

HOT AIR

08 May 2025 — Youth Service Month

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International Toast:
Rotary Club de
Santo André,
São Paulo, Brazil
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The Presidential Point:

This coming week Sue Mulraney our District Governor is still going to attend our meeting this Thursday so please welcome her, and her husband John to the meeting. We were to host a number of New Zealanders who were going to be in Brisbane on a round cruise trip from Auckland attending their District Conference. Unfortunately this cruise was cancelled.

Last Thursday morning we had a wonderful talk from the Curator of Fireworks Gallery, Michael Eather who told us about his career highlights, a little of his family and showed some wonderful images of works he is showing or has shown in his gallery. Margot didn't waste the opportunity and I heard her talking to Michael about the possibility of us having a meeting at his Gallery in the future.

Calling ALL members – please be at the meeting on May 22 so you can be included in the Club group photo, which will be taken by Yvonne Todd. We will put this on a banner for use at events such as the Art Show. This will be taken during our normal meeting time so those who need to get away by 8.30 will be able to do so.

The latest Serviette Appeal was run a few weeks ago for the Rotary Appeal to support those in Western Queensland inundated with flood waters. I'm pleased to report that the Board has decided to add \$2,000 to the total raised. See page xx for details of the appeal and if you would like to contribute please contact Cindy.

Jane Andersen

Mother's Day Raffle - Tickets On Sale This Week



LAST CHANCE THIS WEEK to purchase tickets in our Mother's Day Raffle. The prize is this beautiful cultured pearl ring kindly donated by Margaret Rix.

The tickets are 3 for \$10 and we'll continue to sell the tickets up to our meeting on the 8th May when we will do the draw.

Pay Cindy at the desk, deposit online (make sure to put a suitable reference) or pay cash to me at our meetings. Proceeds go towards club projects

Margot Baillie.

This Week's Guest Speaker

Professor Eric Chung

Professor Eric Chung is a consultant urological surgeon at the AndroUrology Centre for Sexual, Urinary and Reproductive Excellence and holds professorial academic appointments at the University of Queensland. He holds numerous executive positions including President-elect of the International Society of Sexual Medicine (ISSM), Chair of the male urinary section and Past Chair of the Andrology section within the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand (USANZ) and serves as an Advisor on the Panel of Clinical Experts (PoCE) for the Australia Government Department of Health. He is the only urologist from Australia invited to serve at the recent International Consultation on Sexual Medicine, the peak body on all matters relating to sexual dysfunction.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 08 May Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Prof Eric Chung - Coloplast Interventional Orology
- Thu 15 May Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Brendan Rook - Investigator - Australian Army
- Thu 22 May Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Club Group Photo
- Sun 25 May Croquet Under Lights - [RSVP](#)**
Stephens Croquet Club, Annerley
- Thu 29 May Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Club Assembly – Planning Session
- 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**

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



At our meeting on Thursday 17 April
those present pledged

\$2,300

YOU can add to that – let's see what
we can achieve together.

Deposit your donation into our club
account and let Cindy know.



Rotary Launches Flood Relief Effort with Immediate and Long-Term Support for Affected Communities

Rotary is mobilising a multi-phase response to support individuals and families impacted by recent flooding. Through a coordinated and compassionate approach, Rotary aims to address immediate needs while laying the groundwork for long-term recovery and wellbeing.

Phase 1: Immediate Financial Assistance

Rotary has commenced distribution planning for prepaid debit cards valued at \$250 and \$500 to eligible individuals and families affected by the floods. These cards, branded with The Rotary Foundation and Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) logos, provide flexible and immediate financial relief to those in need.

Phase 2: Coordination of Essential Goods

Rotary is partnering with trusted organisations such as GIVIT and RARE to ensure donated goods are efficiently transported and matched with the needs of flood-affected communities. This targeted approach guarantees that essential items reach the right people at the right time.

Phase 3: Mental Health Support

Recognising the lasting impact of natural disasters, Rotary is actively seeking partnerships with established Rotary-led mental health initiatives. The aim is to provide accessible and ongoing mental health support to individuals and families dealing with trauma and stress as a result of the floods.

How You Can Help

There are two ways to contribute to Rotary's disaster response and ensure your support goes directly to helping those in need:

- **District 9560 Disaster Fund Account (please note this a joint District 9560 and 9620 appeal)**

(No tax deduction available – suitable for Rotary clubs and district donations for immediate funding)

BSB: 633000 | Account Number: 186414595

- **Rotary Australia Community World Service (RAWCS)**
(Tax deductible in Australia – suitable for individual donors)

Appeal No. 33-2023-24: Flood Disaster Appeal Fund - Australia (RARF)

Donate via: <https://directory.rawcs.com.au/33-2023-24>

With your support, Rotary can continue to deliver real, meaningful relief to flood-affected Australians—now and into the future.

Enquiries to:

Western Flood Relief Co-ordinators

Last Week's Meeting



It was the last chance to see the Maternity Africa quilt before Noela takes it over there.



Member Recognitions



At the recent Women and Change 2025 launch at Parliament House, Susan Rix was presented with a special biscuit acknowledging her 11 year membership. The long term members have raised \$440,000 for a range of charities



Russell Postle was presented with his OAM recently at Government House. As you can see from the banner behind it's the 50th anniversary of the Australian honours system so a special year to receive the award!

More of ANZAC on K'gari (Fraser island)



ANZAC Message 2025 from Maheno School

This message was read by Lindsay Marshall at the Maheno ANZAC Ceremony on K'gari

Kia ora koutou,

It is always a great pleasure to be asked to write the annual K'gari ANZAC day service message on behalf of Maheno School, the current owners of the original Maheno ship bell. This year is no exception with refreshed time spent together recently at Maheno School's 150th Jubilee celebrations in New Zealand only a few weeks ago. We were lucky enough to have in attendance at the celebrations, a group of representatives from the Brisbane High Rise Rotary Club who are the same group who run this wonderful service you are present at today. Thank you to Russell, James and Mark Postle, Lindsay and Dianne Marshall for coming as it meant the world to us to have you there as part of the celebrations and also an acknowledgement of our deep history and 10 year bond we have with ANZAC and the TSS Maheno. We know it's your dream to once again have representatives from the school in person to be there to deliver this message and I hope too that one day that will be a reality again in some capacity, something we will be reflecting on and considering in future discussions.

I always admire how humans make connections that are rich and meaningful throughout our lives. I think that it's so special that a ship with a history as rich as the TSS Maheno, a hospital ship for New Zealand from 1905-1919 that supported so many at the Gallipoli campaign, is still creating relationships and connections over 100 years later especially in the space of ANZAC relationships. The relationships that New Zealanders and Australians still have now after they became officially recognised as ANZACs in 1916 commemorating those who served in the Allied forces during World War One, is still a very powerful one and one I'm proud to be part of. While I have no military connections myself, my late dad served in the Regular Force for the NZ Army in the Borneo conflict and then later also served in the Territorial Forces. Going to ANZAC services has always been a part of my life, one that I tried to instil in my own children through their relationships with Girl Guides and Scouts. It's really lovely to now also have some of my grandchildren join in this continued family tradition. This year at our local Maheno service I will be remembering those New Zealanders and Australians who have died in wars and honouring returned service members while also reflecting on the positive outcomes of our Maheno-K'gari ANZAC relationships and of course remembering my dear dad as I wear his medals in remembrance of his commitment to New Zealand.

I will close today's message with a few lines from a song we sang at our 150th celebrations (thank you to John Denver's song Country Roads for our inspiration) - the song was full of important things to our school and the community such as our school colours and local geographic features. We also sung about making lifelong friendships at Maheno School...

Country roads, take me home, To the place I belong, To Maheno, North Otago, Take me home, country roads.

I hear the sound of the school bell in the morning, The ringing that reminds me of a ship far away.

This line was of course referring to the magic SS Maheno bell replica that was rung earlier today as part of your service and also the original bell that was rung here at our service here in Maheno today.

Humans do better when we are surrounded with positive and meaningful relationships. Thank you to each and every attendee today for your time and commitment to remembering and honouring the relationships of ANZAC. A very special and positive relationship indeed!

***Ngā mihi - Stella Macrae
Principal, Maheno School***



TAKE ME HOME COUNTRY ROAD - MAHENO STYLE

In Maheno, North Otago
Grassy Paddocks, Kakanui River
Kuriheka, the flowing Island Stream
Making flour at Clarks Mill, a mighty rugby team.

***Country roads, take me home
To the place I belong
To Maheno, North Otago
Take me home, country roads.***

All the students, gather 'round there
Black and green, the colour of our shirts
Learning, playing, swimming in the pool
Building lasting friendships at Maheno School

***Country roads, take me home
To the place I belong
To Maheno, North Otago
Take me home, country roads***

I hear the sound of the school bell in the morning
The ringing that reminds me of a ship far away.
With Pet Day, sport, and camps,
we're all proud to be part of a long history ...
history....

***Country roads, take me home
To the place I belong
To Maheno, North Otago
Take me home, country roads x2***

***Take me home, (Down) country roads
Take me home, (Down) country roads***

On behalf of the Rotaract Club of Brisbane Rivercity, we are delighted to extend a warm invitation to an unforgettable evening of elegance and purpose at our Cocktail Fundraising Gala, ***“An Evening of Brushing Kindness”***, in proud support of **Habitat for Humanity Australia**.



This year, we're proud to continue our partnership with **Habitat for Humanity Australia** hosting Rivercity's Annual Cocktail Party in support of the **“Brush with Kindness”** program operating here in the Brisbane region.

This program mobilises volunteers to renovate and repair homes for vulnerable families, including Indigenous housing projects and crisis accommodation for those escaping domestic violence or experiencing homelessness.

There has never been a more critical time to make positive progress on homelessness here in our own backyard. Since 2017, Queensland has seen a 22% increase in homelessness, far surpassing the national average. We are facing a growing reality: homelessness no longer affects only the most vulnerable, but increasingly impacts everyday Australians who are unable to keep up with rising rents and housing shortages.

✦ So please, join with us, dress to impress in your finest cocktail attire and enjoy an unforgettable evening featuring:

- A 3-hour drinks package
- Delectable canapés
- Raffle prizes
- Inspiring stories and meaningful connections

...all in the spirit of building hope and creating change.

📍 **Date:** Friday, 16th May 2025

🕒 **Time:** 6:30 PM

📍 **Venue:** The Port Office Hotel – 40 Edward Street, Brisbane City

🎫 **Early Bird Tickets:**

\$95 per person until 24th April.

🎫 **Standard Tickets:**

\$105 per person after 24th April.

👉 Click [here](#) to view the Facebook event

👉 Click [here](#) to purchase tickets

Let's come together to paint a brighter future and support **Habitat for Humanity Australia's** mission — *to ensure that everyone has a safe and decent place to call home, both locally and globally*. Together, we can help build not just homes—but hope, safety, and dignity.

We can't wait to welcome you on the 16th of May for a truly memorable evening of compassion, celebration, and impact. **Through shelter, we empower.**

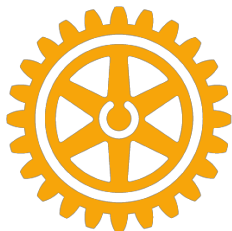
Warm regards,

Susita Das (Club President) (she/her)

Jane Hillyard (Events Director) (she/her)

Rotaract Club of Brisbane Rivercity

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1' to discover an aspect of Rotary history

The Path of Paul Harris' Creative Idea

Paul Harris's childhood and early professional experiences shaped his vision for Rotary.

Raised in Wallingford, Vermont, by his grandparents after his father's business failed, he grew up in a close-knit rural community that emphasized ethics, solidarity, and mutual support.

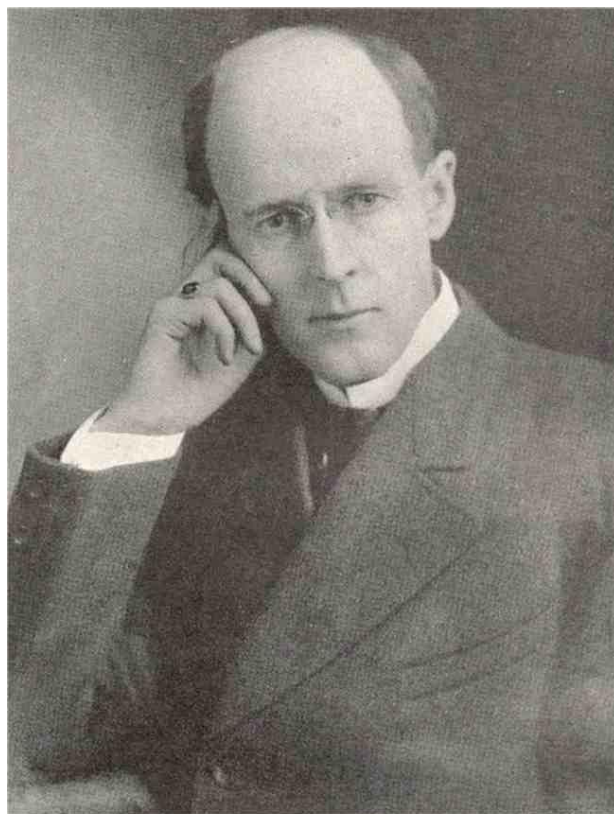
As a young lawyer in Chicago, he encountered a stark contrast: a fast-growing city where individualism and business competition often led to professional isolation.

This lack of camaraderie made him long for the strong community bonds of his youth.

His extensive travels exposed him to various professional clubs in Europe and the U.S., where networking and mutual assistance played a vital role.

Inspired by these models, he envisioned a club where professionals from different fields could connect, not just for business but also for service.

In 1905, he gathered three friends and founded Rotary, introducing the idea of rotating meetings to foster equality, friendship, and a shared commitment to ethical leadership and community service.



PAUL P. HARRIS

*As he appeared when Rotary came into being
February 23, 1905*

Croquet Under Lights Sunday Evening, 25 May 25

Come join us for a fun and relaxed social event, learning to play croquet. Cost includes croquet, snacks and pizza dinner. BYO drinks. Bring along the whole family with the bonus that Sunday dinner is sorted!

Sunday 25 May 25 from 5 to 8pm

Stephens Croquet Club, in Yeronga Memorial Park
enter from Frederic St, which is off Villa St, Yeronga

Cost: \$35 per head, \$30 for children aged 10 -18 years.

Children under 10 are welcome but can't play on the courts - there is other smaller gear they can use off the courts.

RSVP to Ann Maree Buttner & Rosemary Meadows.



Board Members 2024-25

President	Jane Andersen
Past President	Dyls Bertelsen
President Elect	Gregory Beard
Secretary	Jennifer Eathorne
Treasurer	Cindy Kemp
Community Projects	David Bunce
Marketing	Ann-Maree Bennett
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

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 08 May	Hawys McM	Ros M
Thu 15 May	Ros M	Kym McC
Thu 22 May	Kym McC	Michael N
Thu 29 May	Michael N	Bill L
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	

DATE CLAIMER: Changeover – Tatts Friday 27 June

It's nearly that time of year again when we hand over to the incoming team lead by Greg Beard and celebrate outgoing President Jane's year.

More details soon.

New Theme for 2025-2026:

UNITE FOR GOOD



International Toast

This week is we are celebrating the:
Rotary Club de Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil
*This is the home club of incoming RI President,
Mário César Martins de Camargo*



The 2024-2025 Rotary Year is marked by new initiatives and projects that make a significant difference in our community and world. Our focus continues to be Giving of Self Before Thinking About Self, a fundamental principle of Rotary that inspires us to seek ways to help those who need to promote peace and global understanding.

We continue to work on Local Projects - initiatives that directly benefit our community in Santo André:

- ABC Apprentice – Founded Aug 1962
- Casa da Esperança de Santo André – Founded Jun 1954
- Ronald McDonald House ABC – Founded May 1994
- APAE of Santo André – Founded Sep 1963

<http://rcsa.org.br>