

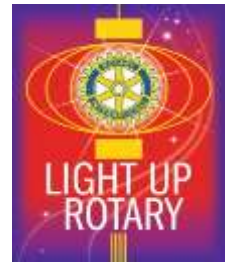


# Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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## HOT AIR

District 9600  
Serving the Heart of Brisbane  
7 May 2015



### LINDSAY'S LINES

The Rotary District Conference at Bribie Island last week was a great success, even with the challenges Friday's storm created. Due to flooded roads, I only arrived well after lunch on Saturday. The afternoon and Sunday sessions were outstanding with presentations that reflect the many extraordinary and diverse projects that Rotary and/or Rotarians are involved with.

I give you 2 quotes I thought put what we do as Rotarians into perspective and why we do what we do:-

**Kelly Pedlar**, District rep to the International RYLA in India Dec14 reminded us that

*"...Everything big starts with a small idea."*

The RI President's rep, from the Philippines, believed one word that could sum up Rotary is *"Hope"*!

I acknowledge the following members within our club who are taking on District roles for 2015/16:- **Wendy Protheroe** – Assistant District Governor, **John Ker** – Legal Counsel & **John Lee** – District ROMAC Chair.

Congratulations also go to **Melanie Packer** who the District awarded a PHF Recognition for her excellent efforts in formation of the newly formed Rotaract Club of Brisbane CBD.

One session I was moved by was when **Laura Van Zyl** from South Africa told of the positive influence being a Youth Exchange student to Gympie in 1983 had on her and, eventually, her whole family. It gave me even more resolve to promote and support this life changing Rotary Program that, as **Laura** described it, *"... builds bridges, understanding and friendship."*

So, on my soap box, whilst we have the 2 families needed from January, I ask again for 2 more host families, in particular, the first family from late July. **Marie** in France is anxiously waiting for confirmation from us so please let me or **Susan Rix** know if you can help.

### INTERNATIONAL TOAST

This week we toast the Rotary Club of Kensington in District 1130. They meet on Wednesday evening. I suspect there will be a royal toast this week.

### GUEST SPEAKERS

| Date   | Name          | Topic                 |
|--------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 7 May  | Mary McCoy    | Global Grant Scholar  |
| 14 May | Louise Arvier | Breakfast in the dark |
| 21 May | Margie Keller | RYLA overview         |

Mary McCoy was born and raised in Waterloo, Iowa, USA. She is a Global Grant scholar studying a Masters of International Public Health at the University of Queensland. She is here in Brisbane representing Rotary District 5970 of Northern Iowa. She graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Exercise Science and Biology from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, USA. During her bachelors degree she was an exercise science research assistant and volunteered at Hospice, aiding patients and their families in the final stages of life.

| ROSTER    | 7-May    | 14-May   | 21-May   |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Chair     | Julie    | Bryce    | Jennifer |
| Set Up    | Bryce    | Jennifer | Steve F  |
|           | Jennifer | Steve F  | Diana    |
| Close own | Steve F  | Diana    | James    |
|           | Diana    | James    | Sylvia   |
| Sergeant  | Kit      | Barbara  | John     |

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| <p><b>ATTENDANCE</b></p> <p>MEMBERS: 100<br/>VISITING ROTARIANS:1<br/>GUESTS:500</p> <p>PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS<br/>ATTENDED:100%</p>   | <p><b>APOLOGIES / GUESTS and MAKEUPS</b></p> <p>NOTIFY OUR CLUB BY 1700 TUESDAY PRIOR TO THAT WEEK'S MEETING AT:</p> <p>apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com<br/>make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com</p> |
| <p><b>DIRECT DEBIT</b></p> <p>PREPAY FOR OUR MEETINGS, EVENTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AT:</p> <p>BSB 084 -034<br/>Account Number 559347857</p> | <p><b>ROTARY GRACE</b></p> <p>O Lord and giver of all good,<br/>we thank you for our daily food. May<br/>Rotary friends and Rotary ways help us<br/>to serve you all our days.</p>                       |



# DIARY DATES



| Date                   | Event                                | Details   |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Thurs 28 May<br>6:30pm | Rotary Art Spectacular opening night | More info at <a href="http://www.rotaryartspectacular.com">www.rotaryartspectacular.com</a> |
| Fri 29 May<br>7:00pm   | AusHEAL Fundraising Dinner           | See back page or John A for more details.   |
| 30-31 May              | Red Shield Appeal                    | Helpers needed in the counting house. See John L for more details                           |



36<sup>th</sup> BRISBANE ROTARY

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Have you liked it yet?

# Can you help?

Do you have a room to spare for a few months? Or know someone who does? The club is expecting an exchange student from France and is in need of a Host family. You only need to ask around the club to see families that have opened their homes and their hearts and been deeply rewarded. If you are interested please see Lindsay or Susan.





# AusHEAL

## FUNDRAISING DINNER

Friday 29 May  
7pm

RSVP: Monday 11 May, 2015

andie@ausheal.org

0407 831 126

Dress: Smart Casual

Please advise dietary requirements

Dinner attendees have the opportunity to book a room at the Gamaro Hotel with a 10% discount on the best available rate for that night. Please ask for the login details when you rsvp if you wish to take advantage of this great offer.

There is no cost for this event as it is underwritten by sponsors. Guests will be invited to donate on the night after hearing about the work of AusHEAL.

### Proud Partners



**GAMBARO HOTEL**

Restaurant and Function Centre  
33 Caxton Street  
Petrie Terrace, Brisbane



AusHEAL (ABN 99 150 512) is a registered Australian not-for-profit charity involved in providing developmental aid, professional health expertise and logistical support by directly supporting hospitals in the developing world.

AusHEAL believes more is effectively achieved by developing an ongoing relationship with a 'hub hospital' in the developing world and empowering its indigenous personnel.

This relationship is built on 4 components of support:  
**Health, Education, Advocacy and Logistics.**

AusHEAL has been regularly sending specialist medical teams and associated health personnel since 2006 to HEAL Africa Hospital in Goma in war-torn eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

[www.ausheal.org.au](http://www.ausheal.org.au)



Donations to the AusHEAL Congo Project, either on the night or at any time, are tax deductible via Global Development Group.

AusHEAL is proud to be a partner for the Project J730N with Global Development Group (ABN 57 102 400 993), a DFAT approved Non-Government Organisation carrying out quality humanitarian projects with approved partners and providing aid to relieve poverty and provide long term solutions.

## SPECIAL GUESTS



### Hon Dr Jo Lusi, MD

Orthopaedic Surgeon  
HEAL Africa Hospital  
Goma, DR Congo  
Co-Founder of HEAL Africa

Dr. Lusi received his orthopaedic training and accreditation in Belgium after completing his undergraduate medical degree at the University of Kirohasa, DRC.

He returned to Nyankunde Mission Hospital, working there as an orthopaedic surgeon for nineteen years. In 1993, while based in Nairobi, Kenya, he became the Director of Health Development for MAP International, coordinating medical care throughout Africa.

After the 1994 Rwandan genocide, Dr Lusi was requested to develop a medical service in Goma, as many had fled across the border from Rwanda to the Goma area. In 1996 he (together with his late wife Lyn) established the HEAL Africa Hospital and HEAL Africa Organisation specifically to train young Congolese doctors to better serve their own community.

Together Dr Lusi and Lyn also established significant community development work in eastern DRC. He served as a Senator in the Interim Congolese Government after peace was declared in 2003.

Dr Lusi is credited with championing the rights of women and the fight against 'sexual violence as a weapon of war'. He remains actively involved in HEAL Africa Hospital and continues his vision and passion for improving healthcare in eastern Congo.



### Justin Paluku Lussy, MD

Obstetrics & Gynaecology  
HEAL Africa Hospital  
Goma, DR Congo  
CEO, HEAL Africa

Dr. Justin Lussy is the CEO of HEAL Africa DRC. He is also a qualified Obstetrician and Gynaecologist.

As the very first resident doctor with HEAL Africa Hospital's Family Medicine residency program in the year 2000, he has spent a significant amount of time mentoring many of the resident doctors who later joined the residency program. He completed his Master's Degree in Family Medicine from the University of Limpopo (South Africa).

In an effort to fill a need for an Obstetric and Gynaecological specialist to deal with the challenges of rape and vaginal fistulae in the eastern part of the DR Congo, Dr. Justin trained and received O&G accreditation at Makerere University in Uganda.

He now heads the O&G department at HEAL Africa Hospital and is particularly involved in fistula repair throughout the eastern provinces of DRC.

His skills in this area have been further developed through working with gynaecologists who have been part of AusHEAL teams.

## Eddies Epilogue

*Mum and dads car was in being serviced so I was going out with Grandma in her car for the day. We got 100m up the road before the car stopped. After some investigation there was a mechanical issue and had to be limped home. I got quite distressed and turned to grandma with my hands up and said "oh no, car broken"*



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