

The President's Patter ...

Our guest speaker last week introduced us to the organisation Solar Buddy. Their goal is to provide a simple cost effective solar powered light that can assist with children at school during the day and a light to read by at night. Children in communities overseas where there is no electricity in the home and quite likely no electricity in their schoolroom.

This week we are scheduled to hear about a program to increase literacy amongst our aboriginal communities here in Australia.

Two things that most of us take for granted – firstly being able to reach for a switch to turn on the lights, take a drink from the refrigerator and cook a meal, and secondly the ability to read and write with relative ease.

These two presentations highlight how fortunate we all are. They also highlight opportunities where Rotary can serve humanity and make changes to the world we live in. It is also a timely reminder that there is still much to be done within Australia. In my role on the board of the Royal Flying Doctor Service here in Queensland there is a constant reminder of the need to find a solution to improving the long term health outlook for the aboriginal communities.

Robert Louis Stevenson wrote that we should judge each day not by the harvest we reap, but by the seeds we plant.

Russell Postle

Date	Event
20 July	"We Will Rock You"
20 July	Rotaract fundraiser - documentary screening of "Bringing in the Light"
5 August	International House Golf Day
6 August	Date Keeper – DIK volunteering
12 November	BBQ at Bunnings – contact John M to help out!

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

This week we toast the Rotary Club of Nice, France. They meet on Fridays at 7pm at The Splendid Hotel. They meet approximately 500 meters from the Nice truck attack site.

PROGRAM / GUEST SPEAKER

21 July Suzie Wilson - Indigenous Literacy Foundation

28 July Lord Major Graham Quirk

ROSTER	14 July	21 July
Chair	Steve S	Jane S
Set Up	Jane S	Angela T
	Angela T	Craig W
Greeter	Craig W	Chris W
Close down	Chris W	Daryl W
	Daryl W	Andrew A
Sergeant	Kit B	John M

<p>ATTENDANCE</p> <p>MEMBERS: 29 VISITORS: 6</p> <p>PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS ATTENDED: 55%</p>	<p>APOLOGIES / GUESTS and MAKEUPS</p> <p>NOTIFY OUR CLUB BY 7.00 am TUESDAY PRIOR TO THAT WEEK'S MEETING AT:</p> <p>apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com</p>	<p>DIRECT DEBIT</p> <p>PREPAY FOR OUR MEETINGS, EVENTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AT:</p> <p>BSB 084 -034 Account Number 559347857</p>	<p>ROTARY GRACE</p> <p>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.</p>
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Last Week's happenings



Welcome Georgia! The newest Rotarian in the world

Georgia was inducted on the 14 July 2016 with the classification of Accounting Manager. She is looking forward to being a part of the Rotary community and participating in our service projects. Georgia has been introduced to Rotary by her sister, who is well known to our club, Rotaract member Riley.



Visiting Rotarian John chatting to Chris, on her return from Europe



Gareth and Simon from **SolarBuddy** with Phil and Rob. Gareth gave an interesting presentation on their project which aims to rid the world of energy poverty. See more at www.solarbuddy.org/



Above is a picture of the Ambulance we contributed towards for Dr Edna's Maternity Hospital. It arrived last week. The funds were donated by the club during Lindsay's year.



Love Rug knitting

The Love Rug knitters met on Saturday for a lovely fellowship afternoon at Jacque's place. There was lots of chatting over clicking knitting needles and a very delicious afternoon tea. Around 85 rugs have been donated to YourTown so far. What a great club effort.



Wendy's Story – the journey to District Governor



I thought that as you nominated me for the role of District Governor I would try to keep you up to date with the journey via regular snippets in Hot Air.

Over the past few weeks it's been a time of getting to know other Clubs as I've been attending their Changeovers. Venues have included a country pub, a university college, inner city bar and of course Tattersalls - sometimes they take place at the regular Club venues. The last one of these was on the 18th July. I've learnt to be ready to jump into the breach and do ""something"" that I usually learn about when I've arrived.

Our PDG John Ker did warn me about that but I was still amazed when we were at the Glasshouse Club and the Chair decided they were twenty minutes ahead of schedule so he asked me to be the speaker!!! Makes me really value all that I studied to go through the selection process – it's amazing what can be pulled out of the grey cells when put on the spot.

Now I'm going to start gathering all that I need for training in Penrith in late August!

Cheers

Wendy

International House is conducting its 2016 Golf Day at St Lucia Golf Links on Friday 5 August 2016.

International House Golf Day

*Friday, 5 August 2016
18 hole Ambrose format with Shotgun start*

Team and individual golfers are all welcome. Please contact John Boyd if you would like him to coordinate a team for you.

For more information:

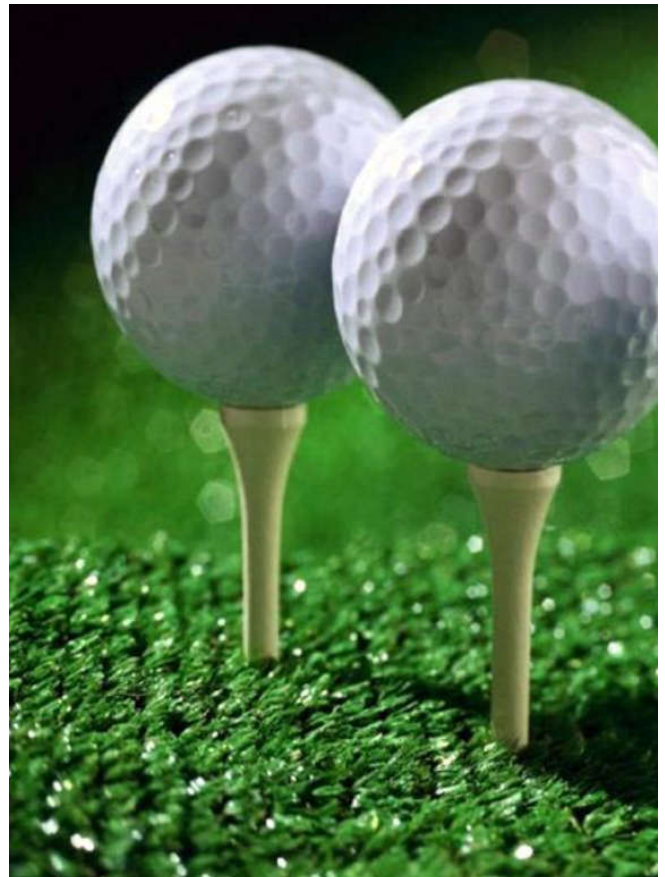
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Brisbane CBD Rotaract Fundraiser for Seven Women in Nepal

Documentary Screening of "Bringing in the Light"



Wednesday 20 July
5:30pm – 7:30pm
St James College,
Spring Hill
\$15/ \$10 concession

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