

President's Patter

We are just so close to having our Mamba Global grant fully approved and funded for US \$39,000/ approx A\$48,000 (Including the contributions from High Rise and Stones corner). One more approval is required from Africa to finalise the Grant. Bill had a conversation with the Rombo club and discovered that there is a hitch. A relatively small outstanding local invoice payable to Rotary international is outstanding and this then delays the approval. He has discussed arrangements to settle this matter, then the approval process should finalise. The initial work on the Outdoor eating & meeting area can then begin. Planning is also underway for the club January 2019 trip to Africa inclusive of visits to St Jude's and Mamba schools. You can make enquiries and register potential interest now.

Our guest speaker this week is Noela, with a firsthand account of her recent visit to both schools in Tanzania. A must hear for us all.

This week also sees Amy Smith, our Canadian Rotary Global scholar supported locally by us, visiting us for the first time. Just an introductory visit on this occasion, please make her very welcome.

Last week Russell prepared a very eloquent letter of support from the club for Vascolynna's Australian visa application now in the hands of the immigration specialist at BDO in Melbourne. Another step closer to being able to finalise arrangements for her restorative surgery at the Wesley once received.

Last week also saw Brad Richardson as our club Community services Director; conduct a strategy-planning meeting with his committee and other club members. The plan from here is to develop a strategic plan to present to the Board for consideration of options for ongoing community work over the next 18 months or so. Well done Brad and all contributors, we can look forward to the finalisation.

Have a great week,

President Greg

PS: You can still add your booking for RI President Ian Risley's Dinner at Loganholme on Monday 19th March; we have 13 registrations so far.

Date	
8 March	Gemma Sisia breakfast – St Judes
19 March	RI President's Dinner Fitzy's Loganholme
20 – 22 April 2018	District Conference Maroochydore RSL

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

This week we toast the Rotary Club of Arusha, where St Judes is located. This is one of three Rotary clubs in Arusha. This Club meets every Wednesday lunchtime at the Chinese Dragon Restaurant, which is next to the Gymkhana Golf Club.

PROGRAM / GUEST SPEAKER

8 Feb	Noela Phillips – African Update
15 Feb	NYSF Experience
22 Feb	Simon Clowes - Albert park Flexi School

	8 Feb	15 Feb	22 Feb
Chair	Jane	Angela	Craig
Set Up	Angela	Craig	Chris W
	Craig	Chris W	Ben
Greeter	Chris W	Ben	Andrew A
Close down	Ben	Andrew A	Margot
	Andrew A	Margot	Catherine
Sergeant	John A	Rob O	John M

ATTENDANCE	APOLOGIES / GUESTS and MAKEUPS	DIRECT DEBIT	ROTARY GRACE
MEMBERS: 31 VISITORS: 1 PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS ATTENDED: 68%	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.

Service Committee Report

The breakfast strategy planning workshop on Sunday at the lovely St Lucia golf club 100 Acre bar went very well. We discussed both international projects and importantly our club truly connecting and building partnerships with Brisbane local charities and projects which the club will really get behind to promote and support. As well as encouraging important donations, we will be utilising our clubs great talents and personal services to make a real difference to the charities we support. We are looking at some exciting new and worthy international and local charities as well as continuing to support our successful ones like St Judes and of course our Rotary Arts show

Brad would really like to thank all the club members and the Services team for their great suggestions and improvements to our already great High Rise club and he will continue to provide updates.





A very Happy New Year to you all!

Thank you for your continuous support of The School of St Jude, especially through your very successful event during the tour last year. As you know, your amazing fundraising efforts went towards our Welfare Fund. We found that part of your donation last year could be allocated towards a special new project that commenced this year. So, with your blessing we have allocated almost AUD 10,000 of your donation towards our Special Medical Fund at St Jude's. This special fund was established to help our students who require special medical attention and because of the hardships in their families, they cannot fully cover the emergency expenses when need arise.

The great part of this is that our 2018 Special Medical budget your wonderful gift can meet half of the fund for 2018. With your generous support we can ensure that our students who have special care for their serious health issues are provided with the necessary assistance in such emergency cases.

I look forward to updating you on the progress of your wonderful donation at St Jude's and wish you the very best of 2018.

Don's forget the breakfast with Gemma on 8 March 2018
Invite your friends

Update from Man Kumar Our Student in Nepal

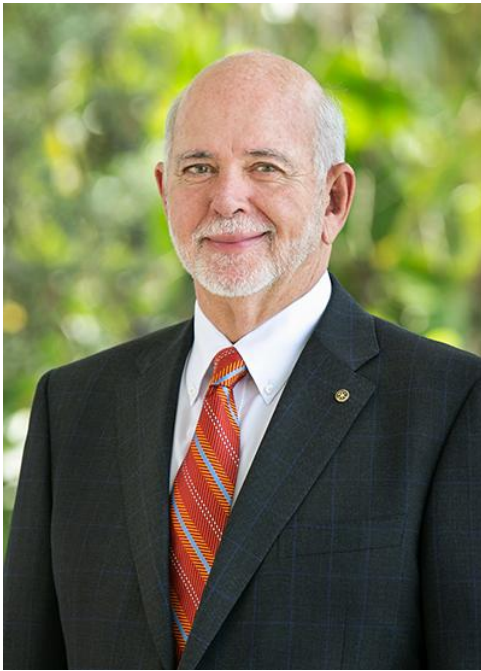


Dear Sponsor!!! Namaste
 My name is mankumar B.k. I study in grade 10. first I would like to say thankyou very much for your support to me and CWC. Your support has been a precious gift to me. I will never forget your support to me.

without your support my life is like a man with nothing. I has been able to work hard for my better life. I was in rural village where there were no any adequate facilities of anything but with your support I am in place where I have got every thing that I want. The truth is I have realized the value of your support to me. I want to do something in my life. I am working really hard for my study. I spend around 14 hours a day in my study. This year I have to give school level education which is the most important exam of school. I passed grade 9 by 88.61% and it was a good results.

finally I want to say thankyou very much again and I'm missing you all guys so much for your greatness to me.





Barry Rassin International President Elect *Be the Inspiration*

Below is a summary of International President Elect Barry Rassin's recent speech at the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

President Elect Rassin wants Rotary members to ***Be the Inspiration***. He laid out his vision for the future of the organization calling on leaders to work for a sustainable future and to inspire Rotarians and the community at large. Rassin, who is a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, unveiled the 2018-19 presidential theme of, ***Be the Inspiration***, to incoming district governors with the following encouragement "I want you to inspire your clubs, your Rotarians, to create that desire for something greater. The drive to do more, to be more, to create something that will live beyond each of us."

Rassin stressed the power of Rotary's new vision statement, "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves." This describes the Rotary that leaders must help build, he said. To achieve this vision, the president-elect said, Rotarians must take care of the organization: "We are a membership organization first, and if we want to be able to serve, if we want to succeed in our goals — we have to take care of our members first."

Rassin noted that one source of inspiration has been Rotary's work to eradicate polio. He described the incredible progress made over the past three decades. In 1988, an estimated 350,000 people were paralyzed by the wild poliovirus; just 20 cases were reported in 2017 as of 27 December. "We are at an incredibly exciting time for polio eradication," he said, "a point at which each new case of polio could very well be the last." He emphasized that even when that last case of polio is recorded, the work won't be finished. "Polio won't be over, until the certifying commission says it's over—when not one poliovirus has been found, in a river, in a sewer, or in a paralyzed child, for at least three years," he said. "Until then, we have to keep doing everything we're doing now." He urged continued dedication to immunization and disease surveillance programs. He stressed that Rotary has focused heavily on sustainability in its humanitarian work in recent years. Rassin said, "Rotarians must acknowledge some hard realities about pollution, environmental degradation, and climate change. He noted that 80 percent of his own country is within one meter of sea level. With sea levels projected to rise two meters by 2100, he said, "my country is going to be gone in 50 years, along with most of the islands in the Caribbean and coastal cities and low-lying areas all over the world."

Rassin urged leaders to look at all of Rotary's service as part of a larger global system. He said that this means the incoming district governors must be an inspiration not only to clubs, but also to their communities. "We want the good we do to last. We want to make the world a better place. Not just here, not just for us, but everywhere, for everyone, for generations."

Barbara's Joke Corner

A farmer asked the vet to come out to check on his favourite bull who wasn't doing well at all. After checking the bull's vital signs, the vet reached in his black bag and pulled out a rather large pill. He forced open the bull's mouth and crammed the pill down his gullet. Suddenly the bull jumped up and took off like a banshee, jumping every fence in his way.

The vet exclaimed, "Well, looks like your bull is healed!"

The farmer replied, "Now give me one of those pills. I've gotta catch him!"

