

## The President's Patter ...

The Rotary Down Under magazine has a section titled *A Burning Issue*, devoted to a couple of questions related to Rotary Clubs. This month's question included the frequency of meetings. Rotary was established around the concept of regular formal weekly meetings. The question does arise whether after one hundred years or so this remains the best structure for the future of Rotary.

When I have visited clubs in regional locations such as country towns they have often talked of the difficulties of finding guest speakers on a weekly basis.

Our club is fortunate being located in the city that it is generally easier to secure speakers something that does assist us in keeping the club active and vibrant.

A change to allow clubs to choose a meeting schedule and format to suit makes sense and is a reminder that we must all constantly review and refresh.

Earlier this year Senator Fiona Nash in her role as Minister for Rural Health offered a very worthwhile guide to change – *if you do not disrupt your business yourself, someone else will*. Disruption is often associated with the fear of change but the reality is that it can produce good outcomes with positive effects.

This rule applies to Rotary as equally as every other enterprise. We need to constantly look for new opportunities and challenge what we do and how we do things. This is the responsibility for every member to contribute.

*Russell Postle*

Date	Event
18 September	Toowoomba Steam Train ride
18 September	District AGM, Foundation Seminar and Youth Showcase
24 September	International House Soiree
29 November	Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration Dinner

## INTERNATIONAL TOAST

This week we toast the Rotary Club of Lyon. They meet at Hôtel Mercure Lyon Centre Saxe Lafayette on Fridays at 12:15pm.

## PROGRAM / GUEST SPEAKER

15 Sept Cath Parker – Cystic Fibrosis

22 Sept Nick Parkyn – Falls of Sound

29 Sept Melissa Kaplan – The step before innovation

6 Oct No Meeting – Art Show joint meeting

ROSTER	15 September	22 September
Chair	John A	Margot B
Set Up	Margot B	Jacque B
	Jacque B	Philip B
Greeter	Philip B	James B
Close down	James B	Rod C
	Rod C	Louise D
Sergeant	Greg P	Wendy

<p><b>ATTENDANCE</b></p> <p>MEMBERS: 35 VISITORS: 5</p> <p>PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS ATTENDED: 65%</p>	<p><b>APOLOGIES / GUESTS and MAKEUPS</b></p> <p>NOTIFY OUR CLUB BY 7.00 am TUESDAY PRIOR TO THAT WEEK'S MEETING AT:</p> <p><a href="mailto:apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com">apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com</a></p>	<p><b>DIRECT DEBIT</b></p> <p>PREPAY FOR OUR MEETINGS, EVENTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AT:</p> <p><b>BSB 084 -034</b> <b>Account Number</b> <b>559347857</b></p>	<p><b>ROTARY GRACE</b></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



Winners are Grinner! Lindsay and John snapped a selfie while celebrating the Reds win last weekend.

## Light Up Uganda – Thank you!

Thanks everyone for your support. I have raised enough money for 680 solar lights. 500 are going to the ID Rayner school in Uganda and I will work with High Rise to decide where the other 180 lights are to go. It has been an amazing experience for me and my school, so thank you for bringing me the idea and financially supporting the program. KC is definitely lighting up Uganda.

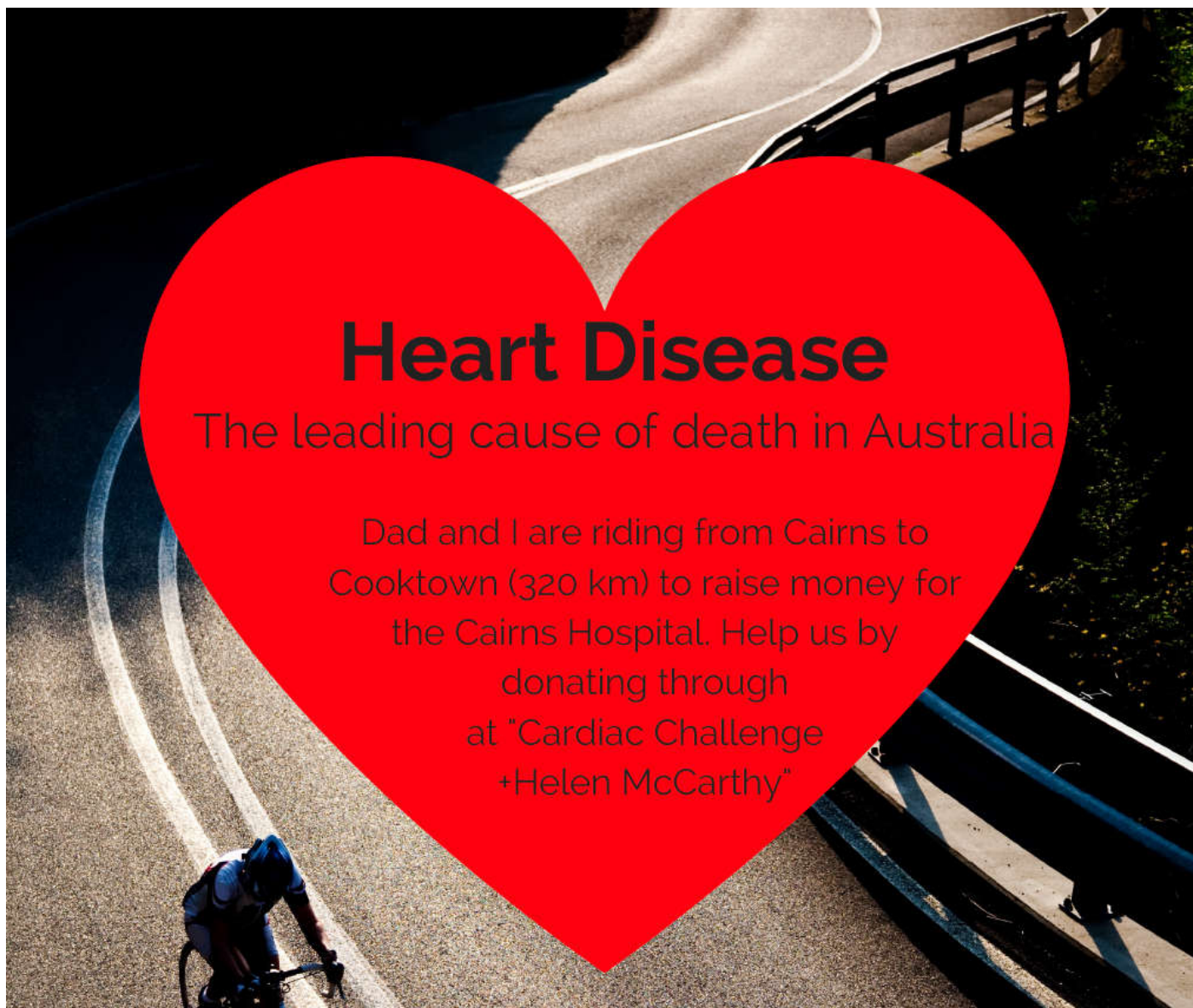
Zanthia

Left: Zanthia with her principal Paul Thomson who has been exceptionally supportive of the program.

Anthony Smith from *The Australian Institute of Male Health and Studies* gave an informative presentation on Menswatch and insight into depression and suicide amongst men at our last meeting. [www.aimhs.com.au](http://www.aimhs.com.au)



Last chance to support Helen to support cardiac care in Cairns



# Heart Disease

The leading cause of death in Australia

Dad and I are riding from Cairns to Cooktown (320 km) to raise money for the Cairns Hospital. Help us by donating through at "Cardiac Challenge +Helen McCarthy"

Last  
Call!

**Rotary**  
District 9600



**District News**

**District AGM, Foundation Seminar & Youth Showcase.**

*This day will go off like a frog in a sock.*

**St Columban's College - McKean St, Caboolture**

**18th September 8.30am to 3.30pm**

Please confirm your attendance by 13th September to  
David Winters -  
[districtsecretary@rotary9600.org](mailto:districtsecretary@rotary9600.org)

## Andrew's RFDS Rowathon



Diana Girle's son Andrew Sweatman (second from right) 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](https://rowathon2016.everydayhero.com/au/Man_Squad_Quad#/?k=nlbd5h)

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 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation.

**Date:** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:trfcentennial@rotary9600.org)

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

OR

**On-Line:** [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au)

## Steam Train Trip to Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers

Last Call!

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](mailto:president@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com).

**Payment** to Lindsay or direct to the Rotary Bank Account



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