



# HOT AIR

29 May 2025 — Youth Service Month

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### The Presidential Point:

It was great to see so many people at Thursday's meeting for the group photo. Many thanks to Yvonne Todd for making the whole process so painless for us all.

Thanks also go to Russell, Roly, Rob and Lindsay who worked hard at the Doomben Cup to help raise funds for High-Rise. This project came from Hamilton Rotary Club who had asked us for some help and we share in the monies raised. Deb Le Garde was there (not working) showing off the other side of High-Rise!

We had a great night at Stephens Croquet Club (Heather Knight's club) on Sunday. More thanks here – this time to Anne Maree for doing a great job in catering and in gathering so many of us to have a most enjoyable night together.

There's lots of happening now and over the next few months:

Greg would really appreciate all members attending this week's meeting as he is having an initial strategic planning session prior to his Board getting together on Sunday 8 June. It's your chance to contribute your views on how you would like the club to go forward.

Not that I'm counting down the days, but a reminder about our 32<sup>nd</sup> (that's impressive!) Changeover Dinner on Friday June 27 at Tatts – see inside more info.

And also lock in the Art Show Gala on Tuesday 15 July – tickets are now on sale – see page 6 or [www.rotaryart.au](http://www.rotaryart.au).

**Jane Andersen**

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- 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
- Thu 03 Jul Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club - [RSVP](#)**  
Paddington Rotaract – Project RISE
- Thu 10 Jul Joint Meeting with Paddington Club - [RSVP](#)**  
Art Show Training – Venue to be confirmed
- Thu 17 Jul NO MEETING – ART SHOW GALA**

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

## International Toast

This week we are celebrating the:  
**Rotary Club of Nottingham, UK**



### Children of Courage Awards 2025

The Rotary Club of Nottingham's annual Children of Courage awards recognise young people of Nottingham who stand out from the crowd and have shown great personal achievement, by doing something that has made a difference to themselves or to those around them or shown great courage in the face of great adversity. We celebrate the remarkable strength, bravery, and resilience of young people in our community. These awards recognise children who have faced challenging circumstances, whether through illness, disability, or personal hardship, and have shown incredible courage in overcoming them. The event brings together families, friends, and supporters to honour their inspiring stories. [Click here to read more](#)

## Community Conversations

**CHILDHOOD EXPOSURE TO DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE:  
LESSONS OF TRAUMA, STRENGTH & GROWTH**

Increase your awareness of this critical issue.  
\*Trauma informed presentation of lived experience & clinical expertise.

6.30pm for 7pm  
Thursday 5 June 2025

Auditorium; AVEO Springfield  
2 Symphony Way

Free To Attend - All Welcome  
RSVP for catering purposes to [greaterspringfieldrotary@gmail.com](mailto:greaterspringfieldrotary@gmail.com)

## Last Week's Meeting

Yvonne Todd very generously agreed to take a club photo with as many people as turned up on the day so that was the focus of this week's meeting – thanks Yvonne!



## 50/50 Raffle at Doomben

Russell, Roly, Rob and Lindsay were at Doomben on Saturday working the 50/50 raffle with Hamilton Club, and raised about \$850 for us. Deb Le Garde and her daughter Donelle were there all glammed up and enjoying themselves!



# Croquet Under Lights — Sunday Evening, 25 May 25



A enjoyable evening together was had with friends and family under the floodlights at Stephens Croquet Club, Annerley on Sunday. As you can see from the pics the sunset was fantastic as we arrived. Anne Maree did a great job on the catering and encouraging so many of us to come out on a Sunday night. Basic training was provided by Croquet Club members, and those that played appreciated the skill required in what can be both a strategic and ruthless game, as well as fun! [Click here for the Stephens Croquet Club website.](#)



Rotary



Club of Brisbane High Rise



President Elect, Greg Beard,  
would like to invite you, your  
partner, and guests to the

## 32nd Change Over Dinner

**COST: \$85pp incl 2 course  
meal and beverage on arrival**



Jane



Greg

**UNITE  
FOR  
GOOD**

Rotary

**WHEN:** Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 6.30-9.30pm

**WHERE:** Tattersalls Club, 215 Queen St, Brisbane

**RSVP:** by 20 June to Rosemary Meadows &  
advise if any dietary requirements

**EMAIL:** [apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com](mailto:apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com)

**DRESS CODE:** Business Dress

**RARE – Saturday 7 June, 8am**



## **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.

# Noela's African Adventures

**Maternity Africa's Annual Fistula Marathon** raises awareness of Fistula and the Hospital's Fistula Program. 700 participants competed in either a 21km, 10 km or 5 km run or walk. It was a beautiful, fresh morning in Arusha which made the walk along dirt backroads and then on to the main road such an enjoyable experience.

Unexpectedly, during the formalities following the walk, Dr Doreen, Maternity Africa Director, introduced me to the audience and asked me to say a few words. My heart missed a beat However, after a few deep breaths I proudly shared BHR's generosity in supporting the extremely poor women on their discharge from hospital with the essential care packs. I explained that we all belong to one big community and where there is a need, BHR and Rotarians are there to provide support. My message resonated as it was warmly followed by applause. I was so proud to represent BHR and importantly share what you DO right here in Tanzania. Depending on time, I may be able to visit one of the recipients of the care packs.

The backdrop to the whole morning was upbeat music (can those Tanzanians warm up!!!), fun, togetherness, with lots of big beautiful Tanzanian smiles to make me feel so welcome. What a privilege and honour to share in Maternity Africa's special day.



*Noela with a former sponsor student who also completed the "marathon"*

## St Jude's Graduation



*Noela with a Charlie the President of the St Jude's P&C. Phil Gough painted him in 2015 – see inset*



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# Upcoming Events and Items of Interest

I am writing to you from the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland. You can find information on us here: <https://rgsq.org.au/>

I would like to bring your attention to our next Geography Matters webinar. ZOOM only.

**Topic: Nature-Based Solutions for Australian Cities**

Date: 10 June 2025

Time: 7:30 - 8:30pm AEST

Place: ZOOM

Registration details at: <https://rgsq.org.au/event-6191240>

Speakers:

**Presenter Dr David Kendal**

Dr Dave Kendal has an international profile on the social and ecological dimensions of nature-based solutions, urban forests and urban greening, climate adaptation and biodiversity conservation. He is currently a member of the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council, and a member of IUCN, European Commission and NATURA urban nature expert groups. Dave was a member of Australia's Threatened Species Scientific Committee from 2015-2019 and has been an academic at the University of Melbourne, the University of Tasmania, and the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne. In 2022, Dave started Future in Nature to have a greater impact on nature-related policy and programs in Australia and around the world. Dr Kendal will be joined in conversation by Dr Ruby Michael.



**Dr Ruby Michael**

Dr Ruby Michael, Griffith Univ. School of Engineering and Built Environment - Ruby is an Ecological Engineer and the founder of Green Infrastructure Research Labs (GIRLS).



Nature-based Solutions are being proposed as an effective approach to address societal challenges such as health, inequality, pollution, and food security, at the same time as aiding adaptation to climate change and contributing to positive biodiversity outcomes. Many of these challenges, and their solutions, occur in cities. Much of the thinking around Nature-based Solutions has emerged from Europe, which has a very different biodiversity and climate context. We will discuss what is needed for Nature-based solutions to be useful for nature-based projects and policy on Australian cities and the rich biodiversity they contain.

The event is on LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/37534075/admin/dashboard/>

and will soon be on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/RGSQld/>

It will be appreciated if you can promote this event to your community. We are looking for an engaged and informed audience, and hope that it will be of interest to you.

Regards

Pamela Tonkin

# LIFT THE LID WALK PHYSICAL HEALTH FOR MENTAL HEALTH



Join us for a walk and talk in our local community as we raise vital funds for mental health research



**NUNDAH**

**SUNDAY 15th  
JUNE 2025**

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The President, Committee and Members of the  
Rotary Club of Broadwater Southport  
are pleased to advise the following for your Diaries:

# DATE CLAIMER

**83rd ANNIVERSARY  
KOKODA DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE  
at the  
ROTARY KOKODA MEMORIAL WALL  
on  
Friday, 8 August 2025**

**Meet and greet from 10:00 am  
Service commences at 10:30 am**

This is a very moving service and worth attending. After the service they have a nice lunch at the Broadbeach Bowls club and Nova Peris should be an interesting guest speaker. **Margot Baillie**

## 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 29 May Michael N	Bill L
Thu 05 Jun Yvonne T	Rob O'D
Thu 12 Jun Greg P	Yvonne T
Thu 19 Jun Bill P	Greg P
<del>Thu 26 Jun</del> <b>No Meeting – Changeover Instead</b>	
Thu 03 Jul Russell P	Bill P