



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

On Thursday 4 November District Governor Eric Wood will be making his official visit to Brisbane High-Rise. There have been occasions in my Rotary past where such an announcement by the Club President would have prompted advanced travel plans, the onset of a seasonal illness, urgent family business etc. Fortunately things have changed and The District Governors over the past ten or so years have been quite different (..I hope that got John in!). This is probably a function of the change in Rotary as we move to become more relevant in a changing world.

High-Rise is running neck and neck with Planetarium as the District's largest club and on that basis alone I would like to think we will have a big turn-out on the 4th of November. Never the less, being one of the biggest clubs is not as important as being one of the most enthusiastic and fun clubs to belong to, and that is the message I hope Eric takes away with him. Ironically Planetarium and High-Rise are two very similar clubs, both large, growing breakfast clubs with great spirit - there's got to be a message there.

As a general rule the District Governors asks to meet with the Board for an hour before the actual club meeting, however they tend not to embrace this practice quite so enthusiastically when visiting breakfast clubs. The thought of a 6:30am get together with the Board doesn't seem to have much appeal. Eric will be coming in from Strathpine so I think the Board's safe!

However, I am looking forward to his visit and he has kindly agreed to perform an important task for us on the day. Eric is an impressive man; he's a down to earth family man who with his wife Jo-Anne runs a successful retail business and has raised three adult children. He's been in Rotary since the mid 1980's; been President twice...some people are slow learners...hang on, I'm a retread too! And speaking of that, Did you know that Past President Ron M has done it three times? Anyway, back to point of this - Eric has held most of the Offices at District level and has been on track to be DG for several years.

As you may know the District Governor role is a four year commitment with the actual year as Governor being essentially full time. The first year is as DG Nominee then District Governor Elect, followed by the year as Governor then a final year as Immediate Past District Governor. Eric is a good speaker with a practical approach to Rotary and I'm sure you'll like the guy. More later.

Yours in Rotary,

Kit

GUEST SPEAKERS

Oct 7 John Arvier – Tour de France

- Oct 14 Paul Pisasale & Laurie MuMuntzMundt
- Oct 21 Albert Park Flexi School Breakfast meeting
- Oct 28 Jennifer Mitchell – Droplets in the Stream

MELBOURNE CUP TRIFECTA TICKETS

Tickets \$2 each. For more information download the flyer from Brisbane high-Rise website Home page.

BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Oct Gary McDonald
- 8 Oct Stewart Settle
- 11 Oct Kit Bennetts & Elenor Leveritt

ATTENDANCE – 30 Sept 2010

MEMBERS	37	VISITING ROTARIANS	2
GUESTS	2	ATTENDANCE	64%

ROSTER

	7 Oct	14 Oct	21 Oct	28 Oct
CHAIRMAN	John A	Tim B	Ken B	Jacque B
SET UP	Tim B	Ken B	Jacque B	Gordana B
	Ken B	Jacque B	Gordana B	Deb B
CLOSE	Jacque B	Gordana B	Deb B	Philip B
	Gordana B	Deb B	Philip B	Rod C

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

As befits Europe's largest port, Rotterdam is open to the outside world and the 600,000 inhabitants originate from no less than 160 countries. Half the Rotterdam people are from foreign origins and a quarter of them are Moslems.

In 2010 Rotterdam hosted the Grand Depart of the Tour, therefore the international toast is to the Rotary Club of **Rotterdam-Kralingen** (District 1600) who meet Wednesdays at the Jockey Club, Rotterdam.

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

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. .
Buy tickets at www.sunsetswing.com.au

ROTARY CLUB OF REDLANDS BAYSIDE – INAUGURAL ROTARY GOLF CLUB DAY – Fri. 15 OCT 2010

Redland Bay Golf Club, Registration & Breakfast 9:30 a.m., Tee Off 10:30 a.m., Lunch & Presentation 3:00 p.m.
Dress: Golf - as per club dress regulations

The Redlands Bayside Rotary Club & Redland Bay Golf Club invites you to their inaugural Rotary Golf Day in support of PolioPlus. The event will be a four ball ambrose competition, so anyone can play, regardless of ability. Price: \$100 per player, \$400 per team of 4 (Included in the price is golf, electric cart, pre game breakfast burger, buffet lunch & the chance to win many prizes). Hole sponsorships are available for \$300 per hole. **To book a place or to find out more please contact Aaron Muirhead on (07) 3206 7011 or email aaron@redlandbaygolf.com.au**

ROTARY CLUB OF MALENY – MUSICAL *Up the Tiber Without a Toga*- 15th to 23rd OCT 2010

Caloundra Events Centre, see www.upthetiber.com.au

The Rotary Club of Maleny is assisting *Tiber Productions Fund Ltd* by way of supporting the production schedule with a myriad of behind-the-scenes volunteer tasks, promotion, and organisational talent. From this assistance all profits will be distributed to The Rotary Foundation and Rotary Australia World Community Service. Tickets can be purchased directly from the Caloundra Events Centre at www.theeventscentre.com.au

For more information please call Bob on 07 5435 2775 or 0419 726 423.

COMMUNITY DAY @ THE GABBA – Fri. 22 Oct 2010, 2:15 p.m. onwards

Day/Night 50-over Qld V Sri Lanka match

Community day for cricket lovers and supporters of the homeless

Details on www.spiritus.org.au or contact Carlton Meyn on cmeyn@spiritus.org.au

WESTSIDE STORY – LYRIC THEATRE - Thurs. 11 NOV 2010

Tickets \$95 per person.

For more information, please contact Phil Breene

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 on 0412 543 813

SHELTERBOX AUSTRALIA

1 October 2010

Team takes ShelterBox to flood ravaged Niger

ShelterBox team members are working alongside local military, police and firemen to distribute aid in the devastated country of Niger, a landlocked country in Western Africa, in the grip of severe flooding.

The ShelterBox Response Team initially concentrated aid upon the flood hit capital of Niamey, however efforts have now moved east toward Maradi.

Distribution of aid is running very smoothly thanks to the assistance of Rotary groups, local emergency services and the military, who have been instrumental in the relief operation. Adrian Somner, ShelterBox response Team leader, said, "The support and co-operation of the local services, Rotarians and the military has been overwhelming and has certainly made for a more efficient distribution use of aid."

The floods in Niger are compounding an already urgent food crisis in the region, as the Niger River in the country's capital reaches its highest level in more than 80 years. Homes, latrines and rice fields have been destroyed, with consequences for surrounding populations.

According to United Nations, the floods are hitting Niger at a time when more than seven million people in the country are already facing severe hunger.

200 ShelterBoxes have now been distributed in the worst affected regions. **For more information please contact Katey Small**

Ph: 02 43852696 ksmall@brilliantlogic.com.au

DISTRICT 9600 – UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTH OF OCTOBER – VOCATIONAL SERVICES MONTH

ROTARY CLUB OF NUNDAH – COMPUTERS 4 KIDS

The charter is to provide computers at a reasonable cost (\$50) to individuals and families that are disadvantaged. At present there are Pentium 4 computers available for immediate delivery. If you know of someone in need of a computer please apply using the website below.

Donated PCs from Corporate, Government and private individuals are recycled; all data deleted and overwritten to protect the interests of the donors. These machines are refurbished, new operating system and productivity software installed and subjected to a rigorous testing programme to ensure quality control.

Cradle to grave asset tracking is in place to ensure donated items can be accounted for. In recognition of the high standard of quality control and strict procedures Microsoft has seen fit to award the program the coveted *Microsoft Approved Refurbisher* status. A validation procedure is in place to ensure computers are only placed in homes with a genuine need.

To date 3,000 computers have been given to disadvantaged people. All this is achieved by a volunteer labour force and the generosity of local businesses. **For more information contact Chris Johnston on 07 3165 4600 www.computers4kids.com.au**

ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR – 7 Nov 2010

St Columbans College, Caboolture

Registration at 8:30 a.m., start 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This seminar incorporates the AGM of the District.



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Attn: Ms Susan Rix
Brisbane High Rise Rotary Club

27 September 2010

Dear Susan

Re: Donation

I'm sorry to have missed you and Jane at the last Brisbane High Rise Rotary Club meeting. However Christine met me the moment I got to the top of the stairs and I was well looked after. Once again it was a pleasant way to start the day.

Anyway, I thought I would write to let you know of our plans, and to thank you and the other club members for your kind donation of \$1,000.

Just before I received your email, the tenants here at Boundary Street had come up with an idea to make a courtyard garden on level 2 of the building. It is the only internal courtyard area we have in the entire building and until recently it has looked rather bleak. It had a few ancient tables and chairs, and was mostly used by the smokers.

Anyway, to cut a long story short the tenants plan to paint a mural around the perimeter wall, and then make an ornamental garden. They are planning to use plants in pots so that they can be easily moved around as they grow.

We have already had the area spring cleaned ready for the project and have discarded the old furniture. The next meeting of the group takes place next week and it will be nice that there will be good news about the funding for the project on the agenda.

So please pass on our thanks for your kind donation.

Kind Regards

Gina

Gina Pearson
CEO
bric housing company