



HOT AIR

09 July 2026 — Maternal & Child Health Month

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International Toast:
The Rotary Club of
Ruspina Monastir,
Tunisia
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The President's Post

What Was

This past week, we welcomed the delightful Dr. Scarlett Raine from the QUT Centre for Robotics. Her fascinating presentation provided visual proof of how AI and technology are driving massive advancements in ocean monitoring and action - shifting ocean mapping from a manual task of pulling a person behind a boat into a fully digital activity, through to innovative solutions like Reef Seeding and Crown of Thorns Starfish management. We also mark important milestones - Happy Birthday to club members who are celebrating this week.

What Is

Right Our 3rd Space Working Bee is happening this Saturday! A huge thanks to David Bunce for sourcing the necessary products today, to the Board for approving an upgrade to our donated funds and Bunnings for their contribution. Reading the DG news reminded me of the Aromas Coffee commitment to Rotary this year - they are generously donating 10% of their profits back to Rotary - perhaps you could be tempted to [try the range](#).

What Will Be

Looking forward to this Sunday, we are excited to attend the District Changeover at the United Services Club. We extend our deepest thanks to Past District Governor Mark Williams for his incredible leadership and warmly welcome incoming District Governor Ian Hope as he takes the reins for the year ahead. Keep reading on for all the other things up and coming with Rotary Brisbane High-Rise!

In Fellowship & Service,
Cindy Kemp

Upcoming Meetings & Events

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| Thu 09 Jul | Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – RSVP
Norm Hunter, former PNG teacher
<i>Experiences of a "Chalkie" (teacher) in PNG 1975</i> |
| Thu 16 Jul | Joint meeting with Paddington @ Wests Rugby
Induction for Art Show roster volunteers |
| Thu 23 Jul | Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – RSVP
Club Assembly & Board Meeting |
| Thu 30 Jul | Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – RSVP
Catherine Baxter, BCC Transport
<i>Bus and ferry operations at Brisbane City Council</i> |

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.

This Week's Guest Speaker

Norm Hunter

Experiences of a "Chalkie" (teacher) in PNG 1975

Norm served as a 'Chalkie' in PNG in 1967/68. He recently retired from the principalship of Hillbrook Anglican School after 21 years during which he was a founding co-principal and then principal.

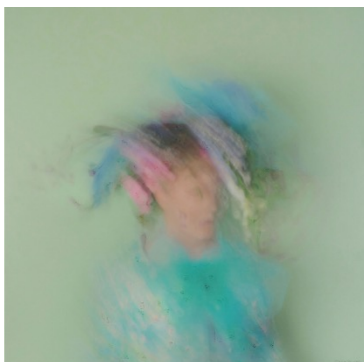
His work has been recognised with the awards of the ACER's Biennial Queensland Medal and the Medal of the Order of Australia.

In his spare time, Norm enjoys time with his family, reading, sport, music and theatre. He plays keyboards in two big bands and in a '50s and '60s rock 'n' roll band.



Phil Gough will explain this photo at our meeting this week

[40 years on: Some reflections on leadership and power - Nashos](#)



Rotary



Brisbane
Rotary **ART** 2026
SHOW

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

EXHIBITION JULY 20-31
GALA EVENT JULY 21
ARTICULATE JULY 26

WWW.ROTARYART.AU

Last Week's Meeting



David Bunce, Guest Speaker Scarlett Raine & Ann-Maree Bennett



Greg Beard & Dyllys Bertelsen



Virginia Brooks & Cindy Kemp



Ann Maree Buttner & Wendy Protheroe



Guest Speaker Scarlett Raine & Steve Settle



Rotary Abroad - Tanzania

John & Louise Arvier and Noela Phillips are at The School of St Jude teaching an intensive English course for incoming students

We have now completed our first full week actually in the classroom. Certainly a novel experience for us all, and a steep 'learning curve'.

Noela has a younger group, and Louise and I were allocated a large group of approx fifty 18-19 year olds, who have just entered into the equivalent of Year 11. They've all come from government schools, so their English is quite poor. However they are very keen to learn, and well-aware of their good fortune in securing a spot at this famous school, and are happy to give up their holidays to make the most of the opportunity.

We teach in groups of 10, and there's 5 lessons a day, each about 70 minutes, with a very prescriptive syllabus.



Their first day of 'Teaching the teachers how to teach'. A new experience for all concerned.



You may recall Sebastian (pictured with his family), who has Albinism and severe vision impairment, and has been assisted by Louise and others providing aids and support through his years at St Jude's. He has now graduated and has just won a scholarship to do his international Baccalaureate in Norway!



Gemma Sisia continues to be grateful for all the support from Rotary in Australia.

Brisbane High-Rise — In The Community

Nine members of the Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise took part in a working bee at **3rd Space** today, supporting the organisation's ongoing community work.

The main focus of the day was providing **3rd Space** with \$2,000 worth of plastic storage tubs. These will help the organisation meet council food health and safety requirements and improve the efficiency of its food-handling and throughput operations. This practical contribution addresses a genuine operational need, giving **3rd Space** better storage capacity and helping streamline how food moves through their facility.

Nine The team made strong progress and completed the planned work 1.5 hours ahead of schedule. With time in hand, the group wrapped up the morning with a well-earned coffee in the sun — a relaxed and enjoyable end to a productive session.

Thank you to all the who gave their time today. Working bees like this one are a simple but effective way for the club to make a tangible difference to organisations doing valuable work in the community, and today's effort at **3rd Space** is a good example of that in action. Thanks also to the Team at Bunnings Newstead for their kind donation and much appreciated assistance.

David Bunce



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

Calendar 2026-2027

Activities outside of Club Meetings

JULY

Maternal & Child Health Month

Third Space Working Bee (9am-12noon) 4/7/2026	District Change Over at USC 11am-3pm 5/7/2026
Combined meeting with Paddington Club -Art Show training at Wests Rugby 16/07/2026	Art Show Set Up VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 18/07/2026 🧑🏻
"Vernissage" Art Show Event INVITE ONLY 19/07/2026 🧑🏻	Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 20/7/2026 🧑🏻
Art Show Viewing Days 🧑🏻 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 20/7/26 -31/7/2026	Art Show Gala Cocktail Party 21/07/2026 🧑🏻
First 2026-2027 Board Meeting Date & Venue To be Confirmed	ARTiculate Event Meet the Artists, Wine & Cheese Event 🧑🏻 26/07/2026 2-4pm

AUGUST

Membership & New Club Development Month

Brisbane Rotary Art Show Pack Up Volunteers needed 1/8/2026	Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 17/8/2026 🧑🏻
Possible Wine Labelling/ Joker Draw Social Event To be Confirmed	Board Meeting Date & Venue To be Confirmed

KEY:

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

Board Members 2026-27

President	Cindy Kemp
Past President	Greg Beard
President Elect	Ann Maree Buttner
Secretary	Ann Maree Buttner
Treasurer	Taking applications
Community Projects	Jane Andersen
Marketing	Taking applications
Membership	Deb Le Garde
Rotary Foundation	Susan Rix
Youth	Taking applications
Assisted By:	
Rotaract Liaisons	David Bunce & Lindsay Marshall
Fellowship	Margot Baillie
Speaker Liaison	Dyls Bertelsen
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	Chair
Thu 09 Jul David B	Virginia B
Thu 16 Jul Cancelled – Joint Meeting with Paddington	
Thu 23 Jul Ann Maree Bu	David B
Thu 30 Jul Robyn D	Ann Maree Bu
Thu 06 Aug Jennifer E	Robyn D

Rotaract Clubs of Paddington & RiverCity Combined Changeover

You're Invited — Rotaract Paddington × RiverCity Joint Changeover | 26 July

Good Evening,

It's with great pleasure that the Rotaract Club of Paddington, alongside the Rotaract Club of RiverCity, invites you to our **Joint Changeover Ceremony**, celebrating the year that's been and welcoming in the new leadership for both clubs.

Date: Sunday, 26 July 2026

Time: 2pm-7pm

Venue: [534 Samford Road,, Mitchelton, QLD 4053](#)

This year has been one of genuine impact. From community projects to new friendships forged across both clubs, we'd love for you to be part of the night as we hand over the reins to our incoming Presidents and Boards.

The evening will include:

- Guest speakers and outgoing/incoming President addresses
- Award presentations
- A raffle
- Plenty of finger food as well

Tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/26-27-brisbane-rivercity-and-rotaract-paddington-combined-changeover>

Early Bird tickets are only \$29 but the tickets are limited.

We can't wait to celebrate this milestone with you. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Callum Mitchell (He/Him)

President 2025-2026

Rotaract Paddington

Rotaract
Club of Paddington



TOGETHER WE SEE A WORLD
WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION
TO **CREATE** LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES

International Toast

This week we are celebrating:

The Rotary Club of Ruspina Monastir, Tunisia



When Yassine Harzallah was alerted to overcrowding in a primary school, he paid a visit and witnessed children studying on the floor and in corridors, with their notebooks on their knees. He snapped a photo, and "that image alone was enough to convince every member of our club that we had a responsibility to act," says Harzallah, president of the **Rotary Club of Ruspina Monastir**.

In December, the entire contingent visited the school, an hour drive from the club's base in Monastir city. Members brought supplies, including hygiene products, cleaning items, a printer, a wheelbarrow, shovels, and hoes. A member architect drafted blueprints and watched over a local contractor who assembled a modular room off-site at a reduced cost. In January the structure, a new reading room, was delivered.