

HOT AIR

28 Nov 2024 — Rotary Foundation Month

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International Toast:
Rotary Club of
Addis Ababa
Central-Mella
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The Presidential Point:

For those of you who weren't able to attend the Poetry Night you missed a great night. It was the first one I have been able to go and recite a poem - I was very impressed with the range of artistic talent we have in our club!! Wendy and Phil both wrote poems for the night and we will ask each to recite their poem once again at a meeting soon - Wendy's is on the back page of this edition and Phil's will be included in a later edition.

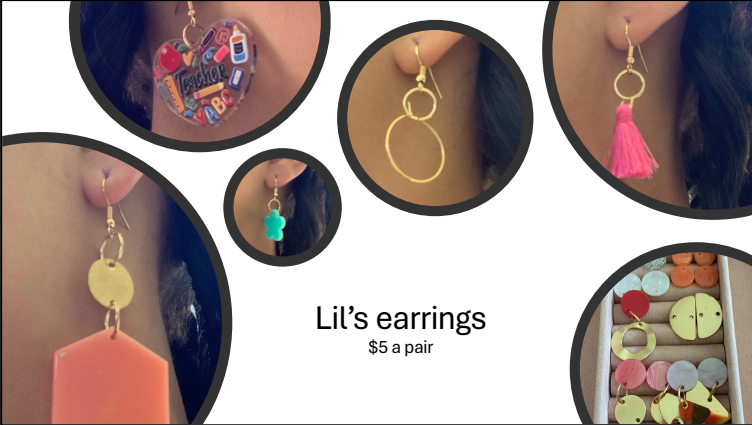
A few of you told me how strange it was not to have a meeting last Thursday morning and how they still woke up early as usual

Greg and Ann-Maree are back from their European trip and hopefully we will see them this Thursday. The Bunce's are working with Greg and Ann-Maree arranging Mette's move to her next host family. Don't forget if you would like to include Mette in something you are doing and expand her range of experience then work with the host family to sort out dates.

Jane Andersen

 **The School
of St Jude**

**Fundraiser at our
Meeting This Week**



Lil's earrings
\$5 a pair



Christmas Party

- Date:** Friday 13 December
- Time:** 6.00 – 10.00pm
- Venue:** 18 Effingham St, Tarragindi
- BYO:** Wine and Beer (ice provided)
- Cost:** \$50/person
- RSVP:** Friday 6 December - email yrrobson@gmail.com

The cost includes a glass of welcome bubbles, three course sit down dinner, coffee and tea and a take home treat. Plenty of street parking.



**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 **GIV**wrap 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.

To register for a shift spot click on this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/MLPJ6Jejjh?origin=lprLink>
or contact **David Bunce** for more info.

Poetry Night – Mu’ooz Restaurant, Thursday 21 November

Fundraiser for Rotary Foundation



A fun evening was had at Mu’ooz this week – we had several visitors and partners of club members there and we were all enjoying the food and fellowship.

Raconteur Mick Martin set the bar, a selection of our own members gave it a good show including Wendy Protheroe and Phil Gough who had penned works especially for the evening - Wendy’s is on the next page - watch out for Phil’s in a later edition.



Rob O'Donovan & Lindsay Marshall



Kit Bennetts



Lindsay & Di Marshall, Jacque & Kit Bennetts, Rob O'Donovan



Jo & Steve Pronk, Mick Martin & Margot Baillie



Deb Le Garde & Margot Baillie



Greg & Cathy Pearson, Steve & Heather Knight



Deb Le Garde



Deb Le Garde, Mette, Wendy Protheroe & Yvonne Todd



David Bunce, Alan Strong, Jane Andersen, John Baird, Yvonne Robson

Mu’us Tonight

*When first I heard – it’s come again. Not been done for years – and then some
Thought tho’ we don’t look back in life this is a chance on resurrection*

*It flashed across my memory bank - indeed it did vacillate
Poetry night’s always a chance to join, speak with new bods and very old mates*

*And then I thought. Should I really go? They’ll put thoughts under close scope
They’ll hear the words, they’ll feel your fear. Best stay home, but maybe I’d mope*

*About the opportunity gone by to laugh and chat and think
And maybe, if I do stay home, I’ll find I’m reaching for the drink*

*To stay – to go
To stay – to go
My head’s quite full of voices
To go – to stay
To go – to stay
Why is everything about choices?*

*Then facing up to pressure peer and making mark on that form
I committed. I made my way to Mu’ooz, ready to face the group’s scorn*

*And then I think – who’s running this? I know it’s from our High-Rise
But must be someone up the front. Someone to cut us down to size
I’ve found the news! There’s two to face, square up, stand tall and don’t bob
Glance to the right – then to the left and ignore all digs from Kit and Rob*

*You know I look to each of you as you all stand in good stead
We’ve come together, friends each one as Rotarians. Remember we’ve led*

*A movement long in years that’s focussed on our giving service
And finding new and novel ways to give time and funds and berth us*

*Into ways to give our world peace, fight disease, build loos, give water
Help mothers teach their children more. Buy raffle tickets, I oughta*

*Keep eyes upon the distant prize and on the need for local
Support for friends and those in need. Step up, and serve, be vocal*

*Be prepared to pen considered verse to satisfy Rob and Kit
What choice did I need to make tonight?*

A poem to read I won’t quit

*I’ve come, I’m here
I’ve come, I’m here
You all know what my choice is.*

*There’s Kit and Rob,
No Rob and Kit
Let’s listen to their voices.*

Wendy Protheroe



Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 28 Nov Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Club Assembly – St Jude Fundraiser
- Thu 05 Dec Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
AGM
- ~~Thu 12 Dec~~ No Meeting**
Club Christmas Party Friday 13th instead
- Fri 13 Dec Club Christmas Party – [RSVP](#)**
6pm @ Tillmans - see Page 3
- Thu 19 Dec Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Family Christmas Meeting
- ~~Thu 26 Dec~~ No Meeting**
Boxing Day
- ~~Thu 02 Jan~~ No Meeting**
USC Closed
- ~~Thu 09 Jan~~ No Meeting**
USC Closed
- Thu 16 Jan Joint Meeting @ Paddington Club - [RSVP](#)**
Note: NOT at United Service Club

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 28 Nov	Murray B	Greg B
Thu 05 Dec	Greg B	Ann-Maree Be
Thu 12 Dec	Ann-Maree Be	Kit B
Thu 19 Dec	Kit B	Dyls B
No Meetings 26 Dec to 09 Jan		

International Toast

This week is we are celebrating the:
Rotary Club of Addis Ababa Central-Mella



With the wind at their backs, members of the **Rotary Fellowship of Kites** and its founder, Henock Alemayehu, gathered for a day of kite making and flying with 250 children, many of them displaced by conflict among the more than 80 ethnic groups in Ethiopia.

The children and volunteers converged on the grounds of an elementary school in Quiha, in the northern Tigray region, for the Ashengoda Kite Festival on 9 June.

“The simplicity of this activity carried profound significance, offering a rare moment of peace and joy for these children,” says Alemayehu, a member of the **Rotary Club of Addis Ababa Central-Mella**.

The kite fellowship, which has more than 100 members from 12 countries, is “creating lasting change through the simple yet powerful act of kite flying,” says Alemayehu.

Bill & Elenor's Travels

Another week in the UK and the weather has turned distinctly colder. Some snow mid week, though we appeared to have escaped the worst of it. But still with temperatures down to around zero.

We did a trip on a vintage train, to Blackpool where I used to go with my family for holidays when I was a child. It was cold and windy, and I didn't see anything that persuaded me that we needed to go back again.

A few days in Birmingham, then to Leicester to visit my cousin Liz and husband Colin, and for some family history research as some of Elenor's ancestors come from this region.

Christmas Markets are starting to open up in towns across the UK. But disappointingly there is so much similarity that they could easily have come from the same factory. And they are so similar to ones we saw last year when doing the Rhine / Danube cruise between Budapest and Amsterdam. When you've seen one you've seen almost all of them.

Finally, back to London where we will be sending a week catching up with friends and relatives. And washing clothes and a few other domestic chores before resuming our touring next week with visits to York, Reading and Liverpool.

Best wishes

Bill and Elenor



Steam Train in Blackpool – named Bahamas



The roller coaster at Blackpool



Blackpool North Pier



Food vendor Birmingham



Street parade Leicester City



Covent Garden



Inside Covent Garden