

 **HOT AIR**

19 March 2026 — Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month

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**International Toast:
The Rotary Clubs of
Arusha, Tanzania**

The President's Post

Thought it time to take a moment to reflect on what we do, and to help make sure that all that we do is known. There's too much to give a lot of detail, however I'm hopeful that this brief summary might trigger your questions and comments:

Art Show

- Our major fundraiser
- New expanded committee
- Collaboration between Paddington and High-Rise Clubs
- Beneficiaries this year include *Young Care* and *Coffee Brigade*

3rd Space

- Ongoing funding and hands-on support
- Donations of clothing and 20 Shelterbags
- Reno painting in the past

Act for Kids

- Grant assisted project
- Installation of new outdoor furniture and play equipment
- Ongoing hands on help at premises

QIMR.B Infectious Diseases Program

- Received District Grant to support
- scope includes student mentoring and online training sessions

ANZAC Day at the Maheno wreck (Anzac hospital ship) on K'Gari

- Major Anzac Day Service held each year at the wreck

Albert Park Special School

- Ongoing student Bursaries
- Funding Assistance for Support Dog

St Judes Tanzania

- visit to High-Rise (19th March.)
- Fundraising raffle -Tanzanite Ring valued \$7,500
- Group visit to St Judes 2027

Maternity Africa

- Funding of birthing kits

Proposed / possible projects

- sponsor/fundraise and attend RFDS Transfer Station opening in Emerald (2026), in support of Rotary Club of Emerald
- Domestic Violence – researching possible program of involvement – possible funding of Wendy Mulcahy into our local schools.
- Grant application to possibly help fund an Ambulance for Maternity Africa.

Then there's all the added fun of our social activities - but that'll need to wait for another Post!

Greg Beard

This Week's Guest Speaker

NOTE EARLY START TIME: 6:45am arrival for 7:15 start.

A story to remember...

A BREAKFAST WITH GEMMA SISIA
Founder of the School of St Jude, Tanzania



Meet the team: Gemma, Faith and Johnson

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- 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”
- Thu 09 Apr Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Monique Lowndes – E-Waste Connection
- Thu 16 Apr Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS – See Page 2

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



Dyllys Bertelsen, Wendy Protheroe & Guest Speaker Chris Baker



Phil Gough & Greg Pearson



Steve Settle & Chris Baker



Deb LeGarde with Helen Fox, not winning the Joker Draw.

More from Saturday 7 March Working Bee



Russell Postle – chosen by height to do the interior!



Dyllys Bertelsen & Yvonne Robson



Dear Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise team,
Thank you once again for the amazing help from your volunteers at the Woolloowin Centre. Just wanted to share the thank you Facebook post from late last week: [facebook](#)
Best regards,
TRACY-ANNE GANZER | Relationship Specialist



Wine Tasting



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

ANNUAL COMMUNITY DINNER

Rotary
Club of New Farm



Dear Fellow Rotarians, You are warmly invited to attend the Rotary Club of New Farm Annual Community Dinner.

Date | Wednesday 29 April 2026

Time | 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Venue | Stratton Bar and Kitchen, 3 Stratton St, Newstead 4006

This evening brings together community leaders, supporters and local residents to support **The Lady Musgrave Trust**, an organisation providing supported transitional housing for young mums and their children across Queensland. All proceeds from the dinner and raffle will go towards this important cause.

What to expect

- Insights from government and community leaders
- A focus on housing solutions for vulnerable Queenslanders
- Excellent food and conversation
- Raffle prizes as part of our fundraising efforts

Our special guests for the evening include **The Honourable Sam O'Connor MP** (Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Youth), and Victoria Parker (Chief Executive Officer of The Lady Musgrave Trust).

Tickets

Tickets are available via Humanitix at the link below. Please reserve your seat to help us plan catering and seating arrangements:

[Rotary Club of New Farm Annual Community Dinner tickets](#)

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 WorkingBee 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	 Foundation
 Community Services	 Youth
 Social	 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 19 Mar	Russell P	Chair Bill P
Thu 26 Mar	Bill P	Russell P
Thu 02 Apr	Wendy P	Greg P
Thu 09 Apr	Susan R	Wendy P
Thu 16 Apr	Yvonne R	Susan R

RIDEWEST

Charity Cycle Brisbane to Longreach in Aid of the Royal Flying Doctor Service

A message from Alex Griffiths as he takes on RideWest again:



Thank you to all of you for joining me at the **RideWest** Long lunch and supporting the Royal Flying Doctor Service **Wellbeing Out West** mental health program.

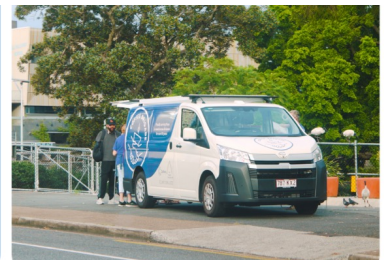
The ride starts on 24th April, 1311km to Longreach, I'll be ready.

Each rider pays their own costs to take part in **RideWest** and raise additional funds. Every dollar raised goes directly to the **Wellbeing Out West** program.

If anyone would like to make a donation to **RideWest**, the link to my fundraising page is, **RideWest – Alex**.

Alex Griffiths *I'm supporting Alex in RideWest 2026 and would love for you to join me! You can make a donation online at the link above.* **Russell Postle**

The Brigade Bulletin



Good morning Coffee Brigaders,

Because of all of you, here's what we achieved last month:

☕ 4,375 coffees served

🥪 4,372 sandwiches shared

That's thousands of moments of warmth.

Thousands of conversations.

Thousands of reminders that someone cares and will be back tomorrow, at the same time, at the same place.



Seeking Snack Support

Right now, we're running low on healthy, sustaining snack options.

These extra items mean the care doesn't stop at the van, and we can continue to support our friends throughout the day.

When you're heading to the shops this week, could you add one extra item to your trolley? With a volunteer base of more than 300 people, every item makes a difference.

Drop off at HQ: 5/107 Bowen Street, Windsor. Weekdays, 6 am–11 am.
(Please ensure items are unopened and within expiry.)