

 **HOT AIR**

26 March 2026 — Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month

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International Toast:
*The Rotary Club of
Gozo, Malta*
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The President's Post

I've been writing a paper for another audience. It has been using *The Village* metaphor. It occurred just how much it can be applied to our club!

Of course, the metaphor of the village suggests that Individuals don't develop in isolation. Instead they are shaped by a wider community. For a child to fully develop, they can't do so without the support of the breadth of a "village".

Our youth programs come to mind, and just how this club has been heavily involved over the years in the majority of rotary youth programs. It's one of the reasons that I enjoy being a member of this club. We don't know how many lives we have influenced for the better, but we can be sure that we have!

There is another concept about "village", that has me thinking of this club.

Interdependence: People rely on each other emotionally, socially, and practically.

The paper was about an ageing population in a widespread group and how the relationships in that group, over many decades, provided friendships and connections that either serve or hold the potential to support the ongoing mental health and well being of its members.

We are members, I believe, of a quite unique group. We can and do rely on one another and hopefully with our values and culture we will be a village that always delivers emotional, social and practical support.

Greg Beard

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- 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
- ~~**Thu 23 Apr**~~ **MEETING CANCELLED - ANZAC on K'gari instead**
- Sat 25 Apr** **ANZAC Ceremony on K'gari** – [RSVP](#)

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.

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.	
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*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

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.

Anzac Day is Saturday 25 April 2026 and High-Rise coordinates the service – are you able to assist with this year? If so please contact me: M: 0419 703 581 E: russell.postle@bdo.com.au

Russell Postle

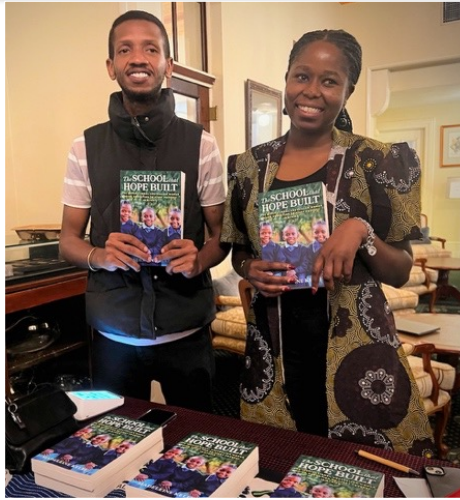
Last Week's Meeting – School of St Jude

The outstanding achievements of **The School of St Jude**, and of course Gemma, were shown this morning. Again we were given a glimpse into the complexity and scope of this amazing school, built from a simple idea, what seems just a few years ago, and still growing – every time we hear from Gemma there is a new (and surprising) project planned. Find out more [here](#).

We heard also from Faith & Johnson, two of the growing number of alumni, and both are fantastic ambassadors for the work of the school, showing how it is so much more than just an education – rounded and grounded people. Watch out as the St Jude's Alumni are the influencers of the future in Tanzania.

As always, ongoing funding is the major issue. Our event this morning raised over \$3,000 but you can assist by donating here (tax deductible):

<https://www.schoolofstjude.org/support/donate/>



2027 Trip to Tanzania & St Judes!

The School of St Jude will be celebrating its 25th anniversary in January 2027 and the celebratory week will be 24-29 January, so we are looking at organising another group trip to Tanzania around those dates. It has been an incredible journey and High-Rise has been along for the ride for most of those years - it will be a celebration to treasure.

The itinerary will include a safari of course; maybe a visit to Mamba school, certainly a visit to Maternity Africa's hospital near Arusha. Noela will be visiting St Judes in May this year for the Year 6 graduation celebrations and she will take that opportunity to review options to ensure the January group visit is as special as it always has been.

What we'd like now are expressions of interest in joining us on this trip - for booking purposes we will need a final decision by the end of March. If you would like to meet up to discuss, feel free to let me know. **Bill Phillips.**

Last Week's Meeting – School of St Jude



Rotary International Convention



The last day for preregistration discount is 31 March 26 – Don't Miss out!

13-17 JUNE 2026



Rotary International organizes a **Rotary International Convention** every year. The goal of the conference is to bring together members of the Rotary International family from around the world and give them a platform to exchange ideas and come together in friendship. This year, 12 districts in Taiwan have the unique opportunity to host the **2026 Rotary International Convention in Taipei!**

International Toast

This week we are celebrating:
The Rotary Club of Gozo, Malta



The Rotary Club of Gozo has discovered a formula for civic and social media engagement: Tell community members just how much they're appreciated.

After rolling out the glitzy **Pride of Gozo Awards** in 2022, the club saw a burst of interest in the work of Rotarians on Gozo, one of Malta's three populated islands.

"The event is our showcase of the year," says Tom Welch, a past president of the club who proposed the ceremony, which is supported by the Times of Malta newspaper and a government ministry. "While not a fundraiser, it raises our profile: a touch under 40,000 views on Facebook, 600 new followers, and over 2,000 engagements. It also provides us with a collection of wonderful speakers and drives membership growth."

Board Members 2025-26

President	Greg Beard
Past President	Jane Andersen
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Secretary	Ann Maree Buttner
Treasurer	Cindy Kemp
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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	Chair
Thu 26 Mar Bill P Lindsay M (aka Russell P)	
Thu 02 Apr Wendy P Greg P	
Thu 09 Apr Susan R Wendy P	
Thu 16 Apr Yvonne R Susan R	
Thu 23 Apr Meeting Cancelled	

Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

Calendar 2025-26

Activities outside of Club Meetings

MARCH <i>Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month</i>		APRIL <i>Environmental Month</i>	
Art Show 2026 Preparation	Act For Kids Working Bee 9am-12noon 7/3/2026	Art Show 2026 Preparation	Kinross Cluster Meeting
Wine Tasting Newer Australian Varieties 🍷🍷 15/3/26 3.30-5.30pm	Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 16/3/2026 😊	PRIDE of WORKMANSHIP Awards 16/4/2026	Coffee Brigade Sandwich Makers 20/04/2026 😊
Club Mtg w/ Gemma Sisia School of St Jude 19/3/2026	Board Meeting 23/3/2026	ANZAC Day Ceremony Maheno Wreck K'Gari 🇺🇸🇦🇺 25/4/2026	ANZAC Day Club trip to K'Gari 🐎🐎🐎 24-27/4/2026
Kinross Cluster Meeting TBA	Rotary Peace Fellows Talks UQ - 10.30am-6pm 28/03/2026 🇺🇸🇦🇺		Board Meeting 27/4/2026
Pre-Registration Discount ends Rot. Int Conference 31/3/2026			

KEY:

	Major Projects
	Community Services
	Social

	Foundation
	Youth
	District Events, Conferences or Training