



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise Inc.

R.I. No. 29520

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HOT AIR

District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
4 November 2010



FELLOW ROTARIANS

It was a hot dry February day in 2007 on the Bruce Highway just south of Ingham; Brett was driving with his partner Yao Dong in the front passenger seat and his sister in law Patricia in the back seat behind him. As they rounded a wide sweeping right hand bend they collided with a camper van coming the other way. By the end of that day four people were dead; the driver of the camper van being the only survivor. His wife of 56 years died at the scene.

The day before the fatal crash, Brett had been at Rotary as usual and looking forward to his North Queensland Holiday. I remember that he and I always met up at the cereal table where we used to 'run interference' for each other – always trying to secure the last boxes of sultana bran. Brett Mitchell was only 44 years old.

As you are all aware Brett left his estate to the Rotary Foundation and early this year he was admitted to the Arch Klumph Society as a significant donor. His photo hangs in the Arch Klumph Room at Rotary Headquarters in Evanston Ill.

Susan R was in Chicago last week and took the opportunity to visit Rotary HQ and was given the guided tour. One of the main reasons she ventured out on the Chicago subway (and she had to make a couple of train changes) was to visit the Arch Klumph room to see the portrait. Brett is the latest admission to the Society and Susan is the first High-Rise member to make the pilgrimage.

Susan took a number of photos and also brought a gift back from Rotary HQ for the President. I want to encourage this kind of behaviour in the club especially among the peripatetic members! Your President is not a politician and does not have to declare anything or surrender the gift to the government. I wonder if Vic considered bringing me back a bottle of polluted water from the Rhine!

Brett will be having another visitor from the club in the next week or so as Barbara and John L will be visiting Rotary HQ.

Brett's gift was indeed very generous and will no doubt be used wisely.

.....still, on balance I would have rather been fighting with him over the last box of Sultana Bran at Rotary next Thursday.

Yours in Rotary, Kit

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

ATTENDANCE – APOLOGIES & GUESTS

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

GUEST SPEAKERS

Nov 4 John Laurence, Rotary Nauru

Nov 11 Geoff Orman, Taskforce Against Graffiti

Nov 18 Alison Lees & Helen Burton, Co-authors of *How To Get Ahead Without Murdering Your Boss*

Nov 25 Justice Daubney

BIRTHDAYS

4 Nov Cathy Breene

6 Nov Joy Cooper & Zanthia Tillmans

8 Nov Russell Postle

9 Nov Ross Garling

ATTENDANCE – 28 Oct 2010

MEMBERS	36	VISITING ROTARIANS	2
GUEST	1	ATTENDANCE	62%

ROSTER

	4 Nov	11 Nov	18 Nov	25 Nov
CHAIRMAN	Gordana B	Deb B	Philip B	Rod C
SET UP	Deb B	Philip B	Rod C	Barry C
	Philip B	Rod C	Barry C	Joy C
CLOSE	Rod C	Barry C	Joy C	Jennifer E
	Barry C	Joy C	Jennifer E	Ross G

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

It is estimated that gambling on horse races is an activity that generates a world-wide market worth around US\$115 billion annually. Horse racing in Australia was founded during the early years of settlement; the first country racing club having been established at Wallabadah, NSW, in 1852.

In recognition of Australia's most famous racehorse Phar Lap, the international toast is to the Rotary Club of **Timaru** (the birthplace of Phar Lap) (District 9980) who meet on Tuesdays at the Caroline Bay Tearoom, Timaru, New Zealand.

MEMBER INTEREST - DATE CLAIMERS – REMINDERS

CHAPLAIN WATCH – NIGHT4NIGHT WATCH FUNDRAISING EVENT – Thurs. 11 NOV 2010

Mercedes Benz Showroom, 6;30 p.m. 824 Ann St, Fortitude Valley, **For more information please contact Gordana B**

WESTSIDE STORY – LYRIC THEATRE - Thurs. 11 NOV 2010

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

THE GREY MAN – COCKTAILS AT THE SUPREME COURT – Tues 30 NOV 2010

Banco Court of the Supreme Court, Lvl 2 Law Courts Complex, 6:00p.m for 6:30 p.m. start, 304 George St, Brisbane

The Grey Man is an Australian registered Charity and an international organisation, dedicated to the fight against the trafficking and exploitation of children. Based in Brisbane, The Grey Man activities are generally focused on the countries of South East Asia. Each year, around the world UNICEF estimates around 1.2 million children are sold into slavery, which includes labour and sex work. This special event will be officially opened by the Attorney-General and Minister for Industrial Relations, the Hon. Cameron Dick, MP. **For more information please email: nishavadher@hotmail.com**

SMITH APPEAL DRIVE – Sun 19 DEC 2010

For more information please contact Jennifer E

BRETT MITCHELL INDUCTED INTO ARCH C KLUMPH SOCIETY

On a recent visit to RI Headquarters in Chicago, Brisbane High Riser, Susan Rix, took the photos below of the Arch C. Klumph Gallery and Brett Mitchell who had been inducted into the Arch C. Klumph Society after his death in 2007.



OPEN HOUSE HOSTED BY TILA VAN GELEIN VITRINGA

Vic Morrissey and Tila van Gelein Vitringa



From left, Jane Smeeton, Gay Lee and Dorothy McDonald

