



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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HOT AIR

District 9600

Serving the Heart of Brisbane

17 December 2015 – Disease prevention and treatment month *Be a gift to the world*



The President's Patter.....

This week is our final meeting for 2015, celebrating with a special Christmas breakfast for children and carols led by Bryce and Sue. I have even heard rumours of a surprise visitor. Sadly it will be Bryce's farewell to High-Rise and we thank him for all he has brought to Rotary and to the club – especially sustaining workers with Street Level's coffee van at Clean up Australia and other events. Bryce and Sue, the very best wishes of all High-Rise members are with you as you start your new roles in Sydney - we will miss you both.

And this meeting also marks the half way point in the Rotary year, not that I am counting. We are achieving much of what we set out to do and plans are well underway for the major projects in 2016 - the Art Spectacular and the St Jude's dinner. My personal thank you to every member for the generous spirit in which you give both money and your precious time to support Rotary and those who benefit from our programs. You make our world a better place.



At last week's AGM President Elect Russell announced his Board for next year and we are assured the club is in good hands with this team of enthusiastic Rotarians, committed to leading the club. Congratulations especially to Greg Pearson, the President to follow Russell in 2017-2018. Greg has made an enormous contribution to all club activities and is a really good bloke who will be a great President, just watch out for his wicked humour.

Expect a busy meeting this week. We have a large number of guests just, not sure what the draw card is. Perhaps it is the Special Guest rumoured to be arriving, or maybe it is the Joker Draw with \$4696.70 in the kitty, or Susan McGinley and Jane Postle with gifts to purchase, or the Christmas Raffle Draw (still time to buy tickets), or the opportunity to bring some joy to those facing difficulties this Christmas with our donation of Gift Cards for Street Level. Whatever our reasons, this week we will enjoy fellowship and the spirit of Christmas with our Rotary family.

Remember we will not be visiting Planetarium Rotary in January. Our first meeting is here at the Marriott and will be a fairly informal breakfast and fellowship to start 2016. During this festive season we will all celebrate in the ways that are special to our own family and friends. May your celebrations be joyful, with the magic and sparkle that Christmas brings and with time to relax after a busy year. Denis and I wish you a peaceful, happy and safe holiday season and look forward to seeing you in 2016.

*To all and especially Marie, Joyeux Noel,
Rosemary Meadows*

The North Pole Rotary Club meets at Noon on Wednesdays at the "Leaf and Bean" Restaurant in North Pole, Alaska. The North Pole Rotary Club was chartered in 1978 and has 12 members, including 2 charter members (Santa and Rudolph?)

PROGRAM / GUEST SPEAKER

17 Dec	Christmas Breakfast
24 Dec	No Meeting
31 Dec	No Meeting
7 Jan	First meeting for 2016 @ the Marriott

ROSTER	17-Dec	24 & 31 Dec	7-Jan
Chair	John A	No Meeting	Margot
Set Up	Margot		Jacqui
	Jacqui		Nicole
Greeter	Nicole		Ken B
Close down	Ken B		Phil B
	Phil B	James B	
Sergeant	Russell		Wendy

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS: 38
VISITING ROTARIANS: 1
GUESTS: 2

PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS
ATTENDED: 69%

APOLOGIES / GUESTS and MAKEUPS

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

apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com
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.

Christmas Raffle

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5



At our Christmas Meeting this week we will be drawing our Christmas Raffle with lots of fabulous prizes all generously donated by Elizabeth Ling. The proceeds are going to a very deserving cause,

The Indigenous literary Foundation, founded by Suzi Wilson from Riverbend Books.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. More tickets will be available at the meeting this Thursday as well as before the prizes are drawn at the Christmas Breakfast on the 17th. Thank you once again for your support and thank you to Elizabeth.

FIRST PRIZE

- 1 Royal Dalton "Winters Day" Snow Globe
- 1 "Craftsman Reserve" Grant Burge Barossa Shiraz 2012
- 1 Packet Natural Macadamia Nut Kernels

SECOND PRIZE

- Glasshouse Fragrance Candle "Night Before Christmas"
- 1 "Craftsman Reserve" Grant Burge Barossa Shiraz 2012
- 1 "Twelve Days of Christmas" Pure Linen Tea Towel, Red Tractor Designs
- 1 Packet Natural Macadamia Nut Kernels

THIRD PRIZE

- Villeroy & Boch "Mr Snow" Decorative DecoLight
- 1 Jacobs Creek "Limestone Coast" Reserve Shiraz 2014
- 1 Packet Natural Macadamia Nut Kernels
- 2015 Traditional Christmas Stamp Collection

FOURTH PRIZE

- Cloisonné Christmas Bell Ornament
- 1 "Twelve Days of Christmas" Pure Linen Tea Towel, Red Tractor Designs
- 2015 Traditional Christmas Stamp Collection

FIFTH PRIZE

- 1 Porcelain Christmas Serving Platter
- 1 Christmas Hand Towel
- 2015 Traditional Christmas Stamp Collection

Annual Christmas Jewellery Market

Making this year's Christmas shopping easier for Brisbane High-Rise members

Come along and see some gorgeous jewellery designs on display – earrings, necklaces, bracelets and much more.

Some great gifts for everyone - prices start from just \$20.00 (credit card facilities available)

Thursday 17 December
On Display from 7:15am

For Further details -
Susan McGinley –
Mob: 0412 186 722



I had the best time on the Sunshine Safari spending time with the in and out bound exchange students. E went to Caloundra, Gympie and Kingaroy. We visited many different Rotary clubs and challenged ourselves to do new and different activities. It was amazing an something I will remember forever. My sister Anne has also arrived and I have been busy showing her around too. Thank you to everyone who has made 2015 such a special year for me.



Marie's Montage





Ros Mumford
Secretary



Russell Postle
President



Greg Pearson
President Elect



Lindsay Marshall
Treasurer

BOARD MEMBERS 2016-2017



Rosemary Meadows
Past President



Rob O'Donovan
Membership



John Lee
Marketing



Susan Rix
Foundation



Andrew Albury
Program



Sarah Osborne
Communications



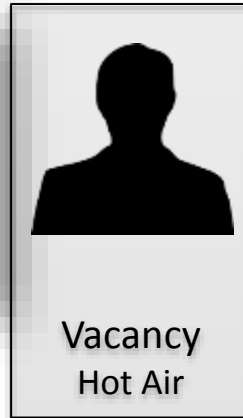
James Goodman
Youth Programs



Kym McClusky
Fellowship



John Mills
Service



Vacancy
Hot Air

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Sun 6 March	Clean up Australia Day Where would you like to go in 2016?
Thur 24 Mar	Sound of Music See Phil B for more details
29 May – 1 April	District 9600 Conference
Fri 8 July	Rotary High-Rise Changeover



Eddie's Epilogue

Daddy had his graduation through the week. I went and was on my best behavior. I even made friends with the little girl in the row in front of us. I also went and visited Santa and got my photo taken. Mum says I have to do it every year – but that's ok.

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