

# **HOT AIR**

15 May 2025 — Youth Service Month

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**International Toast:**  
**Rotary Club of**  
**Danag, Vietnam**  
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## **The Presidential Point:**

Congratulations to Steve Settle for winning the Mothers' Day raffle prize of a beautiful pearl ring. A thank you to our Honorary Member Margaret Rix, for her generous donation of the ring - Margaret provides many wonderful jewellery items to the many raffles we hold throughout the year and we appreciate her support.

Another wonderful speaker last week. Professor Eric Chung is a urological surgeon at the AndroUrology Centre for Sexual, Urinary and Reproductive Excellence. He had the room following his every word and I think we would all have liked more time to ask more questions at the end.

Lots happening over the next few weeks: There are a number of us going to the Rotaract cocktail party - *Brushing Kindness* - this Friday night and would love love others to join us. It is being held at The Port Office Hotel from 6.30pm (see Page 3). The following Sunday on the 25th May we have the Croquet Under Lights from 5-8pm (see Page 4). Then on June 7th is our turn to help with RARE.

Once again we undertook the Mother's Day flower deliveries for Maison Fleur which raises funds for the club and thanks to those who participated and Margot for organising.

*Jane Andersen*

## **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

- 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 - see Page 4**

## **Mother's Day Flower Deliveries**

*We had 3 teams delivering the beautiful arrangements of flowers in and around inner-city over the Mother's Day weekend - Yvonne T & Margot, Jane & Rosemary and Bill & Noela paired up and took on the challenge covering a day each from Friday to Sunday.*

*Our recipients were delighted with the gifts from their families and one of them even gave Noela a \$10 donation for High-Rise.*

*Finding the addresses for the deliveries is often a bit challenging but Bill and Noela got creative and delivered one arrangement to a Mum at the restaurant where she was having lunch.*

*It was a very happy experience for us and Maison Fleur really appreciate our support. The proceeds from the deliveries will go towards club projects.*

**Margot Baillie.**



*Jane & Rosemary - "It was a big day!"*



# Last Week's Meeting



Guest Speaker  
Prof Eric Chung



Steve Knight with the Certificate of Appreciation for 30 years of membership in Rotary, presented by DG Sue Mulroney



Murray Bell speaking about the upcoming Art Show

## Correction



Russell Postle actually received a **Member of the Order of Australia (AM)** which is a higher recognition than the **Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM)** reported last week.



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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## 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.**



## 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.

## 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.

### 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

### International Toast

This week is we are celebrating the:

**Rotary Club of Danag, Vietnam**



Imagine this: a 15-year-old girl in a remote mountain village is offered a job that promises to help her support her family. She's hopeful. She dreams bigger. But instead of opportunity, she walks straight into exploitation.

This story plays out far too often in Vietnam's Điện Biên Province, where human traffickers prey on families facing poverty and limited choices.

Introducing Project Dignity (GG2577183): An \$800,000 Rotary International and World Vision Project, In conjunction with the Rotary Club of Sacramento CA, USA and the Rotary Club of Danag, Vietnam.

The goal? To prevent trafficking before it happens, protect those most at risk, and walk alongside survivors as they rebuild their lives with dignity and hope.

[Project Dignity Brochure](#)

### Duty Roster

**REMEMBER:** If you won't be there that day then it's your responsibility to arrange a replacement

	Setup, Greeter & Closedown	Chair
<b>Thu 15 May</b>	Ros M	Kym McC
<b>Thu 22 May</b>	Kym McC	Michael N
<b>Thu 29 May</b>	Michael N	Bill L
<b>Thu 05 Jun</b>	Yvonne T	Rob O'D
<b>Thu 12 Jun</b>	Greg P	Yvonne T
<b>Thu 19 Jun</b>	Bill P	Greg P
<b>Thu 26 Jun</b>	No Meeting – Changeover Instead	