



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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HOT AIR

District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
17 November 2011



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

Bill has asked me to pen something this week and I thought I'd share with you a sad story - three sad stories really.

I was listening to the proceedings of the COGUM Conference in Perth the other week and chanced to hear speeches on an initiative of the conference of Commonwealth leaders to assist in the eradication of Polio from the planet. It seems Commonwealth countries are throwing some money into the project and good for them (us) I say.

Our own Prime Minister spoke first committing funds to the international effort and she was followed by Goodluck Jonathan, the President of Nigeria and then by another African Leader whose name I did not pick-up. It was not until Canadian PM Stephen Harper spoke was there any mention at all of Rotary and it's pivotal role since the early 1980's. Even Prime Minister Harper's mention was only in passing.

In 1988; WHO, UNICEF and other International Health agencies got together to provide the development and distribution networks necessary to move the project from Rotary's target into a worldwide reality. But be absolutely clear it was Rotary's initial drive and a fund of just under USD250million that provided the initiative and incentive to get Polio Plus really working. If Rotary had not driven this project especially in the beginning the 1988 World Health Assembly would have been just another gabfest....a bit like CHOGUM perhaps!

There is an article in RDU this month about the 'Global Polio Eradication Initiative' (GPEI) but even in this article the writer Susie Ma qualifies her remarks on Rotary's involvement by saying that the 'GPEI was born when the World Health Assembly-encouraged in part by Rotary's polio fundraising campaign...adopted a resolution in 1988 to eradicate polio worldwide'.

'In part' Ma suggests!

Well I suggest, that had Rotary not funded and driven the Polio Plus campaign; the Conference would have still adopted the resolution, but that's all it would have done and it would have languished as simply that; a resolution, no action just another resolution like so many others discussed and passed at International conferences.

Rotary could never have reduced the incidence of Polio on the planet by 99% all on its own - I get that. What I don't get is how an important article in our own magazine struggles to acknowledge Rotary's real role. That's the first sad story.

The second sad story is the fact that our own Prime Minister in her speech to CHOGUM did not even mention Rotary and even worse lost an opportunity to acknowledge the role of a truly great Australian; Past RI President Sir Clem Renouf who drove the Polio Plus initiative at it's outset. This is probably Rotary's fault - Our own magazine is soft so it's hardly surprising we weren't in a position to 'spin this'.

But the saddest of the three stories is the fact that I was actually listening to the proceedings of GHOGUM at all. I need a life. Yours in Rotary Kit B

ROSTER	17 November	24 November	1 December	1 December	8 December	15 December	22 December	29 December
CHAIRMAN	Angela T	Andrew W	Craig W	Chris W	John A	Margo B	Jackie B	Kit B
SET UP	Andrew W	Craig W	Chris W	John A	Margo B	Jackie B	Kit B	Gordana B
	Craig W	Chris W	John A	Margo B	Jackie B	Kit B	Gordana B	Deb Bond
CLOSE DOWN	Chris W	John A	Margo B	Jackie B	Kit B	Gordana B	Deb Bond	Phillip B
	John A	Margo B	Jackie B	Kit B	Gordana B	Deb Bond	Phillip B	Rod C
SERGEANT	Rob	Rob	Russell	Russell	Greg	Greg	Wendy	Wendy

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Toast is for Milano, Italy, in District 2040 one of the first clubs in Italy. Oh yes, and the birthplace of the former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi.

GUEST SPEAKERS

17 November	Member Talk: Bryce Davies	Bryce is a major in the Salvation Army and will be talking with us about his work with Streetlevel in Fortitude Valley.
24 November	Bruce Allen	A chance to hear all about Rotary Foundation from the Head of the Foundation in Australia
01 December	Sean Collier	Sean is an eighteen year old student of animation and will be talking and showing us how he goes about developing characters.
08 December	CLUB AGM	Our President – Bill Phillips and In-Coming President Angela Tillmans have the floor.
15 December	Christmas Party Breakfast	Foundation Committee
22 December	Fellowship	The final club meeting before Christmas

ATTENDANCE – 10 November 2011

MEMBERS	39	GUESTS	2	VISITING ROTARIANS	3	ATTENDANCE	63%
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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	WHEN AND WHAT
Sat 10 Dec	Party	CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY – Sassafras – 88 Latrobe Terrace, Paddington Bread & dips on arrival - Honey, seeded mustard & orange glazed ham; Roasted turkey, pork, walnut & sage stuffing with cranberry sauce - Warm sourdough rolls & butter - Roasted herbed chat potatoes; Roasted vegetables - 2 salads of the day - Warm chocolate mocha cake with double cream - Cost: \$50 p/p and BYO	Wendy P Rob O	7pm Start Maximum is 55 and we have 32 so far – so book in

DATE CLAIMERS

Sunday – 27 Nov - 1830	STORM THE STAGE – NATIONAL GRAND FINAL - Eighteen of the best young performers from around Australia live on stage! And, by special invitation two guest performers from Christchurch New Zealand and the esteemed National Academy of Singing and Dramatic Art (NASDA) will join their Australian peers! This is an all ages event - Storm The Stage at the Brisbane Powerhouse 119 Lamington Terrace New Farm - Cost \$37pp / \$29pensioners / \$28 Students. Tickets can be purchased via The Powerhouse.
Saturday - 03 Dec	DIK DAY FOR HIGH-RISE - We are scheduled for 8am till about 10am on Sat 3rd December at 152 Freeman rd., Durack. We will join the Clubs of Sandgate, Cleveland and Ipswich North on the day.
Thursday – 15 Dec	ROTARY HIGH-RISE CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST FOR THE KIDS !!!! There will be a Santa and 'Secret Santa' and activities. So bring the children because this breakfast will be FUN, please let Jennifer E know the names and ages of any of the children.
Saturday – 11 Feb 2012	ANNIVERSARY 50 YEARS IN ROTARY - One of the members of Rotary Club on Nundah - Lloyd Mackay will have served Rotary for 50 years next February, 2012. The Kedron Wavell Services Club the Club will be hosting a Dinner for Lloyd. All Rotarians are invited and invitation forthcoming.

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	NYSF 2012 - Yr 12 science students - Club Attendee, Ellie, Cannon Hill Anglican College – 1 of 27 selected Science Experience - Yr 10 - January 2012. Applications close October 2011 RYLA 2012 18-26 yo tall ships leadership voyage - April 2012. Applications close March 2012 International Youth Exchange Program 2013 post Yr 12 - 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

UPDATE – SERVICES COMMITTEE – See Ross Garling for details

Albert Park Flexi School	Tuesday, November 22, 2011 Thursday, March 22, 2012 Oct/Nov 2011	Awards Night Bursaries Albert Park at Polo Club Garden
Diabetes Walk for the Cure	Sunday, October 30, 2011	Assist Walk Coordination – Needing Marshalls
Clean up Australia Day	Sunday, March 04, 2012	Clean Up Environment - canoe clean up of Kangaroo Point
Boundary St Boarding House & Bric Housing	All Year	Goods, toiletries, etc
Red Shield Appal	May	Starter Kits (toaster, jug, sheets, etc)
Shelter Box	As needed	Serviette Funds when Needed
Melbourne Cup - School	November	Raffle for African Projects
Homeless Connect	9 November & April	"Knicker's Day" (Club)/ "Knicker's Week" (Public)
Homeless of Brisbane	As needed	
Smith Family	As needed	As needed
Donations In Kind	TBA	Mentoring - address to Club

BOUNDARY STREET

BUY A STARTER KIT/S \$50ea !

The easiest way for our Members to help Residents is to donate \$50/kit - which purchases a great base starter kit.
Talk to Margo B – who can organise your donation and receipt.

PUT TOGETHER A KIT !

If you would prefer to put a kit or kits together yourself these are the items a single resident needs to kick them off and new if possible:
- **Single sheet set+Pillow case - Saucepan**
- **Towels - Tea towel - Cutlery – Crockery**

ELECTRICAL GOODS

Also starter kit donations for boarders:
- **toasters** - **jugs**
- **irons** - **etc.**

NB: ALL electrical goods must be new.

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE AT THE DESK NOW!!!!

**EARLY REGISTRATION
CLOSING ON 1st DECEMBER**



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>

Invitation

Club Officers, Members and Guests are invited to attend the annual
COMBINED SERVICE CLUBS DINNER

Tuesday 10th January, 2012.

**Kedron Wavell Services Club,
Kittyhawk Drive, Chermside 4032
6 pm for 6.30 pm start.**

Cost: \$38.00 per person

(Entry by ticket)

2 course dinner with coffee/tea/Raffles.

RSVP: 10 December - registration and pre-payment to

Quota International of Nundah-Clayfield Inc.

c/- PO Box 23,

SANDGATE QLD 4017

Bsb: 064106 ACC: 00900435



Rotary Club of South Brisbane Inc & Rotary Club of Salisbury Inc

You are invited to attend a very exciting event featuring two of Rotary International's Senior Leaders.

Combined Rotary Dinner Meeting

**Thursday 24 November 2011
Brisbane Convention Centre
6:30pm for 7:00pm**

\$50.00 per person

Join our hosts, the Rotary Clubs of South Brisbane and Salisbury and have the rare opportunity to listen to the inspirational words of Rotary International President Elect Sakuji Tanaka and Rotary International Zone Director Stuart Heal. Browse the large Rotary Showcase and have a chat to the CEOs, Directors and Managers of the various wonderful Rotary programs. The showcase will also be open to the general public so now is the time to promote our amazing organisation.

RSVP: Monday 14 November 2011

President John Paskin - npaskin@bigpond.net.au

Payment Options: No payment on the night

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SHELTERBOX

INTERACTIVE BREAKFAST

Meet Shelter Box Response Team Members (SRTs).

Come along, learn and have some fun.

You can even try your hand at setting up a Shelter Box.

November 24th @ 7 am - 8.30 am

**Shelterbox & Rotarians have helped
1 million people in 150 disasters Worldwide**

Now: Thai Floods, Turkey Earthquake, Africa Drought

Venue: 23 Hillcrest Place, Kenmore Hills.

Cost: Breakfast \$20



Please invite friends and fellow Rotarians.

Bring a folding chair, dress casually, flat shoes and a hat.

ALL MONIES RAISED WILL GO TO SHELTERBOX

RSVP Claire Petersen 3378 8892 or 0415 862 112

Rotarians you can use this as a vocational visit or a makeup.

An initiative of The Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium



www.hatday.com.au

Hat Day
for Mental Health Research



Hat Day Newsletter - November 2011

PLANS FOR HAT DAY 2012

CHRISTMAS GIFTS NEEDED – WESLEY APPEAL – FOR KOOLKUNA AND KAIPARIN WOMEN'S REFUGE - Jackie B

A reminder that we will again support Wesley's appeal. A basket will be available at the first 2 Rotary meetings in December (1 & 8 December). Gifts such as: - gifts for adolescents (male and female) as this group is often overlooked, suggestions given are coles/target/kmart vouchers where the Refuge will go out and purchase suitable gifts for individuals.

- food for hampers

- Christmas decorations

- general kitchen items.

These gifts may be left in the basket (unwrapped) and will be delivered to Wesley on 12 December 2011. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated - Rotary making a little difference in troubled times.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR UPDATE

As November is Foundation month on our calendars I thought I would try and update on progress with the Future Vision plan and the plans to roll it out to the Rotary world in 2013. There is no doubt the pilot program has drawn a variety of responses both positive and negative. In fairness most of the negatives I have heard relate to change. Change to existing relationships where those relationships are between a pilot and non pilot district. These have been frustrating. Others have lamented the demise of Group Study Exchange and as an ex team member I understand the emotional tie to that program. I think the Vocational Teams can and should be an exciting development and I also believe if Districts want to keep the more traditional GSE exchange then they can but the funding arrangements are different. Some interesting statistics are starting to emerge from the pilot. Did you know that pilot districts increased their annual giving by 17% compared to a 10% lift for non pilots. The Foundation processed 303 grants in the first year of the pilot and the area of Global Grants the areas of focus in most demand were water and sanitation projects (29%) and disease prevention (20%) The four other areas of focus were reasonably equally shared. The amazing statistic for me is that 99 of the 100 pilot districts participated in a Global grant. So the plan will roll out to all districts in 2013. The six areas of focus will become Rotary's six areas of focus. There will be just one Rotary International strategic plan and that will include activity now being trialled in the pilot. Training will start soon and climax with full training at the International Assembly in January 2013. The software and systems will be ready and non pilots can start thinking about how they will manage this change anytime now. Exciting times are ahead of us as we have the opportunity to really refocus our service work. In the research conducted in 2009 as part of reviewing the RI Strategic Plan 69% of respondents said they wanted the opportunity to do more service. Here is that opportunity. Are we ready??? Stuart Heal