Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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HOT AIR

District 9600

Serving the Heart of Brisbane

14 June 2012

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT – Bill's Blurb

The last Polo Club meeting was particularly busy and a little exciting with three inductions; not to mention the joker draw finale. We sure pack a lot into our meetings; we almost ran out of time and we did not have a guest speaker. With only an hour to play with there is always pressure to fit in all that's important. Some of that pressure can end up being passed on to our guest speakers. That's something we need to be careful about as we don't wish to be disrespectful to those who so freely give their time to inform us about subjects, occasionally obscure, but generally of real interest. Actually there is not much that I would like to see changed in our meetings; they are lively, informative and there are plenty of laughs. They are the window to our Club and naturally are the first experience for prospective members. The fact we continue to gain new members at a healthy rate is an endorsement of the standard of meetings. It is a simplification but I tend towards a view that if we get the meetings right everything else just about falls into place. And I am not counting (much) but there are only three to go in this year. Which means there are only three more articles to produce (including this one) for Hot Air.

The focus right now is shifting towards the new Rotary year just around the corner. I am not big on spending time looking back other than for the lessons to be learnt. After all each year builds on the year before so we need to always understand what's in the foundations.

Membership is certainly important in ensuring the foundations are solid. Pleasingly we continue to grow. This has been the case for our Club for as long as I have been a member. It was a special thrill to induct and welcome Denise, Yvonne and Neil into our Club at the last meeting.

Since then we have participated in the joint Club meeting with Hamilton and Stones Corner hosted by Hamilton. Thank you to those who made the effort to attend; it definitely meant a change in habit being an evening meeting, on a Tuesday and at the Royal Queensland Golf Club. (great venue but only golfers know how to find it) I thought it was an excellent occasion with a very pleasant atmosphere. The acknowledgements to those who made the art show happen were appropriate.

There were two special aspects of the night for me; the first was the acceptance of the $9K cheque as our share of the art show proceeds. I will need guidance from our Treasurer but I suspect it is already spent.

The other 'special' aspect not only grabbed my attention but my heart as well. It was the address by Rowan Crothers; he is a cerebral palsy sufferer; just 14 years old he describes himself as a CPL 'poster boy' and well he might be. Through the dedication of his family, the support and guidance of CPL and his own courage and determination he has progressed through from special education to mainstream schooling to creative arts studies. And he has found the time to develop his sporting skills to the verge of Para Olympic selection. What an inspiration! If you needed any justification for why we do the things we do in Rotary it was all there in Rowan.

ROSTER	14 June	21 June	28 June	05 July	12 July	19 July	26 July	02 August
CHAIRMAN	Steve K	Bill K	Mark L	**CHANGEOVER**	Deb L	Barbara L	John L	Frank L
SET UP	Bill K	Mark L	Deb L	**DINNER**	Barbara L	John L	Frank L	Elizabeth L
	Mark L	Deb L	Barbara L		John L	Frank L	Elizabeth L	Heather M
CLOSE DOWN	Deb L	Barbara L	John L	**MakeUp Table**	Frank L	Elizabeth L	Heather M	Stephanie M
	Barbara L	John L	Frank L	**Polo Club**	Elizabeth L	Heather M	Stephanie M	Lindsay M
SERGEANT	Rob	Kit	Lindsay		Russell	Barbara	Greg	TBD

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

We toast Rotary Club of Lisboa-Benfica, Portugal. Lisob will be the site for the 2013 Rotary International Convention.

GUEST SPEAKERS

14 June	**Phil Breene**	WIVENHOE DAM – The Blame Game
21 June	**Neil Bray**	Neil has returned to Brisbane, and to our Club, from a stint in South Australia – a chance to hear his story.
28 June	**Summary of the year**	President Bill / Incoming President Angela
6 July -1830	**Changeover dinner**	South Brisbane College of Tourism and Hospitality
12 July	**Commissioner Bob Atkinson**	Bob is an honorary member of High-Rise and will talk to us about Queensland and the police service

ATTENDANCE – 05 June 2012

MEMBERS	31	GUESTS	2	VISITING ROTARIANS	-	ATTENDANCE	47%

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

UPDATE – SERVICES COMMITTEE – See Ross G for details

Albert Park Flexi School	Saturday, October 30	Albert Park at Polo Club
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 - Kangaroo Point
Boundary St Boarding House & Bric	All Year and March 1, 2012	Goods, toiletries, Starter Kits (toaster, jug, sheets, etc.), etc.
Red Shield Appal	Saturday 19 May, 2012	Counting house helpers
	Sunday 20 May, 2012	Collectors, drivers, counting house helpers
Shelter Box	As needed	Serviette Funds when Needed
Melbourne Cup - School	November	Raffle for African Projects
Homeless Connect	As needed	"Knickers Day" (Club)/ "Knickers Week" (Public)
Homeless of Brisbane	As needed	Donated Trailer for Outdoor Camping & Fishing
Smith Family	As needed	As needed
Donations In Kind	Saturday 3 December, 2012	Mentoring - address to Club
Wesley Women's Shelters	December, 2011	Provide Christmas presents

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 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!
	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 beneficiaries of Cerebral Palsy and ROMAC
	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**

NOTICEBOARD + CALLS TO ACTION FOR HIGH-RISERS

We call them 'The Forgotten Children'

HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Rotary Club of Woolloongabba

Annual Charity Dinner

Guest Speaker

Date: Wednesday 11th July 2012 @6:30 pm

Tickets: $65 each (includes two course meal and cash bar)

Venue: Function Centre - East's Leagues Club, Main Avenue, Coorparoo

Attire: Smart Casual/Business Attire

RSVP: WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE 2012

Payment: prepaid ticket only

Phone: Ros Kelly 0400 496 057

If you are unable to attend donations would be gratefully received

Bank details BSB 124 062 A/c 20428131

WHERE THE ATLANTIC OCEAN MEETS EUROPE

Registration is now open for the 2013 RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, 23-26 June! Lisbon is an explorer's paradise. Perched on the west coast of Europe, Portugal's capital city is a charming combination of old-world appeal and modern flair. As one of the oldest cities in Europe, Lisbon can boast a colorful history that's been preserved in world-class museums and iconic monuments. Sun-drenched neighborhoods will offer a warm welcome as you learn more about Rotary while enjoying fresh seafood, traditional Fado music, and historic wonders.

Join us in Lisbon for an unforgettable experience.

Online - http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx

By e-mail, fax or mail - By e-mail Fill out the registration form and e-mail to ri.registration@rotary.org

By fax Download the registration form and fax to RI Registration Services at 1-847-556-2194

By mail Send your completed registration form to Rotary International 14244 Collections Center Dr. Chicago, IL 60693 USA

NOTICEBOARD + CALLS TO ACTION FOR HIGH-RISERS

COFFEE ORDERS NOW TO!!

sue.davies@aue.salvationarmy.org
0412 755 084 or Fax 3852 5818
or order online at
www.salvos.org.au/brisbanestreetlevel
POSTAGE COST VARY
An invoice with EFT or Journal payment options will be sent once the order is received
PRICES START AT $10 – 250g

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

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

MHFA INTERNATIONAL

Rotary Club of Pine Rivers Daybreak
will be hosting a 12 hour Mental Health First Aid Workshop on
Saturday 16th June and Sunday 17th June
An invitation is open to community members to attend this 12 hour course (over 2 consecutive days)

To secure your seat contact
Eric Wood
on 0418 7Bg 951
BOOKING /S ESSE/VTIAL
Booking Fee of $3O
will cover the cost of the Manual
Llqht Lunch will be provided
Positions are limited to 2O only

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
greeneyb@iimetro.com.au

2012

changeover dinner

Angela , Robert and Zanthia Tillmanns
Invite
Members Guests and Friends
to celebrate the
Brisbane High-Rise changeover
Southbank Institute of Technology Resturant
66 Ernest St South Brisbane
6th July
6.00pm for a 6.30pm start
Dress smart casual
Three course dinner + beer, wine and soft drinks
Adults $60 Children $30

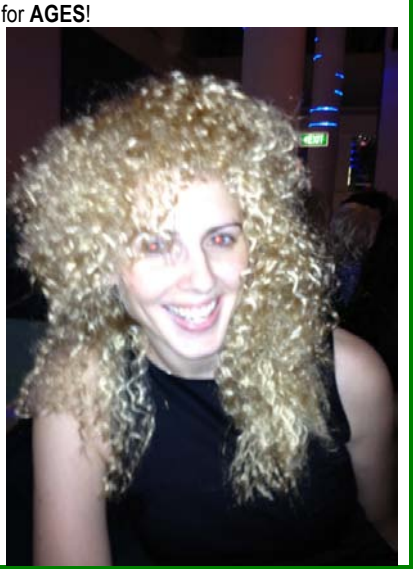
RSVP - r.meadows@optusnet.com.au

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Denise S, Yvonne R and Neil B…in height order !! Sorry Denise.

AROUND TOWN

And who was this **ROCK**ing around town on Tuesday night.....!! A touch **OF** the eighties with that perm. Haven't seen one of those for **AGES**!



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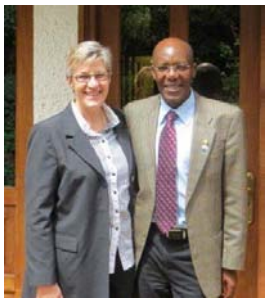
END POLIO NOW
After 25 years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the brink of eradicating this tenacious disease, but a strong push is needed now to root it out once and for all. It is a window of opportunity of historic proportions.

COMBINED ROTARY DINNER – Hamilton, Stones Corner and Brisbane High-Rise…a great night to celebrate the success of this yar's Art Spectacular. Cerebral Palsy, ROMAC and each of the Clubs were represented.

UPDATE – POLIO PLUS – from Jenny

Manna from Afghanistan From Jenny Horton of Kenmore Club on the Polio Eradication Trail



Currently I am serving with the WHO HQ team on a training package that is being conducted in the priority countries. These workshops aim to enhance management, accountability and performance monitoring, and are focused on the high risk areas. It is my first visit to WHO HQ in Geneva which was exciting, but I also felt very welcome as many of the staff I have known since my first polio mission in 2000. At HQ I have been able to participate in the country review meetings, global updates, inter agency video conferences (& listen to the RI team) & country specific conference calls. It is an incredible experience for me. Right outside the front door at HQ there is a statue that commemorates the eradication of smallpox and I sat and reflected the efforts that went into eradication of smallpox and look forward to the day when there is a statue of a baby receiving polio drops nearby marking the success of the initiative. To each of you as you support polio, I truly thank you & encourage you to keep walking the road until we reach that final goal of a Polio Free World. It is in reach and will be awesome. Blessings, Jenny.

UPDATE - PROJECT AYAAN !

On Saturday afternoon of the long weekend just past, we received the excellent news that the Cat Scan data sent from Ethiopia, was able to be downloaded in fine detail by the radiology technicians at the biomodelling centre in Melbourne. Fortunately for us, a very obliging technician from the centre offered to forfeit his Saturday afternoon to check the data. (There are some wonderful people in this world!) He confirmed the data was adequate for to demonstrate Ayaan's problem in detail, and we can now proceed to the next step of thinking about what surgery might be able to be offered. We're still a long way off getting Ayaan to Australia, and those wanting more detail should let Noela know, and you can be added into the regular newsletters.