

 **HOT AIR**

08 August 2025 — Membership and New Club Development Month

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Rotaract Club of
Honiara
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The President's Post

August is Membership Month

Rotary thrives when our members thrive. This month, let's focus on strengthening our club — inviting new members, reconnecting with current ones, and growing our shared sense of purpose. Every member counts, and every voice matters.

Speaking of "voice" Steve continues to produce an outstanding Hot Air. Please help his efforts by sending him copy. Just a couple of photos and a couple of sentences would be great.

While Helen works quietly, her passion is our Alumni. Thanks so much for keeping past members in touch.

Thanks to David for all his working bringing together the equipment and Working Bees with Act for Kids. An excellent ongoing program of support, for our club.

If anyone can go with Ann-Maree to the District Growth Seminar this coming Saturday (9th) at Rothwell, please let her know. Bill is away and would appreciate the club's involvement in this, now, highly regarded program.

Let's also take time to celebrate the unique talents and experiences each Rotarian brings to our club. Engagement isn't just about attendance - it's about feeling valued and involved. Whether it's leading a project, sharing an idea, or simply showing up with a smile, your presence makes a difference. Continue making our club a space where everyone feels inspired to participate, and proud to belong.

And, also for August, let's bring visitors along.

Greg Beard

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 07 Aug Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Wendy Mulcahy, DVERT - Domestic Violence Education Relationship Training
- Fri 08 Aug 83rd Kokoda Day Commemorative Service**
See Page 8 or contact Margot Baillie
- Thu 14 Aug Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
David Muir, Voluntary Assisted Dying
- Thu 21 Aug Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Nigel Chamier, Brisbane Sustainability Agency
- Thu 28 Aug Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Club Assembly
- Thu 04 Sep Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Rachel Healy, QPAC

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

 **Party Bus Raffle**
Ticket Sales Still Open
NOW CLOSING
Wed, 27th Aug
Scan the QR Code
or click here: 
<https://rafflelink.com.au/ras25busaffle>

Rotary 
District 9790

Membership Action Plan
Engage | Strengthen | Grow
Presented by: PDG Stephen O'Connell & Carol O'Connell

The Challenge:
Growing membership and engaging members is one of Rotary's greatest challenges — and greatest opportunities.

The Solution:
The Membership Action Plan (MAP) is a dynamic three-year framework, filled with practical steps and real-world strategies, to help Rotary Clubs grow, engage, and thrive.


Carol O'Connell


Stephen O'Connell
Past District Governor 9790

Engage: Build a vibrant, inclusive Rotary experience by meeting members where they are.
Strengthen: Fortify your club's structure to create momentum and sustainability.
Grow: Discover practical growth strategies suited to today's world.

Why Attend?

- Engage in fresh conversations
- Strengthen your club's foundations
- Grow with confidence and a clear action plan
- Discover the most up-to-date strategies and real life examples of success

9.30am registration for 10.00am start
Saturday 9 August 2025
Hope Centre, 19 Buchanan St, Rothwell

 0432 756 487
miw@rotary9620.org

[LEARN MORE](#)

Science and Young Minds

We recently received the great news that we have been successful in our application for a \$5,000 District Grant for this project, in partnership with the QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute.

In February, Associate Professor Katja Fischer (pictured) was a guest speaker at our breakfast meeting where she talked about her research into scabies and a pilot programme she was developing to take science to regional and remote Queensland. Her mission is to engage high-school students in gaining practical laboratory experience in current health issues, including infectious diseases, cancer, mental health issues and population health.

The first part of the programme (June) is to 'take the lab to the bush' to provide hands on experience. Following this a selection process will identify five students who will attend a one-week science immersion program (August) hosted by QIMRB partnering with the University of Queensland and QUT to provide further enrichment in science, present career opportunities, and showcase how science can directly improve the health and well-being of all people in all communities.

Wendy and Jane met with Katja in April to flesh out our potential involvement and that resulted in our grant application, which was submitted in May. Our commitment will involve a funding contribution for student transport and accommodation. In addition, we will also offer mentorship and expert input in areas of particular interest and relevance. There will be the opportunity to visit the students when they are in Brisbane and also visit the outreach programme next year.

This programme is focused on education, health and working in rural and remote communities. It will provide the model for a sustainable and ongoing activities that have the capacity to deliver fairer outcomes for youth and the disenfranchised and will build links, connections and friendships that will be beneficial for all.

Hawys McManus



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Photos from QIMRB facebook page



The School of St Jude



As reported in the latest St Jude's Newsletter:

Q&A with supporter Lily

Meet 10-year-old Lily, who ran her own fundraiser

Throughout 2024, ten-year-old Lily, a Year 5 student in Australia, ran her own fundraiser to support The School of St Jude. Her parents, long-time supporters of the school, have visited Tanzania and previously taken part in fundraisers, such as running 10km at the 2023 Bridge2Brisbane event to raise money for St Jude's.

Inspired by her family's dedication, Lily wanted to make a difference herself. Using her talent for creating beautiful jewellery, she launched her own fundraiser and worked hard throughout the year to raise funds for the school. Here, she shares some of her favourite moments from the experience.

• What inspired you to do a fundraiser for The School of St Jude?

I was inspired to help St Jude's as I want children to have just as good an education as me. I like jewellery and enjoy wearing it, so I thought I would make some and sell it. I made beautiful earrings.

• How much money did you raise for St Jude's?

I raised AU\$800.

• What was your favourite part of the fundraiser?

The best part was seeing people smile when they purchased the earrings and raising money for St Jude's.

• How did you sell the jewellery?

I sold the jewellery at the Brisbane High-Rise Rotary club. I was supported by my parents and Bibi and Babu (grandparents), Noela and Bill Phillips.

• What advice would you give to others who might be thinking about doing a fundraiser?

•Keep raising money and don't give up!



Lily selling earrings at our meeting in December last year

[Click here to read more from the School of St Jude](#)

SHELTERBAGS

Shelterbags are a warm, waterproof, comfortable, sleeping bag that rolls into a light, easily transportable pack with a mattress and shelter from the rain for rough sleepers.

Our allotment of 20 Shelter Bags arrived recently and president Greg was on hand to collect them from the depot. He then delivered them to 3rd Space where they were accepted by a very excited Tamsyn. She had already worked out who would be receiving them that day so they were immediately put to good use.

3rd Space has long been a "refuge-in-a-storm" for many homeless people in Brisbane. It provides beds for people who need to sleep during the day and their kitchen provides free food. The newly opened Essentials Corner enables clients to select their choice of items from donated clothing, shoes and blankets. Services provided include life and employment coaching, medical and hairdressing services. Clothes washing can also be done at the centre.

Their outreach program helps First Nations people and directs them to culturally appropriate services. At-risk families are provided life skills we take for granted, such as cooking, budgeting planning and preparing for employment.

[3rdSpace](#) [ShelterBags](#)



Service Project – Act For Kids – Stage 2

On Saturday 02 August, our club completed the second working day at Act For Kids, Woolloowin.

Act for Kids is a for-purpose organisation that delivers evidence-led professional therapy and support services to children and families who have experienced, or are at risk of, harm.

Established in 1988 a dedicated team of psychologists, speech therapists, early education specialists, counsellors, occupational therapists, and family support workers provide support and counselling for children and families who have been the victims of domestic violence and broken homes.

The project objective was to provide an outdoor playing area for children and their parents, and to provide a different, more relaxed area for the counsellors and staff to help build relationships with the children in their care.

A District Grant provided furniture, gardens and outdoor play equipment. Our club provided labour, concrete and flexi-grass floor.

The hands-on work was focused on assembling and positioning the garden beds and furniture, and building a variety of outdoor play structures.

David Bunce



Coffee Brigade

Greg and I visited Coffee Brigade on Tuesday – so Greg could meet the CEO Billie Murphy, and I could deliver the goods we collected for their pantry. It was a great meeting to once again be impressed with the service this organization is offering to many homeless people.



Between Greg and I we took a number of photos but one is of a rather bare pantry – see below. Billie was thrilled with the food packages we took out and reiterated that the food they could always use was cup o soup, noodles, tins of tuna and energy bars, along with small bathroom items (please collect them from hotel/motel rooms next time you are travelling). Much of what I delivered was possible because of the financial support of Via Vai, a terrific dress shop in New Farm Village that a number of our members visit.

Since my last visit Maleny Milk now supply them with milk, which saves Coffee Brigade over \$20,000 a year. But meat and butter still need to be purchased.

Apparently nearly all friends of Coffee Brigade receive 2 cups of coffee, a serve of sandwiches, and a snack of soup, etc..

Again since my last visit, a second van now goes out to 2 new venues on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Louisa Toogood MBE, the woman who started this service 36 years ago, has been awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship for her work with homeless people (see pic bottom right).

Coffee Brigade are one of the beneficiaries of this year's Art Show and Billie is scheduled to speak at our meeting on 11 September. So be there that week to hear more about this great service that we have committed to supporting.



Jane Andersen



Last Week's Meeting



Rob O'Donovan, Steve Settle & Phil Gough



Ros Mumford & Kerstin Booge-Linton



Bill Phillips & Geoff Baker (RC Brisbane)



Chris Baker (past member) and Steve Knight



Phil Gough, self proclaimed Director of Myrrrrrth



Deb Le Garde with Ann Maree Buttner, having just not won the Joker Draw

QPAC Theatre Night - Jesus Christ Superstar

Members and friends recently attended Jesus Christ Superstar with dinner before – thanks Susan for organising.



2 More Upcoming 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 – \$TBC

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](#)





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'SAVE THE DATE'
for the **CELEBRATION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY** of
VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC
MARKING THE END OF WORLD WAR 2

to be held on the afternoon of
SATURDAY 23RD AUGUST 2025
on the lawns of
THE OFFICERS MESS
50 Oxlade Drive, New Farm, Qld 4005
FORMAL INVITATIONS TO FOLLOW



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**



The President, Board, and members of the
Rotary Club of Broadwater Southport and the
Surfers Paradise RSL Sub Branch
cordially invite you to attend the

83rd KOKODA DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

at the
ROTARY KOKODA MEMORIAL WALL

Cascade Gardens, Broadbeach QLD 4218

on
FRIDAY, 8 AUGUST 2025

9:30am Arrival for 10:00am Start

This important service commemorates the courage, sacrifice, and endurance of all who served in the Kokoda Campaign. It is a solemn time to reflect on the pivotal role the campaign played in Australia's military history and to honour the unique bond forged between Australian and Papua New Guinean forces.



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23rd August 6 pm
@ Qld. Air Museum

featuring!
UNDERGROUND OPERA



An Evening with
DR ANDREW BROWNING AM

Thurs 18th Sept
5pm - 7pm

Stamford Plaza
Brisbane

Tickets \$60pp

Join us to hear Dr Browning's latest stories and updates about the state of maternal healthcare, including fistula repairs and prevention, in East Africa.



Glass of sparkling on arrival with canapes



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Barbara May Foundation

International Travellers - Bill & Elenor Leveritt:

We were in Montreux, Switzerland where the famous Jazz festival is held, though we didn't hear much actual Jazz being played. Also took some trips on narrow gauge Swiss and French railways. And of course some wine tasting.



Eddie Mercury's statue on the lakeside promenade, Montreux



Then on to the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. It was cool, but luckily the rain held off.



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

AUGUST

Membership and New Club Development Month

Art Show Review	Act for Kids Working Bee 2-Aug-25
Dinner or Brunch Date TBA	Kokoda Day Memorial Svc Broadbeach 8-Aug
Membership Action Plan Workshop 9 Aug - Rothwell	Kinross Cluster Meeting 14-Aug
TBC - Victory in Pacific Day Ceremony 23-Aug	Board Meeting 25-Aug

SEPTEMBER

Basic Education and Literacy Month

Art Show 2026 Preparation	Services Working Bee TBC 1st Sat
Visit Qld maritime Museum TBC	Board Meeting 29-Sep
Albert Park Bursary TBC	

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	Dyls Bertelsen
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*

Setup, Greeter & Closedown Chair

Thu 07 Aug	Steve S	Yvonne R
Thu 14 Aug	Yvonne T	Steve S
Thu 21 Aug	Craig W	Yvonne T
Thu 28 Aug	Roly W	Craig W
Thu 04 Sep	Andrew A	Roly W

International Toast

This week is we are celebrating the:

Rotaract Club of Honiara

The Rotaract Club of Paddington have been working with the **Rotaract Club of Honiara** on their amazing Project R.I.S.E. – Renovation in Su'u for Education - which we heard about recently and have supported financially. [Rotaract Club of Honiara SI](#)

The **Paddington team** is back and ready to tell you all about how the project went at their **Changeover and R.I.S.E. Celebration on Sun, 10 Aug, 2-4pm at the Grove Sports Club, Ferny Grove.**

Tickets \$35 - Book Here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/ceeelebrategoodtimescomon>

