

 **HOT AIR**

23 April 2026 — Environment Month

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**The President's Post**

Rotary's Four-Way Test remains one of the most enduring guides for ethical decision-making in both personal and professional and dare I suggest at this time, politically life.

It was a time of economic uncertainty when Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor wrote the "test". As Rotarians know, it could have been yesterday; it was 1932! The test offers a simple yet powerful framework for evaluating our thoughts, words, and actions. The Four-Way Test asks four questions:

Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Though concise, these questions challenge us to pause and reflect before making decisions, encouraging integrity, empathy, and long-term thinking.

In today's complex world, the relevance of the Four-Way Test is stronger than ever. It serves as a moral compass, helping individuals and organizations navigate ethical dilemmas with clarity and purpose. Whether applied in business dealings, community service, and more, the test promotes trust and respect—values at the heart of Rotary's mission.

Let Rotarians champion the Four-Way Test across the world!

**Greg Beard**

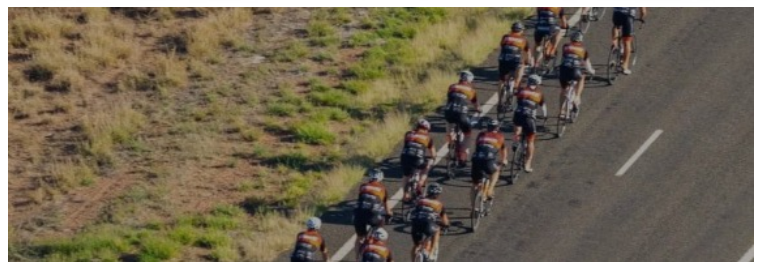
**NO MEETING THIS WEEK  
Anzac Day 2026 Service Instead**



**Anzac Day is Saturday 25 April** and High-Rise is coordinating a **10am Service at the TSS Maheno on K'gari (Fraser Island)**.

*Resting peacefully on the eastern beach of K'gari is the wreck of the TSS Maheno, a hospital ship during WW1, arriving at Anzac beach on the morning of 26 August 1915. There the crew did the first retrieval of wounded Australian and New Zealand soldiers.*

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



Alex sets off this week on Friday:

Thank you for supporting **RideWest** to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service **Wellbeing Out West** mental health program.

**RideWest** starts on 24th April – 1311km to Longreach – I'll be ready. Each rider pays their own costs to take part, and also raises additional funds. Every dollar raised goes directly to **Wellbeing Out West**.

Click here to donate: **[RideWest – Alex](#)**.

**High-Rise is supporting Alex with a \$1,000 donation**

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

- ~~Thu 23 Apr~~ **MEETING CANCELLED - ANZAC on K'gari instead**
- Sat 25 Apr ANZAC Ceremony on K'gari – [RSVP](#)**
- Sun 26 Apr District Tree Planting – [RSVP](#)**  
Bald Hills
- Thu 30 Apr Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**  
Club Assembly & PP Chuck Fisher, WASH
- Thu 07 May Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**  
Maureen O'Brien-Stone, TADQ  
Technology for Aging & Disability Qld
- Thu 14 May Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**  
Wendy Protheroe, The DNA of Rotary
- Thu 21 May Weekly Meeting @ United Service Club – [RSVP](#)**  
Jeanette Johnstone, Teacher In A Box

**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



Wendy Protheroe & Guest Speaker Jimmy Postle who spoke about RYLA



Greg Beard, Jimmy Postle & Russell Postle



Greg Beard, Bruce McNaught & Roly Wells



Virginia Brooks, Yvonne Robson, Deb LeGarde & Margot Baillie

### 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 Youth Leadership Awards

**RYLA 2026** is on from Sun 31st May to Sat 6th June 2026, at Camp Cooby, North of Toowoomba.

This week hear from James (Jimmy) Postle who, for several years now, has got heavily involved in running this program after experiencing the personal benefits of attending.

Brisbane High-Rise wants to sponsor attendees. Please invite leaders and potential leaders between ages 20 - 30 in your network to apply.

The program provides participants with an unforgettable experience in life, learning and laughter in a regional setting.

Find out more at <https://www.ryla9620.org/> and if you want to apply for sponsorship email Loretta at [lorettalynch1@gmail.com](mailto:lorettalynch1@gmail.com)



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Also **Special Thanks** to the **Pronk Family**,  
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Activities outside of Club Meetings

APRIL

Environmental Month

Art Show 2026 Preparation 	Kinross Cluster Meeting 9-Apr
Social Event STING - The Last Ship - Glasshouse 16/4/2026	Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 20/04/2026 😊
Club meeting CANCELLED due to K'gari ANZAC Day trip 23/4/2026	ANZAC Day Ceremony Maheno Wreck K'gari 🇺🇸🇺🇸 25/4/2026
ANZAC Day Club trip to K'Gari 🐕🐕🐕 24-27/4/24	District Tree Planting Day 26/4/26 🌳🌳
Board Meeting 27/4/2026	World Immunisation Week 24-30 April

MAY

Youth Service Month

Tri-District Rotary Conf. Gold Coast 1-3 May 🌴🌴	Art Show 2026 Preparation 
Working Bee 3rd Space To be Confirmed 2/5/2026	Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 18/05/2026 😊
Mothers Day Flower Deliveries  10/5/2026	EPIC DAY of SERVICE Global Event 16/5/2026
Board Meeting 25/5/2026	

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
<b>Assisted By:</b>	
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      Chair

<b>Thu 23 Apr</b>	Meeting Cancelled	
<b>Thu 30 Apr</b>	Steve S	Yvonne R
<b>Thu 07 May</b>	Craig W	Steve S
<b>Thu 14 May</b>	Roly W	Craig W
<b>Thu 21 May</b>	Matt W	Roly W

Calling artists

Brisbane Rotary Art Show returns in 2026 with Best of Show prize of \$20,000.

- Entries Close 10 May
- Exhibition: 20 - 31 July



Central Plaza One | www.rotaryart.au

Rotary Seeks Peace Fellow Candidates



The Rotary Peace Centers will accept applications for 2027-28 Rotary Peace Fellowships from 1 February through 15 May 2026. For the first time, candidates will be able to apply to study at Rotary's next peace center opening at Symbiosis International University in Pune, India. Rotary and Rotaract clubs can work with their district Rotary Foundation chair or Rotary Peace Fellowship subcommittee chair to recruit and recommend experienced peacebuilders for the fellowship programs.

The Rotary Foundation will select up to 170 peace fellows this year to attend one of our nine partner universities with leading programs in peace studies, sustainable development, and conflict prevention and transformation. The fellows will be able to participate in a one-year professional development certificate program to learn advanced peacebuilding skills or earn a master's degree in a variety of disciplines related to peace and development.

The Foundation pays for tuition and fees, housing and meals, round-trip transportation, and internship and field-study expenses. Clubs and districts do not need to provide funding to recommend fellowship candidates. Use this referral form to have information sent to potential candidates.

Since the Rotary Peace Centers program began in 2002, more than 1,800 fellows have graduated from our programs to serve as leaders in governments, humanitarian organizations, educational and research institutions, and international organizations like the United Nations and the World Bank.