



# Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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## HOT AIR

District 9600

Serving the Heart of Brisbane

**26 November 2015 - Rotary Foundation month**



### The President's Patter.....

For any Rotary Club membership is a hot topic for discussion at Board meetings or when Presidents meet. We are delighted to have inducted a new member and welcomed a transferring Rotarian in the past two weeks, so it is timely to reflect on High-Rise membership; how do we make new members feel welcomed and included in the group, and how we attract new members. We believe we are friendly but for guests, prospective and new members it can be daunting to break into a group and feel comfortable. Most of us remember how we felt as newbies, so much to learn and so many names to remember. Let us all go out of our way to engage with our new members and guests at every opportunity.

To promote Rotary and recruit members a group is working on a new website and reintroducing Facebook as a means of communication and marketing. We will look at other strategies in the New Year. However there is nothing like that personal approach. We hear many stories of people who would be great Rotarians when asked why they haven't joined simply say "I have never been asked". It is up to each one of us to promote the great achievements of Rotary and this great club; invite your friends and colleagues to see what we are about.

On a lighter note,  
*For those of you who, like me, periodically switch off Facebook, I thought you may be interested in a little social experiment I am conducting. I am trying to make new friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Each day I take a walk in my small town and tell passers by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I show pictures of my family, lots of photos of my cats and dogs, 'selfies' of me gardening, Diy, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch and generally doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them. And it works just like Facebook.....I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist. (Source, would you believe, posted on Facebook!)*

Rosemary

### DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Fri 4 Dec	High-Rise Christmas party
Thur 10 Dec	Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise Annual General Meeting See over for agenda and details
29 May – 1 April	District 9600 Conference

This week we toast the Rotary Club of Wrexham Erddig in District 1180 in Wales. They meet Thursdays at 6:15pm at the Ramada Plaza Hotel. It appears they have an annual duck race (with rubber ducks) and also do mock job interviews in local schools.

### PROGRAM / GUEST SPEAKER

26 Nov	Bo (Helene) Morse - Disaster Aid Australia/Social Media
3 Dec	No Meeting. Christmas dinner @ Buzz.

ROSTER	26-Nov	3-Dec	10-Dec
Chair	Chris	No Meeting Christmas dinner @ Buzz	Andrew
Set Up	Andrew		John A
	John A		Margot
Greeter	Margot		Jacqui
Close down	Jacqui		Nicole
	Nicole		Neil
Sergeant	Rob	Greg	

### ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS: 32+1  
 VISITING ROTARIANS: 0  
 GUESTS: 1

PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS  
 ATTENDED: 56%

### 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.

# Get you 2016

# Desk Calendar

## And support a good cause too!

# District 9600 conference

The Rotary District 9600 conference will be held at the Event Centre in Maroochydore from Friday 29 April to Sunday 1 May 2016.

Our very own Barbara Leddy and her husband John (current District Governor) have invited us to join them for part or all of the conference. We've heard there is a good line up of speakers (might even be some from High-Rise) and the Saturday night dinner promises to be fun. Best of all...it's a long weekend!

There is still plenty of accommodation available but surely it will fill up quickly in the new year.

Conference commences Friday night 29 April and finishes lunchtime Sunday 1 May. Some say the odd High-Riser may be staying until Monday to enjoy some sun & surf after the conference.

The Event Centre is in the Maroochy RSL, Memorial Ave, Maroochydore.

Nicole and Noela are continuing their fundraising efforts for the Nkuringo Pre and Primary School in the extremely remote village of Nkuringo, Uganda. This time, funds raised will purchase teacher Curriculum Resources. Calendars are \$20 each. See Bill or Nicole to get yours today.



Last year's fundraising for the two new classrooms which were opened on Nicole and my arrival at Nkuringo in February this year.



*Good friends  
Good food & Good cheer  
It's that Christmas time of year!*

*So let's mingle & jingle at the  
Highrise Christmas Party*

*Friday 4th December 6PM  
Buzz Emporium 1000 Ann St  
Fortitude Valley  
\$70 Per Head  
BYO or Buy from Buzz*

*RSVP Yvonne Robson 19th November  
yrrobson@gmail.com 0417 77 99 40*

# Barb's Bit

Hello my dear HR friends

John L & I have just returned from the Rotary Institute week in Melbourne. It was a week where we learnt about the future direction of Rotary, met the next Rotary International president and some of his board and heard some extremely motivational speakers.

Our Wendy was there too, doing Future Leaders' Training, straight after the funeral of her mother. She coped very well!

During the week, the DG's had the opportunity to share their positive experiences & also their frustrations in the year so far. John L had by far the heaviest load because of the visits in PNG & the Solomons. However, he has handled the experience really well with little fatigue! The other DG's were amazed that we had a month in PNG with projects to visit every day and meetings every night. However, they loved the stories of the airports (we had 16 flights) and the journeys on the roads! They especially liked the recount of the Goroka Show where I was able to handle the penis gourds for the photographers. In fact, I won the award for the best story of the year so far ;))

We still have 12 visits to go to complete our club obligations and then it's on to the conference. The committee (including our Deb) has done an amazing job in our absence and we couldn't be more impressed. Please try to support the committee by your presence at the conference, especially as several of our High Rise members are involved. I would be thrilled to see you there.

We will come to the Christmas Party at Buzz and I'm hoping to attend our Christmas meeting as well.

Miss you all!



## ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE HIGH RISE

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Date:** 10 December 2015  
**Venue:** Marriott Hotel  
515 Queen Street Brisbane 4000  
**Time:** 7.40 AM

#### AGENDA:

- Apologies
- Minutes of Previous AGM
- Financial Report
- Election of Office Bearers
- General Business

Apologies: [cmorrissey@comcen.com.au](mailto:cmorrissey@comcen.com.au)  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015



**KEEP  
CALM  
THERE ARE ONLY  
23 SLEEPS  
TO GO**

**Don't forget to  
invite the whole  
family to the High-  
Rise Christmas  
Breakfast.**

**When:** Thurs  
17 December 2015

**Where:** The  
Marriott Hotel  
**RSVP:** Mon 14 Dec

A special kids menu will be available and rumour has it there will even be a 'suit'able guest of honour. Wear your best festive gear and in the spirit of Christmas bring a gift voucher for those less fortunate.

See Margot for more details

# Marie's Montage



I will never forget my 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday. I am usually inside shivering from the cold but this year it was very hot and I spent most of it in the pool or fighting fires! Thanks to everyone who came along to Il Locale at Rosalie on Friday night. The pasta, pizza and cake was great. I was worried that we were going to set the fire sprinklers off with all the candles they put on my cake!!! On Saturday I had the other exchange students over for a pool party and had a lot of fun. We also had a camp fire and as the cool change came through we almost set Buccan alight! The next morning, after the sleepover I made crepes for breakfast. They went perfectly with the bacon, eggs and fruit. Thanks to everyone for making my 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday so memorable.



## ***Eddie's Epilogue***

I went to Marie's party too. I was just starting to doze when the cake came out. I proceeded to tell everyone there was a party and cake – just in case they didn't know!

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