



HOT AIR

12 Sep 2024 — Basic Education & Literacy Month

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International Toast:
Rotary Club of
Faxe, Denmark
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The Presidential Point:

David Bunce organised Wayne Rushton from the Rotary Club of Paddington to speak to us about Shelterbags for the homeless. He was able to show us an example and explain how they work. He would like us to buy 20 as he is putting in an order for several clubs. He was so convincing there were many hands going up to say they were willing to buy one for just under \$100. If you weren't there on Thursday and would like to support this project, please get in touch with David B asap. Wayne is expecting the bags will be with us in February 2025. We have asked 3rd Space if they would distribute the bags to their clients.

The great news is that Metta has her Visa and now we are waiting for an arrival date. Hugh Bunce, who spoke to us via zoom on Thursday told us while he hasn't met Metta he has been in touch. As Hugh was able to give a very clear picture of how he has acclimatised to his new country I am sure he has given her some great pointers on what to expect when she arrives here in Brisbane.

Our other student we support is Irene who last year graduated from St Judes in Tanzania. We made the decision last year to support her through her university degree. Some of us were wondering what she is going to study at Uni. At this point she has applications into three Universities stating interest in 2 courses at each. So, all in all. she has applied for six courses and is expecting to hear sometime this month.

It was disappointing to hear that the parking project is now not going ahead. It appears it was just too big a commitment for us as a cluster to meet.

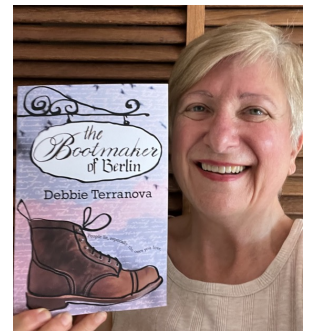
We had a great night out with over 20 of us attending the dinner Rosemary and Deb had organised on Friday night. Bill Leveritt had two Rotary visitors from India who were visiting Australia who also enjoyed the night.

A gentle reminder that the Rotary Conference is being held at Calgary June 2025.

Jane Andersen

This Week's
Guest Speaker:

**Debbie
Terranova**



What really happened on the home-front in Australia during WWII? Based on extensive research, Debbie Terranova will reveal many little-known facts about migrants who became enemies of their adopted nation.

Her exposé will cover topics such as the capture and incarceration of migrant men, women and children in Australia, the transportation of British war prisoners and internees to Australia, snapshots of life and love inside the family camps at Tatura, and some of the secrets that sealed lips for a lifetime.

Debbie is a writer, researcher, and former human resources professional who lives at St Lucia. Over the past ten years, she has published four novels. The most recent are 'Enemies within these Shores' and 'The Bootmaker of Berlin' about WWII in Australia.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 12 Sep** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Debbie Terranova, Non-English persons in WWII
- Thu 19 Sep** **Offsite Meeting – Qld Museum Tour**
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- Thu 26 Sep** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Club Assembly
- Thu 03 Oct** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Bill Leveritt, Photography in Africa-the right camera
- Thu 10 Oct** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
- Thu 17 Oct** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Craig Wappett
- Thu 24 Oct** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
- Sun 27 Oct** **Movie Event at New Farm Cinemas - [RSVP](#)**
Fundraiser for Maternity Africa – max 70 people

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

Notes from the Service(s) Desk

- ShelterBags** - swags for the homeless in inner Brisbane. Thanks to Wayne from RC Paddington for coming to Breakfast to show us the *Shelterbag*. It is very impressive quality design and with purpose-built manufacture and a great way for us to help our local homeless people here in Brisbane, in our own area. Order to be placed now with bags to arrive by April next year, timed for Winter 2025, and our *Shelterbags* will be distributed via 3rd Space. Cost is \$93/bag. We have agreed to purchase 20 bags and so far 14 members have put their hand up to contribute one bag each. Please transfer to our club bank account with *Shelterbag and your name* as the reference, and let Cindy know. Thank you to Margot and Lindsay for being the first to kick this off.



- Carparking for Cirque du Soleil** is cancelled - the organising club has decided to not proceed with this event as arranging 320 volunteers at less than 4 weeks notice has proven to be too difficult. (5 week run, 8 shows per week, 8 volunteers per show). We had looked at committing to 68 volunteer slots (1 week x 8 shows x 8 volunteers) and had only filled 10 slots up until now.

- Act for Kids** is a for-purpose organisation that delivers evidence-led professional therapy and support services to children and families who have experienced or are at risk of harm. A District Grant has been approved and we are now in discussion with Act for Kids as to how we can fulfil our side of the grant obligations.

- 3rd Space Brisbane** is a day-time drop-in centre where people are experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Brisbane can find support, dignity and hope. Although we were unsuccessful in getting a District Grant, we met with them on 6 September to talk about how we can help them at their site in the Valley.

- Get ready for High-Rise Duck Racing!** Watch this space! My thanks to Helen F for this great idea - more information as soon as plans firm up!

David Bunce

Last Week's Meeting

Hugh Bunce, our outbound Exchange Student who is currently in Denmark, stayed up late (apologies to his host family!) to zoom into our meeting and talk about his experiences so far. He is doing well and has even learnt enough Danish to be able to present to his classmates at school – that's an achievement! Great insight into this fantastic program – it will be over all too soon.



Tiina Goes Solo



A message from former Inbound Exchange Student from Finland, Tiina Rautio:

My life in the aviation academy has been great, I got to fly my first solo flight today! The picture is from the traditional "solo wing ceremony".

Fellowship Dinner

Members, partners and friends enjoying the fellowship dinner last week


Halims
Indian Taj Restaurant



International Travel and
Hosting Fellowship



As a guest of Bill Leveritt, Sivaprasad Pillai & his wife attended the Fellowship Dinner. He is the Administrator of the Rotary International Travel and Hosting Fellowship (ITHF), of which Bill Leveritt is also a member. They are in Brisbane visiting their daughter and her new baby.

The mission of ITHF is to stimulate and facilitate connections and cultural sharing throughout the Rotary world by contact, hosting, visiting, and travel. They have 845 members in 75 countries. For more info: www.ithf.org

Queensland Museum: Behind-The-Scenes Tour Thursday 19th Sep

More details about breakfast & the tour:

Remember - this is in place of our usual USC meeting

- 7:00 – 7:15am Meet at Café Muse, Whale Mall Level.
- 7:15 – 7:55am Buffet style Continental Breakfast.
- 7:55 – 9:00am Tour

Tour commences in the Social History Lab and Store. We will break into 2 groups with 30 minutes in each space, with time for questions.

Parking is available in the Museum Carp Park (not included). Take the lift to Whale Mall level & walk along to Café Muse.

Numbers are limited - Bookings may have already closed. Usual \$41 breakfast charge applies

Dyls Bertlesen

RC New Farm is moving toward a project in March 2025:

Saying **NO** to DV and **YES** to RESPECT.

Their **Pride of Workmanship** dinner is starting this off.

Guest speaker Jo Mason, Founder, CEO of WorkHaven, is committed to developing solutions to address domestic violence through education, connection, partnership and empowerment and a LinkedIn Top Voice in Social Impact - Australia & NZ 2022.

Details on the flyer below:








**A ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT
PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARD**

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW FARM INVITES YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, TO JOIN US IN RECOGNISING OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES AND SMALL BUSINESSES IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WEDNESDAY THE 2ND OF OCTOBER | \$70 PER PERSON
3 STRATTON STREET, NEWSTEAD 4006 | BOOKINGS CLOSE SEPTEMBER 20TH
AT STRATTON BAR & KITCHEN | [HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CUHW](https://www.trybooking.com/cuhwc)

6.00PM: PRE-DINNER DRINKS AT OWN COST
- CASH BAR

6.30PM – 9.30: 2 COURSE MEAL & AWARDS CEREMONY
DRESS CODE: SMART CASUAL

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Care Packs for Destitute Mothers:

Our club has committed to providing 120 care packs over the next year – here's some detail about the need and benefits, and the packs:

• The problem

A significant majority of patients delivering their babies with Maternity Africa face family problems caused by poverty, conflicts with relatives, babies born out of wedlock, women being neglected after becoming pregnant and teenage pregnancy.

Many mothers do not have sources of income. They are not gainfully employed and their families are not able to help them with many important necessities, such as accommodation, food and toiletries.

After a woman delivers her baby, she needs at least two months to recover before resuming many normal activities. For example, many of them depend on casual work and small, informal businesses such as selling seasonal vegetables and fruit. Others are housewives.

When they have babies and do not have family support, mothers end up in misery and distress with their babies, particularly in the months immediately following delivery because they are unable to go out to work for an income.

If a mother is sure of having enough food for at least two months, she is more able to resume normal tasks, including small income generating-activities. This will help her to buy food in the future and maintain a healthier diet so that the baby can be nourished better through breast feeding.

• The solution

Small care packs of daily essentials provided to destitute mothers. As a result they will:

- Feel cared for, sustained and encouraged, giving them greater capacity, ability and confidence to recover and resume other activities.
- Feel more supported psychologically, emotionally, mentally and physically.
- Feel less of a burden to others who may be trying to provide for them, especially teenage mothers who are vulnerable as a result of feeling neglected by their families.

• The Care Packs

Individual packs will be provided according to the needs of each patient. A typical support pack could comprise some or all of: 10 kg cornflour; 5 kg sugar; 10 kg rice; 10 litres cooking oil; toiletries; clothes / blanket.

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Trifecta Tickets ... a good vintage



Recently, an industrious group gathered to collate, staple, and count the Melbourne Cup trifecta tickets. Our fabulous host, Deb (& Allan), provided not just direction but a constant supply of snacks and drinks to fuel our efforts. Of course, the increasing number of stapled fingers, miscounted tickets, and wildly folded paper as the afternoon went on had nothing to do with the French champagne ... and everything to do with the riveting conversation at the table! Tickets will be on sale later this month and the profit will go to the **Maternity Africa Care Pack** project at left.

International Toast

This week we are celebrating the:
Rotary Club of Faxe, Denmark

Hugh Bunce talked to us from Faxe. They meet at 18:30 on Wednesday evenings at Faxe Hostel (Faxe Vandrerhjem, Østervej 4, 4640 Fakse).



Faxe is part of Rotary Denmark, which has 100 to 150 outbound exchange students each year (We are looking forward to welcoming Mette very soon!), and accepts a similar number inbound.

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 12 Sep	Russell P	Wendy P
Thu 19 Sep	<i>Qld Museum Tour</i>	
Thu 26 Sep	Wendy P	Dyls B
Thu 03 Oct	Susan R	Yvonne R
Thu 10 Oct	Yvonne R	Steve S
Thu 17 Oct	Steve S	Zanthia T
Thu 24 Oct	Zanthia T	Craig W
Thu 31 Oct	Craig W	Roly W