

HOT AIR

05 June 2025 — Rotary Fellowship Month

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The Presidential Point:

We had a planning session at our Thursday meeting that quite frankly I didn't think could be done. Greg wanted our meeting to focus for probably 45 minutes to help shape his year as President. I thought he was asking too much in too short a time. I was definitely wrong. Wendy Protheroe was the answer!! Wendy did a fantastic job in not only focusing us all but I think she and Greg got some great information for Greg's strategic planning day with his Board on 4 big issues for them all to consider on Sunday 8th June.

One of our visitors to our meeting on Thursday was Matt. Matt who is a friend of Phil's has been very generous to our club through his printing business, Worldwide Printing.

I know we have a few people away for the Changeover Dinner to Greg, but hopefully we will have everyone who is left in Brisbane celebrating him on Friday June 27.

Jane Andersen

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 05 Jun Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Cr Vicki Howard, BCC
- Thu 12 Jun Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Sally Huynh & Brendan Ketter, Shadforth Financial
- Thu 19 Jun Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Billy Murphy, Coffee Brigade
- ~~Thu 26 Jun~~ No Meeting – Changeover Instead**
- Fri 27 Jun Changeover at Tattersalls Club**
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- Thu 03 Jul Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Paddington Rotaract – Project RISE
- Thu 10 Jul Joint Meeting with Paddington Club - [RSVP](#)**
Art Show Training @ United Service Club
- ~~Thu 17 Jul~~ NO MEETING – ART SHOW GALA**

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

This Week's Guest Speaker



**Cr Vicki Howard,
Brisbane City Council**

As a long standing resident of New Farm, Vicki Howard has been proud to represent Brisbane's vibrant inner northern suburbs in Brisbane City Council since 2012. Vicki's passion for the inner city drives her to ensure Central Ward receives strong and effective representation that delivers the roads and transport we need, the parks and greenspace we want and the reliable services and lifestyle opportunities we deserve.

This Edition Comes to you From..

I'm travelling for the month of June but with the benefit of technology in the form of Starlink I hope to produce Hot Air each week. Here's the first from...The Diggings Campground, west of Mackay in the Eungella National Park on the bank of the Broken River. Rather wet, platypus country.

Ed



Postcards from Noela in Tanzania

Typing this at Killy Airport....

I returned to Maternity Africa on Thursday to view the quilt beautifully mounted on the wall between the general ward and the NICU Ward. (Neonatal Intensive Care Ward). In one photo is the MA Director, Dr Doreen, with four new Mums and bubs.

As well, when friends learned I was completing the MA Fistula Walk last Sunday, they generously supported my walk with donations via Bill. Here is the tangible support provided to the Hospital - all items purchased locally which also assists the Arusha business people. Basically, the hospital required - shuka for Mamas who arrive at the hospital with nothing. These are made into simple dresses especially for the Maasai ladies; Kanga fabric used for baby wraps; tins of Lactogen type milk; baby diapers; adult diapers for the Fistula mamas and many undies for the mums. Magdalena from MA and James the driver, battled those chaotic back streets in Arusha chasing the best at a good price. I can say, I was exhausted by the time this experience was over. All at MA are immensely thrilled with the quilt and what it represents - Dr Doreen told everyone with who I came into contact, the BHR story - even the four mamas in the photo.

Their beaming smiles and nodding heads told me they were grateful too.



Postcards from Noela in Tanzania

Poverty took on an extra dimension for me last Wednesday.

Magdelene, Social Worker, Maternity Africa, felt it was important for me to visit a recipient of an Essential Needs pack.

Geneva, Onesmo, their daughter Geofreda and twin boys, Jordan and Joshua live in a tin shed without windows, dirt floor, no electricity and water accessed from a cattle corral 500 m away.

There were two disturbing factors. One, their home is located on army land. Two, there is no community to support them.

Whilst I was there, an Army Commander and other personnel, tramped through quite inhospitable countryside to reach this family. Wednesday (when I was present), the family was told they could stay on the land "provided they didn't develop it". Last week, they were told to vacate the land. They have nowhere to go. It was clear they love their children. The Dada is waiting for maize harvesting season when he and his wife, who only has stubs for fingers on one hand, burn contractures and burn scars across her face, can both earn a meagre wage picking maize cobs. The three children go to work with them, where they quietly sit on a dusty, misshapen piece of foam.

Smiles lit up Geneva's and Onesmo's face when I presented them with a new shuka (Maasai cloth) and passed Tanzanian shillings into Mama's hands. Hopefully, they can have a more varied diet than maize porridge and ugali.



Last Week's Meeting



Rotary
Club of Brisbane High Rise



President Elect, Greg Beard,
would like to invite you, your
partner, and guests to the

32nd Change Over Dinner

**COST: \$85pp incl 2 course
meal and beverage on arrival**



Jane



Greg

**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**

Rotary

WHEN: Friday, 27th June 6.30-9.30pm

WHERE: Tattersalls Club, 215 Queen St, Brisbane

RSVP: by 20 June to Rosemary Meadows &
advise if any dietary requirements

EMAIL: apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com

DRESS CODE: Business Dress

RARE – Saturday 7 June, 8am



RARE = ROTARY AUSTRALIA REPURPOSING EQUIPMENT

Saturday 07 June 2025 from 8am is our next scheduled time to assist to RARE's facility located at 61-73 Macarthur Street, Alexandra Hills, 4161.

Tasks can involve sorting books, hospital linen and equipment, packing items in containers, etc.. There is variety of different work that can be done and you will be able to find something useful to do that fits with your skill level and physical ability.

Contact David Bunce for more info and to let him know you will be there.



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Upcoming Events and Items of Interest

I am writing to you from the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland. You can find information on us here: <https://rgsq.org.au/>

I would like to bring your attention to our next Geography Matters webinar. ZOOM only.

Topic: Nature-Based Solutions for Australian Cities

Date: 10 June 2025

Time: 7:30 - 8:30pm AEST

Place: ZOOM

Registration details at: <https://rgsq.org.au/event-6191240>

Speakers:

Presenter Dr David Kendal

Dr Dave Kendal has an international profile on the social and ecological dimensions of nature-based solutions, urban forests and urban greening, climate adaptation and biodiversity conservation. He is currently a member of the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council, and a member of IUCN, European Commission and NATURA urban nature expert groups. Dave was a member of Australia's Threatened Species Scientific Committee from 2015-2019 and has been an academic at the University of Melbourne, the University of Tasmania, and the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne. In 2022, Dave started Future in Nature to have a greater impact on nature-related policy and programs in Australia and around the world. Dr Kendal will be joined in conversation by Dr Ruby Michael.



Dr Ruby Michael

Dr Ruby Michael, Griffith Univ. School of Engineering and Built Environment - Ruby is an Ecological Engineer and the founder of Green Infrastructure Research Labs (GIRLS).



Nature-based Solutions are being proposed as an effective approach to address societal challenges such as health, inequality, pollution, and food security, at the same time as aiding adaptation to climate change and contributing to positive biodiversity outcomes. Many of these challenges, and their solutions, occur in cities. Much of the thinking around Nature-based Solutions has emerged from Europe, which has a very different biodiversity and climate context. We will discuss what is needed for Nature-based solutions to be useful for nature-based projects and policy on Australian cities and the rich biodiversity they contain.

The event is on LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/37534075/admin/dashboard/>

and will soon be on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/RGSQld/>

It will be appreciated if you can promote this event to your community. We are looking for an engaged and informed audience, and hope that it will be of interest to you.

Regards

Pamela Tonkin

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 05 Jun	Yvonne T	Rob O'D
Thu 12 Jun	Greg P	Yvonne T
Thu 19 Jun	Bill P	Greg P
Thu 26 Jun	No Meeting – Changeover Instead	
Thu 03 Jul	Russell P	Bill P

LIFT THE LID WALK

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The President, Committee and Members of the Rotary Club of Broadwater Southport are pleased to advise the following for your Diaries:

DATE CLAIMER

**83rd ANNIVERSARY
KOKODA DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE
at the
ROTARY KOKODA MEMORIAL WALL
on
Friday, 8 August 2025**

**Meet and greet from 10:00 am
Service commences at 10:30 am**

This is a very moving service and worth attending. After the service they have a nice lunch at the Broadbeach Bowls club and Nova Peris should be an interesting guest speaker. **Margot Baillie**