The game preys on vulnerable adolescents and teenagers, who are instructed to complete a set of challenges over a 50-day period. The tasks begin harmlessly but become increasingly more dangerous, including self-punishing, and end with the teenager being urged to take their own life.

Interactor Gabriel Kenji from Brazil is combating it with *White Whale*, a social media project that promotes peace and self-esteem. “When I first heard about the horrific game, I thought it was a problem far away from Brazil,” says Kenji, a member of the Interact Club of Pinhais, Parana, Brazil. “Once it reached my country I realized this type of evil can be anywhere. I had to do something to alert others about the seriousness of the problem.”

He devised *White Whale*, a social media game to help boost self-esteem, self-worth, and peaceful interactions among young people.

For more info click [here](#).

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 07 Nov | Roly W | Andrew A |
| Thu 14 Nov | Andrew A | Margot B |
| Thu 21 Nov | No Meeting – Poetry Night instead | |
| Thu 21 Nov | Margot B | Murray B |
| Thu 28 Nov | Murray B | Greg B |

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