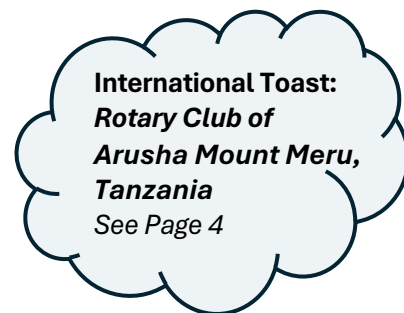


HOT AIR

20 FEBRUARY
Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month
hotair@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com



The Presidential Point:

For those of us who have only experienced being a member of High-Rise for one American election it was quite a surprise to realise we had such an American historian in our midst! Many thanks to Craig Wappett for giving such a comprehensive outline of how America votes at our meeting on Thursday morning. He was unable to do it prior to the election, but it was well worth the wait.

Valentine's Day meant flowers to be delivered - huge thanks to those members and the spouses who spent a very hot Friday delivering. Also thanks to Margot who steered us into doing such a great job.

A reminder that the District Conference is happening this year toward the end of March in Toowoomba.

And this week's meeting – looking forward to another inspiring St Jude's presentation. The ongoing success of the School of St Jude continues to be amazing as is the enthusiasm and stamina of Gemma. Don't miss it!

Jane Anderson

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 20 Feb Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Gemma Sisia & John Stanley, School of St Jude
- Thu 27 Feb Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Club Assembly
- Thu 06 Mar Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Michael Eather, FireWorks Gallery
- Thu 13 Mar Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Billie Murphy, Coffee Brigade
- 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

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 20 Feb	Tom D	Bill P
Thu 27 Feb	Robyn D	Jennifer E
Thu 6 Mar	Jennifer E	Helen F
Thu 13 Mar	Helen F	Stephen F
Thu 20 Mar	Stephen F	Deb Le
Thu 27 Mar	Deb Le G	Phil G

This Week's Meeting:



**The School
of St Jude**



Gemma Sisia with her 2019 alumni
and emerging entrepreneur
John Stanley who will be speaking.

6:45 for 7:15 start

Last Week's Meeting



Craig Wappett shed some light on the complicated world of the voting in the US:

They vote every 2 years. The President and Vice-President are elected together every 4 years, but it is an indirect election, with the winner being determined by votes cast by electors of the Electoral College. The Electoral College votes are cast by individual states by a group of electors; each elector casts one electoral college vote. The number of electors in each state varies so some states have more influence than others. Even within states how that is decided varies. The Senate has 100 members (2 from each state), with 1/3 elected every 2 years for a six-year term. The House of Representatives has 435 members, all elected for a two-year term every two years. One third of people entitled to vote simply don't. There is of course a lot more to this subject.

The room was quiet and enthralled throughout his talk as we tried to grapple with this complexity!

Thanks Craig.



Deb Le Garde, Bill Phillips & Lindsay Marshall

BREAKFAST OPTIONS:

A reminder that you can choose to have a vegetarian version of the meal or fruit – but you need to let Rosemary know when you RSVP for the meeting so that they know how many to prepare.

Collect the relevant tag when you pass the registration desk and put that where you are sitting.

Beware the pack shots – fruit is always nice but not always as generous and varied as the pic!



Extend your Fellowship Opportunities - Coffee Catchups

We are a sociable lot: **before** and **after** each meeting there are opportunities to have a coffee catchup:

Before – across the road from USC at Wicked Corner Café from 6am, then stroll across for the meeting at 7am.

After – short drive to Savour café, Merthyr Village, 83 Merthyr Rd, New Farm



Jennifer Eathorne didn't get the joker jackpot – enjoy the wine!



Valentine's Day Flower Deliveries

An enthusiastic group of volunteers brought joy and excitement to many when we delivered the beautiful floral arrangements from Maison Fleur.

Everyone was keeping fit whilst raising money for our club - the walkers each clocked up so many steps and David and Peta Bunce's total was nearly 15,000. Rob and Robyn Drake showed ingenuity in their packing of arrangements into their grandkids' trolley. Yvonne Todd went above and beyond by doing deliveries on foot, and then later by car - great to see such enthusiasm from our newest club member!

Many thanks to all - and I hope you had some well-deserved rest and refreshments on such a hot day.

Margot Baillie



Margot Baillie



Deb LeGarde & Jane Andersen



Peta & David Bunce



Robyn & Rob Drake

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.



Annual Community Dinner

INVITE

Rotary
Club of New Farm

Join Us for the Rotary Club of New Farm's Annual Community Dinner

**WEDNESDAY,
5TH MARCH 2025**

✓ **COST: \$68 PP**

✓ **GUEST SPEAKERS:**

KATE CROWLEY-SMITH
Founder of the Charity Broken to Brilliant

VANESSA FOWLER
Chair of the Board of Directors
The Allison Baden-Clay Foundation

✓ **RAFFLES & AUCTION**

✓ **STRATTON BAR & KITCHEN**
3 STRATTON ST, NEWSTEAD



[Tickets](#)

Thank you to our sponsors:



Be part of a meaningful evening as we come together to support an important cause. This year, funds raised will go towards the Forums of Saying No to Domestic Violence and Yes to Respect, empowering our community to foster respect, safety, and positive change.

Enjoy a delicious meal, connect with others, and make a difference in the lives of those who need it most. Together, we can create a more respectful community.

Please RSVP to:
secretary.newfarm@rotary9620.org

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Rosemary Meadows
Steve Knight

Date Claimer – D9620 Tree Planting Challenge



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.

**A trip to NZ for this Jubilee celebration is planned.
Contact Russell Postle if you are interested.**

150TH JUBILEE

Maheno School

ORDER OF EVENTS

COSTS TO ATTEND:
FRIDAY EVENTS & SATURDAY DAY TIME EVENTS: \$40
SATURDAY EVENING ONLY: \$100
WHOLE WEEKEND OF EVENTS: \$150

FRIDAY 11TH APRIL	
1.30-3.00PM	SCHOOL VISIT, WALK AROUND SCHOOL & SPECIAL ASSEMBLY
6.00PM ONWARDS	REGISTRATIONS AT MAHENO HALL WITH DRINKS & SUPPER PROVIDED
SATURDAY 12TH APRIL	
11.00AM	LATE SIGN IN FOR REGISTRATIONS
12.30PM	LUNCH
1.00PM-4.00PM	PHOTOS, CAKE CUTTING, TREE PLANTING & AFTERNOON TEA
6.00PM ONWARDS	DINNER AT THE LOAN & MERC WITH SPEECHES & OPEN MEMOIRS
SUNDAY 13TH APRIL	
9.00AM	CHURCH SERVICE AT ST ANDREWS

International Toast

This week is we are celebrating the:
Rotary Club of Arusha Mount Meru, Tanzania



The School of St Jude is home to the first East African EarlyAct club (students aged 5-13). One of their projects is paper recycling - the club makes the most of the school's waste paper by creating paper mache artworks as gifts for the **Arusha Mt Meru Rotary Club.**