



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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HOT AIR

District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
07 July 2011



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT – Bill's Blurb...

There was plenty of chatter during the committee meetings that convened during our first breakfast meeting of the new Rotary year. I presume it was all directed towards fruitful discussion. A bit of a different approach aimed at highlighting the importance of effective committees in the operation of a successful Rotary club. Put simply the more effective are our committees the more good things we do to the benefit of our communities.

It was interesting in the committee meeting that I sat in on the things I did not know about what goes on in our Club; most of it behind the scenes. I clearly should know. And if I don't who else doesn't? Much is being done without fanfare and all to the benefit of our Club. Just another example of the good people who make up our membership.

Now during the question time period I was asked what my vision is for our Club. I have been thinking about my answer. I rambled on a bit and believe I came up short with my response.

I would have been more comfortable if I had defined my views on what constitutes a successful Rotary Club. I endeavoured to do this for our first planning meeting. Knowing how your Club should look and feel and what it should do becomes your objective and all your activities should then be channeled towards achieving that objective. Being relatively new to Rotary it is somewhat presumptuous of me to define that objective but someone has to start the process.

So what then is this objective? Well a successful Club for me has these attributes:

- * Interesting and informative meetings
- * A high level of member involvement
- * Financially strong
- * Growing membership
- * Programs that are relevant to the needs of our communities
- * Fun is an integral part of all activity.
- * A high level of activity

There will never be a shortage of things to do; the needs of our communities at the local, national and international level will never be met. Thus there will always be a role for organizations like Rotary. Our aim must therefore be to do what we can to the extent that we can. It is a balancing act and we can't do everything but we can only ever be satisfied if we have done our best. Potentially we are a powerful Club boasting numbers, talent and a wonderful community attitude. I am not sure therefore we can ever put limits on our "best".

| ROSTER | 7 July | 14 July | 21 July | 28 July | 4 August | 11 August | 18 August | 25 August |
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| CHAIRMAN | Mark M | Christine M | Vic M | Ron M | Roslyn M | Rob O | Bill P | Russell P |
| SET UP | Christine M | Vic M | Ron M | Roslyn M | Rob O | Bill P | Russell P | Wendy P |
| | Vic M | Ron M | Roslyn M | Rob O | Bill P | Russell P | Wendy P | Sylvia R |
| CLOSE DOWN | Ron M | Roslyn M | Rob O | Greg P | Russell P | Wendy P | Sylvia R | Alexandra R |
| | Roslyn M | Rob O | Greg P | Bill P | Wendy P | Sylvia R | Alexandra R | Susan R |

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

This week we toast The Rotary Club of Guam Sunrise in Micronesia. They hold weekly meetings on Tuesday mornings at the beautiful Onward Beach Resort located on the magnificent Island of Guam.

GUEST SPEAKERS

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| 7 July | Stewart Gow – CEO Australian Entrepreneurs | Stewart is the CEO of Australian Entrepreneurs and co-founder of the National Industry Association for Angel Investors. Stewart's career includes roles as Manager of Venture Capital for the Queensland Government and Australian Vice Consul in Silicon Valley for ICT. |
| 14 July | Noela Phillips | Noela and her husband Bill (our esteemed President) travelled to South Africa earlier this year. A highlight was the visit to the Ugandan Gorillas. Hear Noela's story about what they saw and the memories they'll keep forever. |
| 21 July | Major Tim Warner (TBC) | Officer commanding Alpha Company, 8 th /9 th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment as part of the International Stabilisation Force of East Timor. |
| 28 July | Committee Update | Greg will be talking up Membership. |

ATTENDANCE – 30 June 2011

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| MEMBERS | 35 | GUESTS | 4 | VISITING ROTARIANS | - | ATTENDANCE | 56% |
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PAYPAL

PREPAY FOR MEETINGS and SUBSCRIPTIONS ON THE WEB AT: <http://rotarybrisbanehighrise.com/members.htm>

APOLOGIES – GUESTS – MAKE UPS

APOLOGIES FROM MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS and MEMBERS BRINGING GUESTS PLEASE NOTIFY OUR CLUB BY 9am WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO THAT THURSDAY'S BREAKFAST MEETING VIA EMAIL: apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com
MEMBERS NEEDING TO ADVISE OF MAKE UPS - PLEASE EMAIL: make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com

PROJECTS 2011-2012 – POLIO – FROM 125 COUNTRIES to 4 !!!!!

After 20 years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the brink of eradicating this tenacious disease, but a strong push is needed now to root it out once and for all. It is a window of opportunity of historic proportions. Your contribution will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families. As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are that high.



NOTICES RE YOUTH COMMITTEE 2011-2012

NYSF2012 for Yr 12 science students

Club Nominee Ellie from Cannon Hill Anglican College. Ellie will be attending the District selection day at Caboolture on Sunday 31 July

Matched Student Exchange 2012

Yr10 Term 2 in NZ followed by NZ host returning here Term 3. Applications close NOW.

RYPEN 2011 14-17yo weekend leadership camp

Cooloolah 26-28/8/11. Applications close 10/8/2011

Science Experience for students going into Yr 10

January 2012. Applications close October 2011

RYLA 2012 18-26 yo tall ships leadership voyage

April 2012. Applications close March 2012

International Youth Exchange Program post Yr 12

Applications close March 2012

UPDATE FROM ST JUDES – AND GEMMA SISIA

Greetings from St Jude's! Another action packed month at St Jude's! The St Jude's Appeal 2011 is underway, our students from all campuses have been studying hard and having fun with Extra Curricular Activities and a number of our Teachers travelled to Mombasa, Kenya, for teacher training. We hope you enjoy reading all about it in our May Newsletter.

SUPPORT US NOW with St Jude's Appeal 2011 - Our school is growing and developing at a rate of knots and we need the facilities to provide the quality education we promise and we need your.

SUPPORT NOW! Current students desperately need more resources and room to work, play and live. We also hope to continue our in-take numbers of over 150 students at the beginning of 2012. We've identified the areas where students need the most assistance and through this appeal we hope we will be able to provide ample opportunities for them to be able to achieve their personal best. Boost our students' wellbeing so they can reach their full potential! Visit **St Jude's Appeal 2011** for details on how you can support us now!

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs! Get involved and volunteer in Arusha at The School of St Jude with our long-term and short-term Volunteer Opportunities. We want you to join our team as an ESL Teacher, Teacher Mentor, Visitor Team Assistant, HR Assistant, Donor Relations Assistant, Purchasing Assistant, Photographer, or an Early Childhood Psychologist and more...

Tours and Treks - Places on our September St Jude's Tours are quickly filling. For more information about our 2011 and 2012 tours, check out the website. We have also launched our Mt Kili Challenge 2011, if you are feeling adventurous check out the website for more details.

St Jude's Online Store - Visit St Jude's Online Shop to send a loved one an eCard or purchase the Hopeful Chef Cookbook, Stamp Sets and much more...Hugs from Everyone at St Jude's! - schoolofstjude.co.tz

DATE CLAIMERS

Saturday 2 July – 7pm Start

Saturday 23 July – 7pm Start

All Rotarians, Partners and Friends to the **DISTRICT CHANGE-OVER Dinner & Dance** - districtsecretary@rotary9600.org

Flavour Fest and Flavour Feast – The Gympie Region will host celebrations and showcases of local food and culinary excellence - The Rotary Club of Gympie Cooloolah is proud to present the Flavour Feast event in this celebration - **a four course Gourmet Meal and Wine Tasting evening**, to be held from 7.00 pm at the Gympie Civic Centre, Mellor St, Gympie. **End Polio Now** and Camp Quality will be recipients of funds raised. Further information and booking details are attached. You are invited to join in these wonderful events and - Enjoy FlavourFest at the Gympie Showgrounds Pavilion from 10am, then.....**Dine with fellow food and wine lovers and be prepared to have your taste buds tantalised as you enjoy gourmet delights prepared by award winning local chefs**

VIP chefs - Ben O'Donoghue, Matt Golinski and Rita Macali will be attending the dinner and providing entertaining insights into the world of a celebrity chef. We look forward to sharing Rotary friendship with you and your friends as you join in supporting this important fundraising event. You may even find it a good idea to experience some of the excellent accommodation available in Gympie, relax and stay over to purchase some bargains at the Sunday Markets and still have time to ride the restored 1923 steam train - the Mary Valley Rattler - which travels the historic 40km journey from Gympie to Imbil. The 'Rattler' pulls out of Gympie Station at Tozer Street at 10.00 am every Sunday! For more details check these web sites: www.flavourfest.com.au/
STEAM TRAIN TRIP to the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers - Departs Roma St at 7.20am, Corinda at 7.35am - Lunch at Railway Refreshment rooms Toowoomba 12.15pm - Bus tour of several award winning gardens - Return to Corinda 720pm and Roma Street 7.35pm - Cost adults \$99 for train, \$24.50 for lunch.

Sunday 18 Sept – 720pm Start