



# Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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## HOT AIR

District 9600  
Serving the Heart of Brisbane  
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### WENDY'S WISDOM

A Radio National report raised two key issues we face in the world today (although I think they may have been around forever). The first was the strong emphasis placed on beauty – much of it driven by the media and by ourselves. As we mature who can still believe that the size of thighs defines beauty, who still thinks that beautiful people always wear expensive clothes, who believes that all actors look off screen the way they do when playing a part. Interesting isn't it! What can we do to make sure that our younger Club and family members can recognize that the way they connect with others, the level of activity in their community and their self belief really does define beauty.

The second was that as we grow older we seem to become invisible to many in society – overlooked when previously we were looked for and looked at. I agree with the premise but it gave me a wake up call to make sure that I don't do that. It made me realize that one of the virtues of belonging to Rotary is that we choose to connect with others who'll give time to service and working together. Let's make sure that we don't let others become invisible – follow up, keep in touch.

Finally, from Rotary history- at the 1923 St Louis Rotary Convention a principle was established that Clubs are free to determine the direction of their own service projects. Also that the basic tenets of Rotary are rooted in tolerance and understanding of others who might hold different ideals than our own. It's the ability to recognize these diverse opinions and work through those assorted distinctions that makes Rotary unique in the world.

Three cheers for differences.

ROSTER	15 May	22 May	29 May	5 June	12 June
Chair	Jennifer	Craig	Chris	Daryl	Jo A
Set Up	Craig Chris	Chris Daryl	Daryl Jo A	Jo A John A	John A Margo
Close Down	Daryl Jo Ahern	Jo A John A	John A Margo B	Margo Jacque	Jacque Neil
Sergeant	Greg	Russell	Kit	Rob	Lindsay

### INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Given it is Budget week in Australia, today we toast the **Canberra City Club**. The Club was chartered in 1975 and today they have 60 members, they meet at 6.00pm every Tuesday night at the Canberra Club – not sure how many would have attended this week!!

### GUEST SPEAKERS

8 May	Fellowship	Chance to meet new members and relax over your breakfast
22 May	TBC	

### ATTENDANCE 8/5

MEMBERS: 39
VISITING ROTARIANS: 1
GUESTS: 11
PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS ATTENDED: 68%

### 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.*

Our newest Rotarian – James Noble with President Wendy Protheroe and Membership Director – Barbara Leddy .



## Members News

Welcome



James Noble, great to have you join our Club. James is on the Youth Committee and his buddy is John Kerr.

Farewell



Sorry to see Jonathan Carroll and Tim Baker resigning due to work and family commitments. They are always welcome to visit or rejoin when their circumstances change.

More



Best wishes for a speedy recovery from surgery to Ken B Bon Voyage to Ros Mumford who is living the high life in New York



## 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>	Polo Club

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)

## Message from Edna

'A home without a mother is like a desert'  
~ Somali Proverb

Our best wishes to all mothers today wherever they may be because in Hargeisa, Somaliland, we celebrate and honour all mothers. It's already been an eventful year for Edna Adan and the Edna Adan University Hospital - and it got even more remarkable when, yesterday, our friend New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof recommended support of Edna Hospital as a fitting way to honour the girls still missing in Nigeria: [Honouring the Missing Schoolgirls](#).

With sheer excitement, the hospital recently celebrated its 12th Anniversary and, at the same time, graduated 254 students. This was the last set of graduates to receive certificates and diplomas. However, the degree programs within the Hospital itself, continues as always.

Edna Adan University Hospital has made great strides to address the country's shortfall of health workers. Edna has trained over 300 midwives and nurses, and just this past month the hospital expanded the

[Community Midwife Training Program](#). Edna's program has received the full backing of the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, along with many small rural villages and towns. A total of 40 students will be participating in the two-year training program, which will take place in the neighbouring towns of Berbera and Gabiley. The Community Midwife program will continue to expand until the country reaches 1000 midwives.



## University of Pennsylvania

Edna is pleased to be a participant in University of Pennsylvania's ceremonial events. On May 15th, Edna will be the recipient of the [Renfield Award for Global Women's Health](#), and on the 19th, Edna will be honoured with a Doctor of Sciences degree for her role in improving health conditions, reducing the rates of maternal and infant mortality, and providing health care for thousands of women and children.



## Thank You!

Our most heartfelt thanks go to all of our supporters. Your generosity has allowed us to provide Somali women with the opportunity for healthy pregnancies and safe childbirths. With your help we can continue Edna's midwives training program and help save the lives of many mothers and their newborn sons and daughters in every corner of Somaliland.

Happy Mothers Day!

Edna Adan Ismail  
Hargeisa, Somaliland, East Africa