



# Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise Inc.

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## HOT AIR

District 9600  
Serving the Heart of Brisbane  
2 September 2010



### FELLOW ROTARIANS

Last week's Rotary meeting was something rather special. If you missed it let me tell you what happened.

Having written several times in Hot Air about the disaster in Pakistan, I was reflecting on the way to Rotary about the sheer extent of this disaster.

After I had welcomed our visitors and guests and on the spur of the moment, I said I would throw in a hundred dollars if a couple of others would match it and suggested tentatively, that we could add a *Shelter Box* to the already well organised Rotary response to the disaster.

'Lindsay' I asked, 'Are you organising *Shelter Box*?'

'I am now' he responded and reached for his serviette. He took out his pen and wrote on the serviette '*Shelter Box for Pakistan*' - added his name as a pledge and passed it on. When the 'Official Serviette' had completed its rapid 'hand to hand' journey around the room, we had collected just under two and a half thousand dollars. Not just one *Shelter Box* but two and a half.

I have been persuaded to leave the appeal open until the end of this week as I have been told a number of members who were not there would like to contribute. With the ascent of the Board, it is intended that; what began as an 'off the top of my head suggestion' - will result in the immediate purchase and dispatch of five...count them '5' *Shelter Boxes*. *Shelter Boxes* have proved themselves around the world as one of the most practical and effective first response disaster relief measures.

Thank you for your genuine compassion and generosity. When Lindsay handed me the 'Official Serviette' and I saw all those contributions I must confess to being quite surprised and deeply moved. That moment will remain for me as a major highlight of my Rotary year. It's events like this that remind us why we are Rotarians.

That moment makes the hours I spend reading Rotary emails all worthwhile....hang on a moment, now I'm getting carried away!

...and talking of being carried away, on Sunday 'Team Rotary' joined forces with Noah's Ark for 'Bridge to Brisbane' Fun Run. In the case of Ken, Phil and family, Gary, Jacque and myself it was a gentle walk; but James did the full 10km run. He moved so rapidly we didn't even see him!

Thank you to all of those members who went online to sponsor us and thank you to our team coach and motivator Susan and of course team manager Rosemary. We had a team debrief over brunch after the event and decided that next year we are going to make this a bit of an event and again throw our support behind Noah's Ark, so be warned.

Unfortunately I must conclude on a sad note. Shanna and Ian have had to cut their European Tour short to return to Australia. Ian's father died suddenly last week. I'm sure you know that our thoughts are with you both.

Yours in Rotary, Kit

### GUEST SPEAKERS

#### Sept 2 **Bill Richmond – MindVentures**

Sept 9 Michael Otago – Middle East Qld Government Rep  
Sept 16 Club Fellowship.  
Sept 23 Gloria Perkins – Queensland Eye Institute

### TWITTER NOTICEBOARD

Please email the Webmaster your Twitter message (tweet). New tweets to be added to the website Twitter Noticeboard each week: [webmaster@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com](mailto:webmaster@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com)

### BIRTHDAYS

4 Sept Mary White & Sabine Thiel-Siling  
5 Sept John Ker  
6 Sept Marie Breene  
8 Sept Angela Tillmanns

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

4 Sept James & Sarah Goodman

### ATTENDANCE – 26 AUG 2010

MEMBERS	38	VISITING ROTARIANS	2
GUESTS	3	ATTENDANCE	66%

### MAKE-UPS

**MEMBERS PLEASE EMAIL DETAILS OF MAKE-UPS TO:**  
[make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com](mailto:make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com)

### ROSTER 2 Sept 9 Sept 16 Sept 23 Sept

CHAIRMAN	Craig W	Andrew W	Chris W	Ken W
SET-UP	Andrew W	Chris W	Ken W	Daryl W
	Chris W	Ken W	Daryl W	John A
CLOSE	Ken W	Daryl W	John A	Tim B
	Daryl W	John A	Tim B	Colin B

### 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*

### INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Born in 1822 in Sparkbrook, Francis Galton was the first scientist to propose a theory of general intelligence; that intelligence is a true, biologically-based mental faculty that can be studied by measuring a person's reaction times to cognitive tasks. Galton's research in measuring the head sizes of British scientists and laymen led to the conclusion that head-size is unrelated to a person's intelligence.

In recognition of the contribution of Galton's work, the international toast is to the Rotary Club of **Moseley & Sparkbrook** (District 1060) who meets Tuesday at Kings Heath, Birmingham, England.

## ATTENDANCE – APOLOGIES & GUESTS

**MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS & BRINGING GUESTS PLEASE NOTIFY HIGH-RISE BY 9:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY:**  
[apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com](mailto:apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com) (NB: Please ensure you receive a confirmation your email has been received)

## THANK YOU FROM ROSEMARY MEADOWS ON BEHALF OF NOAH'S ARK

A team of 6 energetic High Rise Rotarians supported Noah's Ark in the Bridge to Brisbane on Sunday and raised over \$600 to help children with disabilities. James Goodman starred as our lone entrant in the 10km event, finishing in an amazing 52:15. President Kit, Jacque Bennetts, Ken White, Gary McDonald and Phil Breene, who made it a family affair and with his son-in-law and three grandchildren, completed the 5km. James, some of the 5K team are already planning to chase you in the 10K next year.

A very sincere thank you to all those Rotarians who so generously sponsored the team and made a donation to assist the work of Noah's Ark.

**Photo opposite:** High-Rise Rotarians from left Gary McDonald, Jacque Bennetts, Ken White and Kit Bennetts. Absent: James Goodman and Phil Breene



## MEMBER INTEREST - DATE CLAIMERS – REMINDERS

### DISTRICT 9600 – MONTH OF SEPTEMBER – NEW GENERATIONS (YOUTH ACTIVITIES) MONTH

#### FATHERS DAY – Sun 5 SEPT 2010

#### INTERNATIONAL HOUSE BRISBANE –Peace & Understanding lectures – Fri 10 SEPT 2010

**Corporate Breakfast, Rydges, South Bank Hotel, 7:15 a.m. for 7:30 start (concludes by 8:30 a.m.) \$60 pp or \$550 for table of 10 Dinner & Lecture, Pre-dinner drinks (Il Plaza) 5 p.m., 6:00 p.m. dinner (International House Dining Hall) & lecture – free but request contribution to offset costs and allow a donation to the scholarship program. For more information contact John Braithwaite ph 3721 2485 or email [j.braithwaite@inhouse.uq.edu.au](mailto:j.braithwaite@inhouse.uq.edu.au) RSVP by 27 August**

#### QUEENSLAND PHILANTHROPIC OCESTRA – Classical Concert - Sat 11 SEPT 7:30 p.m. & Sun 12 SEPT matinee at 11 a.m. Ferry Road Studios, West End

Tickets are \$40 (concession \$30; kids under 12 are free) and are **available through 4MBS on 3847 1717, online at <http://4mbs.com.au/node/852> or via ICU Optometrist on 3368 3644 or [Julie@icuoapt.com.au](mailto:Julie@icuoapt.com.au)** with every ticketing dollar being donated to MS Qld.

#### ROTARY CLUB OF BRIBIE ISLAND CHARITY RACE DAY – Sun. 12 SEPT 2010

Corbould Park, Caloundra. **To book email [bribie@gmail.com](mailto:bribie@gmail.com) or Ph: 0408 011 145**

#### ROYAL CHILDRENS HOSPITAL FUNDRAISING CHARITY RUN from CHINCILLA TO BRISBANE – 18 SEPT to 2 OCT 2010

Through this charity run, Steven Seymour aims to raise \$10,000 for the Royal Children's Hospital, which will ultimately save lives of young kids with life threatening illnesses. Proposed dates for the bases along the route are: 18 Sept Chinchilla (50 km), 19 & 20 Sept Dalby (100 km), 21 & 22 Sept Toowoomba (100 km), **23 & 24 Sept Brisbane (100 km).** **For more information, please contact Steven [bman123@live.com.au](mailto:bman123@live.com.au)**

#### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – 18 SEPT TO 3 OCT

#### ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHLAKES – DAY ON THE BAY – SOUTH PASSAGE SAILING SHIP - Sun. 3 OCT 2010 Scarborough Marina 9:30 a.m. (Beside coastguard HQ)

North Lakes Rotary Club invites you, family & friends to a day trip on Moreton Bay on the 100 foot sailing ship. Join them for a pirate adventure! Prizes for best dressed Male and female (optional dress code). BYO Picnic lunch & drinks (unbreakable plates & drink ware) Funds to *Rotarians Against Malaria*. Cost \$60 per person. **For more details, please call Steve 0439 946 367**

#### BRISBANE'S KARUNA HOSPICE FUNDRAISING EVENT – SUNSET SWING COCKTAIL PARTY – Fri. 8 OCT 2010

Riverside Centre Foyer, 123 Eagle St, 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Dress: Vintage 50's cocktail or formal, \$155 per person

Raising funds for Brisbane palliative care hospice Karuna, Sunset Swing is a celebration of caring and kindness. Featuring live music from Brisbane's famous Swing Central big band, an auction of experiences and exclusive lucky door prizes, the evening promises to be a dazzling night to remember. **Buy tickets at [www.sunsetswing.com.au](http://www.sunsetswing.com.au)**

#### DAY/NIGHT 50-OVER QLD V SRI LANKA MATCH @ THE GABBA – Fri. 22 Oct 2010, 2:15 p.m. onwards

Community Day for cricket lovers and supporters of the homeless

Spiritus will partner with Queensland Cricket, Brisbane City Council, Translink and Volunteering Queensland to encourage people to come out in numbers to enjoy a 'limited overs' game and help raise awareness of the need to support people who are experiencing homelessness, the challenges they face and the vital support they receive from Spiritus and other service providers. All funds raised on the day will be used to support the various Homelessness service providers supported by Spiritus. **Details on [www.spiritus.org.au](http://www.spiritus.org.au) or please contact Carlton Meyn on [cmeyn@spiritus.org.au](mailto:cmeyn@spiritus.org.au)**

#### WESTSIDE STORY – LYRIC THEATRE - Thurs. 11 NOV 2010

Tickets \$95 per person. **For more information, please contact Phil Breene**