

HOT AIR

24 Apr 2025 — Youth Service Month

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The Presidential Point:

What a varied meeting on Thursday! The Very Reverend Dr Adrian Farrelly visited our club to talk about the process of choosing a new Pope. I had always thought a new Pope had to be a Cardinal - this is not so, but historically has always occurred.

We had an Easter Bonnet theme that put some colour and fun into the room. Deb Le Garde and Bill Phillips took out the best bonnets.

With Lindsay back from his holiday in New Zealand it was time for our serviette appeal in support of the Rotary call to action to help those Western Queenslanders who have been inundated with flood waters. We had a wonderful response, resulting in \$2,300 pledged from those who attended the meeting. A call out to those who weren't there: Help us grow this amount - Cindy would be very pleased to accept any donation you might like to add to the Rotary Flood Relief.

I hope everyone has had a very happy Easter and remember there is no meeting this week with many of us attending the ANZAC event on K'gari.

Jane Andersen

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 24 Apr Meeting Cancelled**
ANZAC on K'gari instead.
- Thu 01 May Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Michael Eather, FireWorks Gallery
- 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](#)**
- Sun 25 May Croquet Under Lights - [RSVP](#)**
Stephens Croquet Club, Annerley
- Thu 29 May Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Club Assembly
- Thu 05 Jun Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**
Cr Vicki Howard, BCC

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.



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 24 Apr	No Meeting – ANZAC on K'gari instead	
Thu 01 May	Lindsay M	Hawys McM
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

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)

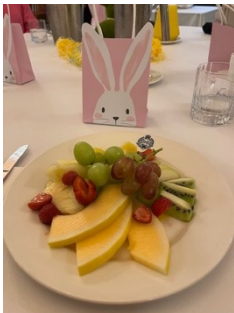
Donate via: <https://directory.rawcs.com.au/33-2023-24>

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 – Easter



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)

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