



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise Inc.

R.I. No. 29520

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HOT AIR

District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
9 December 2010



FELLOW ROTARIANS

There are now only three weeks left of 2010 and we are about to enter the second decade of the second millennium. Yes I know, I'm a purist I believe the new millennium began on the 1st of January 2001 - but moving on; we are also - now half way through this Rotary year and I have been thinking about what we need to achieve in the second half of the year. The Art Show looms and we will soon be collectively more engaged in this major fund raiser for the club.

However the other three issues we will face in the first half of 2010 are: membership, *The Greyman Political Debate* and our meeting venue.

It has been rather surprising that we have not lost a member since this Rotary year - a very unusual situation. However nor have we inducted a new member and that is very disappointing. There is no doubt that we will lose members in the next few months - people move on and move away, priorities change and we must expect these changes to impact on our membership. So I ask that you consider likely candidates for the club as we need to target a net increase in our membership to 65 by Changeover in July. Clubs like Fortitude Valley are really leaping ahead and have inducted five new members in as many weeks. Not that it is a competition but it does show that there are potential members out there - go to it.

We are now moving quickly towards our Greyman Luncheon. Each week we are getting updates on arrangements and I hope to be able to bring you firm details for our first meeting in January.

The cost of breakfast is to rise in the New Year and I will be discussing this with you via email and face to face over the next three weeks. The fact is that the new price is now over our pain threshold and I need your guidance. There are a number of issues we will have to address and as you might expect, all of the available options have advantages and disadvantages. Do we stay or move to another venue? If we stay can we negotiate a better deal that is attractive to both High-Rise and The Polo Club? If we move, where should we go; Central City of a little way out? A club or a pub? What about parking?and the list goes on. Let me leave you with it. I seek and welcome your counsel.

Yours in Rotary,
Kit

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

Dec 9 John Lawrence (*Brett Mitchell*) and AGM
Dec 13 Visit to Parliament House – replaces Thursday meeting. (Make-up table available Thurs.16th.)
Dec 23 Jenna Blunden – *Rocking in the Free World*
Jan 14 TBA

JOKER DRAWER

The Joker drawer for the meeting on 9 Dec. stands at \$3,638

ATTENDANCE – 2 Dec 2010

MEMBERS	40	VISITING ROTARIANS	4
GUESTS	0	ATTENDANCE	69%

ROSTER 9 Dec 13 Dec 23 Dec 14 Jan TBC

CHAIRMAN	Joy C	Jennifer E	Ross G
SET UP	Jennifer E	Ross G	Diana G
	Ross G	Diana G	James G
CLOSE	Diana G	James G	Elena G
	James G	Elena G	Ros H

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

In September Rotary District 9600 extended its network of clubs (northern Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Papua New Guinea and The Solomon Islands) to include Nauru. The recently formed Rotary Club of Nauru plans to concentrate on services for youth and disadvantaged groups in the community.

In recognition of the international aspect of District 9600, the international toast is to the Rotary Club of **Nauru** who meets at the Nauru Campus of the University of the South Pacific, Nauru.

MEMBER INTEREST - DATE CLAIMERS – REMINDERS

BRISBANE HIGH-RISE VISIT TO QUEENSLAND'S PARLIAMENT HOUSE – Mon. 13 DEC 2010

Parliament House Annex entrance (Alice Street) at 6.15 for a 6.30 start

The visit will be hosted by the Speaker the Hon. John Mickel and his wife, Kathryn Mickel. Program:

6.30 – 7.00: Drinks in the Speaker's Apartment Courtyard

7.10 – 7.25: Joining in the Carols at the Christmas Tree with the Harriers and any Parliamentarians and staff members present

7.30 - : Buffet dinner in the Speaker's Courtyard, Tour of Parliament House, followed by Dessert and Q&A with the Speaker
Cost is \$40 per person. **Parking:** Drive past the Parliamentary Annex on left on Alice St then take first left into Gardens Point Rd and then hard right into parliament's parking area (under Pacific Motorway). **For more information please contact Wendy P**

DONATIONS TO THE WESLEY HOSPITAL – by 16 DEC 2010

MESSAGE FROM: Anne Copeland, Director of Nursing, The Wesley Hospital

It has become a Wesley tradition to give donations at Christmas time to the Koolkuna and Kalparin refuge for women. Women and children who attend are often victims of domestic violence. The refuge will care for a number of families this Christmas. This initiative is a good example of how we can put our **Values into Action**. The Refuge has indicated that they would appreciate the following items - (Please note that the examples in brackets are only suggestions, Koolkuna and Kalparin said that whatever we donate will be greatly appreciated):

- gifts for children: suggestion given by Kalparin & Koolkuna is for children's DVD's/books/games (ages 5 - 12)
- gifts for adolescents (male and female) - this age group is most often overlooked (suggestion given is coles/kmart/target vouchers where Kalparin & Koolkuna will go out and purchase a suitable gift).
- gifts for babies / toddlers, aged 0-4
- personal hygiene items - soap, toothpaste, shampoo etc. (If we can have some luxury items for the mothers e.g. toiletry care packs/perfumes/etc)
- food for hampers
- clothes including night wear and underwear
- Christmas decorations
- general items such as linen, kitchen items, towels etc.
- vouchers for clothes, haircuts and the like

The staff at the refuge prefer the gifts and items to be **unwrapped** (maybe you could add a roll of Christmas paper). Donations are to be dropped off at Moorlands House, The Wesley Hospital and marked "Attention: Rosa". **For more information please contact Rosa on 3232 7218**

RSVP by FRIDAY 17 Dec 2010 - COMBINED SERVICE CLUBS DINNER – to be held on Wed. 12 JAN 2011

Kedron Wavell Heights Community Centre, 6:15 p.m. for 6:30 p.m. start,
Hamilton Rd, Chermside

Guest speakers Peter and David Bissell, all funds raised donated to the Cerebral Palsy League. Cost \$35 per person.

For more information please contact Rhonda Sutton: ph 07 3869 1588 or email sandgate@harveyworld.com.au

SMITH FAMILY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HAMPER AND TOY DELIVERY – Sun. 19 DEC 2010

For more information, please contact Jennifer E

ALBERT PARK FLEXI SCHOOL

The Bursary (\$250 each) recipients for 2010 were:

Ebony G: She is working towards achieving a nursing qualification.

Cody L: She is going to buy a camera and some visual art equipment. She is a budding artist/designer.

Stephanie L: Completing a Certificate II in Business and aiming to work in Justice Administration.

Emilie B: Emilie is enrolled in the QUT Start program and is pursuing a Creative Writing course.

Kara S: Received an encouragement award (\$100) and is leading towards a Cert III in Business.

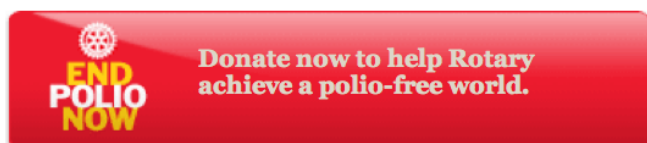
DISTRICT 9600

MONTH OF DECEMBER – FAMILY MONTH

2011 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - 19 – 25 MAY in

New Orleans. For more information visit:

www.rotary.org/convention



BRISBANE HIGH-RISE PROJECTS 2010-11

ALBERT PARK FLEXI SCHOOL

BOUNDARY ST BOARDING HOUSE

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

DIABETES WALK FOR THE CURE

GREY-MAN FOUNDATION OUTING FOR THE DISABLED –

Supporting Cerebral Palsy League

RED SHIELD APPEAL

ROTARY YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS - RYDA

SHELTER BOX

SMITH FAMILY CHRISTMAS APPEAL