

**President's Patter**

We are preparing for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, (RYLA) District 9600 event. Coolum, Sat. 5th May – Fri. 11th May 2018. Lindsay has located the 2018 Entry application form and applications close 3 April (Early bird applications close this Thursday 1 March). It is open for young adults 18-26yrs. We have had some mention of potential candidates, but no actual nominations as yet. Jane from Rotaract River City did a detailed information spot last meeting, followed by James calling for nominations ASAP. The Board is prepared to consider leadership applications from James P and Jane H (both past participants who have followed up with promotion of the events and leadership).

Additionally the Royal Flying Doctor service North Qld encouraged by our application to Aurizon Community grants (well considered, but not successful) to sponsor up to 6 country applicants, is intending to make some nominations through our club for country applicants, supported by sponsorship and travel arrangements. The CBD Cluster has indicated that other clubs are willing to consider supporting applicants if we have a number of applications. The full cost is \$850 for the week's program, \$795 for early bird.

No further information regarding our incoming exchange student (from July), but still calling for expressions of interest for host families (to our upcoming new Dad Javier please). Likewise for finalising Vascolynna's visa application for remedial surgery in Brisbane, which is still in progress.

Thanks to Rosemary and Yvonne for a great Pizza meal (there were drinks as well) evening at Min & Co East Brisbane last Friday evening. This Sunday is our Clean up Australia event which Brad has arranged at a new location, the "Mandalay" section of the Figtree Pocket riverside parklands, 7.30 to 10.00 am (then potentially refreshments at the nearby Pony club equestrian centre).

Also coming up is our St Jude's breakfast event 8 March, member bookings to Yvonne and any guests to Bill P. It is essential for numbers that we are pre booked and pre paid, so thanks to those who have done so already.

Certainly a busy week for our club.

Have a great week

**President Greg**

Date	
<b>4 March</b>	Clean Up Australia
<b>8 March</b>	Gemma Sisia breakfast – St Judes
<b>19 March</b>	RI President's Dinner Fitzy's Loganholme
<b>20 – 22 April 2018</b>	District Conference Maroochydore RSL

**INTERNATIONAL TOAST**

This week we toast the Rotary Club of Toronto in Canada. They meet every Friday for lunch at the Fairmont Royal York. They hold their annual fundraiser in March at the Steam Brewery.

**PROGRAM / GUEST SPEAKER**

<b>1 March</b>	Member Interview
<b>8 March</b>	Gemma Sisia – St Judes
<b>15 March</b>	Site Visit - RFDS Brisbane Airport

	1 March	8 March	15 March
<b>Chair</b>	Chris	Kit	<b>Visit to RFDS</b>
<b>Set Up</b>	Ben	Andrew	
	Andrew	Margot	
<b>Greeter</b>	Margot	Catherine	
<b>Close down</b>	Catherine	Jacqui	
	Jacqui	Jarvier	
<b>Sergeant</b>	John M	-	-

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>APOLOGIES / GUESTS and MAKEUPS</b>	<b>DIRECT DEBIT</b>	<b>ROTARY GRACE</b>
MEMBERS: 27 VISITORS: 4 PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS ATTENDED: 65%	NOTIFY OUR CLUB BY 7.00 am TUESDAY PRIOR TO THAT WEEK'S MEETING AT:  <a href="mailto:apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com">apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com</a>	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.



## Clean Up Australia – Sunday 4 March 7.30 – 10.00am

Where	Beautiful Riverside Parklands, Fig Tree Pocket. Near Boat ramp - Mandalay Park 880 Fig Tree Pocket Rd.
When	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> March
Time	7:30 to 10am
Catch up	After 10am meet at Fig Tree Pocket Equestrian Club
What to Bring	Closed in shoes, hat, sunscreen, water, rain gear (just in case), heavy duty gloves (some will be provided)
RSVP	By Friday 2 March Email:brad.richardson@boeing.com
Event Contact	Brad Richardson 0431 626 030

### Last Weeks Meeting

Last week we heard about the fun and excitement of the NYSF program from Kiernan and his father Sven. Jane Hillyard also visited and briefed us on the RYLA program, while James Goodman encouraged us to find suitable participants for the program that is being conducted in May. If you know any 18 – 26 year olds that you think may benefit from this amazing program please notify James ASAP.



Jane with regular visitor John Leddy



## ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

John and Louise Arvier, cycling in New Zealand. You have to love summer in NZ. They also met up with Ryan Fraser (Principal of Maheno School) in Oamaru, where he lives, not far from Maheno town. They reminisced about the ANZAC weekend at Happy Valley, and plaque unveiling last April (John was keen to steer the conversation away from football!). Ryan seemed confident the next Maheno plaque project will come to fruition by November 11th.



**BRISBANE RIVERCITY ROTARACT GROUP  
PRESENTS...**

### **SHINE FOR SHELTERBOX**

*Shelterbox is an organisation who provide emergency relief in the form of shelter, light and equipment to those in the midst of disaster zones (currently in Philippines, Bangladesh and the Caribbean).*

**Where:** Lightspace, Fortitude Valley

**When:** March 10, 6.30-11pm

**What:** Cocktail party showcasing local artists

**Cost:** \$90pp

**What does ticket include:** live music, bar tab and food

**<https://www.facebook.com/events/143796986290459/>**



## PIZZA NIGHT

Thank you to Yvonne for arranging a great night.



### Barbara's Joke Corner

During my physical examination, my doctor asked me about my physical activity level.

I described a typical day -

"Well, yesterday afternoon, I took a five hour walk about 7 miles through some pretty rough terrain.

I waded along the edge of a lake.

I pushed my way through brambles.

I got sand in my shoes and my eyes.

I avoided standing on a snake.

I climbed several rocky hills.

I took a few 'leaks' behind some big trees.

The mental stress of it all left me shattered.

At the end of it all I drank eight beers."

Inspired by the story, the doctor said, "You must be one hell of an outdoors man!"

"No," I replied, "I'm just a poor golfer."



## Where's Wendy

Wendy is very busy with her incoming District Governor (DG) duties and having a DG in our club gives us a great opportunity to find out more about the role. To that end, I am going to publish Wendy's calendar each month, so you know what she is up to. If you have any questions be sure to catch up with her when you see her next. March is looking much more manageable than February.

### DG Monthly Calendar – February

4 <sup>th</sup>	18-19 Coordinators/Chairs Training Day	North Lakes District Office (8am – 4pm)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Rotary Youth Exchange Executive meeting (Zoom)	6pm – 7.30pm
6 <sup>th</sup>	Speaker – Hamilton Club	6pm start
8 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting	North Lakes District Office (5pm – 6.30)
8 <sup>th</sup>	District Consultative Meeting	North Lakes District office (6.30pm – 8.30pm)
9 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast meeting re 2018 Conference	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Committee Meeting	North Lakes District Office (9.30am–11.30am)
11 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Exchange Debrief and Graduation	Alexandra Headland (9.30am-4pm)
14 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Zoom Session - Administration	11.30am start
15 <sup>th</sup>	UQ – Peace Fellows Welcome	Llew Edwards Building; 9am – 11am
16 <sup>th</sup>	Final venue meeting re 2019 Conference	Grand Chancellor; 11am
17 <sup>th</sup>	District Resource Network meeting	Wacol; District 9630 Office; 10am-noon
18 <sup>th</sup>	Rotary Orientation for Peace Fellows-Speech re Foundation	Wacol: District 9630 Office; noon-4pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Organisation meeting for Brisbane Rotary Club	Merlos; George Street; 10.30-11.30
20 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting re Directory/Newsletter	Alexandra Headland; 9.30 - noon
20 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting re 2018 Conference	Maroochydore; 12.30 – 2.30
20 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with Chair of 2019 Conference	Grand Chancellor; 7pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Function with Planetarium	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Interviews re District Governor Nominee	North Lakes District Office; 8.30 - noon
25 <sup>th</sup>	18-19 Assistant Governor Training	North Lakes District Office (9am – 3.30pm)
27 <sup>th</sup>	Pride of Workmanship Awards – Nambour Club	Currie Street, Nambour. 6pm start

### **March**

1st	Speaker: Brisbane Club function	United Service Club; 7am – 9am
8th	Board meeting - extended	North Lakes District Office; 2pm – 7pm
11th	Earlyact/Interact Conference; Open and speak	St Colomban's; Caboolture. 8.30am – 2pm
18th	Gala Dinner – Ian Risely (Caboolture Club)	Sandstone Point Hotel; 5pm
19th	Dinner – Ian Risely (multi-District)	Fitzzy's Loganholme; 6.30pm – 9.30pm
20th	UQ – Ian Risely; Tree Planting	9am
24/25	PETS Training	8am Saturday – 2pm Sunday