

 **HOT AIR**

05 February 2026 — Peace Building & Conflict Resolution Month

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International Toast:
Rotary Club of
Montego Bay, Jamaica
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The President's Post

What a fabulous start we are experiencing to the year! We've had a second high-energy meeting, where we were delighted to welcome **Suzy Mellor** as our newest member. We're all looking forward to seeing Suzy become more involved in our activities.

The meeting was also a wonderfully friendly **joint gathering with Paddington Club, our Art Show partner**. Murray and Dani presented the Art Show Prospectus, and it truly is a credit to the committee, and everyone involved in its production.

What a difference this prospectus can make—especially if we all take the time to complete the morning's questionnaire. Even contacting or recommending just **one person or business** could have a significant impact on this year's Art Show outcomes. The effort behind this initiative absolutely deserves our support.

This month features some **outstanding speakers**, which you can check out in **Upcoming Meetings & Events** below and also on our website under **Calendar**.

With such an energetic start to the year, I'm especially looking forward to our **Dinner Social on 19 February**—and for those who know the venue, the food alone is worth the night out.

Looking forward to seeing you again this Thursday, when we'll hear from **Clare Blake QIMR Berghofer**.

Greg Beard

This Week's Guest Speaker



Clare Blake, QIMR Berghofer

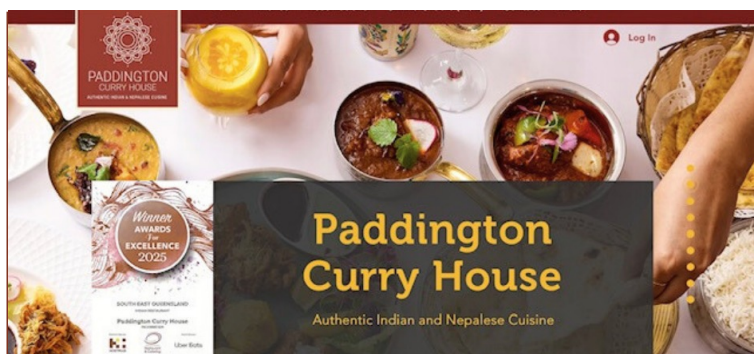
Updates on Clinical Trials at QIMR Berghofer

Media veteran Clare Blake delivers the majority of our guest presentations at QIMR Berghofer. She has more than 25 years experience in radio and television to her name, most notably as the weather presenter for Network Ten and as a talkback host on 4BC.

Clare also has a life-long love of science, holding accreditation from Medicines Australia as a Sports Science teacher. Her scientific background paired with her communication capabilities means Clare is perfectly placed to explain complex science in everyday language.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 05 Feb Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Clare Blake, QIMR Berghofer - Updates on Clinical Trials at QIMR Berghofer
- Thu 12 Feb Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Wendy Mulcahy, DVERT - Domestic Violence Education Relationship Training
- Thu 19 Feb Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
- Thu 19 Feb Dinner @ Paddington Curry House – [RSVP](#)**
- Thu 26 Feb Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Club Assembly
- Thu 05 Mar Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Anthony Carrigan, CEO The Little Kings Movement Addressing Gaps in Social Inclusion



It's time for us to catch up over a great meal

Who: Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise members & Guests

When: Thursday, 19th February at 6.30pm

Cost: Banquet \$55 including corkage - BYO

Where: Paddington Curry House, 3/147 Latrobe Terrace, Paddington

RSVP to Deb by 12th February - payment to Cindy by 12th February

STARTERS (One each)	MAINS	ACCOMPANIMENTS
Chicken Malai Tikka	Chicken Tikka Masala	Sweet Mango Chutney
Vegetable Samosa	Butter Chicken	Saffron Rice
Onion Pakora	Beef Goan Curry	Mixed Naan
	Paneer Butter Masala	
	Dal Makhani	
	Eggplant Pasanda	
		DESSERT
		Homemade Mango Kulfi

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today, the Yuggera and Turrbal people, and pay our respect to their elders past and present.

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

Last Week's Meeting



Bill Phillips introducing our newest member Suzy Mellor



John Clark & another member of Paddington Club



Murray Bell & Dani Conn talking up Art Show Sponsorship



Rob O'Donovan, Jane Andersen, Dani Conn & Phil Gough



Deb Le Garde with Margot Baillie who not win the Joker Draw



THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE HIGH-RISE INVITES YOU TO...

A story to remember...

A BREAKFAST WITH GEMMA SISIA

Founder of the School of St Jude, Tanzania



In a country where the average number of **adult years at school is 7.5** and **75% of secondary school-aged children are out of school**, here is the miracle of St Jude's:

- 1,800** of the poorest, brightest students receive an education every year
- 100%** of students receive free, quality education
- 98%** of Form 6 graduates enroll in tertiary education
- 100%** of secondary students are in safe & secure boarding
- 23,000** Government School students receive volunteer teaching from St Jude's Form 6 Graduates.
- 97 cents of every \$ donated**, directly supports the school



Meet the team: Gemma, Faith and Johnson

\$40pp

Date: Thur 19th March, 2026

@ United Services Club, Wickham Terrace
Parking-enter off Upper Edward Street

6:45am arrival for a 7:15am start, finishes 8:30am.
RSVP by Mon 16th March to Bill Phillips 0418 780 663

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The Prospectus 2026 cover has a purple background with a large, faint gear icon. At the top left is the Rotary logo and the text 'Rotary Brisbane Rotary ART SHOW 2026'. Below this is a vertical strip of ten diverse artworks. At the bottom, it says 'PROSPECTUS 2026', 'Sunday 19 - Friday 31 July 2026', and '44th YEAR' in a yellow box.

Planning for the 2026 show is well underway and Sponsors are signing up.

Now is the perfect time to become a sponsor.

Contact:
partnerships@rotaryart.au
to receive a copy of our Prospectus or to discuss packages to suit you.

Also Special Thanks to the Pronk Family, our very generous Major Donor

Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

Calendar 2025-26

Activities outside of Club Meetings

FEBRUARY

Rotary Peace Building & Conflict Resolution Month

Art Show 2026 Preparation	Phil Breen's Funeral - 11am St Peter & Paul's Church, Balmoral
Valentine's Day Flower Deliveries 14/2/2026 🍷💕	Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 16/2/2026 😊
Board Meeting 17/2/2026	Fellowship Dinner - Paddington Curry House 19/2/2026
Rotary's Anniversary 121 years 23/2/2026	Kinross Cluster Meeting Date TBA

MARCH

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month

Art Show 2026 Preparation	Act For Kids Working Bee 9am-12noon 7/3/2026
Wine Tasting Newer Australian Varieties 🍷🍷 15/3/26 3.30-5.30pm	Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 16/3/2026 😊
Club Mtgw/ Gemma Sisia School of St Jude 19/3/2026	Board Meeting 17/3/2026
Kinross Cluster Meeting TBA	Rotary Peace Fellows Talks UQ - 10.30am-6pm 28/03/2026 🕒🕒
Pre-Registration Discount ends Rot. Int Conference 31/3/2026	

KEY:

Major Projects
Community Services
Social
Foundation
Youth
District Events, Conferences or Training

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
Assisted By:	
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*

Setup, Greeter & Closedown

Thu 05 Feb	Loretta L	Chair Ken M
Thu 12 Feb	Kym McC	Loretta L
Thu 19 Feb	Ros M	Kym McC
Thu 26 Feb	Suzy M	Ros M
Thu 05 Mar	Rob O'D	Suzy M

Join Us for an Exquisite Wine Tasting Afternoon!

Embark on a delightful journey exploring four exciting new Australian wine varieties in the enchanting setting of Anne Maree Buttner's beautiful riverview apartment.

Date: Sunday, 15th March

Time: 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Location: Anne Maree Buttner's Riverview Apartment

Cost: \$40 per person (including nibbles)



Spaces are limited, so be sure to secure your spot! Kindly RSVP by 5th March to ensure your participation in this exclusive event.
Cheers to a great afternoon of wine, views, and laughter! 🍷🌄

Accommodation Needed in Redlands

Keiko Mishiro, a Japanese medical student who had the Rotary Scholarship, has been staying with Angela Tillmans at Tarragindi.

She now has her placements for this year and has two 10 week rotations at the Redland Hospital, Cleveland - the first is due to start in March. One of those rotations is Obstetrics where she is on call 24 hours a day so she needs to be staying closer than at Tarragindi.

So, do you know of someone who lives close to Redland Hospital and may have a spare room where Keiko could stay, rent free - she doesn't need more than a bed and bathroom.

She is super quiet and studies every spare minute. Every spare penny she and her family earn goes to supporting her study fees (\$50k a semester). She is an extraordinary young woman who is topping her medical classes at UQ while working (tutoring first year university students) and doing research.

Please let [Angela Tillmanns](#) know and she can set up a meeting.

Ann-Maree Bennett

International Toast

This week we are celebrating the:
Rotary Club of Montego Bay, Jamaica



Called Jamaica's storm of the century, Hurricane Melissa swept across the island in October, devastating southwestern coastal communities. "Trees and power lines had fallen, roofs had been blown away, and some buildings had collapsed," says Dominica Pradère, a past president of the **Rotary Club of Montego Bay**, one of the worst-hit areas. Two members' homes were severely damaged, and all were left without electricity or running water for weeks. "Once we were able to communicate, we began to explore ways to assist people whose situations were far worse than our own," Pradère says. Club members provided relief packages to several communities, working in partnership with the Rotary clubs of Kingston and Ocho Rios, and *ShelterBox* and *Food For The Poor*. "Fortunately," Pradère says, "we have a network of Rotary friends and other organizations around the world who want to assist as we help communities and institutions to get back to normal."