



# Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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## HOT AIR

District 9600

Serving the Heart of Brisbane

**21 January 2016 – Vocational Service month**



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

2016 has started well with two vibrant well-attended meetings and the bonus of visiting Rotarians and guests. At the first meeting we welcomed David and Betty Thorpe, visiting from Ashgrove the Gap and Wendy's grandchildren Malika, Tariq and Mosan. The following week Marie's YEP friend Gaetan from Switzerland joined us and David Thorpe returned bringing Cliff Weder, another Rotarian from Ashgrove the Gap. Surprise visitors were Kiriaco Jarami and his Mother Ana from Chile. They have strong Rotary connections with Kiriaco's grandmother a Rotarian in Chile. Truly the Rotary network in action both locally and internationally.

Members and guests were all captivated by new member Helen McCarthy's presentation, telling us about her extensive family and career highlights to date, particularly her role as Assistant Director in the (Former) Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, ACT and currently working with business and government to achieve greenhouse and energy management and corporate sustainability performance. It is our own members as speaker for the day are the most interesting and usually full of surprises, so thank you Helen for a fantastic presentation. We may need a rerun, especially your time in Canberra.

Members not continuing this year are Mark Lateo, Elena Gosse, Angela Gill and Ken Bell so membership is now 53. It is always sad to have valued members leave but that is the nature of any club and it is incumbent upon us all to maintain the enthusiasm and vibrancy of High-Rise. Important goals should always include

- keeping our members engaged
- inviting friends and colleagues to meetings
- telling the community we are here

We all know the great benefits of being a Rotarian, we just need to spread the word.

Rosemary

### DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Sun 31 Jan Late pm	<b>Beer and bar food get together</b> See over for details
Sat 27 Feb 6:30pm	Million Dollar Dinner
Sun 6 March	<b>Clean up Australia Day</b> Where would you like to go in 2016?
29 May – 1 April	<b>District 9600 Conference</b>
Fri 8 July	<b>Rotary High-Rise Changeover</b>
13 April	<b>St Judes Dinner</b>

### INTERNATIONAL TOAST

This week we toast the Rotary Club of Kanungu-Bwindi Forest in Uganda. They meet on Wednesdays at 5:30pm in Mountain Gorilla Inn.

### PROGRAM / GUEST SPEAKER

21 Jan	Sally Irving – My year abroad
28 Jan	Club Assembly

ROSTER	21 Jan	28 Jan	4 Feb
Chair	Nicole	Phil B	James B
Set Up	Phil B	James B	Rod
	James B	Rod	Tom
Greeter	Rod	Tom	Jennifer
Close down	Tom	Jennifer	Steve F
	Jennifer	Steve F	Diana
Sergeant	John	Rob	Greg

### ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS: 32+1  
VISITING ROTARIANS: 2  
GUESTS: 4

PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS  
ATTENDED: 59%

### APOLOGIES / GUESTS and MAKEUPS

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

[apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com](mailto:apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com)  
[make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com](mailto:make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com)

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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.

# It's a "Beer and Bar Food" event

A lazy Sunday afternoon get together at an exciting new Brisbane venue.... [www.catchmentbrewingco.com.au](http://www.catchmentbrewingco.com.au)

Where: **Catchment Brewing Company,**  
150 Boundary St West End  
When: Late afternoon **Sunday 31st January**

See Yvonne to RSVP



We love it when the whole family get involved –  
Maybe we can all have a picnic next time ☺



Chantelle Doerksen, a previous Peace Scholar hosted by our Club, has become engaged to Ian Vo. Chantelle is living with Ian in Newhall, California and still involved with Rotary. She is at a Rotary Peace conference in Ontario CA this weekend promoting Mediators Beyond Borders International.

## St Judes Dinner

**6.30pm Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**Grand Ballroom Marriott Hotel.**

**Guest Speaker:** Gemma Sisia founder of St Judes plus Dorice one of the first St Judes' graduants

**Host:** The Rotary Club of Brisbane High – Rise.

**MC:** Ian Skippen

**Cost:** \$85 per head plus drinks at cost.

**RSVP:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

**Dinner Purpose:** To raise funds to supply 30 solar hot water heaters for the St Judes Usa River accommodation campus. Currently students have access to cold water only; Arusha is situated at the base of Mt Meru which is snow covered for much of the year. The water is therefore very cold. Each heater unit costs US\$2,500.

# Can you help?

A young Dentist, Mengzhu Wang (Meng), living on the Gold Coast will be the only South-East Queensland member of a Vocational Training Team which will help set up a dental Clinic in Jiwaka Province in Papua New Guinea. With help from the Rotaract Club of Southport, Meng has been receiving many donations of dental gear and is desperate for help to store these many items. She has very limited storage available where she lives and is appealing for help from anyone who may be able to offer temporary storage space including refrigerated space, as some of the materials need to be kept refrigerated.

Meng is willing to travel and take the goods to a storage place anywhere from Southport to Noosa. She is hoping that D9600 Rotarians can assist by offering to assist or in identifying suitable storage/refrigerated facilities.

Please let John Leddy know if you have some space available or if you know who might have some. Jiwaka Province is in PNG and within the province is the Rotary Club of Nondugl.

Contact Meng if you need further information: Mengzhu Wang <[mengzhu.wang@griffithuni.edu.au](mailto:mengzhu.wang@griffithuni.edu.au)>

This VTT and Dental Clinic is a project of the Rotary Club of Greenhills-Maitland <http://dentalproject.greenhillslotary.org.au/>



Post meeting coffee



## Harvey Norman®

Harvey Norman has become the first Australian vendor to join Rotary Global Rewards.

This is the first of a roll out of Rotary Global Rewards to many Australian vendors which will be in addition to the existing vendors such as Amazon and Hertz. Log on to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) to check out Rotary Global Rewards.

This program gives Rotarians substantial buying discounts but also raises funds for the Rotary Foundation as the vendors also pass on a percentage of each sale to the Foundation.



You will be pleased to know we visited the Maheno school today and met up with Ryan Fraser. He showed us a great collection of photos from their Fraser Is visit and other historical pics they had enough collected including one as hospital ship 1917. The replica bell is well used at the school and put away inside every evening.

Cheers  
Tom



## Marie's Montage

This week I saw the out bounders off to Europe, it reminded me of the time I left France. I can't believe I am halfway through my year. I am pleased to say that I have just about organised or ticked everything off my bucket list. I have some great experiences coming up at Fraser and Lady Elliott islands as well as a trip to Adelaide and the Red Centre. Exciting times ahead.

If you are interested please see Sarah or Rosemary



## Eddie's Epilogue



Mum would like to apologise for the missing epilogue last week – dad made sure she knew it was missed by many. And another apology for the missing emails too – she's been a little distracted of late. Everyone is hoping the gastro bug she has will stop soon ;)

Please email contributions for Hot Air to [Highrisehotair@gmail.com](mailto:Highrisehotair@gmail.com)