

President's Patter

A big week has just occurred for our Youth program

Our club outgoing youth a exchange student Siena, who was our guest speaker last week has now departed to Denmark and Global Scholar, Amy Smith (we are her local contact club) is due to arrive from Canada anytime (I have not heard back from her on final arrival deals this week). We have also received advice as expected that we will have an Incoming student through our club In July. The District has already started to receive details of incoming students and we can expect finalisation within weeks. District 9600 RYLA commences on 5 May and we should consider our potential nominations both to attend as well as sponsored leaders through our club soon. March also features Rotary International President Ian Risley back home in Australia for a number of events. Saturday the 17th March is for the Rotary peace seminar in Sydney (information and registration link: <http://rippc2018.com.au/program/>). Registrations are still available at a cost of \$250 and the program looks to be outstanding including a Nobel Peace Laureate, it would be great if a member of our club could attend and then report back to us. If you would like to attend please discuss with me as soon as possible. The other event that that we should consider as a club is a group booking for a Dinner event at Loganholme on Monday 19th March with President Ian Risley. We could book a table for 10 at \$55 a head (normally our board meeting date but we can reschedule). It would be best to book the table as one transaction and payment and should make a decision this week. Our Mamba global Grant is almost fully approved (one more authorisation from Africa to be processed) then ready to proceed for the final planned renovation works at the school that we know have an enormous impact there. Our club has initiated or made through members a total of over A\$500,000 to the Foundation over the history of our club. A very significant contribution. We have seen the benefits of Global grants and it is a good time to initiate our Foundation member-giving program for this Rotary year. We have also had 83 PHF qualifications through the club (some of these are multiples). Please consider your potential to give to the Foundation this year.

This week also is Australia day. Although there has been some debate about the significance of this date, what is clear is that we should celebrate and be grateful for the amazing county that we have the privilege to live in.

Have a great week in Australia, President Greg

President Greg

Date	
19 March	RI President's Dinner Fitzy's Loganholme
20 – 22 April 2018	District Conference Maroochydore RSL

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

This week we are toasting the Rotary Club of Copenhagen who is sponsoring Siena, our outbound exchange student. They meet on a Monday night at 5.30pm at the Old Fellow Palaet. On 5 February the focus of their meeting is Youth Exchange.

PROGRAM / GUEST SPEAKER

25 Jan	Greg Beard – Mater in the Community
1 Feb	Club Committee Meeting
8 Feb	Noela Phillips – African Update

	25 Jan	1 Feb	8 Feb
Chair	Brad	Steve S	Jane
Set Up	Steve S	Jane	Angela
	Jane	Angela	Craig
Greeter	Angela	Craig	Chris W
Close down	Craig	Chris W	Ben
	Chris W	Ben	Andrew A
Sergeant	Mark	Kit	John A

ATTENDANCE	APOLOGIES / GUESTS and MAKEUPS	DIRECT DEBIT	ROTARY GRACE
MEMBERS: 28 VISITORS: 9 PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS ATTENDED: 60%	NOTIFY OUR CLUB BY 7.00 am TUESDAY PRIOR TO THAT WEEK'S MEETING AT: apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com	PREPAY FOR OUR MEETINGS, EVENTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AT: BSB 084 -034 Account Number 559347857	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 meeting

Last week we farewelled Siena Miller who flew out for Copenhagen on Friday 19 January 2018 for a year. It was fitting that our chairperson for the meeting was Susan Rix, who was reminded by her host sister in Germany, that it was 40 years since she embarked on her overseas exchange experience. Robyn, who is Siena's counsellor shared her best wishes with Siena and her mother. Javier joined in the well wishes and along with James Goodman, Youth Committee Chair, ensured that Siena had ample Vegemite supplies. Last week was the final week for school holidays so it was great to see some young visitors attending the meeting to hear Siena's presentation.





Seeking your input

The **High Rise Services team** is having its inaugural **2018 event planning breakfast** to pull together some great and worthy projects this year to make both our Club and ourselves proud.

And we are after **your valuable input and suggestions on what worthy projects and events we could support to make a real difference** based on our outstanding club member's significant experience and networks!!!

So please take the time this weekend to think about and identify what type of projects, events, organisations we can support this year.

Also **involve and ask your family, friends for ideas** ...as they often have great suggestions.

Personal challenge is for each of you email me your suggestions and thoughts so we have over 50 ideas 😊

What local charities, groups or causes that could benefit from our great Rotary Club and other clubs can help support!!!

Looking forward to your inspirational replies from our great club



Rotarians Out and About



Brad and Debbie testing the hundred acre bar. Brad certainly seems to enjoy his dessert.

Upcoming Events

Rotary



**DISTRICTS 9600, 9630 AND 9640
DINNER WITH ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
IAN RISELEY**



**Dinner With Rotary International President Ian Riseley
and his wife Juliet**

When: 19th March 2018
Where: Fitzy's Function Centre, Bryants Rd,
Loganholme (Exit 28 from M1)
Time: 6.30 for 7pm
Cost: \$55.00 per head (plus booking fee \$1.75)

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to meet with RI President Ian and his wife Juliet and to hear more about the strategic direction of Rotary together with an update on current Rotary Programs and his current Peace Building Conference Tour.

[PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#)

To purchase tickets see email from Ros Mumford dated 20 Jan

Barbara's Joke Corner

Three pilots died on Christmas Eve and were met by Saint Peter at the pearly gates.

'In honour of this holy season' Saint Peter said, 'You must each possess something that symbolizes Christmas to get into heaven.' The Air Force pilot fumbled through his pockets and pulled out a lighter. He flicked it on. 'It's a candle', he said.

'It did make light; you may pass through the pearly gates' Saint Peter said. The Army pilot reached into his pocket and pulled out a set of keys. He shook them and said, 'They're bells.'

Saint Peter said, 'they had a ring to them, you may pass through the pearly gates'. The Navy aviator started searching desperately through his pockets and finally pulled out a pair of women's panties. Saint. Peter looked at the man with a raised eyebrow and asked, 'And just what do those symbolize?'

He replied, 'These are Carols'.

And So The Christmas Season Begins

