

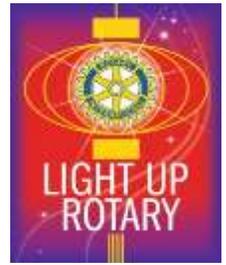


Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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HOT AIR

District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
25 June 2015



LINDSAY'S LINES

This week sees the final time our club meet's for breakfast at the Brisbane Polo Club before it closes its doors on Friday. Having commenced in 1990, the 25 years the Brisbane Polo Club has been in existence represents effectively a generation. As mentioned a few weeks ago when we first heard the news of the Polo Club's closure, it has also been our club's meeting place since we started 22 years ago and a magnificent venue it has been.

Whilst the Polo Club closes, it pleases me that our club is alive and well with the fantastic members it has and the new members it is attracting. This was reflected at last's week's club session led by incoming Youth Director, James Goodman. As a testament, our young visitor from Brazil, after handing over his father's Rotary Club's banner, commented how impressed he was with our open discussion so I am very confident that our club will flourish and move from strength to strength.

So, I look forward to sharing a glass of bubbly at breakfast this Thursday with past, present and future Rotarians as we bid farewell to the Brisbane Polo Club and its staff whilst at the same time celebrate our own club.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Last week we exchanged banners with Luiz Gustavo Zanatta Macedo who was here on an international study abroad program. His father is part of the Rotary club of Juiz de Fora in district 4580 in Brazil. The club meets on a Thursday evening at 7:30. See the banner swap in the following pages

GUEST SPEAKERS

Date	Name	Topic
25 June		Farewell to the Brisbane Polo Club
2 July	Lindsay Marshall	It's a Wrap
9 July		No meeting – Change over dinner

ROSTER	25-Jun	2-Jul	9-Jul
Chair	John K	Sarah	No Meeting Change Over Dinner
Set Up	Sarah	Deb	
	Deb	Barb	
Close down	Barb	John L	
	John L	Frank	
Sergeant	Rob	Greg	

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Sat 27 June 7.00pm	District Change Over Dinner See back page for more details
Wed 1 July 6.00pm	New Farm Rotary Change Over Dinner See inside for more details
Fri 10 July 6:45 pm	Rotary High-Rise Club Change over dinner See inside for more details
Tues 24 Nov 6:30pm	Les Miserables See inside or Phil B for more details

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS:
VISITING ROTARIANS:0
GUESTS:

PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS
ATTENDED: %

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.*



CHANGE OVER DINNER

Rosemary and Denis Meadows

INVITE

Members, Guests and Friends
to celebrate the Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise Changeover 2015

Friday 10th July 2015
The Brisbane Club
241 Adelaide Street Brisbane

Two course dinner, complimentary beverage on arrival followed by a cash bar.

\$80 per person

6.45pm for 7.15pm

Dress: Lounge Suit

RSVP Friday 3rd July 2015
Ros Mumford ros.mumford@bigpond.com

For those attending the 2015 Rotary High-Rise Changeover Dinner, we are delighted to have your company on this special evening. Please wear your PHF medallions.

PAYMENT: There will be no payments taken on the night, pay by,

Direct Deposit to

Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise
BSB: 084 034
Acct: 559347857

or

Payment to Treasurer at a meeting by Thursday 2nd July

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: Please email Ros Mumford ros.mumford@bigpond.com

LOCATION:

The Brisbane Club is located within The Brisbane Club Tower on Post Office Square.

The street address is **241 Adelaide Street, Brisbane QLD**

The main entrance is via the upper level (Queen Street level) of Post Office Square.



PARKING:

The nearest public car park is [Secure Parking - Post Office Square](#), located directly under the Club. Alternate car parks are [Macarthur Central](#), [Queens Plaza*](#), [Wintergarden](#), [The Myer Centre](#)

*Discounted rates apply at Queens Plaza after your parking ticket is validated at the Club.

Link to Secure Parking for pre booking at Evening Rates of approx. \$10

<http://www.secureparking.com.au/secure-a-spot/brisbane>

Banner presented by **Luiz Gustavo Zanatta Macedo** on behalf of his father's a Rotary Club. He was studying Bachelor in Industrial Engineering at Queensland University of Technology for a year as a part of the Study Abroad program.



Maheno Replica Bell (Tax Deductible) Donations Appeal

As the passage of time and the ocean slowly claims the wreck of the Maheno, the ship's bell is a permanent reminder of the contribution of the hospital ship and those who were on her.

A replica of the original ship's bell was cast in Queensland by Olds Engineering at Maryborough. Olds is a fourth generation family business that was started in 1918 by a soldier after he returned from WW1. This replica was presented to the Queensland Maritime Museum as a lasting symbol of this historically significant ship.

Support for the production of this historically significant bell replica can be made by way of tax deductible donations to Qld. Maritime Museum via Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise.

To donate, please go to

www.rotarybrisbanehighrise.com/donate



The Rotary Club of New Farm invite you to our special Change Over Dinner

to be held on

Wednesday, 1st July 2015

at

Aqua Linea Restaurant, Teneriffe, 39 Vernon Tce,
Newstead

from 6pm

Cost: \$55pp including drink on arrival, finger food platters,
2 course meal, teas & coffee | Cash Bar Available

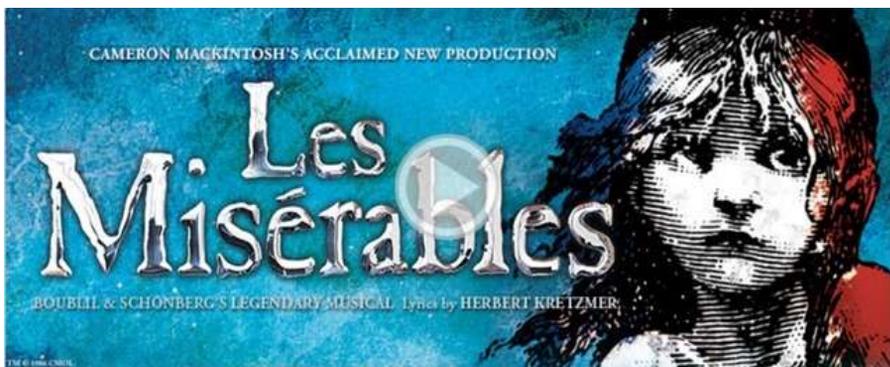
Dress: "After Five Attire"

RSVP: cranbuck@gil.com.au by 27 June 2015 – Include
any dietary requirements

Payment: BSB 084004 AC 152173672 | Ref: Surname
Dinner



Emilie's Habana Hijinks



Lyric Theatre, 6.30pm Tuesday 24 Nov 2015
Theatre Tickets \$110 – Reserved Parking \$21

LES MISERABLES IN BRISBANE

A NEW PRODUCTION BY CAMERON MACKINTOSH

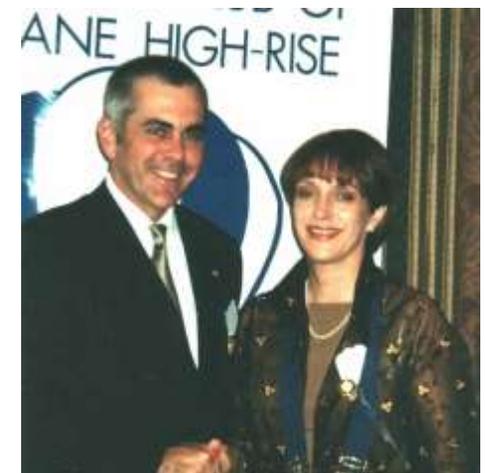
Set against the backdrop of 19th-century France, *Les Mis* is an unforgettable story of heartbreak, passion, and the resilience of the human spirit that has become one of the most popular musicals in history. Featuring the timeless score and beloved songs such as *I Dreamed a Dream*, *On My Own*, *Bring Him Home*, and *One Day More*, *Les Mis* has been seen by over 70 million people, won over 100 awards and is still breaking box office records around the world.

See Phil B if you are interested in attending



A special Thank you to Deb for forwarding these photos of Emilie for Hot Air. I do notice a distinct lack of her presence in them though ;)

More blasts from the past (for good measure)



Which Rotary District will save the most lives?

Between **1 April and 30 June 2015**, Rotarians are supporting a blood drive to see which District can save the most lives.

1 in 3 Australians will need blood during their lifetime, yet only 1 in 30 of us donates. Every donation has the power to save 3 lives.

We are now in the last month so make your donation count towards your Rotary District tally by donating blood & registering in Red25.

BRISBANE POLO CLUB

PHIL BREENE – June 2015

- The Club began in 1990 with 1000 paid up Perpetual Members and a similar number of Associate Members.
- Perpetual members invested of the order of \$4000 each.
- The income from this investment was intended to replace the normal annual fee charged by similar clubs.
- A few years later the Club bought the building for \$3.2M with members investing a further substantial amount.
- From Club funds the debt was reduced to some \$1.2M which remains.
- The bar, dining room and functions were to operate on a commercial basis.
- The fringe benefits tax legislated in 1985 had a devastating effect on club patronage not fully appreciated when Polo opened for business. Clubs had also to compete with a proliferation of new good city restaurants.
- The membership did not provide sufficient business to make the bar and dining room commercial.
- A minimum spend of \$30 per month per member was introduced or a monthly levy of some \$30 had to be paid.
- Breakfast fees paid by Polo/High-Rise members offset this levy.
- However, offsets were eventually abolished causing more and more Polo Club members to resign.
- In the end an annual fee plus an ever increasing levy was required.
- The board were strict in balancing the books but the membership continued to drop, eventually to some 295 perpetual members. The board resisted pressure, from some, to sell the building valued at \$7M.
- Recently the club received an unsolicited offer of \$10M for the building.
- Members were called to an extraordinary general meeting on Monday 25 May 2015.
- Some 195 perpetual members attended and decided firstly to accept the offer and secondly to disband the club and distribute the balance funds to members as provided for in the Club's constitution.



THE BRISBANE POLO CLUB

- INTERIOR CONCEPT

Polo was played by the Persians and Chinese from 600 BC. The game was introduced to the British Army in India in about 1850. It was the time of British occupation of India during the reign of Queen Victoria, and is known as the time of the “Raj” The colour and romance of the Raj in India together with overtones of British Colonial life formed the basis of interior design of the Brisbane Polo Club. It is interesting to note that Naldham House was built at the same time in history as the Raj in India, so the historical link is quite appropriate.



ENTRANCE FOYER

Rich timber wall panelling and the grand staircase were constructed in late 1989 as part of the club fit-out. The design is a period re-creation meant to give the impression that it has been there for 100 years. Timber used includes Queensland Cedar veneers and Kalantis (an imported cedar stained and finished to resemble Australian Red Cedar). The floor is Australian hardwood, stained and finished with Shellac and bees wax in the traditional manner. The huge 10-branch chandelier of brass and etched glass is a reproduction of an antique gasolier made by the Antique Brass Company, Sydney. The Marble fireplace fronts are from elsewhere in Naldham House. They are not operable but kept as a reminder of times past. The visitor sign-in table is a mahogany and walnut Regency side table of English origin, made in about 1815.

CLUB BAR

The magnificent club bar counter dominates the room. It is constructed of cedar with flames mahogany panelling. The top which features inlaid granites and brass medallions of the Polo Club horses head logo, was made by Adams Joinery, Brisbane. The large brass footrail rests on a polished “Imperial Red” granite apron. The carpet design originated from an Indian rug in the Architect’s own home. Known as “Pride of India”, the Axminster carpet was woven in Australia by United Carpet Mills. The chandeliers are a reproduction of seven-branch gasoliers from the Sydney office of Sir Henry Parkes – the Father of Federation.

- The Bengal Tiger Skin found under the piano is a rare artifact. **The tiger was shot in an Indian tea plantation after killing a man and livestock.**
- A large pair of contemporary Polo paintings especially commissioned for the Club hang between the wall mirrors, while a set of racing prints dominates the back wall of the bar.
- Honour Boards of the winners of the Club’s polo tournaments and golf days are also a feature of the Club Bar.
- A small staircase leads from the club bar down to the Wine Cellar.

MACDONALD LIBRARY

Opened, in December 1996, the Macdonald Library was named in recognition of the Macdonald family’s association with the Club’s building, Naldham House. Ben Macdonald is a member of the Brisbane Polo Club, and is the grandson of the Benjamin Wickham Macdonald who, on 4th April 1900, was appointed General Manager of the Australasian United Steamship Navigation Company, the original owners of the building. Ben Macdonald generously provided the Club with rare archival material on the history of his grandfather’s company dating back over 100 years, which is displayed in the library. The library, whilst providing members with writing tables, reading lounges and an additional lunch-time dining area is also used for small meetings. Comfortable Chesterfields are upholstered in Italian leather Library was used as the Polo Club administration office when Club first opened

THE BRISBANE POLO CLUB - INTERIOR CONCEPT (continued)

PRESIDENT'S ROOM (FORMERLY THE GOVERNOR'S ROOM)

Used as an extension of the restaurant and can also be closed as a Private Dining Room.

Was originally named in honour of the Governors of QLD but changed to Presidents room in 2011.

CELLAR

The wine cellar is the oldest part of the building with sandstone walls dating from the 1860's.

The heavy hardwood posts and beams, all hand cut and adzed.

Originally just bars on the windows and dirt floors

The refectory tables (2 are original) and charis made from wood from the wharf docks.

Assembled in the cellar (top separate from legs)

The original strong room for Naldham House, with its massive steel door, now houses the cold room and beer cellar.

The two oriental hall chairs are of Chinese Blackwood, said to originate from a Buddhist temple.

Persian rugs on floor

Note the back wall with frame showing what would have been access to the wharves via a tunnel. (Now Waterfront Place carpark)

LEVEL 1 - MORGAN ROOM (Formerly Members dining room)

- Motto on wall – "Seize the day and don't worry about tomorrow"

- Chandeliers were of the Colonial era

Dining room is reached at the top of the grand staircase

Elegant room with it's columns, chandeliers and potted palms is designed with a classic colonial ambience in mind

-Chairs- leather upholstered designed especially for the club and made by Ellaway & Lord in Brisbane Polo Club

-Each table and chair has a small brass signature plate identifying it's number and origin of manufacture

-Note the Cousteau horse bronzes

Liquor bar made by Adams Joiners to the architects design.

Long Clock is made by John Hamilton of Glasgow who made clocks of this type in the last half of the 1700's (ie about the time captain Cook explored the east coast of Australia)

LEVEL 2 - RECEPTION / BOARDROOM / KINGSTON ROOM

John Kingston was a driving force behind the Club, along with Porky Morgan (founded RBS Morgan's stock broking firm. Died on golf course)

The mahogany Hunt table in the hall way (outside toilets) is of English origin. Made in about 1850, it was used after fox hunts.

Members of the hunt would stand at the table and dispense port or whisky for themselves from the swinging decanters. The decanters can be removed and a drop-in leaf installed to return the table to a conventional side table.

Eddies Epilogue

Mum and dad got called to the 'principals' office this week. I decided to try my hand at "Rocky" and had multiple children cowering in a corner. Mum and dad weren't happy but assured me I could play in the park on the way home if there was an incident free day.



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