

The President's Patter ...

Last week I was reflecting on how fortunate we are with the quality of our lifestyle in Brisbane and Australia generally. That was further reinforced in the last week in three separate avenues.

Brendan Cox from Legacy spoke to us last Thursday about the work that is done by Legacy in support of those who serve our country in the armed forces. Legacy is a service unique to Australia

Last Saturday night I attended the Royal Flying Doctor Service Gala Ball where we were able to hear first hand the trauma of one of those who suffered in the Ravenshoe café explosion, as well as the experiences of the pilot and flight nurse who were the first on the scene. The RFDS is also unique to Australia in its breadth and depth of service.

And finally I caught up with a colleague who relocated to Brisbane from Philadelphia a few years ago – he has agreed to come to speak to our club at a breakfast about his observations of relocating to Brisbane. One that was a surprise was that we can catch a bus in Brisbane with safety. In Philadelphia you take your life in your hands when you catch a bus.

This week also saw the unfortunate earthquake disaster in Italy. We have received advice that Shelterboxes have been deployed into the region to assist those whose homes have been destroyed or remain too dangerous to be occupied.

As a Rotary inspired and supported organisation we as Rotarians can take pride in the humanitarian aid being deployed.

Russell Postle

Date	Event
31 August	Wal Bishop Testimonial Dinner
18 September	Toowoomba Steam Train ride
29 November	Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration Dinner

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

This week we toast the Rotary Club of Manchester Trailblazers, Manchester, England. They meet on Thursdays at 6:30pm at St James Club.

PROGRAM / GUEST SPEAKER

1 Sept	Fellowship
8 Sept	Anthony Smith – Menswatch
15 Sept	Cath Parker – Cystic Fibrosis
22 Sept	Nick Parkyn – Falls of Sound

ROSTER	1 September	8 September
Chair	Andrew A	David A
Set Up	David A	John A
	John A	Margot B
Greeter	Margot B	Jacque B
Close down	Catherine B	Philip B
	Jacque B	James B
Sergeant	John M	Rob O

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

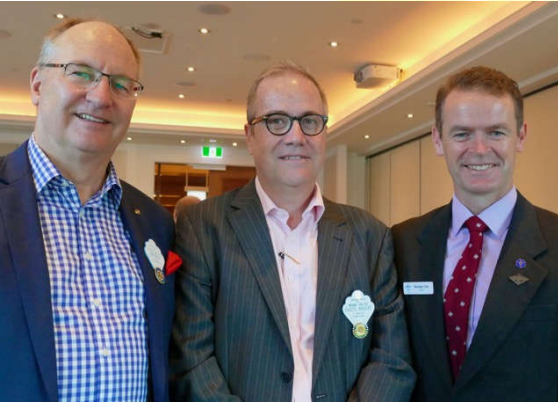
PREPAY FOR OUR MEETINGS, EVENTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AT:

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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.*

Last Week's happenings



Brendon Cox from Legacy (left with John and Darryl) was our guest speaker last week. He gave an engaging talk about the role of Legacy in the community and their commitment to helping families of fallen soldiers. Greg Cooley also dropped in for our meeting (below with Darryl, who went to UQ with Greg, and Kym). Greg kindly donated \$675 to the club following the Reds, Whites, Blues and Brews afternoon.



Diana's daughter Helen joined us while visiting from New York.

Wendy's Story – the journey to District Governor



It's been a busy four weeks – the Youth Exchange week-end at Coolum, the District 9600 Membership Seminar (with Rob); Inter District Membership Seminar (a day at the Gold Coast meant Barbara and I missed the High Rise event); Foundation meetings; Conference planning meeting, the Board meeting and the District Committee meeting (with Rosemary).

In between those there've been a couple of meetings with the District Governor at High Rise and Fortitude Valley (with Rosemary) and at our own Club meetings.

Lots of what I'm learning in these early stages is a focus on the range of activities taking place in our own District that is similar in aim but different in delivery to the way our Club works. I'm genuinely surprised at the various ways in which Clubs ask for support – and that's the role of District – and have already participated in conversations between Rotarians, looked into Governance at the Club level and have had speaking roles. \

Obviously, we each choose to belong to Rotary for the fellowship, the focus on service (young people assure me we should be calling it volunteering) and the opportunity to grow and learn. I quite like the way some Clubs start their meetings by saying the 4 Way Test. It's a good reminder of the values we share.

Wendy

Happy Birthday Ros!



Thank you to Russell, Rosemary and all my fellow High Risers for such a wonderful start to my day last Thursday – the chorus and the cake were a lovely surprise. I continued on to pick up my birthday present – a shiny new red AWD Subaru Forester. Now I just have to work out what all those touch buttons are for. I know I am repeating an earlier quote by another BHR member by saying I regard all of you as my extended family – thanks again. Ros Mumford

Andrew's Rowathon



Diana Gire's son Andrew Sweatman will be doing the Murray River Rowathon with the Man Squad Quad again this year. He is raising funds for the RFDS and specifically the dental service they offer to regional areas. They have a target of \$5,000 which is 10% of the Rowathon's goal of \$50,000.

Below is a link to the fundraising site if you would like to support Andrew:

https://rowathon2016.everydayhero.com/au/Man_Squad_Quad#/?k=nlbd5h

Helen's "Cardiac Challenge"

Cardiac Challenge

Whilst you might be enjoying the steam train to Toowoomba, I will be participating in the Cardiac Challenge, riding from Cairns to Cooktown from September 17-19.

A Rotary supported event, this raises money for the cardiac ward at the Cairns Hospital. As my Grandfather died of a heart attack at just 48 years old, this is a cause close to my family's heart (pun intended).

Donations would be most welcome. Search "Cardiac Challenge+Helen McCarthy". 100% of funds raised go directly to the hospital.

If we don't meet our goal of \$2,500 my old man and I will be distributing photos of us wearing lycra – DIG DEEP!

Helen McCarthy

Cairns to Cooktown = 327 km



About the same as London to Manchester



40 km more than Zurich to Geneva

Upcoming events

Let Susan know if you'd like to join the High Rise table



Rotarians, Partners, Friends & Guests

are cordially invited to participate in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation.

Date: Tuesday 29th November 2016

Venue: Eatons Hill Hotel & Function Centre,
646 South Pine Road, Eatons Hill – Grand ballroom.

Cost: \$75 Per Person. Cash bar.

Keynote Speaker: **KALYAN BANERJEE**

Past R.I. President & Chairman of Trustees of

The Rotary Foundation

Registration: trfcentennial@rotary9600.org

Payment: Westpac Bank, BSB: 034 272
A/c No. 268903

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Steam Train Trip to Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers

All Aboard!

The Rotary Club of Brisbane High Rise will be joining a trip organised by the Australian railway Historical Society for a day trip on a steam train to Toowoomba in conjunction with the spectacular Carnival of Flowers. This is a day to sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery in transit with a visit to some magnificent gardens in Toowoomba at their peak.

Date: Sunday 18 September 2016

Fares: Adults \$119 / Children \$59.50 / Family
(2 Adults and 2 Children) \$303 **plus** \$30 pp for
lunch

RSVP: To Russell at email:

president@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com.

Payment to Lindsay or direct to the Rotary
Bank Account



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