



HOT AIR

08 October 2026 — Community Economic and Development Month

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The President's Post

What Was

Last week we welcomed Dr Cassie Oxenford, Neurologist, who spoke to us about Motor Neurone Disease (MND), also known as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). Cassie shared her knowledge and experience in neuromuscular neurology and gave us an insight into the challenges of diagnosing and managing this complex disease, as well as the important work being done in treatment and research. Thank you, Cassie, for sharing your expertise with us.

What Is

As we continue through Community Economic and Development Month, we are reminded of the many ways Rotary can contribute to stronger and more connected communities. There are also opportunities for us to support the next generation of leaders, with RYTS 2026 and RYLA 2027 offering young people opportunities for leadership, personal development and connection. If you know someone who could benefit from these programs, please get in touch.

What Will Be

This week we are delighted to welcome Ross Elliot, Managing Director of Suburban Futures, who will speak to us about "How we broke the housing market (and can it ever be fixed?)". I am looking forward to hearing Ross's perspective on this important issue and hope you can join us for what promises to be a fascinating and thought-provoking morning.

In Fellowship & Service, Cindy Kemp

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 08 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Ross Elliot, Managing Director, Suburban Futures
How we broke the housing market (and can it ever be fixed?)
- Thu 15 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Monica Fraser, AG
- Thu 22 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Club Assembly - End Polio Now theme
- Thu 29 Oct Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Judy Smith, State President, War Widows Qld
- Thu 05 Nov Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Dr John Arvier – School of St Jude's Spoken English Immersion Program

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.

Happy Birthday Tiina!

Lindsay and Diane Marshall recently chatted with Tiina Rautio, our 2018/19 Rotary Exchange Student, for her 25th birthday. Whilst on exchange she decided she wanted to become a pilot



Hi Lindsay and High-Rise!

I finished my pilot studies so I am a commercial pilot now! I have put everything into my studies for the past two years and last Friday I was awarded as the best of my class. It's very rewarding when hard work pays off!

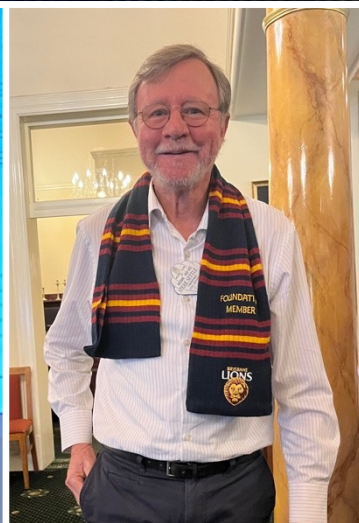
Here's some pictures from the graduation day with the Diamond DA42 aircraft that we have flown this spring and summer. In the third picture there's me and the two other girls from my class, and in the last one me and Valtteri.



Last Week's Meeting



Guest Speaker Dr Cassie Oxenford



Lions tragics, Steve Stelle & Rob O'Donovan, still revelling in the stunning win!

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Duty Roster

REMEMBER: If you won't be there on the day then it's your responsibility to arrange a replacement

Setup, Greeter, Closedown	Chair	Cashier	
Thu 08 Oct	Debra H	Bill P	Greg P
Thu 15 Oct	Wendy P	Debra H	Jennifer E
Thu 22 Oct	Yvonne R	Wendy P	Russell P
Thu 29 Oct	Steve S	Yvonne R	Lindsay M
Thu 05 Nov	Craig W	Steve S	Susan R
Thu 12 Nov	Roly W	Craig W	Greg P

International Toast

This week we are celebrating:

Rotary Club of Mérida English, Mexico



A chili cookoff organized by the Rotary Club of Mérida English in March raised more than \$6,600 for youth services in the club's Yucatán state community. Fourteen chefs vied for bragging rights, as determined by votes from more than 200 diners.

The contest was held at the Casa de Amistad, the historic clubhouse of the Rotary Club of Mérida, of which Mérida English is a satellite club. The site was chosen "to bridge the gap between expat and Yucatán communities," says club member David Keelan.

The cookoff was held in collaboration with the Mérida English Library and the International Women's Club. "When local clubs and libraries join forces, the result is more than just a meal," Keelan says. "It is a sustainable investment in the city's youth."