

 **HOT AIR**

19 February 2026 — Peace Building & Conflict Resolution Month

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International Toast:
*The Rotary Club of
Haute Rive, Mauritius*
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The President's Post

One of the most pressing challenges we face is reducing domestic violence in all its forms. Last week, we heard a powerful presentation from Wendy Mulcahy, founder of Domestic Violence Education Relationship Training (DVERT), an organisation dedicated to preventing domestic and family violence through education, early intervention, and community awareness.

With nearly 20 years' experience in the criminal justice system as a defence lawyer specialising in domestic violence cases, it was obvious how Wendy brings practical insight into patterns of perpetration and the drivers of violence. Her work focuses on prevention, accountability, and cultural change in how domestic and family violence is understood and addressed.

We heard how Wendy delivers education programs for young men and men more broadly, helping them recognise and challenge harmful attitudes and behaviours before they escalate. Her initiatives include early intervention programs in schools and intensive behaviour change programs for perpetrators, developed in collaboration with psychologists and counsellors.

Central to her message is the belief that violence — particularly against women — follows identifiable patterns of control, coercion, and disrespect that can be disrupted through early education and honest conversations, not only through criminal justice responses. She actively engages schools, leaders, and community groups to broaden understanding and drive meaningful change.

We can support this important work for Wendy by opening doors for her to wider and sometimes hesitant audiences, helping extend the reach and impact of her prevention efforts.

Greg Beard

Rotary Supporter



Via Vai is a wonderful fashion boutique at New Farm that several members frequently visit. Owner Fiona (a past recipient of a Pride of Workmanship Award) frequently gives us a \$50 donation “to spend as we see fit”.

So, last week, I used that to buy these toothbrushes and toothpaste for Coffee Brigade – items that are regularly requested.

Jane Andersen



Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Sat 14 Feb Valentines Day Flower Deliveries**
- Thu 19 Feb Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
John Sharpe, Specialist Adventure Experiences
- 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
- Thu 12 Mar Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
- 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



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

Who: Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise members & Success
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	DESSERT
	Eggplant Pasanda	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



Greg Beard & Ian Hope



Guest Speaker Wendy Mulcahy (DVERT) & Wendy Protheroe



Steve Settle (not winning the Joker Draw) & Anne Maree Buttner.

Valentine's Day Flower Deliveries



Going by these pics those who assisted Maison Fleur on Saturday enjoyed making people happy by delivering valentine bouquets, whilst also raising funds for our club.

Yvonne Robson & Roly Wells



Suzy Mellor



Loretta Lynch, Noela Phillips, Bart (Maison Fleur) & Helen Fox



Sharon & Alex Griffiths, Noela Phillips & Lindsay Marshall

Upcoming Events



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"

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

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?

Please contact me so I can secure your accommodation options.

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Russell Postle

International Toast

This week is we are celebrating the:
**The Rotary Club of Haute Rive,
Mauritius**



On the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius, Rotarians are helping the country shift from an agricultural economy dominated by sugar to one centered on technology, banking, and tourism.

The Rotary Club of Haute Rive joined the Ministry of Education to coordinate a job and education fair to connect job seekers with employers in hospitality, financial services, information technology, manufacturing, education, retail, and other industries.

“For many, it was a first-time experience of being seen, heard, and valued in a professional setting,” says Deeksha Bundhoo, a member of the club, which has since established a mentorship program.

Government officials lauded the outreach. “The fair represents a bridge between the aspirations of our youth and the evolving needs of our industries,” says Mahend Gungapersad, the country’s minister of education and human resource, who attended the fair with other senior officials and members of Parliament.

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

	Setup, Greeter & Closedown	Chair
Thu 19 Feb	Ros M	Kym McC
Thu 26 Feb	Suzy M	Ros M
Thu 05 Mar	Rob O'D	Suzy M
Thu 12 Mar	Greg P	Rob O'D
Thu 19 Mar	Russell P	Bill P

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!

Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise Calendar 2025-26

Activities outside of Club Meetings

FEBRUARY <i>Rotary Peace Building & Conflict Resolution Month</i>		MARCH <i>Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month</i>	
Art Show 2026 Preparation	Phil Breene's Funeral - 11am St Peter & Paul's Church, Balmoral	Art Show 2026 Preparation	Act For Kids Working Bee 9am-12noon 7/3/2026
Valentine's Day Flower Deliveries 14/2/2026 🌸🌹	Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 16/2/2026 😊	Wine Tasting Newer Australian Varieties 🍷🍷 15/3/26 3.30-5.30pm	Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 16/3/2026 😊
Board Meeting 17/2/2026	Fellowship Dinner - Paddington Curry House 19/2/2026	Club Mtg w/ Gemma Sisia School of St Jude 19/3/2026	Board Meeting 17/3/2026
Rotary's Anniversary 121 years 23/2/2026	Kinross Cluster Meeting Date TBA	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