



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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HOT AIR

District 9600

Serving the Heart of Brisbane

14 January 2016 – Vocational service month



The President's Patter.....

Today Sally Irving returned from her life-changing year in France and Lindsay, Di and I, along with Ashley and Sue Broad and the YEP Committee experienced first hand the rewards of being an active in Rotary and the joy of welcoming the 2015 Rebounders.

What is it about our club that drives us to devote inordinate amounts of time to Rotary activities? Into already busy lives we squeeze meetings to organize events or work on District or Club Committees, we get out of bed early on weekends to work in the community. I believe a huge factor is the extraordinary success of Rotary's Programs and readily identified results. High-Rise has a proud history of supporting young people and in the time I have been a member our experiences have all been positive. What follows is not a complete list but some highlights and reflections that include,

National Youth Science Forum. Who can forget the outstanding presentations given by returning NYSF candidates and the long-term benefits to Year 11 students who will become leaders in Science and Technology? Similarly with RYLA we have sponsored at least nine 18-25 year olds to undertake leadership training resulting in increased confidence and skills in their workplace. Our 2005 nominee Natalie Isbel was chosen to represent the district at RYLA's World Convention in Chicago. *Peace Scholars and Ambassadorial Scholars* have brought some talented and committed young people into our club for a time; Eichero, Gina, Amy, Chantelle and Marius are now working to better our world. Then there are the children whose lives we touch at *Mamba Primary School and the School of St Jude.* Who can forget Bill Phillips playing the video of the first trip to Africa and the children's' welcome singing as they arrived at the school. Not a dry eye in the room that morning. This year we will be meeting one of the first year twelve cohort to graduate from St Jude's. We support disadvantaged young people at the Flexible Learning Centre with bursaries and their successes are clearly evident when we attend their graduation evening. Then there are the ROMAC patients whose lives have been changed through medical intervention, including Ashmar, Channy, Siv-Hong, Vascolynne, Roselyn and also Aayan sponsored independently by our club.

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DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Sat 27 Feb 6.30pm	Million Dollar Dinner See Susan for more details
Sun 6 March	Clean up Australia Day Where would you like to go in 2016?
29 May – 1 April	District 9600 Conference
Fri 8 July	Rotary High-Rise Changeover

International Toast

This week we toast the Rotary Club of Auckland. They meet on Monday at lunchtime in the Stamford Plaza Hotel. It was chartered in 1921 with 55 members and is part of District 9920

PROGRAM / GUEST SPEAKER

14 Jan	Helen McCarthy – yes our very own
21 Jan	Sally Irving – My year abroad

ROSTER	14-Jan	21-Jan	28-Jan
Chair	Jacqui	Nicole	Phil B
Set Up	Nicole	Phil B	James
	Phil B	James	Rod
Greeter	James	Rod	Jennifer
Close down	Rod	Jennifer	Steve F
	Jennifer	Steve F	Diana
Sergeant	Kit	Rob	Greg

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS: 32+1
VISITING ROTARIANS: 1
GUESTS:4

PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS
ATTENDED: 63%

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:

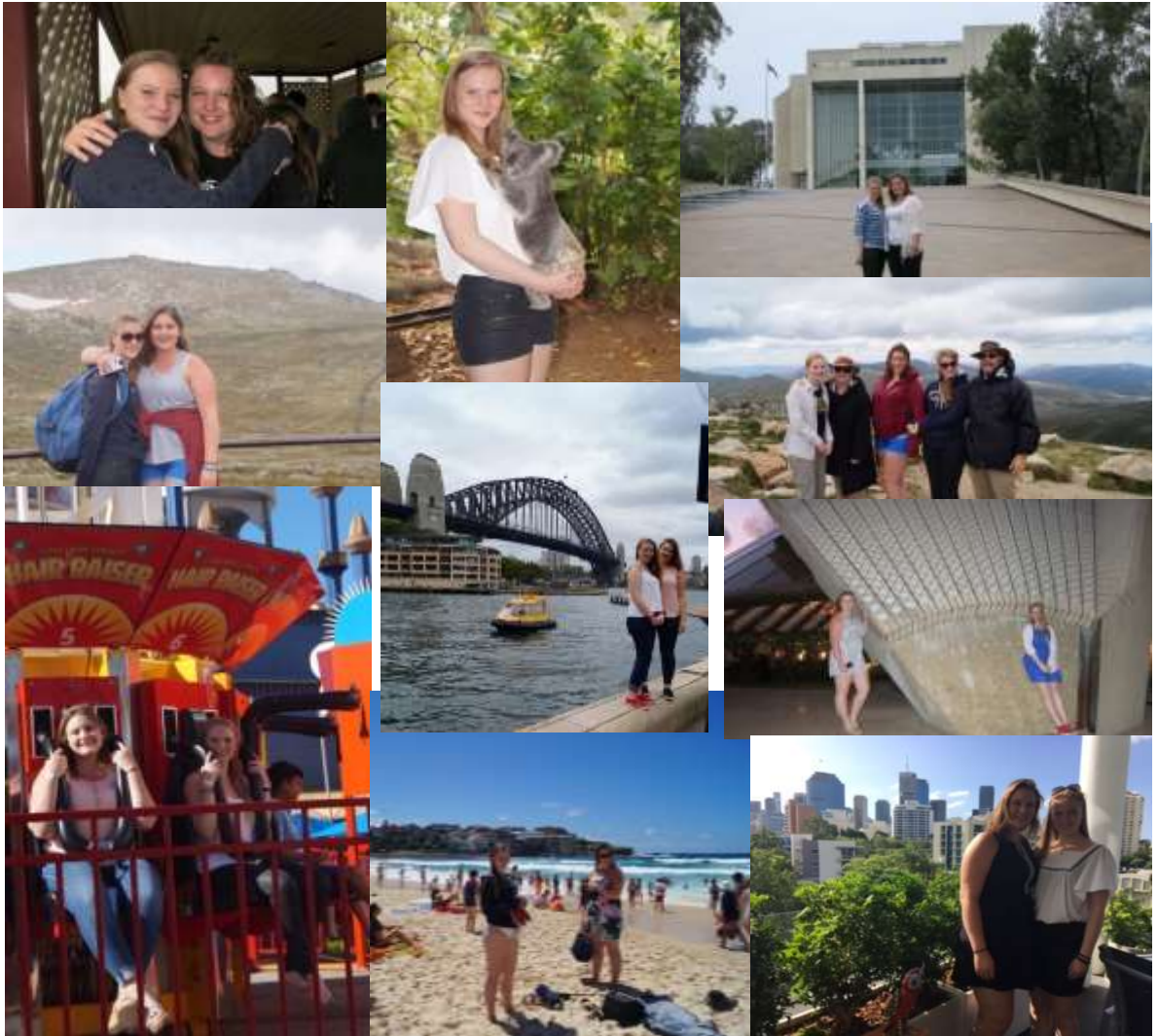
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ROTARY GRACE

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.

Marie's Montage

I have really enjoyed having my sister, Anne, visit. We have had a great time in Canberra, Sydney, Gold Coast and Brisbane. We have surfed at Bondi, gone on rides at Luna Park and the Theme parks and climbed to the peak of Mt Kosciusko and survived. We also really enjoyed meeting the local wildlife and the show and overnight stay at Margo's. It will be fun to catch up with Sally (recently returned exchange student) to hear all about her adventures in France. I can't believe how fast my year is going.



Returning to Youth Exchange, which is one of our signature programs, from Kristian Doescher Inbound from Germany in 1997, followed by Esther, Kate, Michael, Johnna, Emelie, to Marie with us this year and Sally who has just returned. When any of these young people are in our midst I notice a lightness and added buzz in the room. They bring us great joy and we can feel good about what each one of us contributes. Our rewards are seeing first hand the success stories and knowing we have made a difference. It is what drives us and the 1.2m other Rotarians.



YOUTH EXCHANGE MEETING

At the meeting on 21 January 2016 Sally Irving will be our special Guest Speaker sharing her adventures in France while on Youth Exchange. This would be a great meeting to invite your high school sons

and daughters, relatives and friends to be inspired by Sally's experiences.

We will offer a special breakfast rate of \$20 for students and young guests.

Please RSVP to Jacquie by Tuesday 19 January.

Rosemary

Please email contributions for Hot Air to Highrisehotair@gmail.com