



 **HOT AIR**

28 August 2025 — Membership and New Club Development Month

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**International Toast:**  
**Rotary Club of Kansas**  
**City-Plaza, Missouri**  
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**The President's Post**

We have had many amazing speakers and last week **Nigel Chamier AM KNO** was for me certainly no exception! His delivery both informed and inspired! How fortunate is Brisbane to have someone like Nigel, as a leading force in dealing with the city's challenges.

It left me contemplating what role Rotary? Should Rotary play a proactive role in the Brisbane CBD?

Could it be by fostering community engagement, supporting local initiatives, (incl. Story Bridge, Olympics) or driving social impact projects. With a strong network and global reach Rotary can collaborate with city leaders, businesses, and nonprofits to address urban challenges such as homelessness, youth unemployment, domestic violence and mental health. We do have some excellent current programs and in time we might create even greater impact through broader Rotary collaboration. Rotary clubs in the CBD might also mentor young professionals, further offering our leadership development programs and networking opportunities.

I'd love to hear what you think.

This week is our official visit by **District Governor, Mark Williams**. He has already given an enormous amount of energy to supporting the development and growth of Rotary in our District. We look forward to hearing his thoughts.

We also look forward to DG Mark inducting our newest member, Matt Wibberley, at this week's meeting.

Several of our members attended the Victory in Pacific Day and special thanks to Margot for securing places at that event. (see page 3)

**Social** is a very important theme for our club this year. Jesus Christ Super Star was an excellent social event, with our members and friends enjoying dinner then the show. The next will be equally as much fun. Closing very soon are registrations for **PRETTY WOMAN**. Please contact **Susan Rix** before **September 12** to secure your tickets. (see page 4)

**Greg Beard**

 **Support the Art Show Raffle**  
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**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

**Thu 28 Aug Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**  
Club Assembly – DG Visit

**Thu 04 Sep Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**  
Rachel Healy, QPAC

**Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**  
Billie Murphy, Coffee Brigade

**Thu 18 Sep Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**  
Mark Symons, WWF – How it gets in the news

**Thu 25 Sep Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**  
Club Assembly

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

## Last Week's Meeting



Susan Rix, Lindsay Marshall and Nigel Chamier



Ann Maree Buttner and Bill Leveritt



Bill Phillips, Wendy Protheroe and Greg Beard



Nigel Chamier and Yvonne Todd



Deb Le Garde and Susan Rix

## 2025 Rotary South Pacific Zone Conference

**Gold Coast, Australia | 31 Oct – 2 Nov 2025**

All Rotarians and Rotaractors are invited to come together to **Connect, Share and Grow** at the **2025 Rotary South Pacific Zone Conference**.

You will be inspired and motivated as we connect and share ideas to grow Rotary and activate the strategic priorities of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

The 2025 event will be held at Twin Towns Conference and Function Centre, Tweed Heads, just a few minutes stroll to Coolangatta and the Gold Coast's spectacular beaches.

<https://rotarydownunder.org/events/rotary-international-convention-2025/>



# VP80 – Celebrating 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WWII in the Pacific

Special thanks to Margot for being so persistent in organising places for our members at the **Victory in Pacific Day** held at the Officers Mess, New Farm by the SEQ RSL.

It was a fabulous afternoon. The program included a Spitfire flypast, Australian Army Band ensembles playing music of the era and a highlight, a Brass Quintet flown in from the American 7th Fleet Band (Tokyo) - the 7th Fleet was originally formed in Brisbane during WW2 . Also seven WW2 Vets with an average age of 101 (eldest 104)!

**Greg Beard**



# 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

AUGUST	
<i>Membership and New Club Development Month</i>	
Art Show Review	Act for Kids Working Bee 2-Aug-25
Kokoda Day Memorial Svc Broadbeach 8-Aug	TBC - Victory in Pacific Day Ceremony 23-Aug
Membership Action Plan Workshop 9 Aug - Rothwell	Kinross Cluster Meeting 14-Aug
Board Meeting 25-Aug	Albert Park Bursary 14-Aug
District Governor Visit to Club 28-Aug	

SEPTEMBER	
<i>Basic Education and Literacy Month</i>	
Art Show 2026 Preparation	Services Working Bee TBC 1st Sat
Visit Qld maritime Museum TBC	An Evening with Dr Andrew Browning 18-Sep
Fellowship Dinner at Caravanserai TBC	Board Meeting 29-Sep

### 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
<b>Assisted By:</b>	
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
<b>Thu 28 Aug</b>	Roly W	Craig W
<b>Thu 04 Sep</b>	Andrew A	Roly W
<b>Thu 11 Sep</b>	Jane A	Andrew A
<b>Thu 18 Sep</b>	Margot B	Jane A
<b>Thu 25 Sep</b>	Murray B	Margot B
<b>Thu 02 Oct</b>	Ann-Maree Be	Murray B

## QPAC Theatre Nights

### Contact Susan Rix

# PRETTY WOMAN

THE MUSICAL



**PRETTY WOMAN**  
**Wednesday 12 Nov 25**  
**\$145**

Head to Hollywood with the dazzling stage adaptation of one of the most beloved romantic comedies of all time—  
Pretty Woman: The Musical  
Bursting with glamour, charm and all the iconic moments you know and love, this joyous musical hit will premiere at QPAC's Lyric Theatre.  
[QPAC Pretty Woman](#)

**SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS**  
**Thursday 18 Dec 25**  
**\$TBC**

QPAC's longest running event returns to the iconic QPAC 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.  
[QPAC Spirit of Christmas](#)

## International Toast

This week we are celebrating the:  
**Rotary Club of Club of Kansas City-Plaza, Missouri**



**Larry Lunsford from the Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza, Missouri has been named Rotary International President 2027-28.**

*Kansas City-Plaza Rotary Club members are interested in both community and international services.*

*Current community service projects are focused on sponsoring a refugee family, microlending for urban entrepreneurs, and social justice issues.*

*International projects include working with Panama Rotarians to increase the use of technology in schools, working with the Bwaila-Llongwe Malawi Rotary Club to develop a global grant application which would address the shortfalls of the Bwaila Maternity Hospital Network's "Surveillance" (diagnostics) Department.*

*Larry has had a connection to Australia - in the 1981-82 academic year he was a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar at the University of Newcastle in NSW.*