



# Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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## HOT AIR

District 9600  
Serving the Heart of Brisbane  
15 September 2011



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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

I am sending off this week's Hot Air contribution from Beijing. Bill is flat-out rushing about Australia while others of us are venturing up to the World's new economic powerhouse. John L. is just back from Mongolia and Bill L. is way out in the Western provinces of China. Meanwhile I've been suffering all the privations and hardships of five star hotels in Tianjin and Beijing.

The great irony of this country and its progress was highlighted for me when I travelled on the 300kph high speed train (eat your heart out Russell...but no soot!) from Tianjin to Beijing on Saturday. That journey took 33 minutes but the 7.3km journey by taxi to my Beijing hotel took 50 minutes.

Yesterday I ventured back to Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City. Last time I visited it was winter and there were not so many visitors. There are 1.4 billion Chinese and this time a significant number of them heard I was going to be there and showed-up in support. A fair proportion of them also travelled on the subway with me to make sure I got back to the hotel safely. How lucky was I?

I also climbed up to the temple in Jingshan Park. The temple provides 360 degree panoramic views of...the smog.

Beijing is well known for its pollution but I have to say that in the last two days it is the worst I have seen smog anywhere and at anytime. China is the largest single market for cars in the world and growing but perhaps of more significance is the fact that most of the energy grid is coal powered....our coal I think and it is just getting worse. This of course is not just China's problem it is a global problem and at present we are hoping that our ingenuity will soon kick-in to solve this problem. It has been said that as a species we are; 'slow but not stupid'- I sure hope that's right.

There is still only one Rotary club in China – here in Beijing but with the progress and the march of change it can only be a matter of time before there are many more. The new China might well be a new powerhouse in the growth of Rotary and maybe the environment will soon play a bigger part in Rotary's vision for the future – see you on Thursday; it's a small world after all...they ought to do a song about that! Yours in Rotary - Kit

ROSTER	15 September	22 September	29 September	6 October	13 October	20 October	27 October	3 November
<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	Sylvia R	Alexandra R	Susan R	Johann R	Steve S	Sharyn S-H	Jane S	Karen T
<b>SET UP</b>	Alexandra R	Susan R	Johann R	Steve S	Sharyn S-H	Jane S	Karen T	Angela T
	Susan R	Johann R	Steve S	Sharyn S-H	Jane S	Karen T	Angela T	Andrew W
<b>CLOSE DOWN</b>	Johann R	Steve S	Sharyn S-H	Jane S	Karen T	Angela T	Andrew W	Craig W
	Steve S	Sharyn S-H	Jane S	Karen T	Angela T	Andrew W	Craig W	Chris W

### INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Toasting Bruxelles-Sud, Brabant in Belgium – District 2170.

*Reconnu officiellement le 24 juillet 1923, le Rotary Club de Bruxelles a le privilège d'avoir lancé le mouvement rotarien en Belgique. Il s'enorgueillit de compter près de 150 membres, rassemblés sur base de leurs hautes qualités professionnelles et d'un souci permanent et exigeant d'éthique, autour d'un idéal d'amitié, dans le but de servir, ensemble, la communauté.* Officially recognized 24 July 1923, the Rotary Club of Brussels has the privilege of launching the Rotary movement in Belgium. It boasts nearly 150 members, gathered on the basis of their high professional and continued concern and demanding ethics around an ideal of friendship, in order to serve all the community .

### GUEST SPEAKERS

15 Sept	<b>Victoria O'Rourke</b>	Our High Rise GSE candidate will give us an update.
22 Sept	<b>Restoration Visit</b>	Let's start the day at 7am with a tour of the City Hall Restoration and follow up with breakfast at the Groove Train: Booking sheet will be circulated
29 Sept	<b>BG – Coal Seam Gas</b>	Dr Jurnak is the Vice President -Development with a career history focused on the oil and gas industry. He will talk to us about developments in the coal and gas industry, particularly the major QG project in the Surat Basin and Curtis Island focused on finding, developing and connecting liquefied gas to the world.
6 Oct	<b>District Governor John Day</b>	This is the first chance for High-Rise to welcome our District Governor

### ATTENDANCE – 08 September 2011

MEMBERS	35	GUESTS	1	VISITING ROTARIANS	3	ATTENDANCE	62%
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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](mailto:apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com)  
MEMBERS NEEDING TO ADVISE OF MAKE UPS - PLEASE EMAIL: [make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com](mailto: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

## ROSMARY HAS SOMETHING TO SAY !

Just a reminder to everyone that while the Coopers are swanning around overseas for the next 6 weeks – I am covering for Joy. That means taking attendance so any makeups send through to my email.

## DATE CLAIMERS

Sunday 18 Sep – 7.20am	<b>STEAM TRAIN TRIP</b> to the <b>Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers</b> - 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 7.20pm and Roma Street 7.35pm - Cost adults \$99 for train, \$24.50 for lunch.
Friday 23 Sep – 6-9pm	<b>SOIREE 2011 – Internation House</b> - Soirée is an annual celebration of our College's many cultures - 6 to 9pm on <b>Friday the Entry is with pre-purchased tickets only</b> \$20 pp includes meal, activities and entertainment - imported and premium domestic beverages for sale on the night. <b>Please RSVP by Monday 19th September with the names of yourself and any guests you wish to bring, by emailing <a href="mailto:soiree@ihstudentclub.com">soiree@ihstudentclub.com</a>. Email: <a href="mailto:soiree@ihstudentclub.com">soiree@ihstudentclub.com</a></b>
Sunday 9 - 23 Oct	<b>ALERT – FOR THE RUGBY LOVING ROTARIANS IN OUR CLUB - <a href="http://www.rugbyworldcup.com">www.rugbyworldcup.com</a></b> - 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. <b><a href="http://www.rugbyworldcup.com">www.rugbyworldcup.com</a></b> . Experience true kiwi hospitality in a fellow Rotarians home - bed and breakfast, \$150 per night, includes a donation to Polio Plus.
24 November	<b>FUTURE LEADERS' SEMINAR</b> – An exciting innovation for the combined Institute for Zones 7B and 8. Brisbane Convention centre. Includes presentations. For more information contact: <a href="mailto:cathy.roth@bigpond.com">cathy.roth@bigpond.com</a>

## FUTURE LEADERS 2011

Take a room full of enthusiastic Rotarians, add a mixture of shared ideas and inspirational addresses, sprinkle liberally with a desire to make a difference in Rotary, and you have the perfect recipe for the **2011 Future Leaders' Seminar** – an exciting innovation for the combined Institute for Zones 7b and 8. Thanks to the vision and foresight of Rotary International Director Stuart Heal and his team of the immediate past, the current, and the incoming District Governors, across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific region, future leaders, nominated from the Districts of the two Zones, will experience a focussed, unique insight into the international world of Rotary, whilst addressing key topics through facilitated discussion with like-minded peers.

**To be held on Thursday, November 24, 2011**, adjacent to the Institute venue – the Brisbane Convention Centre – the Future Leaders' Seminar will include special presentations by Rotary International staff from Evanston, leaders from both Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, and specialists in communications and other relevant leadership skills.

Convenor of the Future Leaders' Seminar, PDG Cathy Roth, is impressed with the number of Districts that have put significant time and thought into identifying their appropriate nominees: "Clearly, the current leadership groups of these Districts are determined that there will be strong, knowledgeable, and capable leaders, not just for the next few years but into the longer term. There is no greater gift that they could leave their Districts than a secure future under excellent leadership."

Judging by the enthusiasm of responses from those nominated, the Future Leaders' Seminar promises to be one of the most exciting additions to a Zone Institute, and, more importantly, one that will contribute significantly to the long-term welfare of our amazing organisation – Rotary International. For more information contact: [cathy.roth@bigpond.com](mailto:cathy.roth@bigpond.com)

## ROTARY E-LEARNING CENTRE



Rotary International provides training opportunities for all Rotarians. The Rotary E-Learning Center is your online resource for the independent study of Rotary, particularly for new members and club officers. Rotary International also produces training resources for a variety of training seminars held throughout the year for district leaders and for club leaders and members. CHECK OUT [rotary.org](http://rotary.org)

## UPDATE – POLIO PLUS – 200M CHALLENGE

### Progress for the US\$200 Million Challenge for Polio Eradication

As of 30 June 2011, Rotarians have raised approximately US\$185 million for the US\$200 Million Challenge. These contributions will help Rotary raise US\$200 million to match US\$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

### Challenge Thermometer Available on the RI Website

There is a thermometer available on the Rotary International website. The thermometer will be updated once a month when the books have closed for the month. Go to [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) and check out the thermometer.

### Fundraising graphic

You can let others know about Rotary's progress in this effort by placing the fundraising graphic on your club or district's website. Visit the web ad page at [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) to get the html code to put this graphic on your website and have the fundraising numbers automatically update.

