

 **HOT AIR**

09 October 2025 — Community Economic Development Month

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The President's Post

Dr Amy Cahill, 3rd Space had us all totally engaged on Thursday last. We look forward to our continued involvement which already involves another 20 shelter bags organised thanks to David Bunce and his encouragement, and those members who have funded them.

David also encouraged our attendance at **RARE** on the 4th of October. His positive and personal persistence saw 12 of us there and one of our best attendances in a long time! The day had one of its better attendances also (around 60), which meant that 3 containers could be "closed" ready for sending to Uganda, PNG and The Solomons. David stole the show! He drove a Land Cruiser into a container (loading into not crashing into!). Of course he couldn't open the doors to get out and had to crawl over the seats (got an image!?) in order to exit the back of the vehicle! (hope there's a photo)

A busy month continues with our **Poetry Night** on Thursday 23rd October. It will also be a big day with **Madonna King** as a very special guest speaker at our Breakfast that morning. I do hope that you can be at both.

Finally, Bill has asked that we bring a guest to our meeting on the 16th October. Our membership is, and must be, a priority this year. Let's make it an encouraging morning.

Greg Beard



Invite a Guest to Join Us – 16 Oct 25

At the recent Board meeting it was agreed that we would promote two upcoming meetings as **Member Meetings** with an emphasis on bringing along guests who might be interested in Rotary - they just haven't been asked!

I can't prove it, but I'd be surprised if it is not the case, that most new members join Rotary because someone asked them to come along to a meeting.

The focus for these two meetings will be on bringing along a guest. Both the meetings feature excellent guest speakers so an opportunity to see our Club at its best.

Our current membership is 40; historically, that's low. When I joined, we were nudging 60. It's the nature of a city Club like High-Rise that we have a turnover of members for all sorts of very understandable reasons. The onus is on all of us to be alert to this issue and introduce guests to our Club.

The first of the m&m's is next week on the 16th October. At that meeting the guest speaker will be Professor Nick Martin from QIMR Berghofer, speaking about what twins can tell us about mental health problems. He should be good.

Plenty of time to search into your networks of friends, neighbours and colleagues and invite guests along to this meeting.

So what have m&m's got to do with it? Everything! As a very special incentive, for every guest you bring along you will receive a packet of m&m's. How's that for stimulation!

Bill Phillips



Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 09 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Dr Darryl Gauld OAM, Team Rainbow
Rainbow Games Inc - an Overview
- Thu 16 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Prof Nick Martin, QIMR Berghofer - What twins can tell us about mental health problems
••• Membership Meeting – Bring a Guest! •••
- Sat 18 Oct Craft Beer Festival – See Page 6**
Rotary Club of Hamilton
- Mon 20 Oct End Polio Now Movie Night – See Page 6**
Rotary Clubs of Brisbane & Paddington
- Wed 22 Oct Pride of Workmanship Awards – See Page 6**
Rotary Club of New Farm
- Wed 22 Oct Rotary Foundation Dinner – See Page 6**
Guest Speaker PDG Wendy Protheroe
- Thu 23 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Madonna King – Screenwise: what we need to know to keep our children and grandchildren safe
- Thu 23 Oct Poetry Night @ New Farm Bowls Club – [RSVP](#)**
Hosted by Kit Bennetts & Rob O'Donovan
- Thu 30 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Club Assembly

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

TOGETHER WE SEE A WORLD
WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION
TO **CREATE** LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES

Applications Close Wednesday 15th October 2025

Contact Greg Beard: president@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com

Effective Thinking and Writing (WRIT1999)



WRIT1999 is a University of Queensland Enhanced Studies course open to Year 11 students from eligible schools or any Queensland Year 11 student who identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

The goal of the course is to assist students who have completed Year 11 in acquiring academic skills that will enhance their Year 12 performance and gain a university place in their desired program. It is free to all eligible students.

Key Details

Dates: Monday 12 – Friday 16 January 2026

Format: 5 days of classes

Times: 9am–3pm each day

Venue: The University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus

Benefits



Previous WRIT1999 students have shown improved academic results, higher rates of university completion and success in UQ degree programs.



Students who successfully complete WRIT1999 will be eligible to receive one adjustment point toward their UQ entrance rank (1-99 scale) through the Subject Incentive Scheme.



Students who later enrol in a relevant UQ degree may receive credit for their completed course, depending on which degree they enrol in and subject to approval by the relevant Faculty.



WRIT1999 counts for 2 points towards a student's Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

For more information, please contact:

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www.critical-thinking.project.uq.edu.au

Eligible schools and enrolment process:

To identify eligible schools and learn more about the enrolment process, visit:

www.critical-thinking.project.uq.edu.au/writ1999

UQ Donations:

To support a student, please pay the total amount of your preferred option online here:

www.donations.uq.edu.au/critical-thinking-project



Watch why WRIT1999 is award-winning

Last Week's Meeting



Guest Speaker Dr Amy Cahill



Lindsay Marshall at the lectern with the 'spots' presenters 'eagerly' awaiting their turn

Ros Mumford & Robyn Drake



Kerstin Booge-Linton finally receiving her dinner badge



Greg Beard, Dr Amy Cahill & Ann-Maree Bennett



Roly Wells, Andrew Albury & Greg Pearson



Kerstin Booge-Linton & Jennifer Eathorne

Volunteering at Coffee Brigade

Van:

Are you interested in going out in the van to deliver sandwiches and a drink to the homeless? Skye, our contact at Coffee Brigade, has suggested that you book online at coffeebrigade.org.au/volunteer and scroll down to fill in the form.

Then, initially, Skye will match you up with two other experienced volunteers, until you become more experienced. Eventually, if you have indicated your connection with Brisbane High-Rise, Skye will put us together in small teams.



Sandwiches:

We have committed to assisting with the sandwich making every month from January next year, and our slot is the 3rd Monday of each month:

- Mon 19 Jan 26
- Mon 16 Feb 26
- Mon 16 Mar 26
- Mon 20 Apr 26
- Mon 18 May 26
- Mon 15 Jun 26
- Mon 20 Jul 26
- Mon 17 Aug 26
- Mon 21 Sep 26
- Mon 19 Oct 26
- Mon 16 Nov 26
- Mon 21 Dec 26



We need at least 4 people for each session, starting about 10:00am, and usually finishing in less than 2 hours.

Please let me know your availability - no need to apply online. It would be good if you could book in with me for as many sessions as you feel you can do and for the months ahead, so that I can get the roster filled well in advance.

Robyn Drake

Poetry Night

THU 23rd OCT | NEW FARM BOWLS CLUB | 6.30-9pm

Come along and enjoy a night of Verse and Stories.

Our Masters of Mirth, Rob and Kit, will be our MCs for the night.

BYO favourite poem, prose or song lyric

\$35 - covers a delicious selection of classic club snacks: dips, chips, beef pies, sausage rolls, spinach & feta triangles, beef, chicken and bacon & falafel sliders. Drinks: Cash bar.

RSVP to Yvonne Robson by 16 Oct and advise her of any dietary requirements. Pay Cindy at our meetings or Direct Deposit.



Service – RARE Saturday 04 Oct 25



The High-Rise team – Bill Phillips, David Bunce, Allan Strong, Greg Beard, Ann-Maree Bennett, Steve Knight, Roly Wells, Noela Phillips, Robyn & Rob Drake, Yvonne Robson & Yvonne Todd



Bill & Noela



The Uganda Prado crew – 3 at left from Cleveland, David & Roly



Robyn, Greg, Yvonne R & Ann-Maree



Steve organising the Honiara container



Tea break: fellowship and plenty to eat!





LOADING THE HONIARA CONTAINER—Bedside Cabinets TO BE RESHIPED TO Hauhui Medical Clinic, MALAITA



LOADING THE Port Moresby CONTAINER



TABLE CONSTRUCTION ABOVE THE BONNET FOR THE PRADO TO BE SHIPPED TO UGANDA AND CONVERSION TO AN AMBULANCE VEHICLE



PRADO STRAPPED IN & READY TO SHIP TO UGANDA



Upcoming Events


 Rotary Club of Hamilton
 

CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Saturday 18 October 2025
12-5pm

Supporting Community Causes












IN THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF BRISBANE
in memory of John Hunt
Community Canteen

Scan here for tickets!



18+ Event

St Augustine's Hall, 56 Racecourse Road


 Rotary Club of New Farm
 

A Rotary Vocational Service Project

PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARD

Rotary Club of New Farm invites you, your family and friends to join us in recognising employees and small businesses in our community.

WEDNESDAY 22nd October	Stratton Bar & Kitchen 3 Stratton Street, Newstead	\$70 Per Person BOOK NOW
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6.00pm: Pre-dinner Drinks at Own Cost - Cash Bar
6.30pm - 9.30pm: 2 Course Meal and Awards Ceremony
Dress Code: Smart Casual
Enquiries: newfarmrotary@gmail.com
Book Now: <https://events.humanitix.com/pride-of-workmanship>



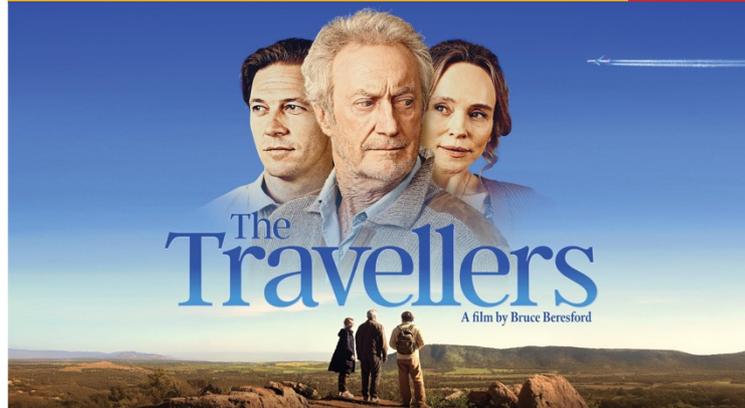
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Polio Movie Event

6pm, Mon 20 Oct 2025

**END
POLIO
NOW**



Polio Movie Events raise funds for Rotary's number one priority, Ending Polio. Rotary International, with SONY PICTURES, have this year secured an exciting new Australian movie release **The Travellers**.

Written and directed by Bruce Beresford, **The Travellers** is a poignant, funny and heartwarming family story, starring Luke Bracey, Bryan Brown and Susie Porter with Shubshri Kandiah, Celia Massingham and Nicholas Hammond. Watch the trailer on YouTube [here](#).

Stephen Seary, a charismatic and successful stage designer, returns to his small hometown in Australia to say goodbye to his dying mother. What was to be a quick trip descends into chaos, drama, and at times downright funny moments as Stephen navigates family responsibilities, a difficult relationship with his father, old friends & past lovers, all while trying to return to Europe for a major opera contract.

Luxury Premium Cinema tickets are just \$25.00 per person with profit going to Ending Polio. **Only 60 tickets available - Book [here](#).** Thank you to our friends at **Five Star Cinemas Red Hill**.

Co-hosted by Rotary Clubs of Brisbane and Paddington.

ROTARY CLUB OF
 WYNNUM AND MANLY
 INVITES YOU TO:

ROTARY FOUNDATION DINNER

Guest Speaker - PDG Wendy Protheroe
 Director, The Rotary Foundation, Australia

2025
WEDNESDAY | 22 | OCTOBER
6 for 6:30pm
 WYNNUM GOLF CLUB
 76 STRADBROKE AVE, WYNNUM

COST: \$55 per person, Pre-pay through the Events page on the Club Website at
<https://rcwm.org/events/rotary-foundation-dinner-2025/>

RSVP TO TRACEY
TJW1601@GMAIL.COM BY 13 OCTOBER
RAFFLES AND AUCTION IN SUPPORT OF
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Upcoming Events



SAVE THE DATE! YOU'RE INVITED TO...

COFFEE BRIGADE'S

FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

WESTS RUGBY CLUB

7:30AM FOR 8:00AM START
MEMORIAL PARK, 65 SYLVAN ROAD TOOWONG
QLD 4066

JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST,
FUN RAFFLES, ENGAGING SPEAKERS,
AND MORE

Space is limited – Book Now!
For a registration link email us:
info@coffebrigade.org.au

Woodfordia



Lake Gkula Camping at Woodfordia offers shady bush campsites and luxury glamping tents set alongside a crystal-clear, chemical-free lake.

Swim, bushwalk, or simply relax by the water with friends or family. With options for couples, small groups, or club retreats, Lake Gkula is the perfect place to unwind and reconnect.

Escape to Lake Gkula - A Rotary-Friendly Retreat



Recently Amanda Jackes spoke to us about Woodfordia and will be speaking again on 20 November about Unity & Goodwill. Below is an email received that might be of interest:

Woodfordia: Community, Culture and Nature

Just over an hour north of Brisbane lies **Woodfordia**, a 500-acre cultural parkland where community, creativity and care for the environment come together. Many know Woodfordia as the home of the iconic **Woodford Folk Festival**, but the site is so much more than a venue. It is a long-term vision for a more connected and sustainable future.

I recently joined Woodfordia as Head of Fundraising, where my focus is on building partnerships and leading philanthropic initiatives. Our current priority is **A Forest of Goodwill**, a \$5.7 million campaign to secure Woodfordia's land in perpetuity, **ensuring the land and legacy of Woodfordia are protected for generations to come.**

For more than 30 years, Woodfordia has brought people together through the arts, culture and community. This campaign is about safeguarding that legacy and supporting the continued impact of this unique place.

Lake Gkula - A Rotary-Friendly Retreat

One of Woodfordia's most treasured features is **Lake Gkula**, a chemical-free conservation and recreation lake sustained by natural wetland filtration. Home to native fish, plants and birdlife, it also offers a refreshing place to swim and relax.

Lake Gkula Camping is also well suited to Rotary members, whether for fellowship weekends, family getaways, or even as a venue for club retreats and small group gatherings. It's a space that encourages connection, relaxation and shared experiences, all values that resonate strongly with Rotary.

There are also opportunities for Rotary clubs to contribute through **service projects** such as environmental restoration, tree planting, and cultural volunteering, direct ways to make a lasting impact while enjoying the beauty of Woodfordia.

Lake Gkula Highlights

- Stay your way: bush campsites or glamping tents
- Swim in crystal-clear waters
- Explore scenic bush trails
- Enjoy music by the lake
- Unwind under the stars

Please reach out for more information about **volunteering, camping weekends, or philanthropic opportunities.**

Anna Williams
Fundraising Manager, Woodfordia
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QPAC Theatre Night SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS Thursday 18 Dec 25



Adult \$79 Child \$49

QPAC's longest running event returns to the iconic 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.

Click for more info: [QPAC Spirit of Christmas](#)
Contact Susax Rix to book

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

OCTOBER

Community Economic Development Month

Art Show 2026 Preparation	R.A.R.E. 4-Oct-25
PUBLIC HOLIDAY King's B'Day 6-Oct	Kinross Cluster Meeting 9-Oct
Movie Night Polio Fundraiser \$25pp 20-Oct 6-9pm	Poetry Night \$35pp 23-Oct 6.30pm
World Polio Day 24-Oct	Board Meeting 27-Oct

NOVEMBER

Rotary Foundation Month

Art Show 2026 Preparation	Dinner Social TBC
World Interact Day 5-Nov	Board Meeting 24-Nov

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 09 Oct	Kit B	Ann-Maree Be
Thu 16 Oct	Dyls B	Kit B
Thu 23 Oct	Kerstin B	Dyls B
Thu 30 Oct	Ann Maree Bu	Kerstin B
Thu 06 Nov	Tom D	Ann Maree Bu
Thu 13 Nov	Robyn D	Tom D



Lindsay Marshall, Russell Postle and Alex Griffiths are, once again, supporting the RFDS by participating in the **Oceans to Outback** October challenge.

Please support us as we support RFDS in the Oceans to Outback challenge again this October.

Last year I walked 247km. This year I've set myself the challenge of cycling 609km, but on a spin trainer indoors.

Russell & Alex will be out on the road again, both also targeting 609km.

And we will all be doing that in the 31 days of October.

Lindsay Marshall

Use the links below to support Lindsay, Russell and Alex and donate to the RFDS who provide vital emergency assistance to Outback Australia.

[Lindsay Marshall](#)

[Russell Postle](#)

[Alex Griffiths](#)

International Toast

This week we are celebrating the:
Rotary Club of Edmonton Whyte Avenue, Alberta, Canada



The annual Pub N Paint event by the **Rotary Club of Edmonton Whyte Avenue** raises money each November to fight polio. The Alberta club's regular meeting venue, the Rooster Kitchen, hosts the event. "I do a little spiel about the state of polio and Rotary's role in eradication," says Stan Bissell, a past president of the club who inaugurated the project. It's not unusual for visitors to remark how little they know about polio, he says. "We talk about it so much in Rotary, but people don't know and think it's a disease of the past." After his presentation, an art teacher distributes blank canvases and brushes, guiding Rotarians and guests in replicating landscapes such as Edmonton's cityscape and a mountain range. There are some very talented people among the club's members, reports Bissell. "But it's variable — mine is in the garage."