



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise Inc.

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HOT AIR

District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
9 September 2010



FELLOW ROTARIANS

I'm currently in Inverloch on the shores of Bass Strait. When I finish writing this piece I will email it to the Hot Air editor Heather. She is in Waipukurau in the North Island of New Zealand; up to her knees in daffodils I suspect! She will then edit this week's Hot Air and email it to the webmaster in Brisbane for it to be posted on the Website for club members to access by Wednesday....from anywhere in the world. I know we take it for granted but it really is amazing if you compare it to communications only two decades ago.

Jacque and I have been grateful for modern communications this week. We flew into Melbourne amidst flood warnings and storms but were woken early on Saturday morning to news of an earthquake larger than Haiti, hitting Christchurch – home of daughter Jenna. Jacque grabbed for her mobile phone to call and found that Jenna had sent a text immediately after the earthquake had struck, to tell us she was alright. She was not to have the day off as she is an emergency nurse at Christchurch A & E. She had to be driven to work in a police 4WD as she lives in a part of the city that was badly hit; indeed it seems likely their home may not make it. As I'm writing this I heard on the News that there had just been two large aftershocks – I picked up the phone and spoke to her straight away. She confirmed that they were big but they're getting used to them! I was just grateful to hear her voice.

I'm not sure what any of this has to do with Rotary other than highlighting how lucky we are to live in countries like Australia and New Zealand where there are systems that work and we know that for those affected by the Victorian Floods and the Christchurch Earthquake there will be support and there is already organisation in place to minimise harm. Never the less I expect Rotary will soon be called upon in both locations to help people put their lives together. Don't worry I don't think we'll need to send the Official Serviette around – although daughter Jenna just might need a shelter box!

I was thinking; we've got the floods in Victoria, the earthquake in Christchurch and the threat of plagues of locusts out west.....can we expect rivers of blood? Perhaps someone could pop down and check the Brisbane River. I went down and checked the Yarra yesterday morning and I'm just not sure. I can tell you, it's a very odd colour and I'm certainly not convinced it's water.

I guess the real disaster is that by the time you read this, we will have government again – it's been going along so well without one!

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

GUEST SPEAKERS

Sept 9 **Michael Otago – Middle East Qld Government Rep**
Sept 16 Club Fellowship.
Sept 23 Gloria Perkins – Queensland Eye Institute
Sept 30 Amanda Watson - QUT

TWITTER NOTICEBOARD

Please email the Webmaster your Twitter message (tweet). New tweets to be added to the website Twitter Noticeboard each week: webmaster@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com

BIRTHDAYS

9 Sept Donnelle Lockie
10 Sept Andrew Want
14 Sept Annette Settle

ATTENDANCE – 2 Sept 2010

MEMBERS	32	VISITING ROTARIAN	1
GUESTS	1	ATTENDANCE	55%

ROSTER

	9 Sept	16 Sept	23 Sept	30 Sept
CHAIRMAN	Andrew W	Chris W	Ken W	Daryl W
SET UP	Chris W	Ken W	Daryl W	John A
	Ken W	Daryl W	John A	Tim B
CLOSE	Daryl W	John A	Tim B	Colin B
	John A	Tim B	Colin B	Ken B

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Many Brisbane High-Rise members are from the Shakey Isles off Australia; all of whom would remember the regular earthquake drills at school where we dived under our desks or into doorways at the sound of the alarm....

In recognition of these learnt habits (and those 90 seconds of terror that the Canterbury area experienced on Saturday plus the moments of aftershocks since then), the International toast is to the Rotary Club of **Valdivia** (District 4350) who meet Wednesdays at the Hotel Villa del Roi, Valdivia Chile. Valdivia was subjected to the *Great Chilean Earthquake* in 1960 which is the most powerful ever recorded at a magnitude of 9.5

ATTENDANCE – 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

MEMBER INTEREST - DATE CLAIMERS – REMINDERS

DISTRICT 9600 – MONTH OF SEPTEMBER – NEW GENERATIONS (YOUTH ACTIVITIES) MONTH

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE BRISBANE –Peace & Understanding lectures – Fri 10 SEPT 2010

Corporate Breakfast, Rydges, South Bank Hotel, 7:15 a.m. for 7:30 start (concludes by 8:30 a.m.) \$60 pp or \$550 for table of 10
Dinner & Lecture, Pre-dinner drinks (Il Plaza) 5 p.m., 6:00 p.m. dinner (International House Dining Hall) & lecture – free but
request contribution to offset costs and allow a donation to the scholarship program. *For more information contact John
Braithwaite ph 3721 2485 or email j.braithwaite@inhouse.uq.edu.au RSVP by 27 August*

QUEENSLAND PHILANTHROPIC OCESTRA – Classical Concert - Sat 11 SEPT 7:30 p.m. & Sun 12 SEPT matinee at 11 a.m.

Ferry Road Studios, West End

Tickets are \$40 (concession \$30; kids under 12 are free) and are *available through 4MBS on 3847 1717, online
at <http://4mbs.com.au/node/852> or via ICU Optometrist on 3368 3644 or Julie@icuopty.com.au* with every ticketing dollar being
donated to MS Qld.

ROTARY CLUB OF BRIBIE ISLAND CHARITY RACE DAY – Sun. 12 SEPT 2010

Corbould Park, Caloundra. *To book email bribie@gmail.com or Ph: 0408 011 145*

ROYAL CHILDRENS HOSPITAL FUNDRAISING CHARITY RUN from CHINCILLA TO BRISBANE – 18 SEPT to 2 OCT 2010

The Chinchilla to Brisbane charity run was created so people would realise their full potential in life and not sell themselves short,
whether it be a dream job or taking your body to its absolute extreme. Through this charity run, Steven Seymour aims to raise \$10,000
for the Royal Children's Hospital, which will ultimately save lives of young kids with life threatening illnesses. Proposed dates for the
bases along the route are: 18 Sept Chinchilla (50 km), 19 & 20 Sept Dalby (100 km), 21 & 22 Sept Toowoomba (100 km), **23 & 24
Sept Brisbane (100 km)**. *For more information, please contact Steven bman123@live.com.au*

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – 18 SEPT TO 3 OCT

DISTRICT 9600 – MONTH OF OCTOBER – VOCATIONAL SERVICES MONTH

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHLAKES – DAY ON THE BAY – SOUTH PASSAGE SAILING SHIP - Sun. 3 OCT 2010

Scarborough Marina 9:30 a.m. (Beside Coastguard HQ)

North Lakes Rotary Club invites you, family & friends to a day trip on Moreton Bay on the 100 foot sailing ship. Join them for a pirate
adventure! Prizes for best dressed Male and female (optional dress code). BYO Picnic lunch & drinks (unbreakable plates& drink
ware) Funds to *Rotarians Against Malaria*. Cost \$60 per person. *For more details, please call Steve 0439 946 367*

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

Raising funds for Brisbane palliative care hospice Karuna. Sunset Swing is a celebration of caring and kindness. Featuring live music
from Brisbane's famous Swing Central big band, an auction of experiences and exclusive lucky door prizes, the evening promises to be
a dazzling night to remember. *Buy tickets at www.sunsetswing.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.*

DAY/NIGHT 50-OVER QLD V SRI LANKA MATCH @ THE GABBA – Fri. 22 Oct 2010, 2:15 p.m. onwards

Community Day for cricket lovers and supporters of the homeless

Spiritus will partner with Queensland Cricket, Brisbane City Council, Translink and Volunteering Queensland to encourage people to
come out in numbers to enjoy a 'limited overs' game and help raise awareness of the need to support people who are experiencing
homelessness, the challenges they face and the vital support they receive from Spiritus and other service providers. All funds raised
on the day will be used to support the various Homelessness service providers supported by Spiritus. *Details on www.spiritus.org.au
or please 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*