

 **HOT AIR**

04 September 2025 — Basic Education and Literacy Month

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International Toast:
Rotaract Club of Club of Kingston, Jamaica
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The President's Post

It was a great meeting that we experienced this last week with our District Governor Mark Williams making his official visit and the induction of Matt Wibberley, our newest member (even though he has been so very active for many weeks now).

Mark's message certainly had impact on my thinking about several themes including Rotary's Mission:

TOGETHER, we see a world where PEOPLE unite and take action to CREATE lasting CHANGE across the globe in our communities and in ourselves. It speaks to the heart of service — emphasising that unity, compassion, and action can transform not just communities, but also the individuals within them.

Rotary's mission is a powerful reminder that real change begins when people can, with purpose, UNITE FOR GOOD. It's an inspiring call to rise above boundaries, to lead with empathy, and to build a future where the positive impact of even the smallest of projects might start a ripple effect that could echo across generations.

I'm really looking forward to our club coming together and discussing our Club Mission at our Breakfast meeting on the 25th of September.

Mark has emailed thanking us for our warm welcome last week. Mark mentioned that his "partner's" fundraiser this year is to be The Kinross Foundation. His email also said:

"Gustaf Floorbear says hello. Speaking of the devil, he and I were having a little "discussion" over coffee this morning about my slow progress toward Centurion. He does try to keep me on the straight and narrow!"



More about that in another issue.

Greg Beard

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 04 Sep Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Rachel Healy, QPAC
- Thu 11 Sep Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Art Show Wrap Up & Billie Murphy, Coffee Brigade
- Thu 18 Sep Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Mark Symons, WWF – How it gets in the news
- Thu 25 Sep Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Club Assembly – Club Mission Discussion
- Thu 02 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Tamsyn Kiely, 3rd Space
- Thu 04 Oct RARE Working Bee - [RSVP](#)**
Assisting at RARE Alexandria Hills

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

It's much easier to renew than to reapply.



Some members will need to renew their blue cards before the end of the year or early next year. Check your card now or see what we have recorded for you on the spreadsheet recently sent to you by Ann Maree Buttner.

The Blue Card Organisation should send you a reminder text 10 weeks before your current card expires. As a volunteer there is no fee for a renewal or application.

For more information please click this link: [Renew your blue card.](#) Or contact **Ann Maree Buttner** if you need help/more info.

Rotary 
Districts 9560, 9620 & 9640

TRI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE
SAVE THE DATE!
MAY 1ST TO 3RD 2026

REACHING ACROSS BOUNDARIES

Join us as we:

- Connect
- Collaborate
- Create meaningful change
- One connection at a time

Location:
RACV Royal Pines, Gold Coast Resort

Early Bird Tickets
Close November 30th 2025

Scan me 

www.conference.rotary-3d.org

Last Week's Meeting



Greg Beard, our Guest Speaker District Governor Mark Williams, and Steve Knight



Newly inducted Matt Wibberley with wife Anna, either side of Phil Gough



Robyn Drake, Ann Maree Buttner, Jane Andersen and, seated, Susan Rix



Bruce McNaught, who won a bottle of wine in the Joker Draw, and Craig Wappett



2 slides from the DG's Presentation

Membership Initiatives



Membership Action Plan

- Simple framework based around using the Rotary Action Plan to position your club to be attractive to your target market of prospective members
- Improve member engagement to retain your existing members.
- Concrete, measurable actions that any club can undertake.

Rotary Leadership Institute

- Leaders stay in the club for longer
- You cannot lead well in Rotary without solid organisational knowledge

Project training

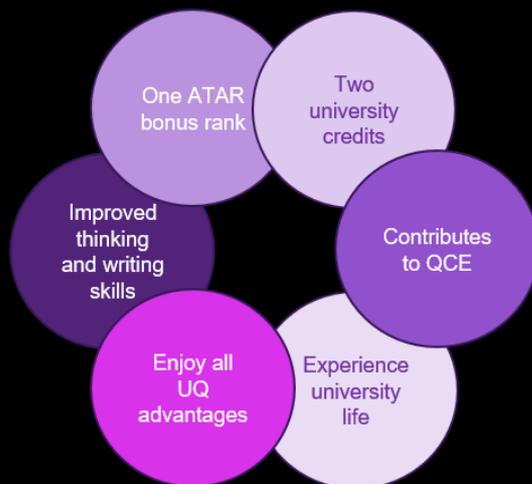
- Volunteers demand to have impact
- You can't have impact if you cannot manage projects

Bounty on younger members

- Financial support for recruiting and retaining younger members

WRIT1999 – A New Youth Program

- Free 1-week course in effective thinking, reading and writing at the University of Queensland.
- Students attend at the end of year 11
- Next course January 2026
- The course is free, but travel and accommodation is not.
- To date fewer than 10% of participants have come from outside the Greater Brisbane Area
- Rotary can contribute by identifying and sponsoring regional attendees.



The High-Rise board has agreed to take on this project again this year. Last year we purchased and delivered 20 bags to 3rd Space which they were received with enthusiasm, and they can use more, so this year's target is also 20.

Orders need to be in before the end of September. We already have commitments for over half the target so please add your name to the list – simply let me know and maybe we can exceed the target. \$100 each. Payment by Direct Deposit or at a meeting. You will receive a receipt, and the amount is a Tax Deductible donation. **David Bunce**

What are ShelterBags

- A zippered, vented swag which is waterproof, lightweight, easy to handle and has an compartment to store personal items.
- Integrated padded mattress and padded hood.
- Easy to carry when rolled up (backpack size, weighing 2.5 kg)
- Add sleeping bag or other bedding to suit conditions.
- Keeps bedding dry, provides warmth and dignity.
- Shelterbags are made in Cape Town, South Africa by a social workshop employing disadvantaged people.



Why ShelterBags

- Growing awareness in community of the homeless and their needs.
- Increasing numbers of homeless, young and old, sleeping rough.
- Bedding becomes wet and unusable, winter is the worst time of the year.
- The need for an immediate solution that offers shelter from the elements when sleeping rough.
- Waste of donated resources (blankets, sleeping bags).

History of ShelterBags

- Shelterbags were designed to suit the warmer southern hemisphere climates by Bas Timmer who founded the Sheltersuit Foundation in the Netherlands in 2014. www.sheltersuit.com
- Shelterbags were first imported into Australia in 2019 through Rotarian Mary Crammond, distributing over 3,000 bags to date.

How are ShelterBags distributed

- Shelterbags are imported and co-ordinated by Rotary Bowral NSW, and distributed to Rotary Clubs in NSW, SA, WA, VIC and QLD.
- Rotary Clubs work together with outreach agencies and other community stakeholders in their own Local Government Area to assess individuals needs, and monitor distribution.

What is the cost?

- Currently approx. \$100 per bag (includes shipping).
- Imported by the container load – 1,200 bags.

Our Goals

- Our goal for this year is to have 20 clubs combine to order 200 Shelterbags – approx. \$20,000
- Order and payment to be sent to Rotary by 30th September 2025 for delivery to Queensland in April/May 2026, ready for winter distribution



Now it's Queensland's turn to get behind this worthwhile project

Rotary Club of Paddington: Wayne Rushton – Qld Project Co-Ordinator – 0418 769 413 • wrushton131@gmail.com



Recently we had a meeting to introduce Coffee Brigade to the Clem Jones Group, who were very helpful with information and further support.

Billie Murphy will be our Guest Speaker on Thursday, 11 September

Jane Andersen

David Muir and Peter Johnston from Clem Jones Group, Jane Andersen & Coffee Brigade CEO Billie Murphy.



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise Calendar 2025-26

Activities outside of Club Meetings

KEY:

	Major Projects
	Community Services
	Social
	Foundation
	Youth
	District Events, Conferences or Training

SEPTEMBER <i>Basic Education and Literacy Month</i>	
Art Show 2026 Preparation	An Evening with Dr Andrew Browning 18-Sep
Fellowship Dinner at Caravanserai Date TBC	Board Meeting 29-Sep

OCTOBER <i>Community Economic Development Month</i>	
Art Show 2026 Preparation	R.A.R.E. 4-Oct-25
Kinross Cluster Meeting 9-Oct	Poetry Night Date & Venue TBC
World Polio Day 24-Oct	Board Meeting 27-Oct

ROTARY'S VISION STATEMENT

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WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION
TO **CREATE** LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES

Board Members 2025-26

President	Greg Beard
Past President	Jane Andersen
President Elect	Cindy Kemp
Secretary	Ann Maree Buttner
Treasurer	Cindy Kemp
Community Projects	David Bunce
Marketing	Ann-Maree Bennett
Membership	Bill Phillips
Rotary Foundation	Susan Rix
Youth	Loretta Lynch
Assisted By:	
Fellowship	Margot Baillie
Speaker Program	Ann-Maree Bennett
Administration	Rosemary Meadows
Hot Air	Steve Knight

Duty Roster

REMEMBER: *If you won't be there that day then it's your responsibility to arrange a replacement*

	Greeter & Closedown	Chair
Thu 04 Sep	Andrew A	Roly W
Thu 11 Sep	Jane A	Andrew A
Thu 18 Sep	Margot B	Jane A
Thu 25 Sep	Murray B	Margot B
Thu 02 Oct	Ann-Maree Be	Murray B

QPAC Theatre Nights Contact Susan Rix

PRETTY WOMAN THE MUSICAL



PRETTY WOMAN Wednesday 12 Nov 25 \$145

Head to Hollywood with the dazzling stage adaptation of one of the most beloved romantic comedies of all time—

Pretty Woman: The Musical Bursting with glamour, charm and all the iconic moments you know and love, this joyous musical hit will premiere at QPAC's Lyric Theatre.

[QPAC Pretty Woman](#)

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS Thursday 18 Dec 25 Adult \$79.00 Child \$49.00

QPAC's longest running event returns to the iconic QPAC Concert Hall.

Two of Australia's leading musical theatre stars will join a host of special guests in uplifting seasonal song and much-loved Christmas carols, beautifully supported by a full orchestra and the glorious voices of the QPAC Chamber Choir and MOSAIC Multicultural Choir.

[QPAC Spirit of Christmas](#)

International Toast

This week is we are celebrating the:
Rotaract Club of Club of Kingston, Jamaica



Seven Rotary clubs and the Rotaract Club of Kingston came together to commission an interactive mural in the Jamaican capital. Scanning the painting with an app unlocks layers of additional information about topics including Rotary's areas of focus, how to join, and how to contribute to [The Rotary Foundation](#).

"This mural is more than just an artistic expression," says Steven Hudson, a past president of the Rotary Club of Kingston. "Each brushstroke symbolizes our dedication to these areas."

The clubs teamed up with the painter Anthony "Taoszen" Smith and digital artist Kianne Patrice Hutchinson to produce the augmented reality project in collaboration with Kingston Creative, a nonprofit art hub that promotes unity and economic development.

"We are able to showcase who we are as Rotarians" through the mural, says Melissa Anderson, of the Rotary Club of Kingston East and Port Royal. "We change lives, one community at a time, and we want others with a heart of service to join us."