



# HOT AIR

31 Oct 2024 — Economic & Community Development Month

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**International Toast:**  
Rotary Club of  
**Bolton Lever, Greater  
Manchester, UK**  
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## The Presidential Point:

Don't forget we are celebrating Melbourne Cup at breakfast this Thursday. Why don't you ask your spouse/partner to join the ranks and dress up and have some fun.

It was great news that we reached our 20 Shelter Bags on Thursday. According to David Bunce, who has been liaising with Wayne from Paddington who is organizing a number of Brisbane Clubs to be involved, he has received more orders than he had originally hoped. Our 20 bags when they arrive before winter next year, will be given to 3rd Space to distribute on our behalf. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this drive – next winter know that while someone is having a miserable time being homeless, they are a little warmer at night due to our efforts.

At our last meeting we had a heart wrenching talk from Karen Walsh from Micah. Micah Projects work in a number of areas of community need and the one Karen talked to us about was homelessness. The statistics were horrific and she can't see a path where the issue will get better. You'll be happy to know that when I told her we had just decided to support Coffee Brigade her face lit up and her opinion is they are a very good organization.

Rob O'Donovan has kept us well informed about Poetry Night on the 21st November. For those of you who write your own poetry, you might like to experiment on us on that night by writing a poem about Jacarandas and if we give it the thumbs up, submit the poem into the Sydney Morning Herald's 2024 Purple Prize for Poetry competition.

It is a Club Assembly meeting this week – David Bunce is giving a report on Services, Dyls Bertelsen and Rob O'Donovan are talking about themselves! Should be good.

**Jane Andersen**

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 31 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**  
Club Assembly – Melbourne Cup theme
- Thu 07 Nov Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**  
Anna Marsden, Great Barrier Reef Foundation
- Thu 14 Nov Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**  
Susita Das
- ~~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 05 Dec Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**  
[AGM]

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

## This Week's Meeting...

The theme is Melbourne Cup with a prize for best dressed. As you plan what to wear invite your wife/partner to be part of the fun.....

## Irene's Exciting News

**From:** [schoolofstjude.co.tz](mailto:schoolofstjude.co.tz)  
**Date:** 10 October 2024  
**To:** [secretary@high-rise](mailto:secretary@high-rise)  
**Subject:** Irene's exciting update on her university preparations



Dear Secretary McManus and all at Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise, I hope this email finds you well. My name is Bernadette, and I'm excited to introduce myself as the new member of the Supporter and Donor Relations team at The School of St Jude. I'll be taking over communications from Daud, who has transitioned to a new role in Donor Relations. Daud has told me wonderful stories about your club, and I'm looking forward to meeting some of the members when they visit us next year 😊.

Today, I'm thrilled to share a [video](#) update from Irene concerning her excitement about being accepted to the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) in Morogoro region, where she will pursue a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economy and Agribusiness.

In preparation for university, Irene has been attending a five-day pre-university training program designed to equip her with essential skills. The program covers topics such as reproductive health, personal branding for professional development, entrepreneurship, and mental health awareness—key areas that will help her navigate the challenges many Tanzanian youth face as they transition to tertiary education.

Irene is scheduled to begin her studies at the Sokoine University of Agriculture at the end of this month. She's excited to apply everything she has learned at Beyond St Jude's as she embarks on this new chapter. We can't wait to see what the future has in store for Irene, and we look forward to updating you as she settles into university life.

Once again, thank you, Secretary McManus and the entire Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise, for your ongoing support of Irene's education. Your generosity is making a significant impact on her future.

Warm regards,  
**Bernadette**

**Bernadette Odunga**  
Supporter Relations - Officer

**The School of St Jude**  
PO Box 11875, Arusha, Tanzania

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# Last Week's Meeting

## MICAH PROJECTS



Deb Le Garde & Bill Phillips



Guest Speaker Karen Walsh, CEO Micah Projects



Karen Walsh, Jane Andersen, Ann Maree Buttner, Wendy Protheroe, Greg Pearson, Andrew Albury, Roly Wells



Hawys McManus not winning the Joker draw prize, again!



## Our Youth Exchange Students



### An Update from Hugh:

10 October, 2024

Dear Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise,

It's been over a month since I called in on Zoom. It was great to see some familiar faces and have a more personal platform to share my experiences with you all.

I'm almost 9 months along my exchange and as my time left here in Denmark decreases, my experience here is only getting better and better.

On the 5th of October I moved to my last host family who live in a slightly bigger town that is slightly closer to my school, giving me an extra 30 minutes of sleep in the mornings which never goes unwanted. I really struck gold with this family, they are experienced host parents and have a daughter who is my age, all together they are a really great family.

School life is going as well as it can - as my Danish understanding has gotten better, I have found that no matter where you are, school is school and isn't very entertaining.

I've got a lot to look forward to as well. In 2 days we have a weeklong Autumn vacation where my family is taking me to Barcelona to visit some of their friends down there. We have Halloween and Christmas coming up too, I'm crossing my fingers for a white Christmas as Danish winters don't always have huge amounts of snow.

I hope all is well down in Brisbane, can't wait to come back and share all I have learnt from Denmark in person.

Kind Regards, Hugh

## Cafe Danmark



The Danish Club is hosting **Cafe 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: [Cafe 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

# Fundraiser: Maternity Africa - Essential Needs Packs

What a great afternoon/early evening was had at New Farm Cinemas!

The film was *Lee* - a beautifully presented and moving story of the life of Lee Miller, the great and largely unknown photographer who went that bit extra every time to take some of the most iconic and most moving images of her time.

And what about our team who went that bit extra to pull together this event - fellowship and fundraising for a great cause: Essential Needs Packs for Maternity Africa - who also do that bit extra all the time.

Thanks Margot, Yvonne, Deb, Bill & Noela, Cindy and anyone else we have missed!



Denis Meadows, Anne Albury, Carly Bishop, Wendy Mulcahy, Andrew Albury, Rosemary Meadows



Dyls Bertelsen, Robyn Drake, Ros Mumford



Deb Le Garde & Yvonne Robson



Tom Davidson, John Arvier, Rob Tillmanns, Margot Baillie, Angela Tillmanns, Caroline Hooper



Yvette Silayo, Christine McKenzie, Troy McKenzie, Karyn Lambert, Africa Silayo, Kelly



Winners are grinners - Nick Meadows, Andrew Meadows, Maggie Nguyen, Nicola Stromsoe



You can still support The Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise in their fundraising efforts to provide Essential Needs Packs for the most destitute women and girls who are able to give birth safely and have access all high quality services FREE at:

## MATERNITY AFRICA

(Kivulini, Arusha, Tanzania)

**DONATE \$100  
To BUY 1  
Essential Needs Pack**



Send your donation to:  
RC Brisbane High-Rise

BSB: 084-034

A/C: 559347857

Ref: M Africa & Your Name



THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT



## 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 the 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 (**highlighted in yellow** in the roster below) for this year's event at Toowong Shopping Centre.

#### Event Details:

- Dates:** Monday 16th December – Tuesday 24th December, including late nights and weekends.
  - Shifts:** 2 to 4 hours each
  - Location:** Toowong Village, 9 Sherwood Road, Toowong, QLD 4064.
- We are looking for community volunteers to fill the **shifts in yellow**.

Date	Morning shift	Afternoon shift	Late night shopping shift	Notes
<b>Week 1</b>				
Mon 16th	10:00 – 13:30	13:30 – 17:00		Carollers
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 – 13:30	13:30 – 17:00		Carollers
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 – 13:30	13:30 – 17:00		Carollers
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 – 13:30	13:30 – 17:00	17:00 – 19:00	Carollers
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 – 13:30	13:30 – 17:00		Carollers
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	09:00 – 13:00	13:00 – 16:00		Carollers Christmas Market
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00 – 13:00	13:00 – 16:00		Carollers
<b>Week 2</b>				
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 – 13:30	13:30 – 17:00	17:00 – 19:00	Carollers
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 – 13:30	13:30 – 17:00	17:00 – 19:00	Carollers
Christmas	Day	Christmas	Day	

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

## Oceans to Outback >> Challenge Ends Soon >> 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](#) is walking 247km

[Russell Postle](#) & [Alex Griffiths](#) are cycling 609km

[Sharon Griffiths](#) is walking 96km



Russ dropped in during his cycle this morning and joined us for coffee after my usual Wednesday walk up Mt Coot-tha 🚴☕

# Member Travels - It's Tough...But Someone Has To Do It!

## Ann-Maree & Greg's Italy Trip:

We've been having a wonderful time here in Alba, Italy - enjoying all of the delights of food and wines in the area. We attended the Alba White Truffle Festival today and went overboard enjoying all the wines and then spending too much money on truffles and hazelnuts in their multitudes of variations.

Fashions here are also fabulous going into winter - some blacks but mainly bright colours so that will be something to look out for next year.

We're off to Lake Como and Lauterbrunnen this week, and possibly Lausanne.



## Shelterbags – Goal Reached!

### Great News:

We have reached our goal of 20 Shelterbags.

They will arrive early 2024 and distributed by 3<sup>rd</sup> Space.

If you have committed to funding a bag please ensure you remit \$93 to our club's bank account now.

Assistance with freight to Brisbane is still needed so if you have any contacts or suggestions let us know.

David Bunce



### 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 31 Oct	Craig W	Roly W
Thu 07 Nov	Roly W	Andrew A
Thu 14 Nov	Andrew A	Margot B
<del>Thu 21 Nov</del>	No Meeting – Poetry Night instead	
Thu 14 Nov	Margot B	Murray B

### Board Members 2024-25

President	Jane Andersen
Past President	Dyls Bertelsen
President Elect	Gregory Beard
Secretary	Jennifer Eathorne
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Community Projects	David Bunce
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Membership	Deb Le Garde
Projects	Bill Phillips
Rotary Foundation	Susan Rix
Youth	Loretta Lynch

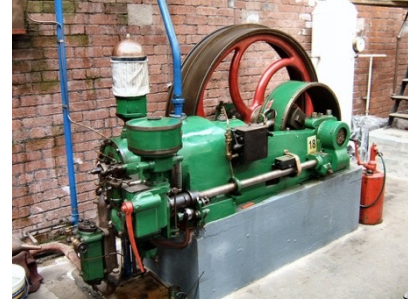
#### Assisted By:

Fellowship	Margot Baillie
Speaker Program	Dyls Bertelsen
Administration	Rosemary Meadows
Hot Air	Steve Knight

## International Toast

This week we are celebrating the:

**Rotary Club of Bolton Lever, Greater Manchester, UK**



Christopher Hill was diagnosed with a heart condition at age 38. A past president of the Rotary Club of Bolton Lever in Greater Manchester, he has since become an advocate for Automated External Defibrillators (AED).

In 2022, Hill's club joined five other Bolton-area Rotary clubs to purchase a nearly \$1,900 defibrillator for the **Bolton Steam Museum**.

"When you are out there in the countryside, you can be miles and even hours from one," but when needed, Hill says, "it is needed in minutes."

He takes to area trails as the leader of a walking group, prompting the Bolton Lever club to also acquire a portable, single-use defibrillator that Hill carries on the treks. All 33 club members have attended training sessions and refresher courses on how to operate the machines.



**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 [yvrobson@gmail.com](mailto:yvrobson@gmail.com)

**PAY** Please pay in advance by Direct Deposit  
 (remember to let Cindy know) or at a meeting.

