



# Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

R.I. No. 29520

2011-12

## HOT AIR

District 9600  
Serving the Heart of Brisbane  
09 February 2012



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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

It is certainly nice to be back and into the swing of things of Club activity. Much yet to do and the year is rapidly disappearing. Where has the time gone? Before giving emphasis to our remaining priorities I wanted to comment again on my recent trip to Tanzania. I mentioned last week about the visit to the Mamba Primary School. This week I would like to focus on St Judes. The two schools are a complete contrast. Mamba has few facilities; what they have are very basic; there isn't even electricity so the lighting is poor and there are no computers; the teaching standards I suspect are pretty ordinary; the school grounds are a health and safety nightmare. St Judes has wonderful facilities; they measure up reasonably well to Australian standards; the equipment and resources are available to support the needs of all children; yes there is electricity with back up generators; the school grounds are pleasant and safe and the teaching standards are rising all the time. The school has stepped aside from the Tanzanian curriculum and adopted international standards and is training the teachers to this standard. While we were there a bunch of volunteer teacher mentors from Australia were running a month long training program for all the lower grade teachers. It makes sense doesn't it that the educational outcome will only be as good as the educational input most of which comes from the teachers.

Since taking on the first three students in 2002 St Judes now has 1,500 kids enrolled. The first intake has two more years to go to finish their schooling. There is now focus on establishing a program to take the matriculating kids through university. There is no government funding supporting St Judes. All the money for the new buildings required each year to take the next intake of 150 children plus the running costs which include facilities for boarding all kids from grade four onwards comes from donations. Most of this money is from Australia and a very high proportion has a Rotary connection. The story of St Judes is amazing. One woman, Gemma Sisia, with a dream turned into reality in a relatively short space of time through sheer hard work, determination and brilliant organisational skills. She did all this and still found time to become a Mum (x 3 with one on the way). It is a humbling experience to meet Gemma and see St Judes.

There is much I could say about this school. We will hear first hand on the 15th March as we have Gemma's 2IC and a Director, Kim Saville, as our guest speaker. It was meant to be Gemma but her pregnancy means that she is precluded from making the trip. Kim is a great stand in as she has been there just about from Day 1. She has lived St Judes for the last 10 years. Just as St Judes is a great story in itself so too is it a great Rotary story. Not only have members and Clubs provided financial support but there is a regular procession of volunteers to the School from Clubs all round Australia. There is now even a designated Rotary room at the School for relaxation and dining. I was pleased to add our banner to those hanging around the room. You could hardly describe our little group as volunteers; we didn't do much other than stand back and admire. But there are a few more people now hooked on St Judes; the more that are and the more that the message is spread the easier will the fund raising effort be to sustain the school. Let me know if it is of interest to you to become an active supporter of St Judes.

ROSTER	9 February	16 February	23 February	1 March	8 March	15 March	22 March	29 March
<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	Gordana B	Deb Bond	Phillip B	Rod C	Barry C	Joy C	Bryce D	Tom D
<b>SET UP</b>	Deb Bond	Phillip B	Rod C	Barry C	Joy C	Bryce D	Tom D	Jennifer E
	Phillip B	Rod C	Barry C	Joy C	Bryce D	Tom D	Jennifer E	Ross G
<b>CLOSE DOWN</b>	Rod C	Barry C	Joy C	Bryce D	Tom D	Jennifer E	Ross G	Diana G
	Barry C	Joy C	Bryce D	Tom D	Jennifer E	Ross G	Diana G	James G
<b>SERGEANT</b>	Barbara	Greg	Rob	Kit	Lindsay	Wendy	Russell	Barbara

### INTERNATIONAL TOAST

We toast Almaty in Kazakhstan (Karakastek), District 2430, part of the Turkish District. The Club works with children, with projects to help orphans.

### GUEST SPEAKERS

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 – 2 February 2012

MEMBERS	33	GUESTS	1	VISITING ROTARIANS	2	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](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*

## 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>

## WANTED: VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR FOR A ROMAC-LIKE PROJECT

Most Rotarians are aware of the multi-district program known as ROMAC (Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children), which brings children under 15 from developing countries for medical and surgical treatment in Australia. High-Rise has long been a good supporter of ROMAC, both at the club and district level, e.g. the Art Show. Several High-Risers have often indicated willingness to being part of ROMAC activities. However, from time to time patients older than 15 are referred to us; often with defects which, although complex, are still potentially treatable. One such case is a 22 year old lady named Ayaan, from Somaliland, who has a significant facial defect as a consequence of being hit in the face with a piece of bullet shrapnel during their civil war with Somalia 20 years ago. The treatment will be quite complex, and will involve a number of different specialists and disciplines. Although she is not eligible for treatment through ROMAC, a number of doctors have offered their expertise, and Wesley hospital has indicated they will offer their facilities, free of charge. The hospital and doctors in Somaliland have raised the costs of the airfares to Australia. However, what is needed is a "Project Co-ordinator/Supervisor" who can organise all the administrative aspects, of air-line bookings, visa applications, transport to appointments while in Australia, co-ordination with an expatriate host family, etc, -there are lots of 't's to be crossed, and i's to be dotted'!

NB. No medical expertise is required, and all liaison with medical providers will be arranged separately.

If any High-Risers are interested in volunteering themselves for such an activity, or simply wish to find out more info, please let me know.

**John Arvier**



<http://shelterboxaustralia.wordpress.com/> Please pass this blog to as many Rotary clubs as possible. This ShelterBox blog shows the real situation for our SRT teams in the field and the great work our clubs are doing in supporting these Aussie Rotary members.

## NOTICEBOARD + CALLS TO ACTION FOR HIGH-RISERS



**HIGH-RISE VOLUNTEERS**  
**SUNDAY MARCH 4 – 9am**  
Captain Burke Park - Beach  
Kangaroo Point

**Meeting Point** = eastern end Holman Street  
Kangaroo Point

**Cleanup** = around 2 hours  
**Supplied** = bags + gloves

Please wear your Rotary shirt and let's plan for a BBQ to follow the cleanup.

### To Register:

go to <http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/>  
select "Join a Clean Up Site"  
type in Kangaroo Point or 4169  
select Captain Burke Park Beach  
coordinator Ross Garling



cerebral palsy league

**ANGELA NEEDS US !**

**Friday March 9**

for the

**Bunnings BBQ Blitz !**

Albion store

We need two teams of four (4) each to cover from 8.30am to 4.00pm.

**Anyone interested should contact Bill P.**

This summer the Cerebral Palsy League is undertaking one of our biggest fundraising ventures yet and we need your help! We've teamed up with Bunnings to roll-out a series of one-day barbeques at every Bunnings store in Queensland over one huge weekend. This is an epic task and we need an army of volunteers to make it happen!



**31st March - 2nd April**

**2012**

Starting and finishing out of Manly  
**\$750 per person**  
(Sponsored and paid for by Rotary)

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award is a challenging 4 day training program which provides a unique opportunity for young people to develop leadership skills and self confidence under the guidance of business professionals, Rotarians and Rylarians.

**Rotary is seeking young people** between the ages of 18 to 26 years who have the talent, energy and motivation to discover their leadership potential to attend this program.

[rotary9600.org/Ryla](http://rotary9600.org/Ryla)

**NOTICEBOARD + CALLS TO ACTION FOR HIGH-RISERS – cont.**



**DISTRICT 9600  
CONFERENCE  
GOLF DAY & VIC HONOUR  
PERPETUAL TROPHY**



**DATE:** Friday 23rd March 2012  
**TIME:** 12.00 noon Shotgun Start.  
Registration from 11.00am  
**PLACE:** Caloundra Golf Club  
1 Charles Woodward Drive  
Caloundra  
Sunshine Coast  
**COST:** \$60 pp  
[ includes 18 holes of golf  
and Motorised Cart]



**Dress Code :** Shirts with collar, tailored trousers or shorts lower than mid thigh length, shirts tucked in and a belt to be worn. Acceptable footwear with long hose or short sport socks (worn above the anklebone).

**EMAIL:** [bribie@iinet.net.au](mailto:bribie@iinet.net.au) by March 1

**Combined Service Clubs Dinner 2012**

**Guest Speaker: Nino de Marco**  
All funds raised donated to



**Royal Flying Doctor Service**  
The furthest corner. The finest care.

**Date:** Tuesday 17 April 2012  
**Venue:** Pine Rivers Club - Sparkes Rd - Bray Park  
**Time:** 6.30pm for 7.00pm start  
**RSVP:** Friday 30 March 2012  
**Cost: \$35.00 per person**  
Includes alternative 2 course Dinner drop, tea/coffee and breadroll  
**Plus Great Raffle prizes to be won**

**Enquiries contact: John**  
**Phone:** 0407878888 or 3263 9177  
**Email:** [joda\\_pos@bigpond.com](mailto:joda_pos@bigpond.com)

**SUNSHINE COAST/NORTH  
BRISBANE BOWELSCAN  
PROGRAM 2012**

**A project of Rotary District 9600**

The program needs more support from Clubs in the North Brisbane part of District 9600 Rotarians around Australia, ranging from Tasmania to Western Australia, and north to Townsville and next year Darwin, have for over twenty years taken action to raise awareness about bowel cancer in the community. 2011 was the seventh year the program has operated within District 9600. Clubs interested in participating in the program in 2012 should contact:

The District Coordinator, Peter Fisk, on:  
Email: [fiskj777@westnet.com.au](mailto:fiskj777@westnet.com.au)



**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)

Let's make this the best attended conference ever  
There is no charge for conference registration only for your selected meals



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POSTAGE COST VARY

An invoice with EFT or Journal payment options will be sent once the order is received  
PRICES START AT \$10 – 250g

**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  
[susanneatbeach@hotmail.com](mailto:susanneatbeach@hotmail.com)

**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!!!!!!**