



05 March 2026 — Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month

hotair@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com

International Toast:
*The Rotary Club of
Chennai Harmony,
Tamil Nadu, India*
See Page 4

The President's Post

Should our club be involved in the 2032 Olympics and if so how?

Our last guest speaker was incredibly inspirational! John Sharpey Sharpe is a Brisbane adventure tourism entrepreneur known for founding and co-founding experiences such as Riverlife, Story Bridge Adventure Climb and the Vertigo dining experience, all aimed at activating Brisbane's riverfront and urban landscape in unique ways. He spoke about Brisbane's adventure past and the opportunity ahead with the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, emphasising how the city's relationship with its river and outdoor culture can contribute to an enduring legacy.

One of Sharpe's ideas is a proposed wheelchair-accessible flying fox linking Kangaroo Point cliffs to the CBD — a world-first adventure attraction designed from the outset for all abilities — targeted to be in operation well before the 2032 Games.

Rotary, and specifically the Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise, could play a meaningful role in this vision. The club could host community forums and advocacy campaigns to promote inclusive tourism and accessibility in major public projects tied to the Olympics. It could partner with local business, government and disability organisations to support fundraising or volunteer initiatives that enhance visitor experiences and ensure outcomes benefit local residents, not just major events. Collaborative service projects could focus on river precinct beautification, way-finding for tourists, or programs that celebrate Brisbane's cultural and social fabric in the lead-up to 2032.

Possibilities are numerous! This offers opportunity to not only play a constructive role, but also, given our growing residential precinct, establish a profile that would serve our future, for the decade to come!

In six and a half years the games will be over!

Certainly now is the time to discuss ideas!

Greg Beard

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 05 Mar** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** – [RSVP](#)
Anthony Carrigan, CEO The Little King's Movement
Addressing Gaps in Social Inclusion
- Sat 07 Mar** **Act For Kids Working Bee** – [Register](#)
- Thu 12 Mar** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** – [RSVP](#)
Chris Baker, Sunshine Hydro
- Thu 19 Mar** **Special Meeting @ United Service Club** – [RSVP](#)
Breakfast with Gemma Sisia, School of St Jude
- Thu 26 Mar** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** – [RSVP](#)
Club Assembly
- Thu 02 Apr** **Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club** – [RSVP](#)
Prof Roly Sussex – Topic "Bullshit"

This Week's Guest Speaker



This week's Guest Speaker is Anthony Carrigan, CEO of The Little King's Movement (LKM).

LKM arose from a small group of people in Brisbane coming together in 1967 initially seeking to work, support, and interact with people with Cerebral Palsy. The purposes of this movement then broadened to include people with all forms of disability.

Their Mission is to empower people with disabilities through a range of philanthropic support services, social engagement opportunities, and spiritual guidance that foster community integration and self-determination. And their Vision is to create an inclusive society where people living with disabilities can live fulfilling lives, access opportunities, and actively participate in all aspects of community life.

Anzac Day 2026 Project



Resting peacefully on the eastern beach of K'gari / Fraser Island is the wreck of the TSS Maheno.

During WW1 the Maheno was a hospital ship, arriving at Anzac beach on the morning of 26 August 1915. There the crew did the first retrieval of the wounded Australian and New Zealand soldiers.

The Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise coordinates the Anzac Day service.

Anzac Day is Saturday 25 April 2026.

Are you able to assist with the Anzac Day service this year?

If so please contact me so I can secure your accommodation options:

M: 0419 703 581

E: russell.postle@bdo.com.au

Russell Postle

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



Suzi Mellor, Robyn Drake & Jane Andersen



Robyn not winning the Joker Draw



David Bunce, ready for work (the dog goes too) - he couldn't stay for the meeting.

Working Bee



The next **Act for Kids Working Bee** is on **Saturday 07 March 9am-Midday at Woolloowin**. Please remember to wear comfortable, enclosed shoes and to bring a hat and water bottle.

Tasks will be:

- sanding and staining timber
- pressure cleaning the exterior
- assembling a sandpit and water table
- doing a general outdoor tidy & grounds

Use the QR code above to register or click [here](#). If you do not like on-line forms, please feel free to [email](#) me or SMS/WhatsApp me.

It would be great if you can submit your response by 26 Feb 2026.

I will send you the exact address and re-confirm timings via email a few days prior to the event.

If the weather is bad and we have to cancel I will text message you before 8:20am on the day of the event.

David Bunce

Pride of Workmanship Awards

 RECOGNITION Acknowledge employees that display outstanding qualities	 INVOLVEMENT A program which enables involvement in the community.	 OPPORTUNITY An opportunity for connections which can lead to new members.	
---	--	--	---

The Annual **Pride of Workmanship Awards** will be presented at our meeting on Thursday 16 April 2026.

This is your opportunity to recognise and celebrate those in your workplace or the wider community who deliver outstanding service with dedication, commitment & pride in a job well done.

So, take a few moments to reflect on those deserving of public recognition – perhaps you already have someone in mind!

[Click to download the Nomination Form.](#)

For more information please email me at: apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com

Rosemary Meadows



The 2026 Queensland Volunteering Award nominations are now open!

The awards celebrate all Queensland volunteers & the immense impact they make on individuals, communities and the state.

Every single volunteer, whether in a formal or informal setting, deserves thanks from the Queensland community. The Queensland Volunteering Awards highlight the people behind this immense positive wave, which embodies the spirit of mateship and togetherness.

This is your opportunity to nominate a volunteer, volunteer manager, or a volunteer involving organisation that you think has had a significant impact on the community.

Held in celebration of National Volunteer Week (18-24 May 2026), the Queensland Volunteering Awards recognise the significant impact of volunteering across all sectors in Queensland. As the peak body for volunteering, Volunteering Queensland is proud to host the Awards.

Nominations close 5:00 pm, 31 March 2026. Finalists will be notified at the end of April. Recipients will be awarded at the formal ceremony on Friday, 15 May 2026, in Brisbane.

[Click here to find out more](#)

THEATRE NIGHT

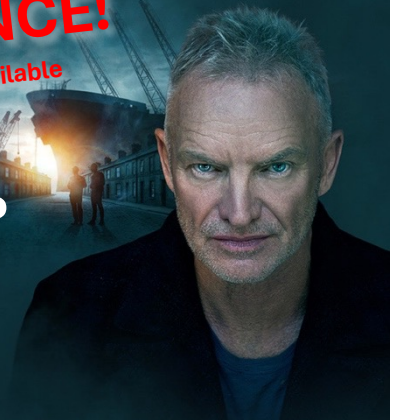
LAST CHANCE!
Only has 2 tickets available

Sting performs in
THE LAST SHIP

THE MUSICAL

7:30pm, Thursday 16 April
Glasshouse Theatre

Contact [Susan Rix](#)



🍷 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! 🌸



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

\$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



Meet the team: Gemma, Faith and Johnson

THROUGH EDUCATION™

"FIGHTING POVERTY"

Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

Calendar 2025-26

Activities outside of Club Meetings

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 Mtgwl Gemma Sisia School of St Jude 19/3/2026	Board Meeting 23/3/2026
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	

APRIL

Environmental Month

Art Show 2026 Preparation	Kinross Cluster Meeting
PRIDE of WORKMANSHIP Awards 16/4/2026	Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 20/04/2026 😊
ANZAC Day Ceremony Maheno Wreck K'gari 🇺🇸🇺🇸 25/4/2026	ANZAC Day Club trip to K'Gari 🐕🐕🐕 24-27/4/26
District Tree Planting Day 26/4/26 🌳🌳🌳	Board Meeting 27/4/2026
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 Mar	Rob O'D
Thu 12 Mar	Greg P
Thu 19 Mar	Russell P
Thu 26 Mar	Bill P
Thu 02 Apr	Wendy P

Chair

Suzy M
Rob O'D
Bill P
Russell P
Greg P

your invitation to our Summer 2026 Art & Business Lunch



FRIDAY 13 March 12.30-3pm

discussing trends & opportunities in Contemporary/Aboriginal Art

fabulous food by Fleury Catering
wines from Hentley Farm
\$100 per head

RSVP to Michael (0418 192 845)
by Thursday 5 March

fireworksgallery

9/31 Thompson St Bowen Hills QLD 4006

International Toast

This week we are celebrating the:

**The Rotary Club of
Chennai Harmony, Tamil Nadu, India**

Chess has deep roots in India, and today it's helping transform lives across the country. From improving focus, memory, and analytical thinking to building patience and confidence, chess is proving to be a powerful tool for education and personal growth.

Rotary clubs in India are working to make the game accessible to everyone by providing free chess boards, coaching, and tournaments in underserved schools and communities.



N. Krithika (right), of the Rotary Club of Chennai Harmony, plays chess with Mahashri K.

Chess remains a prized tool for building resilience and fortitude. "On the board, one wrong move can change the game, but chess teaches you how to defend, to stay calm, to learn, and to fight back with focus," says Chennai-based chess coach N. Krithika, a member of the **Rotary Club of Chennai Harmony**. These are all skills that can resonate far beyond the chessboard and have the power to change the trajectories of not only individual lives but entire communities.

This is a story about more than a game - it's about education, equity, and empowering the next generation through chess.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/the-next-generation-of-chess-masters>