



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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HOT AIR

District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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

Red at night shepherds delight! Or so the saying goes. This thought struck me as I was reflecting on my career. You see the sun is setting on my career; things often look better in hindsight so I am happy to think that there is a slight red glow looking back. Who is to argue in any case?

The cause for the reflection was a dinner I attended in Melbourne recently. It was in honour of a former colleague who had just completed 50 years of continuous service with the one company (Bowens Timber and Hardware). It is a family business dating back to 1899. The current MD is the fourth generation and the company continues to flourish; in fact going from strength to strength (they dominate the supply of building products in the VIC building industry). They boast many long serving employees and are the very best of family companies. Bowens care about their employees and genuinely appreciate what they do and contribute.

I worked for Bowens for a number of years; I have worked for a few companies; from multinationals to Australian public companies to the best and worst of family companies and even had a few years more of less doing my own thing. Work is an important component of our lives. It is hard to avoid if you want to eat. It is interesting for me then to reflect on those companies that had the most impact on me and why that was so

The family company in Melbourne taught me much about the importance of valuing people. I think I knew this before I joined but the way this was demonstrated by the management of this company left an indelible impression on me. My period with them was during some tough times which meant that difficult decisions had to be made. These decisions were implemented with care and compassion. Those directly affected knew it as did all the staff. Sticking by your employees in tough times will stand you in good stead when conditions change.

Before I joined Bowens I worked with what became an offshoot of A V Jennings. This was a great, entrepreneurial Australian company and was influential in shaping the Australian building industry. It was not hard to see why. They too valued the individual, they recognised contribution, rewarded effort and gave people room to move. The management lessons I learnt through Jennings shaped my career. I still refer back to those days in making decisions.

Given that I have worked for a few companies I have a simple method of passing judgement on the worth of these companies. It is in the friends that I have retained. If you forge enduring relationships within a company it probably means that you relate strongly to the values of that company. The friendships from Jennings and Bowens have endured. That says it all for me.

Is it any different in a Rotary Club? If you are not happy, you are not made welcome and you don't relate then you will move on irrespective of what good things the Club might do. The culture in the Club is just as important as in any business. Visitors often say to me that there is a "good feel" to our Club. That's a great compliment. I don't think we do anything specifically to promote this so it must be what comes natural to most members. And highlights again why it is special to be a member of High – Rise.

ROSTER	8 September	15 September	22 September	29 September	6 October	13 October	20 October	27 October
CHAIRMAN	Wendy P	Sylvia R	Alexandra R	Susan R	Johann R	Steve S	Sharyn S-H	Jane S
SET UP	Sylvia R	Alexandra R	Susan R	Johann R	Steve S	Sharyn S-H	Jane S	Karen T
	Alexandra R	Susan R	Johann R	Steve S	Sharyn S-H	Jane S	Karen T	Angela T
CLOSE DOWN	Susan R	Johann R	Steve S	Sharyn S-H	Jane S	Karen T	Angela T	Andrew W
	Johann R	Steve S	Sharyn S-H	Jane S	Karen T	Angela T	Andrew W	Craig W

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

We toast the Rotary Club of New York, who meet at the Harvard Club on W 44th. This week of September 11, 2001 is a date that bonds all of us.

GUEST SPEAKERS

8 Sept	Jonathan Tunney	Jonathan became CEO of the RNA in 2002 and since then has implemented a range of innovative, sustainable and commercially viable initiatives for the RNA. We'll hear some of the history of the RNA (the EKKA too) and the future developments.
15 Sept	Victoria O'Rourke	Our High Rise GSE candidate will give us an update.
22 Sept	Restoration Visit	Let's take a 7am tour of under the City Hall, followed by a quick breakfast at Groove Train
29 Sept	BG – Coal Seam Gas	

ATTENDANCE – 01 September 2011

MEMBERS	36	GUESTS	2	VISITING ROTARIANS	2	ATTENDANCE	64%
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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

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

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS – You need to put these straight in your diaries

DATE	STYLE	WHERE	WHO	TYPE
Sun 18 Sep	Event	Train ride to the Carnival of Flowers	Russell P	Leave from Roma Street/Corinda
Sat 1 Oct	Dinner	Norman Hotel – 102 Ipswich Road, Wooloongabba - 3391 5022	Karen T	Aussie
Fri 14 Oct	Drinks	In the city – TBA	Ron M	
Sun 30 Oct	Tour	XXXX Brewery and BBQ at the Ale House - Adult with 4 pots - \$38pp; Adult non-drinker \$34pp; Youth (under 18) \$28pp; children under 10 no cost	Wendy P	To be paid no later than 13 Oct

DATE CLAIMERS

Sunday 11 Sep	THE ROTARY RACE DAY – Corbould Park Caloundra – a great social day out for all – Email: bribie@gmail.com or contact Mary on 0421529824 - 9600 Race Day Committee. This is the fifth year that the combined clubs of Caboolture and Bribie Island have arranged this great day out. Even if you can't tell one end of a horse from the other it is such a fun day. Bring the family!
Sunday 18 Sep– 7.20am	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 9 - 23 Oct	ALERT – FOR THE RUGBY LOVING ROTARIANS IN OUR CLUB - www.rugbyworldcup.com - The 2011 Rugby World Cup starts in Auckland with the NZ vs Tonga game on 9th September 2011. The final will be played in Auckland on Sunday October 23, 2011, at Eden Park. Tickets remain available for most games on the Rugby World Cup website. www.rugbyworldcup.com . Experience true kiwi hospitality in a fellow Rotarians home - bed and breakfast, \$150 per night, includes a donation to Polio Plus.

NOTICEBOARD

 <p>Convention Registration Register early now to receive the best rates and accommodations, and come the Land of a Thousand Smiles. Find out more about Bangkok ! Download the convention logo's and watch the 2012 RI Convention promotional video. To attend the convention and experience the fellowship of Rotary at an international level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Register for the convention and ticketed events Reserve your hotel Purchase host event tickets <p>Check the preliminary schedule to help plan your trip. http://www.rotaryconvention2012.com/#Start</p>	 <p>2011 ROTARY CHARITY RACE DAY CORBOULD PARK CALOUNDRA SUNDAY 11th September</p> <p>Champagne Garden \$30</p> <p>Function Room Luncheon \$50</p> <p>Entry to General Area \$10</p> <p>FASHIONS ON THE FIELD Fashionable Ladies Race Wear Fashionable Menswear Most Fashionable Couple</p> <p>Enquiries to Mary Grant 0421529824 George Grant 0408011145 Maureen Hall 0411492005</p> <p>A project of the Rotary Clubs of Aspley, Bribie Island and Caboolture</p>	 <p>GOLF CHALLENGE CAMBODIA 30 OCT – 5 NOV 2011 A CHARITY EVENT FOR ALL ROTARIANS AND FRIENDS OF ROTARY</p> <p>shelter BOX AUSTRALIA</p> <p>INCLUSIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Nights at the Victoria Angkor Resort & Spa (5-star), Siem Reap 3 Rounds of Golf at three Championship Courses with personal Caddie and Cart Iced Water on the Courses Daily Champagne Breakfast Buffet Daily Lunches Daily Dinner Parties 3 Hours of Alcoholic and Non-alcoholic Beverages at all Dinners Local Cultural Entertainment Show Half Day Sightseeing 'Angkor Wat Temples' with Guide Free Entry into the ShelterBox Australia Raffle with daily Prizes Beautiful Trophies Fantastic Prizes—Daily and Overall Australian PGA Event Organization English Speaking Tour Escort <p>* Donation to ShelterBox Australia of US\$200.00 per person</p> <p>The Ultimate Golf Challenge TIM IRELAND +61 2 4982 2012 tim@enjoythehit.com</p> <p>To book please visit www.enjoythehit.com for all details and booking forms!</p> <p>Please check our fantastic Non-Golfer Program with Sightseeing & Spa Treatments!</p>
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PROJECTS 2011-2012 – Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

Local	Albert Park Flexi School – This is an ongoing project through the year that will include bursaries and repair to the site.
	BRIC Housing – This year we will collect for specific items needed, such as kettles, toasters, microwaves.
International	Mamba Primary School – We are running the Trifector again this year with the funds going towards another project for the children and area in Tanzania. The tickets are ordered and on there way to us – so selling caps on!
	Food for Thought – This project will be linked with Micro Banking opportunities and we expect to have up and running in 2012.
	Rotary Foundation – We encourage each Member to donate \$100 towards promoting our local causes.
	ROMAC – We will continue to identify key activities and fundraising that will make a difference.
	St Judes – We will again be working closely with Gemma finding ways to contribute both time and donation.
Youth	NYSF2012 - Yr 12 science students
	- Club Attendee is Ellie from Cannon Hill Anglican College – one of 27 selected by the District last weekend.
	- Yr10 Term 2 in NZ followed by NZ host returning here Term 3.
	- Coolum 26-28/8/11. Applications close 10/8/2011
	- January 2012. Applications close October 2011
	- April 2012. Applications close March 2012
	- Applications close March 2012
Emergency Events	Shelter Boxes – We will maintain our Serviette Appeal approach and collection at times of need.
	Art Spectacular – Our involvement will continue in 2012 with the tender process underway out for new Beneficiaries.
	Walk for the Cure – October again and we support the walk through marshalling, attendant roles and as collectors.
	Homeless Connect – We will choose a specific item to collect for – Ross has one in mind.
	Red Shield Appeal – Bryce will sort us out for the next appeal, now in 2012.
	Grey Man Foundation – We are still looking at what we can do to assist this organisation – under Kit's guidance.
General	Updating the Website – Working on our Facebook Presence - Twitter – Hot Air – Membership Program

Would you know what to do in a mental health crisis?

In 2008, 2,191 Australians committed suicide. Over three-quarters of them were male. 103 were Indigenous Australians.



While suicide accounts for only a relatively small proportion – around 1.5% - of all deaths in Australia, its impact on specific age groups is great. According to ABS statistics, in 2008 24% of all male deaths aged 15-24 were due to suicide and more men aged over 85 years die as a result of suicide than any other age group. Females did not fare much better, with the median age at death for females who died from suicide just 43.5 years and suicide rates for women aged over 60 remaining consistently high.

Betty Kitchener and Professor Tony Jorm began running Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) courses as a community service activity. MHFA acts as the first line of intervention in much the same way as medical first aid, teaching participants ways of assisting someone in a mental health related crisis before professional assistance becomes available.

Now, Australian Rotary Health, in conjunction with Rotary Clubs around Australia, are running their own preventative mental health first aid workshops that aim to assist in providing support to community members who are at risk of or who are experiencing a mental health crisis.

By supporting Australian Rotary Health, you can make a difference to your community by helping fund essential programs. To find out more visit our website at www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au or call Cheryl Deguara on 02 8837 1900 or email cheryldeguara@australianrotaryhealth.org.au.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

australianrotaryhealth.org.au/

Another busy month with three containers packed on 6 August. **To Port Moresby:** books, birthing kits, respirators (face masks), medical supplies, hospital beds, bikes and scooters.

To Honiara: The second delivery of desks and chairs for Auki Primary School.

To Madang: Books, face masks, hospital beds and linen, medical supplies and birthing kits.

....and then there was the additional container to Noro packed by Trevor Taylor for his **Gizo** projects. **Busy month!**



The use of the DIK Store at Durack is without question the life blood of the DIK operation as were the two previous locations, close to the Ipswich Highway and the State/City Carriers. However, there is an uncertainty as to how much longer we will enjoy the use of a 'no cost, expenses only' industrial building, those days seem to have passed and Donations in Kind must be prepared to consider a permanent base. You may be aware that there are options on the table for an alternative and perhaps a permanent venue when the time comes to leave Durack. This may one day be disclosed, meanwhile we are very happy to work from Durack Store, with thanks to an understanding owner.

JUST FOR A LAUGH – AND NOT TO OFFEND...from a Scrabble nut...

PRESBYTERIAN	When you rearrange the letters:	BEST IN PRAYER
ASTRONOMER	When you rearrange the letters:	MOON STARER
DESPERATION	When you rearrange the letters:	A ROPE ENDS IT
THE EYES	When you rearrange the letters:	THEY SEE
GEORGE BUSH	When you rearrange the letters:	HE BUGS GORE
THE MORSE CODE	When you rearrange the letters:	HERE COME DOTS
DORMITORY	When you rearrange the letters:	DIRTY ROOM
SLOT MACHINES	When you rearrange the letters:	CASH LOST IN ME
ANIMOSITY	When you rearrange the letters:	IS NO AMITY
ELECTION RESULTS	When you rearrange the letters:	LIES - LET'S RECOUNT
SNOOZE ALARMS	When you rearrange the letters:	ALAS ! NO MORE Z'S
A DECIMAL POINT	When you rearrange the letters:	I'M A DOT IN PLACE
THE EARTHQUAKES	When you rearrange the letters:	THAT QUEER SHAKE
ELEVEN PLUS TWO	When you rearrange the letters:	TWELVE PLUS ONE
MOTHER-IN-LAW	When you rearrange the letters:	WOMAN HITLER

MOVIE OF THE WEEK – The Help

Based on one of the most talked about books in years and a #1 New York Times best-selling phenomenon, "The Help" stars Emma Stone ("Easy A") as Skeeter, Academy Award®-nominated Viola Davis ("Doubt") as Aibileen and Octavia Spencer as Minny—three very different, extraordinary women in Mississippi during the 1960s, who build an unlikely friendship around a secret writing project that breaks societal rules and puts them all at risk. From their improbable alliance a remarkable sisterhood emerges, instilling all of them with the courage to transcend the lines that define them, and the realization that sometimes those lines are made to be crossed — even if it means bringing everyone in town face-to-face with the changing times.

And watch for the great Cicely Tyson – she is in three small scenes and shows why she is an Academy Award Winner – a humble performance.