



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise Inc.

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HOT AIR

District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
3 February 2011



FELLOW ROTARIANS

At last we are back at Rotary...sort of. This week we will of course be meeting at the Queensland Rugby Club just behind the Riverside Plaza. We should have fabulous views over the tranquil Brisbane River. By now you will have confirmed your attendance with Karen T, and like me, will be looking forward to hearing Lisa Newman speak to us.

I said 'sort of' because the Polo Club has not yet re-opened. As of Tuesday morning they were still waiting for the power to come back on. The situation is that we do not have a venue for Thursday 10 February but will be back at the Polo Club from Thursday 17 February. We are of course not alone in our plight as both the Brisbane and Mid-city Rotary Clubs are also without a home at the moment.

By now you will know that we have postponed the 'Town Lunch' until about August. It will still go ahead but we must be practical. The politician debaters have other things on their minds and as John L put it; 'the corporates have been flogged everywhere but the soles of their feet'.

I want to acknowledge the great work done by so many of you over the crisis and would especially like to congratulate Lindsay and the team who turned out at short notice to combine with Planetarium and put on the BBQ at the ecumenical church service last week.

You will be interested to know that the Fortitude Valley Rotary Club organised a fund raising lunch last week that netted \$120,000 for flood relief - now that's set the bar pretty high! So put your thinking caps on. What a great job and congratulations to Lisa and her club.

By the time you read this, it is likely that the mega-cyclone will have made landfall in Northern Queensland and we know already that this is an unfolding tragedy. We will now need to be ready to respond to this as well - you may recall that I quoted Campbell Newman a fortnight ago; 'This is a marathon not a sprint'.

Those words were more prophetic than we first thought as we face even more tragedy. It will be over the next twelve months that Rotary will be expected to show its metal. We must not fail.

Yours in Rotary,

Kit

GUEST SPEAKERS

Feb 3 Lady Mayoress Lisa Newman, *Homeless in Brisbane, Rugby Club, 123 Eagle St*
Feb 10 TBA
Feb 17 TBA
Feb 24 TBA

ROSTER

	3 Feb	10 Feb	17 Feb	24 Feb
CHAIRMAN	Diana G	James G	Elena G	Ros H
SET UP	James G	Elena G	Ros H	John K
	Elena G	Ros H	John K	Steve K
CLOSE	Ros H	John K	Steve K	Mark L
	John K	Steve K	Mark L	Deb LG

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

At the first formal gathering of Brisbane High-Rise Club for 2011 the international toast is focused on those closer to home.

In recognition of the Rotarians throughout Australia that have been directly impacted by or involved in the aftermath caused by recent flood, fire and cyclone events, the international toast has been replaced with a toast that recognizes the community service role of Rotary.

The toast is to the members and their families of **Rotary in Australia**, especially those facing the events unfolding in northern Queensland as we meet.

ATTENDANCE – 6 Jan 2011

MEMBERS	17	VISITING ROTARIANS	0
GUESTS	0	ATTENDANCE	29%

APOLOGIES, GUESTS & MAKE-UPS

MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS & BRINGING GUESTS PLEASE NOTIFY HIGH-RISE BY 9:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY:

apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com

(NB: Please ensure you receive a confirmation your email has been received)

MEMBERS PLEASE EMAIL DETAILS OF MAKE-UPS TO:

make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com

MEMBER INTEREST - DATE CLAIMERS – REMINDERS

D9600 CONFERENCE – THEME: *Enjoy Rotary – Spread Happiness* - 25 – 27 MAR 2011

The Events Centre, Caloundra

Electronic registration available on website: www.rotary9600.org

ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA – 2011 RAM NATIONAL CONFERENCE – Sat & Sun 14 -15 MAY 2011

St Columban's Catholic Secondary College

Caboolture

Quote from RAM Newsletter, Vol 2, No. 2: *"If you think you're too small to make a difference, try sleeping in a room with an active mosquito."*

BRISBANE HIGH-RISE INAUGURAL CYCLING EVENT – BRIDGES OF BRISBANE – DATE TBC

More detail to be provided at a later date

RUGBY WORLD CUP ACCOMMODATION

Are you considering going to the Rugby World Cup this year? NZ Rotarians have an accommodation deal well worth considering with funds raised from this project to be contributed to Rotary's 200 Million Dollar – End Polio New Challenge. For more information visit:

www.rotarynzrugbyhosting.org

BRISBANE HIGH-RISE PROJECTS 2010-11

ALBERT PARK FLEXI SCHOOL

BOUNDARY ST BOARDING HOUSE

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

DIABETES WALK FOR THE CURE

GREY-MAN FOUNDATION:

OUTING FOR THE DISABLED – Supporting Cerebral Palsy League

RED SHIELD APPEAL

ROTARY YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS - RYDA

SHELTER BOX

SMITH FAMILY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Members please note additional Rotary information to help club and district officers can be found on the High-Rise website and is available on our Links page:

http://rotarybrisbanehighrise.com/links_downloads.htm

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FEBRUARY 2011 – WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

23 FEB 2011 – RI 106TH BIRTHDAY

MARCH 2011 – LITERACY MONTH

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2011 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

19 – 25 MAY in New Orleans. For more information visit:

www.rotary.org/convention

