



# Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

R.I. No. 29520

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## HOT AIR

District 9600  
Serving the Heart of Brisbane  
08 December 2011



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

The reach of Rotary is amazing. One of the great benefits for me this year has been to have my eyes opened to this fact. I am writing this (at altitude) after a close up encounter of the personal kind with Dolly Parton. Whatever your musical persuasion you must acknowledge that Dolly (I am allowed to call her Dolly) is a gifted singer, songwriter and musician. What is generally not well known is that she also has a very strong commitment to philanthropy.

Here's where the link with Rotary comes in. One of the programs that she supports is the Imagination Library. This program aims to improve literacy levels. In its simplest form it provides a book to each of the kids in the program once a month from the time they are born until they are five years old. Dolly funds the administration of the program, United Way Worldwide is an anchor partner while Rotary supports and sponsors children into the program at the local community level. What a wonderful concept made possible through the generosity of Dolly Parton with the support of United Way and Rotary.

The program is not yet in Australia but is widespread in the USA plus a number of other countries such as the UK. However, Rosemary, through her involvement with United Way is part of a team looking at the introduction of the program into Australia.

So how did I get a guernsey to say hello Dolly and see her show. Well it was the Rotary connection through Rosemary. We were invited to attend. And it was a great night. Dolly is an absolute dynamo; still firing at a frenetic level at 65. I will treasure the experience.

Philanthropy seems to be strong in community life in the USA. Those that have more seem inclined to share with those with less. This is only an observation of course. I don't know the facts. And I am not sure how we in Australia compare although I would make the comment that there does not seem to be the same emphasis on philanthropy.

I wouldn't suggest for a minute that we are any less generous. I am sure on this scale the Aussie spirit of helping a mate will match up against any score. I know we have better safety nets than in the USA so perhaps there is less of a need for philanthropy.

But while ever we have the issues that face our communities such as homelessness, youth suicide or indigenous health standards there will always be a need. Maybe a few Dolly Parton's are required to show us the way?

One final matter looking ahead into 2012 our first meeting of the year is traditionally a visit with the Planetarium Club. The floods impacted on that tradition this year but it is resurrected for next year. The first meeting is on the 12<sup>th</sup> and will be at the Brisbane Planetarium which is where the Planetarium Club meets. (funny about that!) Rosemary will be coordinating out attendance so please let her know if you will be part of the visitation team.

ROSTER	8 December	15 December	22 December	29 December	05 January	12 January	19 January	26 January
CHAIRMAN	Chris W	John A	Margo B				Jackie B	Kit B
SET UP	John A	Margo B	Jackie B	NO	NO	JOINT	Kit B	Gordana B
	Margo B	Jackie B	Kit B			MEETING	Gordana B	Deb Bond
CLOSE DOWN	Jackie B	Kit B	Gordana B	MEETING	MEETING	WITH	Deb Bond	Phillip B
	Kit B	Gordana B	Deb Bond			PLANETARIUM	Phillip B	Rod C
SERGEANT	Russell	Greg	Greg				Wendy	Wendy

### INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Toast for Nuuk, in Greenland. District 1470. Formed in 1980. Not a lot to say. A 30 minute google search and still nothing. But we toast Nuuk.

### GUEST SPEAKERS

08 December	<b>CLUB AGM</b>	Our President – Bill Phillips and In-Coming President Angela Tillmanns have the floor.
15 December	<b>Christmas Party Breakfast</b>	Foundation Committee is organising a special morning.
22 December	<b>Fellowship</b>	The final club meeting before Christmas
12 January '12		Joint meeting with Planetarium
19 January '12	<b>Kelly Stallman</b>	Kelly has come to us through Australian Engineers. The talk will be about the biomedical engineering industry in Queensland – Kelly works in product design of medical instruments

### ATTENDANCE – 24 November 2011

MEMBERS	43	GUESTS	2	VISITING ROTARIANS	2	ATTENDANCE	59%
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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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## FELLOWSHIP EVENTS – You need to put these straight in your diaries

DATE	STYLE	WHERE	WHO	WHEN AND WHAT
Sat 10 Dec	Party	<b>CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY – Sassafra – 88 Latrobe Terrace, Paddington</b> 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
28 Jan 2012	Movie	<b>MOVIE NIGHT</b> – Christine has something planned	Christine	

### DATE CLAIMERS

Thursday – 15 Dec	<b>ROTARY HIGH-RISE CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST FOR THE KIDS !!!!</b> There will be a Santa and 'Secret Santa' and activities. So bring the children because this breakfast will be FUN, please let Jennifer E know the names and ages of any of the children.
Saturday – 11 Feb 2012	<b>ANNIVERSARY 50 YEARS IN ROTARY</b> - One of the members of Rotary Club on Nundah - Lloyd Mackay will have served Rotary for 50 years next February, 2012. The Kedron Wavell Services Club the Club will be hosting a Dinner for Lloyd. All Rotarians are invited and invitation forthcoming.

### 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 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! <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>St Judes</b> – We will again be working closely with Gemma finding ways to contribute both time and donation.
<b>Youth</b>	<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</b> – Working on our Facebook Presence - Twitter – Hot Air – Membership Program

### UPDATE – SERVICES COMMITTEE – See Ross Garling for details

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

## 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 - jugs  
- irons - etc.  
**NB: ALL electrical goods must be new.**  
**PAYMENT CAN BE MADE AT THE DESK NOW!!!!**

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS NEEDED – WESLEY APPEAL – FOR KOOLKUNA AND KAIPARIN WOMEN'S REFUGE - Jackie B



A reminder that we will again support Wesley's appeal. A basket will be available at the first 2 Rotary meetings in December (1 & 8 December).  
Gifts such as: - gifts for adolescents (male and female) as this group is often overlooked, suggestions given are coles/target/kmart vouchers where the Refuge will go out and purchase suitable gifts for individuals.

- food for hampers - Christmas decorations - general kitchen items.

These gifts may be left in the basket (unwrapped) and will be delivered to Wesley on 12 December 2011. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated - Rotary making a little difference in troubled times.



**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>

*Invitation*

Club Officers, Members and Guests are invited to attend the annual  
COMBINED SERVICE CLUBS DINNER

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2012.  
Kedron Wavell Services Club,  
Kittyhawk Drive, Chermside 4032  
6 pm for 6.30 pm start.**

**Cost: \$38.00 per person**

(Entry by ticket)

2 course dinner with coffee/tea/Raffles.

**RSVP: 10 December - registration and pre-payment to  
Quota International of Nundah-Clayfield Inc.**

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Hat Day Newsletter - November 2011

**PLANS FOR HAT DAY 2012**



**ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE HIGH RISE**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Date:** 8 December 2011  
**Venue:** Brisbane Polo Club  
**Time:** 7.30 AM

**AGENDA:**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Previous AGM
3. Financial Statement
4. Election of Office Bearers
5. General Business

Apologies: Rosemary M

**DIK – DONATIONS IN KIND VOLUNTEER DAY LAST SATURDAY – A FEW HAPPY SNAPS**



Worldwide our Rotary membership is made up of 83% men and 17% women.

BUT the gender split in most communities is 50/50 so women are not a minority; we need to see a similar representation in Rotary. In Rotary we need to be more diverse in our membership and if we are more diverse then we will be even more relevant in today's society.

Women offer us the greatest recruitment potential that we have as an organisation as they make up 50% of our population; quite simply they are underrepresented in Rotary. We need to significantly increase our membership of women as members of Rotary and we need to do it at a faster rate than what we have been doing to date.

It has taken just over 20 years to get our membership to 17% that is a growth of less than 1% a year, that rate is slow – change has been slow, and it was always going to be slow to begin with, however we need to pick up the pace of recruiting women. So what is there to attract women to Rotary? Our programmes, be they our youth programmes, health or being involved in international programmes, we need to tell women that we do have programmes that would be attractive for them to be involved with. Clubs need to be involved with projects that women want to be involved with. Times are changing and women are involved in a wider and a more diverse range of volunteering programmes, such as bushfire brigades, State Emergency Services, scouts, areas that once were considered the domain of men, they are involved in all areas of sport and of course at schools. Rotary works in the community – our Clubs should reflect the community.

It is time that we have clubs that have more women and reflect our communities; it is time for women to have a greater role in Rotary. I concede and accept that there will be some all men clubs who won't want to change and that is not all bad either men still need a place to meet, maybe we need to look at the establishment of all women's club in some areas. If that is what we have to do to get women into Rotary in some communities then we should pursue that opportunity.

So why hasn't there been any real change? What do we have to do to get women interested in Rotary? How do we make Rotary attractive to them and how do we keep them?

Unless we change the way we think and what we do then we cannot expect a change in the gender balance in our clubs. Women coming into Rotary in increased numbers isn't just going to happen; it is going to take a change of mindset and a change of how we go about recruiting of members into Rotary. Tim Berners-Lee the founder of the internet said "We need diversity of thought in the world to face new challenges."

I think Rotary as an organisation needs diversity of thought when it comes to membership, we can do this by bringing more women into Rotary and getting their perspective - we will be richer as an organisation for it.

Over the last ten years women have increased in volunteering roles, while men have declined in volunteering over the same period.

36% of women volunteer in some capacity, and 30% of men, women are out there and they want to volunteer and they are looking for opportunities, they are looking for things to do to become involved in their local community and the international community.

I believe for Rotary to be relevant in the future it needs to have a better representation of women than what we have today. Women will make Rotary an even more dynamic organisation than what it is today. People and communities benefit from Rotary already, but they will benefit even more if we were to have a more diverse membership. A membership that is all inclusive and reflects our local community, more women and people from different cultures in our clubs. Clubs that are balanced in their membership will be a club that will grow.

Women need to be asked to join Rotary and we need to start asking them now, tell them that we do have significant programmes that they can be involved in, that they can make a difference through being a Rotarian. Ultimately women will bring more women into Rotary! The women will also bring men into Rotary as they share their experiences and their enthusiasm of the Rotary experience with both women and men.

BUT, clubs need to be "right" to bring women in as members. A lot of Clubs have made concerted efforts to bring women into Rotary and then for some of them the women leave after a short time. Why, because some of the men members made it difficult and unenjoyable for them. These same men wouldn't treat their wives, daughters or granddaughters in the way that they treated women Rotarians. Thankfully not all clubs are like this, but those clubs with members who do treat women members badly need to ask themselves who do they really want as a member of their club, the one who is all embracing and welcoming of new members or one who wants to make the Rotary experience a bad one causing them to leave.

Women are underrepresented in Rotary with 50% of the general population they are there waiting to be asked. If we were to increase our membership to a minimum of 40% of anyone gender then Rotary will be even more relevant in communities than what we already are.

**WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER AMANDA JACKSON**



**Our young guest last week was SEAN COLLIER**

