



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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HOT AIR

District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
11 August 2011



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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

In the Rotary world August is designated as membership month. Every month has its own particular focus. I suppose there is a reason for this. We tend to ignore it anyway. In the case of membership however it does serve to highlight its importance in terms of club activity. But being so important every month should be membership month. The things we do as a club are a function of our pool of talent and expertise. The bigger the pool the more we can do.

With our size it would be fair to suggest that membership is not such a real concern. Numbers are not everything however. The composition of our membership is very different to most clubs. Being city based has a lot to do with this. Hence our participation and involvement levels are probably well down on what most clubs experience. (I don't know this to be true; just a guess; I do a lot of that) This is not the same as meeting attendance, which for us is reasonable. My view then, and I have expressed this before, is we must maintain a continuous emphasis on membership. And the greatest source of new members is from within the networks of existing members. A few in our midst are very alert to this and regularly bring guests along to meetings. When was the last time you invited a guest to a meeting? It's a regret of mine that I did not join Rotary years earlier. The problem was that I was never asked. How many people in your circle are just like me. (yes, I know, you would not want too many!)

Now while new members expand the pool we are still left with lifting the participation level. We are now some six weeks into this Rotary year. Have you got a job? If you have got one is it enough to see you through the year? Don't hold back; there is much to do and your participation will be most welcome.

Getting onto specifics we are now into the next Art Show project. Concerns from within our club about aspects of the project are being addressed. For example beneficiaries are under review. This is about how the money raised is allocated. I think we are back on track. But there remains a question or two about the extent to which the project is supported by High – Rise. Our support is the difference between a good Art Show project and a great one.

There are a couple of key positions on the Art Show committee that are yet to be filled. One is that of Treasurer. If you can count you are a candidate. Please let me know if you are interested. It saves me asking.

ROSTER	11 August	25 August	1 September	8 September	15 September	22 September	29 September	6 October
CHAIRMAN	Rob O	Greg P	Russell P	Wendy P	Sylvia R	Alexandra R	Susan R	Johann R
SET UP	Greg P	Russell P	Wendy P	Sylvia R	Alexandra R	Susan R	Johann R	Steve S
	Russell P	Wendy P	Sylvia R	Alexandra R	Susan R	Johann R	Steve S	Sharyn S-H
CLOSE DOWN	Joy C	Sylvia R	Alexandra R	Susan R	Johann R	Steve S	Sharyn S-H	Jane S
	Sylvia R	Alexandra R	Susan R	Johann R	Steve S	Sharyn S-H	Jane S	Karen T

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

We toast Rotary Club of Capitol Hill – Washington DC – District 7620. It has been a heavy few weeks on the hill.

GUEST SPEAKERS

11 August	Fellowship (Barbara will facilitate)	Here's a morning to catch up with members of the Club – who is doing, what, when and how...and maybe why? To give it a bit of flavor we'll have some trivia questions you can mull over. Which Committee will score the best?
15 August (Monday)	Joint Clubs Meeting:	Stones Corner and Hamilton - Venue – 6.30pm - 45 Holdsworth Street, Coorparoo
25 August	Dr Frank Leschorn	Frank is one of our members and has long given us snippets about his gold mine in North Queensland. Now that the mine has produced its first ingot Frank will talk with us about 'developing a gold mining project in North Queensland'
1 Sept	Elizabeth Bates	Elizabeth is the Senior Collections & Archive Manager, Museum of Brisbane and will talk with us about local social history from a collection of glass plate photographic negatives of Brisbane in the 1880's – 1920's that came to light in 1983.

ATTENDANCE – 30 June 2011

MEMBERS	37	GUESTS	1	VISITING ROTARIANS	0	ATTENDANCE	61%
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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

SNAPSHOT - THE ROSS AND BRYCE ADVENTURE TO FRASER ISLAND WITH 8 STREET LEVEL YOUNG MEN – 23 JULY

As you know our club donated \$1,500 to street level to provide camping & fishing equipment & give them an opportunity to take some of the homeless fishing to Fraser island. The look on their face when they caught their first fish or worm was something I will long remember. They really did enjoy the simple things in life like fishing, those things we take for granted. Let us hope that this opens up new horizons. Plus being in a dry, men only community by the time I left yesterday I could see that they were appreciating the caring camaraderie, and were addressing some of their fears. Ross G.



ALERT – DIK – DONATIONS IN KIND – CONTAINER – SCHOOL BOOKS / DESKS AND HOSPITAL BEDS AT THE TOP OF THE LIST

The request is in - **school materials, desks, books, Kits for kids (classroom stationery) and sundry school furniture.** This is maybe not the time of year when school libraries re-stock but there must be dozens of primary schools that are not aware of how their **surplus schoolbooks can be recycled.** Clubs in District 9600 are being asked to give their local Primary Schools a call? **SEVEN CONTAINERS AWAY IN JULY!**



- 2 July - Honiara - beds and mattresses Port Moresby - desks, chairs Port Moresby - medical supplies, birthing kits, books, hospital linen.**
- 7 July - Buka - 190 desks, chairs, medical supplies, hospital linen. 16 July - 2 containers to Lae - 60 hospital beds mattresses.**
- 23 July - Honiara- 200 desks, chairs, shelving.**

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

DATE	STYLE	WHERE	WHO	TYPE
Friday 26 Aug	Dinner	Talay Thai – 1/145 Racecourse Road, Ascot - 3868 2833	Ron M	Thai
Sunday 18 Sep	Event	Train ride to the Carnival of Flowers	Russell P	Leave from Roma Street/Corinda
Saturday 1 Oct	Dinner	Norman Hotel – .102 Ipswich Road, Wooloongabba - 3391 5022	Karen T	Aussie
Friday 14 Oct	Drinks	In the city – TBA	Ron M	
Sunday 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 14 Aug – 9am start	On the Rotary Calendar August is Membership Development and Extension Month. It is appropriate at the beginning of a Rotary Year to focus on the most important part of Rotary, its members. This year the District Membership Seminar will be held at St Columban's College Caboolture on August 14. Membership is everyone's responsibility and the seminar enables Rotarians to review successful membership strategies, to understand the role of the District Committee and the resources available to clubs and members to strengthen clubs and our membership. The District Membership Team's primary function is to assist clubs and club members in "Getting More out of Rotary" . Start 0900 til 1300. - St. Columban's College Caboolture.
Monday 15 Aug – 6.30pm	ART SHOW 2011 – COMBINED 3 CLUB MEETING - Andrew Want has finalised the accounts for the 2011 Spectacular and so with the approval of the 3 new presidents, a Combined 3 Club Meeting and presentation is planned for Monday 15th August at Coorparoo RSL Club, 45 Holdsworth St, Coorparoo. We invite Rotarians and partners to attend this important function. To assist the travelling clubs, we will be sitting down at 6.30pm. Would the Club Presidents or their Club Services Directors please advise me of anticipated numbers by Friday 12 August to assist in catering - Jack Howlett - 2011 Chairman.
Saturday 20 Aug – 7pm Start	STORM THE STAGE - You, your partner, family and friends, are cordially invited to attend the Queensland State Finals When: Saturday 20th August 2011 - Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm - Venue: Powerhouse Visy Theatre - Cost: \$30 pp For information, please contact Jan Lawton on 5441 1662 or Eric Wood on 0418789951
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 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 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.



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

- Register for the convention and ticketed events
- Reserve your hotel
- Purchase host event tickets

Check the preliminary schedule to help plan your trip.

<http://www.rotaryconvention2012.com/#Start>




2011 ROTARY CHARITY RACE DAY

CORBOULD PARK CALOUNDRA

SUNDAY 11th September



Function Room Luncheon \$50



Champagne Garden \$30

Entry to General Area \$ 10

FASHIONS ON THE FIELD
Fashionable Ladies Race Wear
Fashionable Menswear
Most Fashionable Couple

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A project of the Rotary Clubs of Aspley, Brisbane Island and Caboolture

ROTARY DOWNUNDER THIS MONTH - rotarydownunder.com.au/

- An open letter to the PM: End Polio Now!
- Meet our new District Governors
- Miss Samoa: A new chemical engineer joins Rotary.
- Get ready for Vocations month with a great new project idea with National Skills Week.
- Rotary in Australia and New Zealand celebrates 90 years of service.

PROJECTS 2011-2012 – Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

Our projects for this year include:

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| 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 |
| | Matched Student Exchange 2012 |
| | RYPEN 2011 14-17yo weekend leadership camp |
| | Science Experience - Yr 10 |
| | RYLA 2012 18-26 yo tall ships leadership voyage |
| | International Youth Exchange Program post Yr 12 |
| 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 |

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

There are thousands of charitable organisations working throughout the world that make a positive impact on those in need. The Rotary Foundation is the only charitable organisation funded by contributions from Rotarians, for programs and projects identified by Rotarians, and administered by Rotarians at the project site. SO - LOOKING FOR SUPPORT FOR YOUR PROJECT? Or do you have funds available to support an existing project? Then go to - matchinggrants.org/global/ This Future Vision website allows Clubs to post a project and receive funding support from Clubs and Districts all over the world. Click „submit a project“ and follow the prompts. If you double click on a project, you will get all the details including description, financing, and photos. In the financing section you will see the budget, contributions already received, and funding still required. If you wish to support this project click „pledge support for this project“ and follow the prompts. Global Grants can be used for projects in PNG, Solomon Islands or Nauru, they must address one of the six areas of focus, and must be for a minimum cost of US\$30,000. District Grants can be used to fund projects at home or abroad, and there is no minimum cost. This website can also be used to augment funds received through a District Grant.

DISTRICT 9600 UPDATE

In 2010/11 we attained our goals of support for the Annual Programs Fund and the Polio Challenge—\$90,994 to the Polio Challenge equates to \$1,379 per Club (our Goal was \$1,000) and contributions to the Annual Programs Fund totalled \$180,941 or \$104 per capita (our EREY Goal is \$100). However, nine Clubs (not counting the smaller Clubs in PNG, SI, and Nauru) did not contribute at all and fourteen Clubs did not contribute to the APF so we can do better.

Scott Sellwood, a Peace Fellow applicant last year was accepted as an alternate and has recently been informed that he has been awarded a place in Class 10 at Universidad del Salvador, Argentina. The Scholarships sub-committee recently interviewed three applicants for Class 11 and one, Omayma Sawaed, a Palestinian living in Israel, was successful and her application has been forwarded to TRF for final approval.

Plans are in hand to present two projects in PNG and Solomon Islands for Club support at the TRF Seminar in November so those attending should ensure that they have the authority of their Club Boards to contribute funds. The Seminar will be longer than in recent years as we intend to have interactive workshops and a keynote speaker so lunch will be included and there will be a modest cost.

Foundation Goals

- Support the Polio Challenge with \$1,000 from every Club
- Embrace the two pillars of support—the Annual Programs Fund through Every Rotarian Every Year at \$100 per capita and the Permanent Fund
- Support the Future Vision Plan
- Enhance Rotary's public image
- To have every one of our District Clubs involved in some way with Our Foundation

PROJECT UPDATE – TANZANIA MAMBA SCHOOL – Rombo District

Our daughter Yvette, is married to Africa Silayo, a Tanzanian, whose extended family's village is located at Rombo (at the base of Mt. Kilimanjaro), close to the Kenyan border. In 2004, Yvette and Africa meet with the Principal to donate materials for the students. There is little money available especially to complete buildings and for ongoing maintenance. In 2007, I joined Africa and Yvette and brought some of the resources they needed such as maths sets, exercise books, pencils, rulers, blackboard paint and chalk, all arriving in the back of our 4WD. We are all wanting these children to receive an education – an opportunity to lift themselves out of poverty and enjoy a better quality of life.



There is:

- No water supply to school – children walked 2 km to gather water for school needs
- A primitive school kitchen which provides a daily lunch to children – outer shell constructed of rough hewn sticks with dirt floor
- No library
- No electricity
- Limited supply of text books
- No sports equipment (not even a football!!!) Kids kicking around a ball made from rags

But our Mamba Primary has:

- A dedicated Principal and staff (10 teachers) committed to improving educational outcomes for the 468 children, mostly living in poverty
- Children who WANT to be educated and VALUE education

I am currently collecting suitable reading books and other resources – hopefully I can organize a small shipping container at a reasonable rate to deliver these 'goodies' to Mamba School. The money you raise from the Trifecta over the last 2 years has given this community a great deal. The 2011 Trifecta run by Brisbane High-Rise will again contribute greatly to their future. Thank you.

Noela Phillips