



# HOT AIR

District 9600  
Serving the Heart of Brisbane  
26 September 2013

## WENDY'S WISDOM

Over one week last month I bounced from experiences with one culture to another .

Since welcoming Mehendhi into our family I've given myself the right to dig into the Indian culture. We shared a big night out to celebrate India Independence Day – in China Town Mall.

Have you tried Bollywood dancing? it's hard to be unhappy when you're doing it. A celebration of colour, singing, movement and noise. A people happy to move with joy . My grandchildren and I dance together.

At work we hosted a Malaysian delegation. We were both developing youth programs and at the end of the day we might have had different offerings but the time we talked helped build bridges.

I had a visitor stay for a night – we'd been students together on a course in America. I was reminded of the fun we had together – pushing boundaries and being different, yet similar.

I've also fallen madly in love with both China and Taiwan and find those peoples to be some of my closest friends. My business trips to both countries have extended my knowledge and taught me to appreciate the history and cultural backgrounds that have brought them to the way they each view the world.

And in the same week those dashed New Zealanders beat us yet again at the Bledisloe. Although we obviously enjoy taking the mickey out of each other there must be a time coming soon when we can take the upper hand!!!!!!!

Just one week in the mixing pot – isn't it great to love globally. Now I'm coming back from Thailand – hopefully with another view of the world.

We've lots of different cultures here in Brisbane maybe our Club should reflect that just a bit more. There's a thought.  
Wendy

ROSTER	26 September	03 October	10 October	17 October	24 October	31 October	07 November	14 November
<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	Jennifer	Ross	Diana	James	Elena	John K	Steve	Mark L
<b>SET UP</b>	Ross	Diana	James	Elena	Sylvia	Steve	Mark L	Barbara L
	Diana	James	Elena	Sylvia	John K	Mark L	Barbara L	John L
<b>CLOSE DOWN</b>	James	Elena	Sylvia	John K	Steve	Barbara L	John L	Frank
	Elena	Sylvia	John K	Steve	Mark L	John L	Frank	Bill L
<b>SERGEANT</b>	Rob	Russell	Kit	Caroline	Greg	Lindsay	Rob	Russell

## INTERNATIONAL TOAST

We toast the Rotary Club of Westmount, QC, Canada.

## GUEST SPEAKERS

<b>26 September</b>	<b>Yvonne Robson</b>	"El Camino... a Modern Pilgrims Tale"
<b>03 October</b>		TBA
<b>10 October</b>	<b>Ron Jenyns</b>	A Life on the Water
<b>17 October</b>	<b>Tim Innes</b>	Air Commodore RAF Amberley
<b>24 October</b>	<b>St Judes</b>	Felix Mollé is a much loved member of the St Jude's family. Felix is from the Maasai tribe and he works as a Visitor Coordinator at St Jude's

## ATTENDANCE 19/09

MEMBERS -	21
VISITING -	9
ROTARIANS	
GUESTS	3
ATTENDING	36%

## APOLOGIES / GUESTS and MAKEUPS

NOTIFY OUR CLUB BY 1700 TUESDAY  
PRIOR TO THAT WEEK'S MEETING AT:  
[apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com](mailto:apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com)  
[make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com](mailto:make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com)

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EVENTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AT:  
[rotarybrisbanehighrise.com](http://rotarybrisbanehighrise.com)  
GO TO THE MEMBERS SECTION

## 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.*



## CLUB FUNCTION

Hello all HighRise Rotarians,  
Frank has very kindly organised a tentative booking for 2 VIP tables of eight at this years Octoberfest. He is able to hold these 16 places until the end of this week. It certainly looks like a great night out.

Details are as follows-

**VIP Table Package in the Bavarian Corner at the Premium Oktoberfest Experience**  
**Date - Friday 18th October 4pm to midnight**

**Where - RNA Showgrounds**

**Cost - A table of 8 is \$779 (approx \$97) per person**

This Includes - Entry into the festival, Drinks on arrival and 1 round after that, a Bavarian Gourmet Experience (yes, food), entertainment for the evening, and a darn good time!!!!!!

As Frank needs to know as soon as possible please register your interest with me at the meeting tomorrow or by return email.

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR SYDNEY CONVENTION 2014



If you wish to register a preliminary expression of interest now, you can do so by emailing  
Barry Philps at philpsb@aol.com or  
Marilyn Mercer at mmm@myisp.net.au.  
You will be notified when you can apply online.

## RIVER CITY ROCK Rotary Gala Dinner

**Date:** Friday 13 September  
**Time:** 7:00 for 7:30pm  
**Venue:** Sky Room Terrace  
Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre  
**Parking:** Under the BCEC or Southbank Parklands  
**Dress:** Formal  
**Tickets:** \$95.00 pp  
**Entertainment:** Legendary 70s/80s band "Waterloo"

Members book online under  
"Events" on RCFV website  
Enquiries: David Hassall 0438746193  
or Larry O'Toole 0417069433  
A Rotary Club of Fortitude Valley  
fundraising event in support of local  
community projects

## National Seniors

Australia

Join New Farm Branch of National Seniors

For a Special Celebration of

The International Day of the Older Person

With Guest Speaker

**Ms Noeline Brown**

One of Australia's best loved stars of stage, screen, television and radio, and now

Australia's Ambassador for Ageing

On the subject of **Positive Ageing**

**Where:** New Farm Uniting Church, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm

**When:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2013 at 09.30 for 10.00  
Morning tea available from 09.30

**Cost:** \$5.00 to cover Hall Hire and Refreshments payable in advance. Please make cheques payable to NSA New Farm Branch Inc. and send to: National Seniors New Farm, GPO Box 13, New Farm Qld 4005

**RSVP:** Email to [tonytownsend1@hotmail.com](mailto:tonytownsend1@hotmail.com) or ring Tony Townsend on 33152523 by **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September**.

Numbers are limited so first in best dressed.

[nationalseniors.com.au](http://nationalseniors.com.au)

## Rotary Australia World Community Service Project Umoja Orphanage Kenya



[www.umojahome.com](http://www.umojahome.com)



The Rotary Club of Hamilton invites you to join in as they swim the last lap for Polio.

Saturday October 26 2013 -  
**NUDGEE COLLEGE POOL**

All funds raised will go to the  
**Rotary International Polio Campaign**

and other local charities and good causes supported by our Club.

**All charities or clubs that participate in the Swimarathon will receive the monies they raise, less \$20 per swimmer to End Polio Now.** For further information, please go to our website

[www.hamiltonrotary.com](http://www.hamiltonrotary.com)

**AYAN and EDNA Visa Update** - In case you have not had time to read the recent *Update* via email (31<sup>st</sup> Aug.), here briefly, is a snapshot of where we are currently at. Our team's ongoing goal is to overturn the original Visa rejection by the Australian High Commission in Nairobi. Attached to my previous *Update* was Minter Ellison's complete second Visa submission to be assessed again, by the Australian High Commission. Megan and her team went to extraordinary lengths researching and presenting valid arguments and evidence in support of both Ayan and Edna's 'genuine' status. The Visa submissions left Minter Ellison's office on 28<sup>th</sup> August en route to Nairobi. We are awaiting confirmation that they have arrived in Kenya. As soon as a file number is assigned to the submission, I will circulate it to all members. This will allow those who wish to forward emails in support of Ayan and Edna, to do so. I do hope many of you will help out when the time arrives! **Please email me if you would like a copy of Minter Ellison's second submission (nphil4@gmail.com).** I believe this document will motivate you to help Ayan and Edna in whatever way you choose. The compelling facts will support any representations you may make to Elected Representatives, Media contacts or friends. I ask again, that you contact me IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION. Please speak to or email any one of the Project Team - John Arvier, Susan Rix, Lindsay Marshall, Ken Parker (Mitchelton Rotary Club) should you require further information. As this is a Club Project, any offers of advice or assistance would be greatly appreciated. There will not be another submission. This is it. Together with the Minter Ellison team, our determination to see a fair outcome for Ayan and Edna has not wavered. Noela Phillips

## THE WEEK IN PICS

### DG visit to High-Rise last

**week...** District Governor Trevor Taylor and Robyn Taylor



### TRAVELS PICS – Leveritts in Alaska...

