

13 Mar 2025 — Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

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The Presidential Point:

I'm sitting in my unit, it's pouring rain outside and I just got an email from Ann Maree Buttner promising a much more exciting Sunday next week. Don't forget to book in for the wine tasting at her home (St Lucia) to enjoy an afternoon of learning, interesting wine and, I'm sure, laughter.

There's really not much to report. We cancelled the meeting last week expecting to be pummelled by Alfred - instead we were at the beginning of a long wait. I hope everyone escaped unharmed and with minimal damage and disruption. As I write this we know that we have members without power, some for several days, and now flooding is the next risk. By Thursday it should hopefully all be over and I look forward to seeing you.

Jane Anderson



This Week's Speaker



Billie Murphy, Coffee Brigade

*Coffee Brigade are one of the beneficiaries of our
2025 Brisbane Rotary Art Show*

Billie is an educator and experienced General Manager, bringing close to a decade of experience in not-for-profit. She has travelled the world as General Manager of SolarBuddy, providing clean, renewable lighting solutions to communities in some of the most developing countries and is passionate about social impact and supporting communities in need.

Drawn to Coffee Brigade's legacy and hands-on impact, she took on the GM role 6 months ago. Billie is committed to delivering exceptional service and impactful programs with Coffee Brigade. She believes in the power of education to inspire others to become changemakers and create a positive difference in the world.

Billie has a Bachelor of Biological Sciences and a Master of Education from The University of Leeds.

Wine Tasting, Sunday 16 Mar 24



Anne-Maree Buttner has kindly invited us to take part in a guided wine tasting at her home in Macquarie St Lucia on the afternoon of Sunday the 16th of March from 4pm to 6pm.

She will guide us through a selection of 4 Australian wines, highlighting the characteristics of each of the wines. \$35 pp for the wines and antipasto platters to accompany the wines. RSVP by 6th of March to: annembuttner@gmail.com

There is good street parking available but if you don't want to drive then both the City Cat Guyatt Park stop and Bus number 412 stop are about 300m away.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 13 Mar** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** - [RSVP](#)
Billie Murphy, Coffee Brigade
- Sun 16 Mar** **Wine Tasting, 4pm @ St Lucia** - [RSVP](#)
Ann Maree Buttner
- Thu 20 Mar** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** - [RSVP](#)
Ann Maree Buttner - Lorraine Coghlan Tennis Story
- Thu 27 Mar** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** - [RSVP](#)
Club Assembly
- Thu 03 Apr** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** - [RSVP](#)
Yvonne Todd, Photography
- Thu 10 Apr** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** - [RSVP](#)
Pride of Workmanship Awards
- Sun 13 Apr** **District Tree Planting** - [RSVP](#)
Whites Hill Reserve, Camp Hill
- Thu 17 Apr** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** - [RSVP](#)
Easter meeting – watch for more details!

D9620 Tree Planting Challenge – Sun 13 April



DG Sue Mulraney has agreed to another D9620 Tree Planting Challenge Day this year: **9am – 11am Sunday 13 April 2025.**

April is Environment Month and participating in this event allows Clubs to contribute to Rotary's latest area of focus **Supporting the Environment.**

Brisbane City Council's Offsets and Restoration Team has once again offered a venue - this year's planting will be at **Whites Hill Reserve, Boundary Rd, Camp Hill.**

Contact **David Bunce** if you are interested in attending.

Date Claimer — Croquet Under Lights Sunday Evening, 25 May 25

Mark your diaries now – an evening of fun and fellowship at Stephens Croquet Club, Annerley on Sunday 25 May 25 – learn how to play and have some fun!



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 13 Mar	Helen F	Deb Le G
Thu 20 Mar	Deb Le G	Loretta L
Thu 27 Mar	Loretta L	Phil G
Thu 03 Apr	Phil G	Rosemary M
Thu 10 Apr	Rosemary M	Ken M
Thu 17 Apr	Ken M	Lindsay M



2025 marks the 50th Anniversary of 3rd Space and we would like to invite you to celebrate this momentous occasion with us at our **Gala Dinner on Thursday 27 March 2025 at The Calile Hotel.**

Enjoy an evening filled with entertainment, raffles and auctions.

Our Anniversary Gala Dinner will be an opportunity for us to not only recognise the achievements of 3rd Space over the past 50 years, but also raise much needed funds to continue the activities provided by 3rd Space to those experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness.

International Toast

This week is we are celebrating the:
Rotary Club of Waikato Sunrise, New Zealand



Members of the **Rotary Club of Waikato Sunrise** are flying high thanks to an annual hot-air balloon festival where they raise money and community awareness of Rotary. The 2025 Balloons Over Waikato event, slated for 18-22 March in the club's hometown of Hamilton, will feature about two dozen balloons along with fireworks, music, amusement rides, and food tents, says Willemien Wennekers, a club member and past manager of the festivities.

Rotarians serve as crowd ambassadors and help staff the information tent and VIP area. They also sell merchandise and run a "walk-through balloon" that's inflated but moored flat along the grass, allowing visitors to walk inside, Wennekers says.

The \$5,800 raised by the club during the 2024 event was donated to True Colours Children's Health Trust, another of the event's charity partners.

Help our club GROW >>> Facebook - LinkedIn - Instagram

To grow as a club we need to grow our membership, and to do that we need to let people know who we are and about the good that we do in the world, whilst enjoying ourselves!

One of the best ways to get our message out is via social media - Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram - and to invite people to follow those pages. So, if you do not already follow us on those pages then please do that now, and then invite your friends or associates to follow us.

Note the slight difference in format for our name on each platform:

Rotary Club of Brisbane Highrise on LinkedIn

Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise on Facebook
rotarybrisbanehighrise on Instagram

Anne-Maree Bennett

FACEBOOK

Step 1 - Pic 1:

Like the page then press the **3 dots** (...)

Step 2 - Pic 2:

Press **Invite friends** which will come up with the names of all your Facebook friends and you can select who to invite. Facebook will tell you if you have reached a limit for the day and then you can invite more later.

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Rotary Club of Brisbane Hi...

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Rotary Club of Brisbane HighRise

High energy, community minded people who creat change in the world, while networking, learning & enjoying ourselves.

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LinkedIn

Step 1:

Press **Follow** if you are not already following.

Step 2:

Invite your LinkedIn connections. You are allowed 250 invitations per month. If any of those then Follow us, you will be able to invite the same number people who have accepted your invitation within that month. You can then invite 250 more people the next month and so on.



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

910 likes • 1K followers



Brisbane High-Rise is a vibrant breakfast club that meets at the United Services Club. We aim to make a difference in our local community, Australia & overseas.

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<https://facebook.com/brisbanehighrise>

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Search for **rotarybrisbanehighrise**

Step 2:

Press **Follow** to receive Instagram updates

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Rotary Brisbane High-Rise

Rotary Club of Brisbane High Rise is a diverse club that works internationally and locally to create a better world.

www.rotarybrisbanehighrise.co

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D9620 Conference at Empire Theatre 28th / 30th March 2025.

Secure your spot now by registering online:

<https://conference25.rotary9620.org/#>

- If you're planning to attend the Rotary conference in Toowoomba, we highly recommend booking your accommodation **as soon as possible**. The Toowoomba Show is happening the same weekend.
- Visit the conference web page to get a link to book your accommodation.

*The Theme for the DG Gala Dinner is **“The Great Gatsby”**.*

The Gala Dinner is scheduled to commence at 6.00pm for 7.00pm sit down.

Conference Web page. <https://conference25.rotary9620.org/#>

- *Guest Speakers.*
- *Conference Program.*
- *Meet DG Sue Conference Committee.*
- *District 9620 Photo Competition.*
- *Who will be in the House of Friendship.*
- *Accommodation Options.*

A Family-Friendly Feature: The Rotary Conference Family Room

This year, the Rotary Conference is taking an exciting step to ensure the event is more inclusive and family friendly. We are thrilled to announce the addition of a **Family Room**, designed specifically for parents and guardians attending with their children.

The Family Room provides a welcoming space where families can participate in the conference without missing out on the comfort and care their little ones may need.

What to Expect in the Family Room

- **Live Stream Access:** The conference proceedings will be broadcast in real-time so parents can stay connected to the inspiring sessions, keynote speeches, and listening to the Club Projects.
- **Comfortable Seating:** Relax and enjoy the program in a cozy and child-friendly setting.

Why a Family Room?

- Support parents and guardians in balancing family commitments with their Rotary involvement.
- Encourage young families to feel welcome and engaged in Rotary's mission.
- Make the conference a stress-free experience for everyone.
- **How to Use the Family Room**
- No registration is required for the Family Room—just drop in whenever you need a break from the main conference space. Whether you're soothing a sleepy infant or entertaining a curious toddler, the Family Room is here to support you.
- **Join Us!**
- This innovation is part of our commitment to making the Rotary Conference an event for all. We hope the Family Room will encourage more families to attend and help parents feel they can fully participate while caring for their little ones.
- We look forward to seeing you—and your families—at the conference this year!

Friday Night Dinner.

A wonderful opportunity for clubs and members to come together and enjoy a relaxed evening at a venue of their choice. It's all about the fellowship of Rotary—sharing laughter, conversation, and good company over a delicious meal and perhaps a glass of wine or two.

Don't forget to book where you and your fellow members wish to dine on Friday night. The choice is yours, and Toowoomba offers an abundance of fantastic dining options to explore!

Please ensure your booking is made before arriving in Toowoomba to avoid any disappointment.

Photo competition;

We are having a District **photo competition** to capture D9620 In Action and increase our pool of



public image photographs for use in promoting Rotary across our District.

We are seeking "**action shots**" of our members at work on Rotary related projects and related activities. By "**action shots**" photographs of members at work on a project or a fundraiser, as opposed to group poses.

Last year's winning entry was from the **Rotary Club of Sunnybank Hills**, working on a RAWCS project on a school in Tonga.

Please go to the conference web page to enter the **PHOTO Competition**.

Conference Chair: **PDG Chris Wright**.