



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise Inc.

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HOT AIR

District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
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FELLOW ROTARIANS

At the conclusion of last week's meeting I said I would look into ways we might be able to help after the tragedy in Christchurch. Lindsay M suggested from the floor that I ask (daughter) Jenna if she could suggest a worthy cause given that she is there, on the ground as it were.

I put the idea to her and she quickly came back with a suggestion. She felt a donation to the Emergency Nurses Party Fund would be both appropriate and welcome;

'Any amount would be fine. I'll make sure it is properly spent' she said. 'I'm sure you would', I responded; but thought I ought to take the opportunity to better explain the objects of Rotary. I told her that given what they have been through in the last week; many of us might see the Emergency Nurses Party Fund as a very worthy cause – but it wasn't exactly what we had in mind. When I offered to run her through a PowerPoint on the Objects of Rotary she quickly agreed to look for a more appropriate beneficiary.

'Not even a lazy thousand – NZ dollars I mean?'

'No Jenna, no – what about a PowerPoint entitled The By-laws of Rotary and you?'

'OK I get it, I get it!'

Thus motivated she began to explore the many options and of course there are many. She came back to me suggesting we might want to look at helping one of the small city public schools. Many of the children attending these schools come from less a privileged socio-economic group and are suffering badly on a number of fronts. Not only have they lost all their school books, texts and in some cases classrooms, many of the children have lost their uniforms and even homes.

Jenna is going to make contact with one of these schools, seek the advice of the Principals and get back to me. I told her that we will of course be looking at what Rotary in Christchurch is up to. There is an active breakfast club in the city and I am attempting to make contact with them. Of course we at High Rise know how difficult it is just trying to get the club meeting again after a disaster.

Through all this, we must not forget the plight of fellow Queenslanders trying to get back on their feet after our own disasters. To this end I have asked Chris W to look at ways we might assist in facilitating psychological and counselling assistance. This work has already begun, but we may be able to make a real contribution - especially in the bush.

Yours in Rotary,

Kit

GUEST SPEAKERS

Mar 3 **Rob Justo, ROMAC Qld Medical Chairman**
Mar 10 John Mickel, Speaker of Qld Parliament
Mar 17 Andrew Squires, Smith Family
Mar 24 Bill Phillips, Africa

ROSTER

	3 Mar	10 Mar	17 Mar	24 Mar
CHAIRMAN	Elena G	John K	Steve K	Mark L
SET UP	John K	Steve K	Mark L	Deb LG
	Steve K	Mark L	Deb LG	Barbara L
CLOSE	Mark L	Deb LG	Barbara L	John L
	Deb LG	Barbara L	John L	Frank L

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

Earlier this year, Hot Air featured an update from Dr. Ardanas (Philippines) on the progress of Rocelyn Higana who was brought to Australia by Rotary/ROMAC in late 2007 for surgery.

In recognition of the role ROMAC has played in this and other cases from the Philippines, the international toast is to club in that nation, the Rotary Club on **Iloilo** (District 3850) who meet in the Hotel Del Rio on Thursdays in Iloilo City, Philippines.

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

ATTENDANCE – 24 Feb 2011

MEMBERS	35	VISITING ROTARIANS	2
GUESTS	2	ATTENDANCE	67%

MEMBER INTEREST - DATE CLAIMERS – REMINDERS

FLOOD RELIEF FUNDRAISING - Sat. 5 MARCH 2011

QLD Police Service Academy, 4pm- 7pm
Rudd Street, Oxley

Multicultural communities and business houses in Queensland hope to raise \$100,000 at this finger food & soft drink event in support of the Premier's Qld Flood Relief Appeal. Patron: Young Australian of the Year, Jessica Watson. Auctioneer: Deputy-Mayor Graham Quirk. Entertainment includes: South Pacific Island dance group, Brisbane Babas Band and Getano Bann. Cost \$50 per person. **For more information please contact Grace Tan 0408 418 833. FOR CATERING RSVP 1 MARCH 2011**

CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA DAY – Sun. 6 MARCH 2011

As no suitable site has been located, the High-Rise Board elected not arrange a specific site. However, since then Brisbane has had a flood, and some of may wish to participate. It is recommended this year that those members who wish should join an already organised Clean Up Site that suits them, by logging onto:- www.cleanupaustriaday.org.au/join

SPORTSMAN'S LUNCHEON – Fri. 18 MARCH 2011,

Gambaro Seafood Restaurant, 12:00 noon for 12:30pm start
33 Caxton Street, Petrie Terrace

Cost: \$120 per person / \$1,200 per table of ten. **RSVP: Friday 4 March 2011 to Michelle Thomson, T: 07 3358 8027 or E: mthomson@cplqld.org.au**

MUSIC OF ANDREW LLOYD WEBER – Thurs. 7 APRIL 2011

Lyric Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

ART SPECTACULAR – Thurs. 7 to Sat. 16 APRIL 2011

OPENING NIGHT COCKTAIL PARTY – Thurs. 7 APRIL 2011

Riverside Centre, 123 Eagle St, Brisbane

Open daily between 8am - 6pm, Weekends 9am - 4pm

For more information please contact Barbara L.

HOMELESS CONNECT – Wedn. 11 MAY 2011

Volunteers are needed to help at the above day at the RNA Showground. It is a day organized by Brisbane City Council where 1,000+ homeless come and connect with the various service providers, and get access to various services. **For more information please contact Ross G.**

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

St Columban's Catholic Secondary College
Caboolture

BRISBANE HIGH-RISE INAUGURAL CYCLING EVENT – BRIDGES OF BRISBANE – Sun. 15 MAY 2011

More details to come

ROTARIAN WEEK OF IBLA BAROQUE – Sat. 14 MAY to 21 MAY 2011

Brisbane High-Rise members are invited to attend the seventh Rotarian week held in Ragusa (South-eastern Sicily) to be hosted by the local Rotary Club. The event intends to introduce Rotary club members of the whole world to this beautiful part of Baroque Sicily, recognized by the UNESCO as world heritage site. The program begins upon arrival at Catania airport on Saturday 14 May, and ends your departure from Catania, Saturday 21 May. **Programs, itinerary and booking form on www.rotaryragusa.it**

RED SHIELD DAY – Sun. 29 MAY 2011

This year High-Rise will need a good roll-up for not only the counting house (3-4), but also to act as drivers and collectors in the inner city west area (as many as possible). More details will be provided closer to the day.

CHANGEOVER DINNER – Fri. 24 JUNE 2011

More detail to be provided at a later date

MESSAGE FROM COMPUTERS 4 KIDS

Fellow Rotarians,
Computers 4 Kids would like to thank all those who answered the call for mouse (or is it mice?) for our computers. Your generous response was a great help.

The workshop has another request - we have orders for over 200 computers and only 120 computers in stock. C4K needs Pentium 4 Pc's (including keyboards and cables) flat-screens (preferable) mouse and mouse mats. We also have a number of orders for laptops which we are unable to fulfil as our current stock is zero. Any help you, your friends, business acquaintances or even family can give would be sincerely appreciated.

Yours in Rotary, Elizabeth Grace,
Chairman Computers 4 Kids,
E-mail: elizabeth.grace@bigpond.com

DISTRICT 9600

D9600 CONFERENCE - 25 to 27 MARCH 2011

THEME: Enjoy Rotary – Spread Happiness

The Events Centre,
Caloundra

Electronic registration available on website:

www.rotary9600.org

There is an offer to fellow Rotarians, of a super sharp accommodation rate at the Rydges Oasis for accommodation during the Rotary District Conference 9600 see link: www.rydges.com/hotel/0/RQOASI/Rydges-Oasis-Resort-Caloundra.htm

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY – Sun. 5 JUNE 2011

All incoming Board Members for the 2011-12 year (including those doing the position again) are to attend.