



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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HOT AIR

District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
03 November 2011



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT – Bill's Blurp...

At the risk of being brought undone I'll make the statement that we are enjoying a run of wonderful weather at the moment. The days are getting longer but we have not as yet experienced the oppressive weather normal at this time of year. Mild days accompanied by even coolish nights has meant a spring like none other that I can recall. So what's that got to do with the price of eggs? Well I have been thinking about our city. The weather has been so good and with the Jacaranda's in full bloom I am reminded what a great place Brisbane is to live. It's always been home to me and although I've lived away for over 20 years and done a reasonable amount of travel it will continue to be home. There is no place I'd rather live. Have you ever stopped to consider why you live where you live? Sure job and career, family and friends are important considerations. But all things being equal your place of choice where would it be? Brisbane presents a strong case.

For a start it is not too big as yet. Getting around is reasonably easy. Yes we have our hiccups occasionally, especially coming into the city of a morning from north, south or west. But these hold ups are temporary. They clear! Try coming into the city in Sydney or Melbourne. Traffic jams 40k's out are a regular occurrence. And they seem to be permanent. Plus getting from one side of the city to the other is relatively easy. Not so in our southern capitals.

Size is thus important. This brings with it other benefits in that you continue to have a sense of community as exemplified in the flood crisis in January. Try getting to know your neighbours in Sydney. Everyone is so busy, I think trying to get somewhere. What about Brisbane's location? Beaches in easy reach north and south, among the best in the world. And then on our doorstep is Moreton Bay and its Islands. If you are into water activities what more could you want? I think too we are maturing beautifully. The inner city is being, or has been, rebuilt. This is slowly extending out. Look at the changes to places like Wooloongabba (I didn't say it was all good) and New Farm on the city fringe.

We are seeing the emergence of precincts such as South Bank and West End with a myriad of coffee shop and restaurant options to take advantage of our climate. Then we have the development of bikeways, walkways and parks. Great to see, better still to enjoy! You could do worse than to go on holidays in our own city. It's exactly what I plan to do when time permits.

Finally some Rotary stuff; I must comment on our Melbourne Cup meeting last week. It was great fun and if you didn't enjoy it you were not there. Many thanks to the organisers in Sylvia, Lindsay and Gary; and thank you all for getting into the spirit of the occasion. In particular a very special thanks to Kit for his call of the High-Rise cup. He clearly missed his vocation. I would suggest his performance would warrant entry into the High-Rise Hall of Fame. It made the day.

ROSTER	3 November	10 November	17 November	24 November	1 December	1 December	8 December	15 December
CHAIRMAN	Jane S	Karen T	Angela T	Andrew W	Craig W	Chris W	Week of	John A
SET UP	Karen T	Angela T	Andrew W	Craig W	Chris W	John A	our	Margo B
	Angela T	Andrew W	Craig W	Chris W	John A	Margo B	Christmas	Jackie B
CLOSE DOWN	Andrew W	Craig W	Chris W	John A	Margo B	Jackie B	Party	Kit B
	Craig W	Chris W	John A	Margo B	Jackie B	Kit B	Sat 10	Gordana B
SERGEANT	Greg	Greg	Rob	Rob	Russell	Russell		Greg

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Toast is to Kabul, Afghanistan in District 3272. Our thoughts are with all those families who have suffered loss in the past week.

GUEST SPEAKERS

3 November	Linda Matthews	The Queensland Privacy Commissioner, Linda has jurisdiction over the Queensland State and local governments with many of the principles pertaining to private companies with an annual turnover above \$3million through Federal legislation.
10 November	Russell Smith	CEO for the Port of Brisbane, Russell commenced in the role in May 2011. He has brought a wealth of Australian and International experience to the development and leadership of Australia's fastest growing container port.
17 November	Member Talk: Bryce Davies	Bryce is a major in the Salvation Army and will be talking with us about his work with Streetlevel in Fortitude Valley.
24 November	Bruce Allen	A chance to hear all about Rotary Foundation from the Head of the Foundation in Australia

ATTENDANCE – 27 October 2011

MEMBERS	32	GUESTS	6	VISITING ROTARIANS	1	ATTENDANCE	52%
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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
MEMBERS NEEDING TO ADVISE OF MAKE UPS - PLEASE EMAIL: 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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FELLOWSHIP EVENTS – You need to put these straight in your diaries

DATE	STYLE	WHERE	WHO	WHEN AND WHAT
Sat 10 Dec	Party	CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY – Sassafra – 88 Latrobe Terrace, Paddington Bread & dips on arrival - Honey, seeded mustard & orange glazed ham; Roasted turkey, pork, walnut & sage stuffing with cranberry sauce - Warm sourdough rolls & butter - Roasted herbed chat potatoes; Roasted vegetables - 2 salads of the day - Warm chocolate mocha cake with double cream - Cost: \$50 p/p and BYO	Wendy P Rob O	7pm Start Maximum is 55 and we have 32 so far – so book in

DATE CLAIMERS

Saturday – 5 Nov **FRANK L IN CONCERT** – One of our own is one hell of a talented soul. I suggest if you haven't seen our Frank in action this is your chance. Redland Sinfonia (former Cleveland Symphony Orchestra) Conductor: Phillip Taylor
REQUIEM by Gabriel Faure' - Featuring mixed-voice choir EXAUDI AUSTRALIS with Peter Cane on the church organ as well as a selection of orchestral and choral works - Two performances at 2 pm and 7.30 pm in the Cleveland Uniting Church - 36 Passage Street, Cleveland.
Bookings: 3820 8310 - Tickets \$15.00

Sunday 6 Nov



DISTRICT 9600 – THE ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR - 'Our Foundation – It's Part of Us'

St Columban's College – 100 McKean Street, Caboolture

Registration: 8.30am District 9600 Annual General Meeting: 9.00am Seminar Commences: 9.15am – 2.15pm

Cost: \$20pp - Lunch and morning tea included. For further information contact - PDG Michael Gregory – gregoms@rotary9600.org or 0428 890 313

DGE Dai Mason – dasgap@optusnet.com.au or 0418 369 647 - Host club - The Rotary Club of Bribie Island

Wednesday - 9 Nov



KNICKERS FOR THE HOMELESS - Earlier this year, our Club contributed 1,000 pairs of knickers/undies for the homeless through the **Brisbane City Council's Homeless Connect Day**.

We are eager to contribute again at the next Homeless Connect Day on 9 November. Ross, Gary & I are looking for a novel way to share our knickers by asking you to bring a personal contribution to our Rotary meeting on **3 November**. We need both male & female versions in a variety of sizes (newly purchased only of course!). This 'No Knickers Day' meeting will be imbued with a bottomless pit of knees up fun, prizes and a competition for the best undies joke in the Club. Do start now, each time you shop, remember your High Rise knickers project & pop a couple of packs in your trolley!
Barbara L

Sunday – 27 Nov

STORM THE STAGE – NATIONAL GRAND FINAL - Eighteen of the best young performers from around Australia live on stage! And, by special invitation two guest performers from Christchurch New Zealand and the esteemed National Academy of Singing and Dramatic Art (NASDA) will join their Australian peers! Storm The Stage is a non-profit nationwide opportunity for Australia's most talented up and coming performing artists. After auditions and regional finals held around Australia by Rotary and volunteer industry professionals, eighteen of Australia's finest young Musical Theatre and Drama solo performers converge on the Powerhouse Theatre. Awards of \$11,000 are given for Best Performances in both categories. For the first time, the National Grand Final is being held here in Brisbane with the support of IGA Supermarkets. Come and support Australia's emerging best young talent!

This is an all ages event - I would like to invite the whole club along to see our National Final of Storm The Stage at the Brisbane Powerhouse 119 Lamington Terrace New Farm, on the 27th November commencing at 6.30pm. The cost is \$37 each and \$29 for pensioners, \$28 Students. If you take a block booking of 10 or more it is \$29 each. We have 8 Queenslanders, 4 from Western Australia, 3 from Tasmania, 2 from Victoria, 1 from New South Wales in the National Final These 18 students are the champions from each state. Do come and encourage them along their arts journey! We have two performers from Christchurch. Regards, Jan Lawton

Saturday - 3 Dec

DIK DAY FOR HIGH-RISE - We are scheduled for 8am till about 10am on Sat 3rd December at 152 Freeman rd., Durack. We will join the Clubs of Sandgate, Cleveland and Ipswich North on the day.

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

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



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>



You are invited to attend a very exciting event featuring two of Rotary International's Senior Leaders.

Combined Rotary Dinner Meeting

Thursday 24 November 2011
Brisbane Convention Centre
6:30pm for 7:00pm

\$50.00 per person

Join our hosts, the Rotary Clubs of South Brisbane and Salisbury and have the rare opportunity to listen to the inspirational words of Rotary International President Elect Sakuji Tanaka and Rotary International Zone Director Stuart Heal. Browse the large Rotary Showcase and have a chat to the CEOs, Directors and Managers of the various wonderful Rotary programs. The showcase will also be open to the general public so now is the time to promote our amazing organisation.

RSVP: Monday 14 November 2011

President John Paskin - npaskin@bigpond.net.au

Payment Options: No payment on the night

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IRISH SET DANCING WORKSHOP – Bill and Margaret Winnett from Sydney Irish Set Dancers are coming to Brisbane. Saturday 26 November at Albion Peace Hall – 102 McDonald Road, Windsor

Check out - sydneyirishceillancers.com.au

**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 requested for boarders moving to flats:

- toasters
- irons
- jugs
- etc.

NB: ALL electrical goods must be new.

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE AT THE DESK NOW!!!!!!

UPDATE – SERVICES COMMITTEE – See Ross Garling for details

Albert Park Flexi School	Tuesday, November 22, 2011 Thursday, March 22, 2012 Oct/Nov 2011	Awards Night Bursaries Albert Park at Polo Club Garden
Diabetes Walk for the Cure	Sunday, October 30, 2011	Assist Walk Coordination – Needing Marshalls
Clean up Australia Day	Sunday, March 04, 2012	Clean Up Environment - canoe clean up of Kangaroo Point
Boundary St Boarding House & Bric Housing	All Year	Goods, toiletries, etc
Red Shield Appal	May	Starter Kits (toaster, jug, sheets, etc)
Shelter Box	As needed	Serviette Funds when Needed
Melbourne Cup - School	November	Raffle for African Projects
Homeless Connect	9 November & April	"Knickers Day" (Club)/ "Knickers Week" (Public)
Homeless of Brisbane	As needed	
Smith Family	As needed	As needed
Donations In Kind	TBA	Mentoring - address to Club

LAST WEEKS BREAKFAST WAS A HUGE HIT – And the Fashions on the Floor would have held up on the Field on Tuesday...

For those who attended. There were two highlights. One was smart, clever, and punchy and the second was...all about the feathers, you know who your are and photos don't lie! I personally want to thank our 'Kit' who absolutely showed all of us why our club 'Rocks'. The praise from members has flooded in both by email and over coffees...all week. Kit, thank you for your generosity in sharing your effortless talent with us and Sylvia thank you for your pulling it together along with Lindsay as our bookie. The rest is in living colour...



THE SNAPPIEST



THE CALLER



THE COOL CAT



THE GANG



THE SCRATCHED



THE HAT OF THE DAY



THE ONE AND ONLY PHOTO FROM THE FELLOWSHIP BREWERY TOUR LAST WEEKEND
On a Brewery visit with no photos allowed, this shot taken at the start – Brewery provided foot wear.

