



# HOT AIR

26 Sep 2024 — Basic Education & Literacy Month

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**International Toast:**  
*Rotary Club of  
Newport Beach,  
California, USA*  
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## **The Presidential Point:**

Those of us who were able to go to the Museum on Thursday all thought we had been given a treat. It was a great tour, and Yvonne was bold enough to ask if we could return next year!! They said they would love us to return.

As everyone is probably aware Ann-Maree and Greg are away for nearly 2 months. If you are wanting something to go onto the website or Facebook then Deb and Rosemary are your go-to people until 20th November. Ann-Maree is happy to post things as well if you send her the information (not PDF) and photos but she may be out of internet range at times.

Next Thursday's meeting is Club Assembly. Cindy is the Director giving a report and Ros Mumford and Lindsay Marshall are giving us their 5 minute talk about themselves.

The 2025 District Conference is being held in Toowoomba from March 28-30th. There is a call for 15 minute on-stage presentations covering the theme "Connecting Communities". This is to highlight the work clubs are doing to bring people together to make a positive impact. Expressions of interest to be submitted by 20th December 2024.

At the Rotary International Convention in Singapore, Bill Gates thanked Rotary Members by video for their role in polio eradication. His message celebrates the incredible progress we've made and reminds us that critical work remains to be done. The goal is to raise US\$50 million for the PolioPlus Fund in 2024-25. Every dollar donated, up to \$50 million, will be matched 2-to-1 by the Gates Foundation. Clubs are encouraged to contribute at least US\$1,500 to PolioPlus. Those that meet this goal will receive a certificate of appreciation recognising their vital contribution to this global effort.

**Jane Andersen**



**Painting - Sun 6 & Mon 7 Oct**

*Get into this hands-on project!*

**Over the King's Birthday long weekend come and paint at 3<sup>rd</sup> Space, 505 Brunswick St, Fortitude Valley.**

*3rd Space is a day-time drop-in centre where people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness in Brisbane can find support, dignity and hope.*

*Work starts on Sunday 6 October from 1pm and will continue on Monday 7 October (the public holiday). Shifts are: Sunday 1pm to 5pm, Monday 9am to 1pm and Monday 1pm to 5pm. Hopefully we will get it done in time to have some "after painting" fellowship at the pub nearby.*

*We are undertaking this project with:*

- Rotary Club of Brisbane Airport
- Rivercity Rotaract

*Sign up on this form:*

<https://forms.office.com/r/FFg6SL5hHi>

**David Bunce**

## **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

**Thu 26 Sep Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**  
Club Assembly – Treasurer's Report

**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](#)**  
Lesley Leece, CEO 3<sup>rd</sup> Space

**Thu 17 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**  
Craig Wappett, Understanding US Political System

**Thu 24 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**  
Karyn Walsh, CEO of Micah Projects

**Sun 27 Oct Movie Event at New Farm Cinemas - [RSVP](#)**  
Fundraiser for Maternity Africa – max 70 people

**Thu 31 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**  
Club Assembly

**Thu 07 Nov Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**  
Anna Marsden, Great Barrier Reef Foundation

# Last Week's Meeting: Queensland Museum Back-of-House Tour

If you think that all museum curators are boring and walk around in white lab coats with white gloves you'd be mistaken. We were treated to a tour by several very enthusiastic and entertaining members of the Queensland Museum (QM) staff. And fun fact: these days they wear blue nitrile rubber gloves.

First up there was a buffet breakfast on the outdoor terrace above the Muse café, with QM staff joining us. Before heading on the tour we were given an informative intro into the extent of Queensland Museum which includes the Railways Workshops at Ipswich, Cobb & Co at Toowoomba and Tropics at Townsville. There's also research in collaboration with universities all over the world, and lot's more.

We ventured into the bowels of the budling via the dinosaur-sized lift to the Social History Laboratory where we were given an insight into the range of the items in the collection, and the call-out and selection process for the upcoming Secrets exhibition – turns out that what constitutes a secret has wide possibility - it will be a great exhibition.

Our last stop was into the temperature and humidity controlled, secure storage area – a huge range of items are stored there . Another fun fact: QM freeze items (where suitable) to kill all bugs, naphthalene is reserved for protecting the actual bug collection.



QM staff: Peter Denham, Executive Director Collections, Research and Exhibitions, Geraldine Mate, Acting Head Cultures & Histories, Principal Curator, History & Technology and Georgina Anthonisz, Director Philanthropy



Clothing from the collections - on right is a Steve Irwin shirt signed by mourners visiting Australia Zoo after his death.



Assistant Curator Queensland Stories, Tess Shingles (wearing blue gloves) in the Social History Laboratory speaking about the various items she had selected to show us, some of which are being considered for the upcoming Secrets exhibition.



Prison secret tattoo machine



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Janet Mack, Senior Collection Manager Cultures & Histories introducing the group to the complexities of storage and range of items held there.



The scale of the environmentally controlled secure storage facility within the museum building.



Section of one of the compactus units.



Janet Mack showing Jane Andersen an axe head which belonged to Jane's family's sawmilling business in Esk. Trays are used to move items to minimise handling.

## 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 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
Thu 07 Nov	Roly W	Andrew A

## Upcoming Fellowship Fundraiser Event

### Movie Night – New Farm Cinemas Sunday 27 October – 3:30pm Fundraiser for Maternity Africa

#### LEE

**Starring Kate Winslet and Jude Law.**

*A portrait of the great American war correspondent, Lee Miller, "whose singular talent and ferocious tenacity gave us some of the 20th Century's most indelible images".*

- WHERE** New Farm Cinemas  
701 Brunswick St, New Farm
- WHEN** Sunday 27 October, 3.30pm
- COST** \$25 + Pizza - Menu at right - **must pre-order.**
- RSVP** Friday 18th October with your Pizza order to:  
Yvonne Robson [yvrobson@gmail.com](mailto:yvrobson@gmail.com)
- PAY** Please pay in advance by Direct Deposit  
(remember to let Cindy know) or at a meeting.

#### PIZZA

Margherita (V) Diced Tomato, Mozzarella & Oregano	15
Ham & Cheese Smoked Leg Ham & Mozzarella	15
Pepperoni Crispy Pepperoni & Mozzarella	15
Hawaiian Smoked Leg Ham, Fresh Pineapple & Mozzarella	20
Spicy Vegetarian Tomato, Mushroom, Capsicum, Spinach, Red Onion, Pineapple, Chilli Flakes & Spring Onion	20
The Godfather Pepperoni, Italian Sausage, Capsicum, Tomato, Olives, Mozzarella & Garlic Aioli	20
Gluten Free Base	4

#### Board Members 2024-25

President	Jane Andersen
Past President	Dyls Bertelsen
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Secretary	Hawys McManus
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Community Projects	David Bunce
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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

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

#### International Toast

This week we are celebrating the:  
**Rotary Club of Newport Beach, California, USA**



**The Rotary Club of Newport Beach** was formed as a *Global Service Club* with the purpose of *Embracing the future While Respecting the Past.*

Media literacy is crucial for healthy societies. Rotary members are teaching people to think critically about what they see and read:

*The first day at a new school can be disorienting for any teenager, but your first day is even stranger than most. Your grandfather claims he used to be a spy, your sister accuses some students of locking her in a closet, and everyone says a monster is stalking the hallways.*

*What is happening? Is any of this true? Instead of rushing off to fight the monster, you read about the weird recent events in the school newspaper. You ask yourself: Do these sources provide multiple pieces of evidence for their claims? Could they possibly be earning money because of what they're saying? Do their stories cast a negative light on people who disagree with them?*

*You ask all these questions because you're actually playing a video game designed to increase your media literacy.*

The game **Agents of Influence** is being developed to help 11- to 13-year-olds think critically about what they see on social media and in the news. Co-created by Anahita Dalmia, the founder and CEO of game developer Alterea Inc and a member of the Rotary Club of Newport Beach, California, USA.

"We're teaching kids to understand media bias, logical fallacies, and confirmation bias. We teach things like reading closely — tools you can use to determine what to trust online," says Dalmia.

**More info here:** [Agents of Influence](#)