

HOT AIR

21 May 2026 — Youth Service Month
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The President's Post

Last week we were privileged to hear from one of our own, **Wendy Protheroe**, who spoke on the **DNA of Rotary**. One key theme of her presentation developed a deeper understanding of The Rotary Foundation and the breadth of its impact around the world.

Using Rotary youth activities as an example, Wendy also clearly explained the difference between Rotary Programs and Rotary Projects. In simple terms, Rotary Programs are initiatives officially adopted by Rotary International, while Projects are generally developed and run at District or Club level.

May is Rotary's **Youth Service** Month so Wendy's presentation highlighted for me **one of the most powerful forces within our organisation**: Rotary's youth programs and projects.

Rotary Youth Programs include:

- **Rotary Youth Exchange** – one of Rotary's flagship initiatives. Through both long- and short-term exchanges, students immerse themselves in new cultures, learn new languages, and return home with a global perspective that stays with them for life.
- **RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)** – a program that challenges young adults to grow through teamwork, communication, and ethical decision-making. RYLA is a transformative experience that builds confidence, leadership, and character.
- **Rotaract** – offering young adults a platform for service, connection, and personal growth. Rotaract members lead meaningful community projects, develop professional skills, and build lifelong friendships.
- **Interact** – as described last Hot Air is a service club for 14-18 years and sponsored by a Rotary Club

While **Rotary Youth Projects** include:

- **RYPEN** (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment – a weekend for young teenagers)
- **RYTS** (Rotary Youth Transition Seminar – run over a week for youth transitioning from High School)
- **Earlyact** – service club in primary schools sponsored by a Rotary Club

and there are many others.

All of the above however share a common purpose: opening doors for young people to discover their potential, develop leadership skills, and experience the joy of serving others. Fair to say that together, these initiatives reflect Rotary's enduring belief in young people — their ideas, their energy, and their ability to create lasting change.

Greg Beard

Tanzanite Ring For Sale – Make an Offer

We have for sale this beautiful tanzanite ring. The stone was kindly donated by the Cultural Center in Arusha, and the setting is by fantastic Brisbane jeweller, Troy McKenzie.



The Valuation Certificate lists the insurance value at \$8,680.

In the first instance it is being offered to members and friends of High-Rise. If you are interested, please submit your offer (in writing preferably) to me. It is a beautiful ring and surely to be treasured by any recipient.

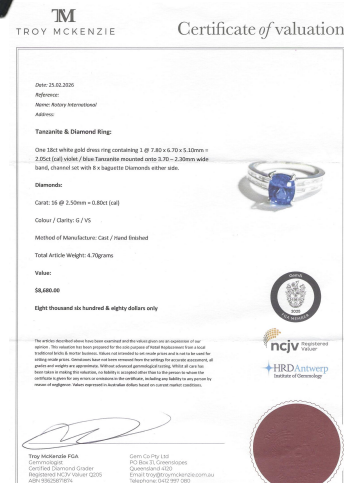
Whilst this is not an auction we have set a reasonable reserve and will be open to offers until the end of May. We may accept a generous offer immediately so get your offers in now.

Let me know if you would like to view the ring and test it for size – resizing should be possible if required.

Keep in mid that Tanzanite is an increasingly rare gemstone which will not harm future value appreciation.

*Sale proceeds go to the **School of St Jude** for their welfare program.*

Bill Phillips



Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thu 21 May Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Jeanette Johnstone, Teacher In A Box
- Thu 28 May Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Club Assembly
- Thu 04 Jun Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Matt Carney, 3rd Space
- Thu 11 Jun Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Christine West, Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital
- Thu 18 Jun Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**
Chris Dickons, Health Serve Global

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.

THE DNA OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

An excerpt from Wend's informative presentation:



Membership Organisation



The Charity and Humanitarian face

What is the DNA of Rotary

VISION STATEMENT Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

OUR CORE VALUES Fellowship, Leadership, Integrity, Diversity and Service



MISSION STATEMENT

Provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders

Motto

Service above self



MISSION STATEMENT

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

Motto

Doing good in the world

A. Object of Rotary

The **Object of Rotary** is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarians occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



THE DNA OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

B. The Five Avenues of Service

The **mission** of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.



Club Service
Strengthen Fellowship of Members



Vocational Service
encourages members to serve other people through their vocations, education and skillsets



Community Service
projects and activities each club undertakes to improve community life.



International Service
to expand the Rotarians' humanitarian work around the world.

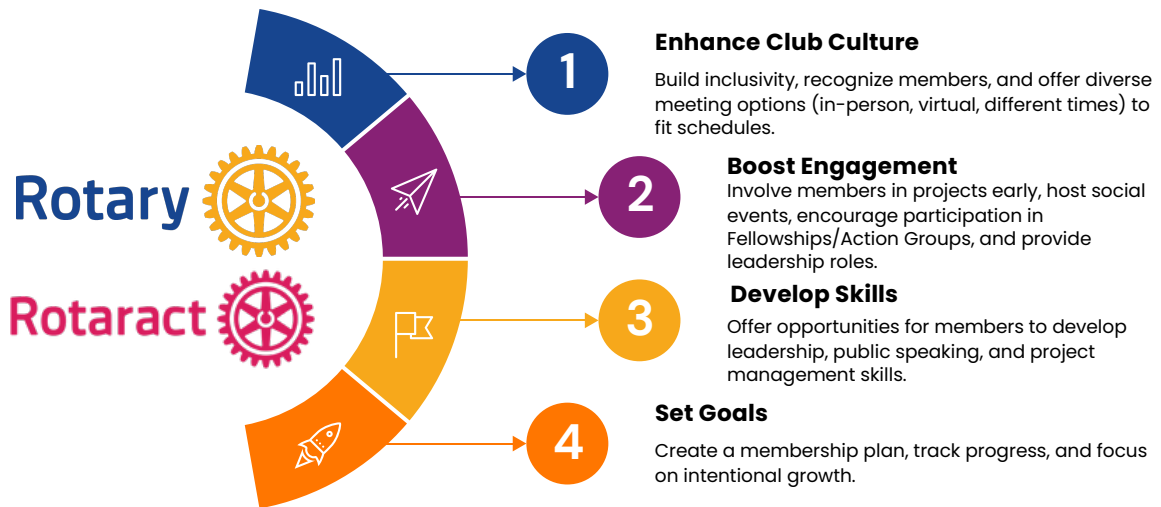


Youth Service
works to engage youths and young adults in leadership roles.

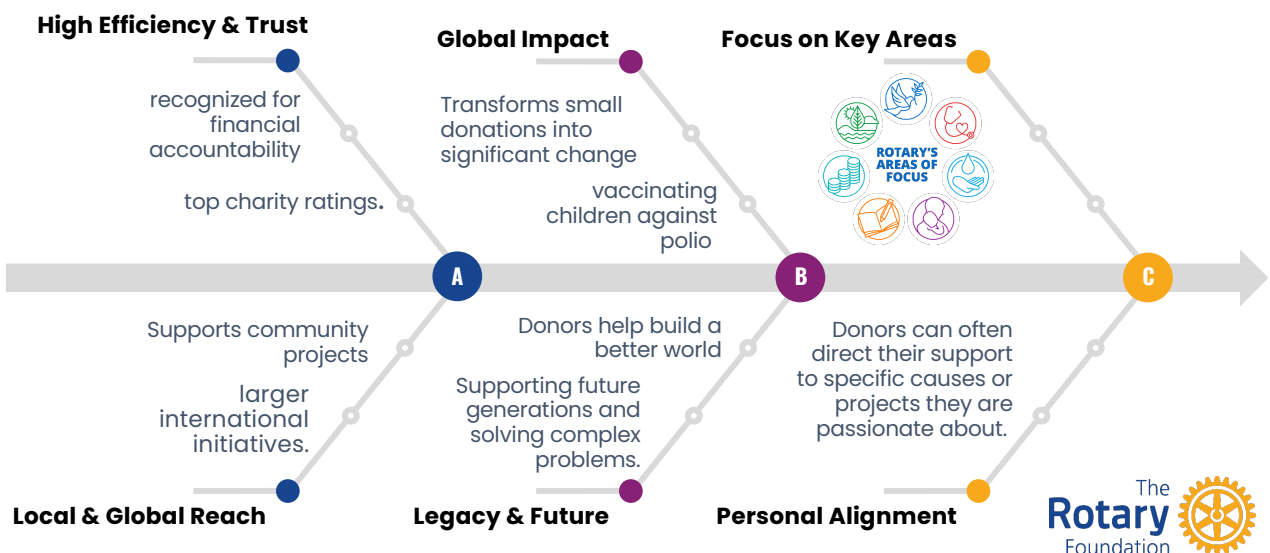


C. Strengthen Membership

Creating a vibrant, inclusive culture, engaging current members with meaningful projects and fun, and actively recruiting by personalizing outreach and showcasing impact



D. Supporting The Rotary Foundation



Last Week's Meeting

Guest speaker, our member Wendy Protheroe, reminded us of the details and relationships between **Rotary** and **The Rotary Foundation**. See elsewhere in this edition for excerpts from her presentation.



Rob O'Donovan & guest Alex Beard



Greg Beard & guest Fallon Beard



Steve Settle & Ann-Maree Bennett (showing off the necklace won by Greg in our recent Mothers Day raffle)



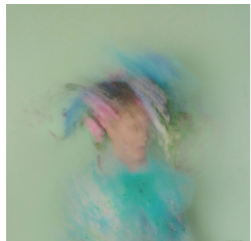
Denise Schellbach (RC Brisbane) and her guest Ed.



Loretta Lynch & Jane Andersen



Susan Rix not winning the Joker Draw, with Deb LeGarde behind



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
 EXHIBITION JULY 20-31
 GALA EVENT JULY 21
 ARTICULATE JULY 26
WWW.ROTARYART.AU

Fig Tree Pocket Equestrian Club Car Parking

Your Assistance Will Be Needed - Lock These Dates In Your Diary Now!
 The 2026 Brisbane Rotary Art Show - our major fundraiser - is rapidly approaching and we will need all hands on deck to make this event happen. Here are the key dates **all of which need to be manned**:

- **Saturday 18 July:**
Artworks arrive and are hung on panels
- **Sunday 19 July:**
Vernissage event 3 to 5pm (where we announce the winners)
- **Monday to Friday - 20 to 24 July:**
Show open daily 7am to 6pm
- **Tuesday 21 July:**
Gala Event from 6pm
- **Weekend - 25 & 26 July:**
Show open daily 9am to 4pm
- **Sunday 26 July**
Articulate afternoon event 2 to 4pm
- **Monday to Friday - 27 to 31 July:**
Show open daily 7am to 6pm
- **Saturday 1 August:**
Artworks collected, pickup, remove panels & cleanup

High-Rise is committed to making this event a great success and we need everyone to get behind it.

Roly Wells has agreed to take on the task of coordinating our club's commitment and he will be talking with you all soon.

So, look at your diaries now and see when you will be able to assist and **lock that time away now for the Art Show.**

Funds raised by this event underpin a lot of what our club does in the community and also benefit Coffee Brigade.

Thanks in advance and we are looking forward to another exciting and profitable Brisbane Rotary Art Show.

Murray Bell

Thanks to Allan Strong, Lindsay Marshall and Steve Knight who, on Sunday and at short notice, were at the Fig Tree Pocket Equestrian Club from 6am (yes it was still dark!) to help with the car & horse float parking.

Russell Postle



ROTARY IN ACTION – NEW AMBULANCE

As announced last week we have received a grant (thanks to the Rotary Club of Balwyn) to provide a new ambulance, and the **Barbara May Foundation** will be the recipients.

Click on the image at right to watch on **9NOW** a **A Current Affair** story (starts from 10:26 in the video) about the work of the **Barbara May Foundation** and the incredible **Valerie May**. (If you prefer you can login to 9NOW and then find the **15 May 26 episode of A Current Affair**).

Bill Phillips

Barbara May Foundation is going to be on TV 7pm Friday 15 May, A Current Affair, Channel 9 (Australia)



Barbara May
Foundation

You're invited!

An Afternoon with Valerie Browning AM

 Sydney
Saturday 20th June
1pm to 4pm
*Hosted by Archibald Finalist Kirsty Neilson,
Barbara May Foundation Ambassador*

1pm, Saturday 20th June, Sydney NSW
Light refreshments included.

[Register here](#)

(Please note - limited spaces available)

Lunch with Maalika

 Online Zoom Event
Thursday 18th June
12:30pm to 1:30pm

Online Zoom Event
12.30pm, Thursday 18th June

[Register here](#)

Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

Calendar 2025-26

Activities outside of Club Meetings

MAY

Youth Service Month







Tri-District Rotary Conf. Gold Coast 1-3 May 🌴🌴🌴	Art Show 2026 Preparation 👨🍳
Interact Conference (Kawana Waters) 9/5/2026	Mothers Day Flower Deliveries 🌸🌸🌸 8/5/26 - 10/05/2026
EPIC DAY of SERVICE Global Event 16/5/2026	Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 18/05/2026 😊
Hamilton Club Race Day - Volunteers for Raffle Tickets 23/5/2026	Board Meeting 25/5/2026

JUNE

Rotary Fellowships Month

Kinross Cluster Meeting 11/6/2026	Art Show 2026 Preparation 👨🍳
Rotary International Conference TAIPAI 13/6/2026	Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 15/06/2026 😊
Brisbane High-Rise Changeover High Tea 21/6/2026	Board Meeting & Dinner - Incoming & Outgoing Board 22/6/2026

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 21 May	Matt W	Chair	Roly W
Thu 28 May	Andrew A		Matt W
Thu 04 Jun	Jane A		Andrew A
Thu 11 Jun	Margot B		Jane A
Thu 18 Jun	Kit B		Margot B



SAVE the DATE!
Brisbane High-Rise
Change Over
Join us for a relaxed
High Tea
Riva Kitchen and Events
Hamilton
Sunday, 21 June, 2-4pm
\$50 per person



International Toast

This week we are celebrating:
The Rotary Club of Kelowna, British Columbia



Members of the **Rotary Club of Kelowna in British Columbia** placed 220 crosses personalized with the details of fallen soldiers in a Remembrance Day tradition the club has co-led with the Okanagan Military Museum Society since 2018. The Field of Crosses is accessible for 10 days beginning 2 November.

Rotarians' "dedication extends to coordinating lighting, ceremonies, and educational programs produced by the museum that connect the community, especially students, with the stories behind the names," says Club President Robin Smith.

The project strikes a personal chord: "We have a number of members who have served with our military," Smith says, "and this allows us to honor them and the hundreds of others from the Kelowna community who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country."