



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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HOT AIR

District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
13 August 2015



The President's Patter.....

Well it's Ekka time again, when for a short time we bridge the cultural divide between city and country and, as cityfolk, recognize how dependent we are on the rural sector. Brisbane's Ekka is particularly special being the only Australian capital city to maintain its original showgrounds and despite recent development much of the original essence remains. For 139 years the annual day at the Ekka has been a highlight of the year for many families. Did you know at the inaugural Ekka in 1876 the very first showbag was a bag of coal, free to all visitors? I confess to being a bit of an Ekka tragic – love the animals, ring events, licorice showbags and the buzz it brings to the city. This year perhaps we should all take a serious moment, pause, and spare a thought for farmers and their families doing it tough in so many parts of this state.

Guest speaker this week, not to be missed, is Brett Lethbridge, multi award- winning artist with a national and international reputation, political cartoonist and Curator of the Rotary Art Spectacular. Brett comes with many stories and insights into Brisbane's Art world.

FAMILY PICNIC IN THE PARK TO WELCOME MARIE



DATE: SUNDAY 16 AUGUST 2015
WHERE: CAPTAIN BURKE PARK
KANGAROO POINT
TIME: 12 noon
BYO Food, Drinks, something to sit on
Come and enjoy a relaxed afternoon with Marie and High-Rise families.

Rosemary Meadows

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Sun 16 Aug	Welcome for Marie Captain Burke Park
Fri 28 Aug	Daffodil Day
Thurs 17 Sept 7:30pm	Strictly ballroom – Lyric Theatre
Fri 30 Oct	Day for Daniel
Tues 24 Nov 6.30pm	Les Miserables - Lyric Theatre

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Today we toast the Rotary Club of Udhampur in District 3070 India. They meet on Saturday at 8:00pm at the Rotary Hospital.

GUEST SPEAKER

Date	Name	Topic
13 August	Brett Lethbridge	Art show curator
20 August	John Leddy	
27 August	David Curnow	

ROSTER	13-Aug	20-Aug	27-Aug
Chair	Any volunteers?	Lyn	Kym
Set Up	Lyn	Kym	Mavis
	Kym	Mavis	Mark
Greeter	Mavis	Mark	Vic
Close down	Mark	Vic	Ros
	Vic	Ros	James N
Sergeant	Greg	Wendy	Kit

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS: 26
VISITING ROTARIANS: 1
GUESTS: 5

PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS
ATTENDED: 46 %

APOLOGIES / GUESTS and MAKEUPS

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

apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com
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DIRECT DEBIT

PREPAY FOR OUR
MEETINGS, EVENTS,
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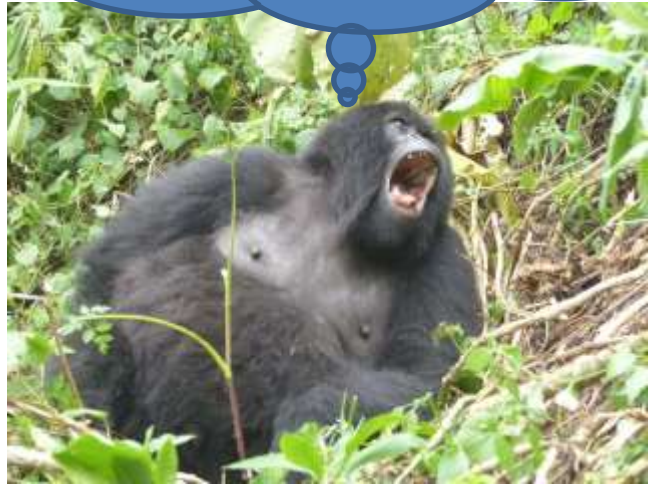
ROTARY GRACE

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.



Gerald from Austria with Frank - Eddy and James G photobombing

What about your trip to Africa John...



Andrew Albury and Guest Speaker Vicki Stewart from Mooloolaba



Next edition mate... next edition.



Here are some photos from Mamba school of the kids doing a recent test. Notice the desk crowding



Postcards from Bill

Just a quick photo and message from Ladakh in India. The area used to be part of Tibet but was conquered back around 1860 by the king of Kashmir, hence it is now part of India. Altitude is 3500 metres so it's taken a couple of days to get used to the altitude. Today we head off higher into the Himalayas. That is weather permitting. There have been a couple of big thunderstorms on the last two nights and there has been flash flooding and road damage. Power and wi fi has also been erratic.

Bill and a prayer wheel



Tuesday morning after two nights of thunderstorms. This is supposed to be a scenic spot with mountain views. All you can see is clouds and the swollen Zaskar and Indus rivers where they join.



Yes there is snow on the ground despite it being a hot day. Border Roads Organisation is part of the Indian Army. They keep



Himalayan village

the roads open around here so they can move troops as it is close to both the Pakistan and Chinese borders. And we obeyed the second sign and left after about 20 minutes. You can easily get altitude sickness because you drive up from around

A selection of road signs seen on Indian roads

10,000 feet in just a couple of hours. Even after that short a stay I had a headache and was slightly dizzy.



Himalayan monastery



Probably the last one I'll send as I'm on my way home now from Leh via New Delhi, Kuala Lumpur and Sydney.



I'm at an altitude of 5598 metres, looking north towards the Karakoram range, a westward extension of the Himalayas



Marie's Montage

Last weekend I attended the Rotary Exchange Orientation where I met the other inbound students and the outbound students. It was held at Luther Heights at Coolum and we had a wonderful time. The sunrise on the beach was very beautiful but it was very early!!! It was a busy weekend with a lot of talking, making new friends and very little sleeping. I am glad there is a public holiday this week. I am looking forward to the Ekka, seeing the show - Anything Goes and my semi formal. Another exciting busy week!!!



Last weekend at Lone Pine ~~feeding~~ harassing the locals.

Eddie's Epilogue

I helped to water the front garden on the weekend.
First mum got a shower... then so did dad.
I thought it was hilarious and couldn't stop laughing.



My very public vegemite tasting



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