



# Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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## HOT AIR

District 9600  
Serving the Heart of Brisbane  
01 April 2010



### Fellows

Well Easter is on us once again so can I wish you all safe travelling for those travelling out of town and good fishing, golfing, walking, wine tasting or whatever you're Easter pursuits might bring.

Our tenure here at the Polo Club is under threat. Due to the Polo Club wishing to serve breakfast in our meeting room we have been asked to vacate this room and transfer to the Wine Cellar as a permanent move. I have strenuously opposed this and have requested the Polo Club Committee reassess this decision. You will all be aware we have been meeting at the Polo Club for some considerable time and frankly the handling of the issue is extremely poor with our being given one week's notice with no prior warning or discussion. One would have to question whether or not the Polo Club actually wants us here.

The Board is going to have to reevaluate our relationship with this venue if the matter cannot be resolved but you all need to be aware that through no fault of our own we may well be moving venues within a short period of time. If anyone has any suggestions, and the Brisbane Club has already been raised as one potential venue, please contact me directly and I'll arrange to have some enquiries made.

On a happier note the Art Show Spectacular appears to have been a great success. We are waiting on final figures and the formal debrief of this year's show later this month before coming back to the club with recommendations for next year. It was agreed the Heart Foundation would be sponsored for three years and that three years is now up. From a business perspective the Art Show Committee should seek expressions of interest from interested charities and evaluate all on their merits. In addition, both of the current charities have received somewhere close to \$100,000 each over the last three years and on behalf of the club I believe it would be prudent and in the interest of transparency to seek advice from the charities concerned as to where the money has been allocated over the past three years.

Please enjoy your Easter and I look forward to meeting with you all again after Easter wherever that might be.

Yours in Rotary - President Vic

### Laura Crous-Beckett Brisbane Memorial – Sunday 11 April

Colin and Hestie will give thanks for their very special little girl from 2.30pm Sunday 11 April - St John Cathedral followed by afternoon tea. If attending please email: [colin.beckett@quadrantaustralia.com](mailto:colin.beckett@quadrantaustralia.com)

### INTERNATIONAL TOAST

The Rotary Club of Willisau, Switzerland – DISTRICT 1980 – who meet at the restaurant Sonne, Ebersecken every Tuesday lunch. The 11<sup>th</sup> Spring Bluegrass Festival is held on 8 May 2010. The festival takes place on two stages and presents a colourful variety of musical styles focusing on bluegrass music.

### GUEST SPEAKERS

- 1 Apr Gen Y 'Gotta lov 'em' – Gary McDonald
- 8 Apr Liz Hepple – Olympian
- 15 Apr Ross Hawksford – The Grey Man
- 22 Apr NZ Consul to speak

### EVENTS – ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH

- 2-5 Apr GOOD FRIDAY – EASTER MONDAY
- 12 Apr District Board Meeting
- 16 Apr PNG and Solomon Islands Forum from 16-18th
- 19 Apr Paul Harris was born on this day in 1868

### BIRTHDAYS

Famous birthdays, dates or a quote of the day

- 23 Apr Glenda Mullins Shirley Temple-Black – Born 1928
- 26 Apr Carol Baker 'Knowledge is power' - Hobbs
- 27 Apr James Postle Ulysses S Grant – Born 1822
- 2 May Megan Wright David Beckham – Born 1975

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- 12 Apr Russell & Debbie Postle
- 16 Apr Lindsay and Diane Marshall – that is worth a fine !!

### MEMORIAL – Laura Crous-Beckett – ST JOHNS CATHEDRAL - 11 APR - 2.30PM

### ATTENDANCE – 25 March 2010

MEMBERS	31	VISITING ROTARIANS	-
GUESTS	6	ATTENDANCE	55%

### ROSTER

	01 Apr	08 Apr	15 Apr	22 Apr
CHAIRMAN	John L	Frank L	Bill L	Steph M
SET UP	Frank L	Bill L	Steph M	Kym McK
	Bill L	Steph M	Kym McK	Gary Mc
CLOSE DOWN	Steph M	Kym McK	Gary Mc	John McG
	Kym McK	Gary Mc	John McG	Rosemary M

### 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.*

**MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS - NEEDING TO ADVISE OF MAKE UPS - BRINGING GUESTS**

**PLEASE NOTIFY BY 1200 TUESDAY:** [apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com](mailto:apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com)

## HIGH-RISE PROJECTS

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Visual Facilitation Project**

District Chair of this Project, Kevin Leadbetter is asking for volunteers to be trained to participate in future presentations, particularly women. If interested contact: - 07 54370679

### **BRIC HOUSING – GARAGE SALE – SATURDAY 17 APRIL**

Bric Housing of which Boundary St is part, is holding their next garage sale on **Saturday 17 April**. All suitable items in good condition are sought. **Contact Margaret Gleeson - 3230 5522**.



### **BRISBANE HIGH-RISE ONGOING CLUB PROJECTS**

**ALBERT PARK FLEXI SCHOOL**  
**DIABETES WALK FOR THE CURE**  
**SMITH CHRISTMAS APPEAL**  
**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA**  
**RED SHIELD APPEAL**  
**BOUNDARY ST BOARDING HOUSE**

### **BRISBANE HIGH-RISE NEW PROJECTS**

**OUTING FOR THE DISABLED** – Supporting Cerebral Palsy League  
**GREY-MAN FOUNDATION** – in development  
**SHELTER BOX**

## REQUEST FROM BOB AIKEN

Friends, On this special occasion, I write to you all as a proud member of the Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains in support of one of our inspirational members. Michael Harriden has been a Rotarian for only two or three years but has already made a difference to our world about which most people can only dream. Michael and his son Gregg plan to cycle 1,000 kms from Varsity College in Brisbane to Glenbrook in the NSW Blue Mountains between April 19 and May 10 – to raise funds to assist Rotary build a High School at Goroka in the PNG Eastern Highlands; and to provide resources for the Mt Sion Centre for the Blind at Goroka. 'A nice dream' you might well respond ... Well, I'm proud to say this man might be a dreamer but he also has a proven ability to turn dreams into reality! A couple of years ago, he and Greg organized a similar bike ride (1,000kms from Ballarat, Vic, to the Blue Mountains) - to raise funds to build two schools and a library at Samraong and Thmey Villages within the land mine belt of North West Cambodia. The ride raised \$35k and the schools and library are now a reality. As you all know, I can write on forever but, on this occasion, there is no need. Michael and his team of supporters have produced a wonderful press kit comprising two sample letters to media and Rotary clubs and a complete itinerary for the ride (attached as part of his letter to me and our club president Frank Behl). My task is to first request your permission to circularize clubs within your respective Districts to inform them of the ride and to offer Michael and Greg as guest speakers at club meetings along the way; and to seek your unified support with this wonderful humanitarian project.

The project is being carried out in association with Wendy Stein and the similarly amazing Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Salamander Bay, NSW – who have completed several successful projects in PNG. Perhaps you can find space to also promote the 'Ride4kidz' in your next Governor's District Newsletter? If you need any further convincing of the merit of the project, please take time to access a host of information on the project web site – [www.Ride4kidz.com.au](http://www.Ride4kidz.com.au) This project represents the very epitome of Rotary service. Mick and Greg Harriden have impeccable credentials and I sincerely request your support and involvement. If you have time to read the attachment, you will appreciate the quality and clarity of the information prepared for distribution to Rotary clubs and media. Given your workload at this time, there is no need to respond with formal written permission if you are happy for Michael and his team to make contact with clubs. However, if you do not want your District and clubs involved at this time, please respond. With thanks and warm best wishes - Bob Aitken - Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains, NSW.

## CHILE DISASTER RELIEF FUND

TRF Chairman Glen Estess has advised of the action taken in concurrence with President Kenny in the aftermath of the earthquake in Chile. The Rotary Foundation is establishing an account to receive contributions from Rotarians and the general public for longer-term disaster recovery efforts in Chile. Contributions to this account will not receive PHF recognition credit but the funds contributed to this account will be utilized in Rotary Foundation projects to address infrastructure needs in Chile. Districts may donate District Designated Funds (DDF) to this account. Rotarians, clubs, individual members of the public and corporations wanting to contribute to this program should direct their contributions through the Parramatta office where the appropriate receipt will be issued and posted back to the donor. Cheques should be made out to The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust and the receipts issued to corporations and individuals will be tax deductible. As in the case of the Haiti Fund, personal contributions also do not become part of the donor's accumulated giving figure. An indication that funds are for the Chile program should be noted on the back of the cheque. Credit card contributions can be handled in the traditional manner using the attached contribution form. Information regarding the account will be posted on the RI website as soon as possible. Best wishes.

**Bruce Allen - The Rotary Foundation - South Pacific & Philippines Office, (02) 9635 3537, Fax: (02) 9689 3169, [Bruce.Allen@rotary.org](mailto:Bruce.Allen@rotary.org)**

## INVITATIONS DATE CLAIMERS

### **MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CRICKET DAY** **UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND INDIAN STUDENT SOCIETY**

and UQ CRICKET CLUB - 11 April 2010 – 10am start  
To register email: David Richards [d.richards1@uq.edu.au](mailto:d.richards1@uq.edu.au)  
Lunch – Players catered... BBQ 11am & FREE for Society Members  
WEP Harris Oval, UQ Grounds, Sir William MacGregor Drive, St Lucia – OPEN TO ALL

### **OUR FRANK LESCHHORN – 24 April 2010 – 8pm Start** **Playing Viola with the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra**

Smith Street Community Hall - Cleveland  
Playing: L.Bernstein (Westside Story), J.Strauss (Fledermaus, Champagne Polka, Perpetuum Mobile, Blue Danube Waltz, Thunder & Lightning Polka), F.Chopin (Les Sylphides Ballet Music), Tchaikovsky (Polonaise from Eugin Onegin), A.Khachaturian (Masquerade Waltz), M da Falla (Dance from La Vida Breve) and E.Elgar (Pomp & Circumstances)  
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