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Rotary



Brisbane High-Rise

# HOT AIR

09 MAY 2024 | YOUTH SERVICE



## 1 INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Rotary Club of Paramaribo Residence



(details on page 4)

## FROM THE PRESIDENT - DYLYS BERTELSEN

### ... transporting sick children

Telling their story to an avid breakfast audience last week were COO Katie McIntyre and Base Manager Kathie Stoker from the children's charity Little Wings. This is a nonprofit organization that provides free medical flights and ground transport to seriously ill children and their families from rural and regional locations across NSW, ACT and Queensland.

This amazing little organisation first began by providing transport to children undergoing cancer treatment at The Children's Hospital in Westmead, Sydney. Since then, it has extended its services to include other seriously ill kids - regardless of diagnosis - at another four other hospitals including Queensland Children's.

As explained by Kathie and Katie "We strive to ease the journey and help sick children access the specialised medical services and treatments that are only available in major cities or towns." As part of that process, Little Wings "does everything it can to support families by easing the financial burden, emotional strain and travel fatigue associated with standard long-distance travel to seek vital medical treatment."

Appreciating the impact that serious and chronic illness has on children and their loved ones, Little Wings works to keep families together during these testing times. Sometimes that involves travel to regular appointments. Or it can mean giving kids who have been hospitalised a chance to come home for some needed quality time with family and friends.

A big thank you to Susan for stepping in to chair this breakfast.

### ...preventing illness in 100,000 kids

The island countries of the South Pacific are tropically warm, economically diverse, and really far apart. In this region, which spans millions of square miles, even individual countries' islands are scattered across vast distances.

Public health workers face unique challenges in vaccinating the islands' children.

"It's hard to transport vaccines to the outer islands because of the distance and transport availability," says Rufina Tutai, who oversees immunizations for the Cook Islands. The 15 islands in her jurisdiction are spread over nearly 2 million square kms. (770,000 square miles).

Such obstacles didn't deter the Rotarians of Australia, New Zealand, and several Pacific Island countries from organizing a major vaccination program in the islands. Called Give Every Child a Future, the effort - which celebrates 100 years of Rotary in the region - is providing three new vaccines to 100,000 children in nine Pacific Island groups: the Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. Read what Etelka Lehoczky has to say [here](#).

### ...Correspondence from far and wide

- To review the Anzac Day celebrations, please click [here](#)

## 2 PROGRAM/GUEST SPEAKER

**09 MAY Yvette**  
Riverview State School

**16 MAY Bruce McNaught**  
Subject: Polio - a Personal Experience  
and Rotary's Mission to End Polio

**23 MAY Ryan Blunden, Riayan Takhani**  
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## 3 ROSTER

ROSTER	09 MAY	16 MAY	23 MAY
Set Up & Close	Cindy K.	Steve K.	Deborah L.
Greeter	Steve K.	Deborah L.	Phil G.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Brisbane High-Rise Rotary Club acknowledges the First Nations people as the original inhabitants of the land we are on today and honours their Elders past, present and emerging.

### APOLOGIES & GUEST

Notify of attendance, guests and apologies by 5.00pm on Monday prior to the meeting

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Fellowship of  
Rotary we Give  
our thanks

## FROM THE PRESIDENT - DYLYS BERTELSEN

- [St Jude's News](#)
- [Shelterbox April Newsletter](#)
- [Rotary Down Under Magazine](#)
- [Director General's April Newsletter](#)
- [St James Cultural evening](#)

As a celebration of Rotary Queensland's Centenary, Rotary Queensland has committed to raising sufficient funding to establish a perpetual chair and research funding in Neuroscience at the University of Queensland Brain Institute.

Queensland Brain Institute has made two dates available

for Presentations to all members and friends of Rotary, so that we can all gain a glimpse into this groundbreaking QBI research.

If you would like to attend a free QBI presentation, please visit the links below:

- [RVSP for Rotary - QBI presentation Wed 8 May 6pm to 7.30pm](#)
- [RSVP for Rotary - QBI presentation Sat 15 June 2pm to 3.30pm](#)

## Last Meeting

COO Katie McIntyre and Base Manager Kathie Stoker from Little Wings shared the charity's impactful mission at last week's breakfast, highlighting their provision of free medical transport to seriously ill children and their families in rural NSW, ACT, and Queensland.



## Mamba School

Photo of the completed teacher accommodation at Mamba School.



# Anzac Day

Looking back during the Anzac Day, Margot and Wendy placed a wreath and had a pleasant time with present members of the association who had served in Papua New Guinea during their National Service commitment. While other Rotarians and families celebrated this special day at Frazer Island. What a commemorable day indeed!



# Tiina at Finnish Aviation Academy

Tiina has completed her first week at the Finnish Aviation Academy and loved every minute of it!



## Rotary Down Under



## International Toasts

### OBJECT OF ROTARY

*The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:*

- 1** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- 2** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society
- 3** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;
- 4** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



Today we toast the Rotary Club of Paramaribo Residence. The club meets at 6:30 PM every Thursday.

The Rotary Club comprising teachers and retired educators, launched a mathematics training initiative to address Suriname's low secondary school entrance exam pass rates. Led by retired school dean Ewald Levens and supported by the Dutch Association of Mathematics Teachers, the program aims to enhance teachers' skills in mathematics to improve student outcomes and reduce dropout rates.

# Announcements

## Sponsorship - Art Show



**Brisbane  
ROTARY**   
**ART  
SHOW**

**Exhibition Dates**  
Monday 15th July to Friday 26th July 2024

**Opening Hours**  
Monday to Friday 8.00 am to 6.00 pm  
Saturday/Sunday 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

**Venue**  
Central Plaza One foyer (CP1 foyer),  
345 Queen Street, Brisbane

**Events**  
Art Show Gala Evening on Tuesday  
16th July 2024

Providing opportunities for Sponsors to partner with us.  
Please contact Murray Bell | 0438 105 799 |  
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## Cocktail Fundraising Gala



You are Invited to

*an evening of*  
**Brushing Kindness**  
a cocktail fundraising gala

**MAY 18 6:30PM**  
**THE PORT OFFICE HOTEL**

Dress Code: Cocktail Attire

*in support of*

 **Habitat  
for Humanity<sup>®</sup>  
Australia**

**Rotaract**   
Club of Brisbane Rivercity

## Weta Workshop



**WETA  
WORKSHOP**

**GALLIPOLI: THE SCALE OF OUR  
WAR: EXHIBITION DESIGN &  
MANUFACTURE**

**Weta Workshops Videos:**  
<https://www.wetaworkshop.com/projects-in-depth/gallipoli-the-scale-of-our-war/>

**Te Papa:**  
<https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/visit/exhibitions/gallipoli-scale-our-war/>

## Congratulations Alex!



**CONGRATS  
ALEX!**

Alex Griffiths has now raised \$14,550 and his goal is \$18,000

They have been riding in cold, wet conditions but the warmth of local supporters has been fantastic!

One bonus of riding such long distances is that you can eat whatever you like as they burn up the carbs so quickly!



<https://ridewest-2024.raisely.com/>

## Traction for Young People

# TRACTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

TRACTION's mission is to spark young people's potential and build their own positive futures.



Your generosity will give young people the head start they need!

Donate & be involved in the CEO Bike Build!

<https://traction.community/support-us>

## Sock Donations



FOR RIVERVIEW STATE SCHOOL

The Community Hub at Riverview is a very busy place supporting the school families with sandwiches and full lunch packs for kids who arrive with no food, food hampers donated by Oz Harvest, shoes and socks.

They appreciate the help from High-Rise volunteers to make the sandwiches but they would also like more socks of all sizes from Prep students on up.

Yvette and her staff are doing an amazing job with their pastoral care for families with many complex needs

Let's see what we can do for them!



## Little Wings

**LITTLE WINGS**  
**YOUR JOURNEY IS OUR MISSION**

Little Wings is a non for profit organization providing sick children and their families, throughout regional NSW, ACT & QLD with free ongoing flight and ground transport during the treatment process.

Click below to see ways to donate.

[DONATE NOW](#)

## Board Members 2023 - 2024

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