



# Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

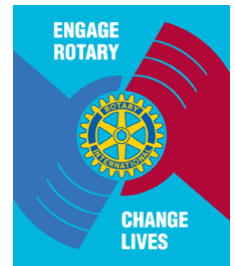
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## HOT AIR

District 9600  
Serving the Heart of Brisbane  
8 May 2014



**WENDY'S WISDOM** This month there's a focus on domestic and family violence. It occurs when one person in a relationship uses violence or abuse to maintain power or control over another person and that causes the person being abused to live in fear. It might be an intimate relationship, family relationship or informal care relationship. Signs of domestic and family violence include:

- Being afraid of a partner or someone else close
- Being anxious, depressed, unusually quiet or less confident
- Having a partner who is controlling, obsessive or jealous
- Having a partner who has threatened them, their children or their pets
- Stopping contact with friends and family for no good reason
- Being unable to access their own money

The way you respond to someone who's a victim of family and domestic violence can be a real help to them. People who feel supported usually feel stronger and more likely to explore their options. Maybe you could:

Invite the person to talk when they're alone or in a safe place

- Listen without blame
- Focus on their safety and their children's safety
- Respect their right to make their own decisions
- Don't criticise or confront the abusive person – that can put the person you're helping in serious danger

Let the victim know that in Queensland – DVConnect can give them expert advice. Encourage them to call.

Please don't wait until what you're concerned about becomes your regret. Each of us deserves the right to live in a safe environment (This information comes from DV Connect). As a Club we're supporting one of the Refuges where mothers and their children can escape to safety and begin the long path towards building a different life. It's another way that we're actively choosing to make a difference in our community

ROSTER	8 May	15 May	22 May	29 May	5 June
Chair	Jane	Angela	Craig	Chris	Daryl
Set Up	Angela Craig	Craig Chris	Chris Daryl	Daryl Jo A	Jo A John A
Close Down	Chris Daryl	Daryl Jo Ahern	Jo A John A	John A Margo B	Margo Jacque
Sergeant	Lindsay	Greg	Russell	Kit	Rob

### INTERNATIONAL TOAST

In honour of Mother's Day this week we toast the Rotary Club of Athens. The earliest history of Mother's Day dates back to 250BC when the Greeks had an annual spring festival dedicated to maternal goddesses. The festival honoured Rhea who was the mother of many deities in Greek mythology.

### GUEST SPEAKERS

<b>8 May</b>	Hon Andrew Cripps	Minister for Natural Resources and Mines
<b>15 May</b>	Fellowship	Chance to meet new members and relax over your breakfast

### ATTENDANCE 1/5

MEMBERS: 37  
 VISITING ROTARIANS: 0  
 GUESTS: 7  
 PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS  
 ATTENDED:  
 66%

### APOLOGIES / GUESTS and MAKEUPS

NOTIFY OUR CLUB BY 1700 TUESDAY PRIOR TO THAT WEEK'S MEETING AT:

[apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com](mailto:apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com)

[make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com](mailto:make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com)

### Direct Debit

PREPAY FOR OUR MEETINGS, EVENTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AT:

BSB 084 -034

Account Number  
559347857

### ROTARY GRACE

*O Lord and giver of all good,  
we thank you for our daily food. May Rotary friends and Rotary ways help us to serve you all our days.*

Lindsay and Wendy with our NYSF participants, They both gave a very professional presentation about their experience and the value of the program.



Ayan before the operation



Recent photo of Ayan



## Update on Ayan and Edna

(this is a reproduction of the email sent late last week)

Ayan's surgery seems so long ago, but in fact, it is only 6 weeks since she departed for her home in Somaliland. Any news received on her progress has been via Edna and through Suad, Ayan's Brisbane carer post surgery. In response to an email from Dr Arvier, Edna advised yesterday that she "*called Ayan and spoke with her mother because Ayan was away attending evening classes. Mother informed me that the graft looks good and except for a corner, the colour is improving. Mother seemed very happy*" This is excellent news, not only from a medical perspective, but also to learn that Ayan is fulfilling her dream to continue her education.

Edna continues educating the world about her hospital and the needs of women in third world countries. She has just returned from Women in the World Summit, New York, as well as a visit to Ouagadougou. (This is not in China.....I'll let you discover it's location!). Dr Bob Watson, Obstetrician, has kindly investigated an appropriate Foetal Heart Monitor suited to Edna's Hospital and has provided High-Rise and Mitchelton rotary Clubs with the details. The two Clubs are working towards purchasing this piece of equipment which Edna indicated is now uppermost on her wish list. Could you imagine a maternity hospital in Australia not having the facility to monitor the health of mother and babe? Sincere appreciation also to Dave and Karen Rickards, Sydney, who have offered to supply Edna's Hospital with new Dopplers and Vital Signs Monitors. Edna is seeking input from her medical staff on other equipment that Dave and Karen have offered to buy. They are awaiting Edna's response and completion of paperwork. We are extremely grateful for the Australian Doctors for Africa (Perth) for offering to transport any donated equipment to Edna's Hospital in their sea containers.

While on the topic of Edna's Hospital, enquiries have been received from interested supporters, on how best to support her Hargeisa Hospital. Generous people donated while Edna was here which allowed her to depart Australia with a new Skin Graft Machine as part of her luggage. We had hoped to secure Tax Deductibility for future donations, however, this unfortunately, did not eventuate due to auditing difficulties and Government requirements. Brisbane High-Rise would gladly accept any contributions to Edna's Hospital and guarantee all such funds would be used on a set project or for purchasing hospital equipment. ***If you would like to assist, kindly indicate your donation is for EDNA'S HOSPITAL. Please note Brisbane High-Rise is not a registered charity and as such cannot provide Tax Deductible Receipts.***

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(Edna's Hospital)**

Dr John Arvier, his wife Louise and myself (and possibly others) are planning to visit Edna's Hospital early 2015. This proposal is in its early stages and may link in with a visit to Tanzania. I am sure Edna will be already identifying possible candidates for John's surgical expertise.

The photo of Ayan above (right) was taken a few weeks ago and forwarded via Edna. What a transformation in a young woman's life. Sincere thanks again to each one of you for your ongoing enquiries about Ayan's progress and for your many good wishes to Edna.

Noela  
CO-ORDINATOR  
for AYAN'S PROJECT TEAM



## DIARY DATES / UPCOMING EVENTS



Date	Event	Details
<b>14 May</b> 6.45am	Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium <b>Breakfast with Mal Meninga</b> Enquiries: barbtobin@ozemail.com.au Mobile 0402 850 367	Rydges Hotel Southbank  Book tickets online: <a href="http://www.stickytickets.com.au">www.stickytickets.com.au</a> \$75 RSVP - Friday, 9th May 2014
<b>24 – 25 May</b>	<b>Red Shield Appeal</b>	Collectors, drivers and counting house  Roster being circulated by Ron Mullins
<b>1 – 4 June</b>	Rotary International Conference Sydney	<a href="http://www.riconvention.org">www.riconvention.org</a>
<b>7 June</b>	Donations-In-Kind <b>DIK</b>	Packing containers to go overseas  Roster being circulated soon
<b>11 July</b>	<b>Change Over Dinner</b>	TBA

If you have a Rotary event you want advertised in the Club Calendar please contact the Hot Air Editor at [atillmanns@cplqld.org.au](mailto:atillmanns@cplqld.org.au)