



# Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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## HOT AIR

District 9600  
Serving the Heart of Brisbane  
02 February 2012



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT – Bill's Blurb

Happy New Year! Belated but nevertheless sincere! I trust 2012 is kind to you and your families.

As you know I spent a couple of weeks in Tanzania during January. It was not all fun and games.....no that's not true; it was! A wonderful experience to be treasured always. I was there 12 months ago so I went there with expectations. They were all met and comfortably exceeded. There were nine in our party including Club identities Bill and Elinor Leveritt, Ros Mumford, Sylvia Raleigh and of course Noela. We spent a few days with a Rotary focus and we will report in detail on these once the others return from overseas.

There were many highlights; prominent among them was the visit to the Mamba Primary School at the base of Mt Kilimanjaro. This school has special significance to our Club in that we have funded a water tank (the only source of water now within 4k's) plus a new classroom. We have further funds available to continue the upgrade of facilities at the school.

During this visit I had the privilege of cutting the ribbon to formally open the new classroom. It has been in use for six months but it was a nice gesture to acknowledge our contribution to the school. It looks pretty good too particularly when compared to the other school facilities.

For the ribbon cutting ceremony we were surrounded by the kids singing, clapping and making the high pitched undulating sound that is so distinctly African. It was an exhilarating moment and even a little emotional. Well it was for me.

We also had money to provide some much needed resources for the kids and teachers. The presentation of these was again accompanied by much excitement.

This school is in a very poor community but that didn't stop a very special lunch being provided in our honour. Over lunch we were formally thanked by the Principal, teachers and school community for our support and contribution to the school. The warmth of the hospitality was just wonderful. They didn't have much to give but we shared in what they had.

The Tanzanian education system is just deplorable. A long term victim of neglect and corruption! You are left wondering if, in the long run, it is worth making the effort for this school. This is particularly highlighted when compared to what is happening at St Judes. (I will comment on this amazing place next week). However I take much comfort from the fact that water and clean, serviceable classrooms are basic needs. The kids and teachers at Mamba Primary School will at least have the benefit of these as a consequence of the contributions from our Club. We are truly having an impact on a little piece of Africa.

ROSTER	2 February	9 February	16 February	23 February	1 March	8 March	15 March	22 March
<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	Kit B	Gordana B	Deb Bond	Phillip B	Rod C	Barry C	Joy C	Bryce D
<b>SET UP</b>	Gordana B	Deb Bond	Phillip B	Rod C	Barry C	Joy C	Bryce D	Tom D
	Deb Bond	Phillip B	Rod C	Barry C	Joy C	Bryce D	Tom D	Jennifer E
<b>CLOSE DOWN</b>	Phillip B	Rod C	Barry C	Joy C	Bryce D	Tom D	Jennifer E	Ross G
	Rod C	Barry C	Joy C	Bryce D	Tom D	Jennifer E	Ross G	Diana G
<b>SERGEANT</b>	Russell	Barbara	Greg	Rob	Kit	Lindsay	Wendy	Russell

### INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Toast to Pepeeete, in Tahiti. In beautiful French Polynesia, Papeete translates to 'water in a basket'.

### GUEST SPEAKERS

02 February	<b>Michelle Davis</b>	Planetarium's major project – Project Now – Nurturing our Women
09 February	<b>Johann Robertson</b>	We wanted Johann to come back for an encore talk about social media and this week he'll provide us with more information and tips
16 February	<b>Priscilla Sutton</b>	Priscilla's bio identifies her an amputee, curator and guest speaker. She comes to us with stories about her exhibition – 'Spare Parts'
21 February	<b>Bill Phillips</b>	A chance to learn what did go on during that Tanzanian trip
01 March	<b>Breakfast at BRIC</b>	This is our morning to visit the home of one of our Service Projects. Come along to 593 Boundary Street, Spring Hill from 7am for a breakfast meeting where we can show our support for Bric.

### ATTENDANCE – 12 January 2012

<b>MEMBERS</b>	31	<b>GUESTS</b>	1	<b>VISITING ROTARIANS</b>	2	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	48%
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### PAYPAL

**PREPAY FOR MEETINGS and SUBSCRIPTIONS ON THE WEB AT:** <http://rotarybrisbanehighrise.com/members.htm>

### APOLOGIES – GUESTS – MAKE UPS

APOLOGIES FROM MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS and MEMBERS BRINGING GUESTS PLEASE NOTIFY OUR CLUB BY 9am WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO THAT THURSDAY'S BREAKFAST MEETING VIA EMAIL: [apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com](mailto:apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com)  
MEMBERS NEEDING TO ADVISE OF MAKE UPS - PLEASE EMAIL: [make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com](mailto:make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com)

### 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*

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**PROJECTS 2011-2012 – Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise**

<b>Local</b>	<b>Albert Park Flexi School</b> – This is an ongoing project through the year that will include bursaries and repair to the site. <b>BRIC Housing</b> – This year we will collect for specific items needed, such as kettles, toasters, microwaves.
<b>International</b>	<b>Mamba Primary School</b> – We are running the Trifector again this year with the funds going towards another project for the children and area in Tanzania. The tickets are ordered and on there way to us – so selling caps on! <b>Food for Thought</b> – This project will be linked with Micro Banking opportunities and we expect to have up and running in 2012. <b>Rotary Foundation</b> – We encourage each Member to donate \$100 towards promoting our local causes. <b>ROMAC</b> – We will continue to identify key activities and fundraising that will make a difference.
<b>Youth</b>	<b>St Judes</b> – We will again be working closely with Gemma finding ways to contribute both time and donation. <b>NYSF 2012</b> - Yr 12 science students - Club Attendee, Ellie, Cannon Hill Anglican College – 1 of 27 selected <b>Science Experience</b> - Yr 10 - January 2012. Applications close October 2011 <b>RYLA 2012</b> 18-26 yo tall ships leadership voyage - April 2012. Applications close March 2012 <b>International Youth Exchange Program 2013</b> post Yr 12 - Applications close March 2012
<b>Emergency Events</b>	<b>Shelter Boxes</b> – We will maintain our Serviette Appeal approach and collection at times of need. <b>Art Spectacular</b> – Our involvement will continue in 2012 with the tender process underway out for new Beneficiaries. <b>Walk for the Cure</b> – October again and we support the walk through marshalling, attendant roles and as collectors. <b>Homeless Connect</b> – We will choose a specific item to collect for – Ross has one in mind. <b>Red Shield Appeal</b> – Bryce will sort us out for the next appeal, now in 2012. <b>Grey Man Foundation</b> – We are still looking at what we can do to assist this organisation – under Kit's guidance.
<b>General</b>	<b>Updating the Website – Working on our Facebook Presence - Twitter – Hot Air – Membership Program</b>

**NOTICEBOARD**



**Convention Registration**

Register early now to receive the best rates and accommodations, and come the Land of a Thousand Smiles. Find out more about Bangkok ! Download the convention logo's and watch the 2012 RI Convention promotional video. To attend the convention and experience the fellowship of Rotary at an international level

- Register for the convention and ticketed events
- Reserve your hotel
- Purchase host event tickets

Check the preliminary schedule to help plan your trip.

<http://www.rotaryconvention2012.com/#Start>

Fellows  
Registration is now open for  
**District 9600 Conference 2012**  
Registration may be done electronically directly from the District Website.  
Early Bird Caloundra accommodation specials are listed on the [Conference web page](#)  
OLD HOLLYWOOD  
is the theme for Saturday night's dinner- Black and White with a touch of Gold.  
A sumptuous 3 course dinner, dancing to the Sunshine Coast Concert Band, plus Frank Sinatra Tribute entertainment by Carl Beck.  
Friday 23rd - Sunday 25th March 2012  
THE EVENTS CENTRE, CALOUNDRA  
**Register now - [www.rotary9600.org](http://www.rotary9600.org)**

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**Rotary Success Conference**

21st-22nd July 2012 in Canberra

RI Director Stuart Heal and RI Director Elect John Boag are the Convenors of the Rotary Success Conference to be held in Canberra on the weekend of July 21st-22nd. Noel Trevaskis is the Coordinator for the conference and Bob Greeney is Chairman of the organising committee.

The Rotary Success conference will be about helping Rotary Clubs to be bigger, bolder, strong successful clubs. Some of the topics that will be discussed are membership recruitment, membership retention, PR & Media, membership diversity, leadership, Club visioning, Rotary Foundation Future Vision. It will be a conference where all Rotarians will gain knowledge and ideas from the weekend; it will be about "Rotary Success".

For more information email the Chairman of the organising committee Bob Greeney

[greeneyb@iimetro.com.au](mailto:greeneyb@iimetro.com.au)



**Rotary Australia World Community Service Northern Region Meeting & Training Session 25 February '12**

Venue: Aviation High, Widdop Street, Hendra  
Lunch & Training Registration

Fee : \$10.00 (includes Afternoon Tea)

All 3 of these Training sections overlap and it is advisable that you consider attending for the full training as well as the Quarterly RAWCS Northern Region Meeting.

Susanne Rea- RAWCS NR

Promotions & Development Chair

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**BOUNDARY STREET**

**BUY A STARTER KIT/S \$50ea !**

The easiest way for our Members to help Residents is to donate \$50/kit - which purchases a great base starter kit.

Talk to Margo B – who can organise your donation and receipt.

**PUT TOGETHER A KIT !**

If you would prefer to put a kit or kits together yourself these are the items a single resident needs to kick them off and new if possible:

- Single sheet set+Pillow case - Saucepan
  - Towels - Tea towel - Cutlery – Crockery
- ELECTRICAL GOODS**

Also starter kit donations for boarders:

- toasters
- irons
- jugs
- etc.

**NB: ALL electrical goods must be new. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE AT THE DESK NOW!!!!**



DINNER OUT LAST SATURDAY – Thanks Karen, the food was fantastic, the company...suspect!



SNAPSHOT OF AFRICA...Thanks to Bill L – every photo he has sent through of wildlife is absolutely National Geographic

