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FELLOW ROTARIANS

In *Rotary Down Under* this month there were two letters about the magazine, or should I say the two magazines; *RDU* and on the reverse, *Rotarian Life* (surely they could somehow combine them into one instead of doing the reversal thing half way through that just irritates many of us). Anyway, a Rotarian from Camberwell, Vic. really got amongst it, indeed it was to their credit that *RDU* published it at all - it certainly got a rise out of the editor. Philip Pickersgill from Fortitude Valley was considerably kinder to the publication but never the less didn't spare the rag, sorry I mean mag; from some criticism. I note from the cover that this was issue 520 and I think it is as good a time as any to review *RDU* its objectives and concomitantly its content.

It is compulsory for all Rotarians to receive 'a' Rotary Magazine each month and in consequence *RDU* essentially has a captive market. But surely that doesn't mean that because we are prisoners, they can journalistically 'water board' us. Rotary must be able to communicate better and it's time we did. The answer is not to put it all on line as if going cyber will suddenly create something better - a sort of electronic recycling plant. If it's crap in print it will be crap on line.

A rotary magazine of course cannot have political or religious bias and the content should be appropriate to a service club. I get that, I really do but that doesn't mean *RDU* can't be a bit controversial and perhaps even provocative - we're all grown-ups. It might just stimulate a bit of independent thought, some new and innovative ideas and encourage a few Rotarians to actually read the thing.

To be brutally frank, *RDU* is currently boring, self serving and fatuous. We live in Brisbane and we can get the Courier Mail every day if we want that.....see, being controversial stimulates, it makes us take up a position. If we as Rotarians want to improve our world we need to 'take up a position', we need to question. That guarantees that our efforts are well thought through and therefore not wasted.

There are any number of communication specialists and journo's in Rotary who I'm sure could help - but maybe everybody else is happy with *RDU* as it is and if that's the case at least the content will remain appropriate and I won't be the centrefold anytime soon! So maybe that's a good thing.

Yours in Rotary,
Kit

GUEST SPEAKERS

Aug 19	Heather Mabin – Mabin Family Daffodils
Aug 26	Fr John Naumann & Alison Jackson – Hearts For Africa
Sept 2	Bill Richmond – Mindventures
Sept 9	Michael Otago – Middle East Queensland Government rep.

MAKE-UPS

MEMBERS PLEASE EMAIL DETAILS OF MAKE-UPS TO:
make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com

BIRTHDAY

25 Aug Heather Knight

ATTENDANCE – 12 AUG 2010

MEMBERS	36	VISITING ROTARIAN	1
GUESTS	2	ATTENDANCE	62%

ROSTER

	19 Aug	26 Aug	2 Sept	9 Sept
CHAIRMAN	Karen T	Ashley T	Craig W	Andrew W
SET UP	Ashley T	Craig W	Andrew W	Chris W
	Craig W	Andrew W	Chris W	Ken W
CLOSE	Andrew W	Chris W	Ken W	Daryl W
	Chris W	Ken W	Daryl W	John A

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Narcissi, the family name of daffodils, are mainly cultivated in the Channel Isles, the Isles of Scilly, Great Britain and Holland. In Victorian times daffodils signified regard, while narcissi meant self-esteem or even vanity. Nowadays the daffodil is the emblem of Wales and is worn on St David's Day. In addition, daffodils are being grown for Galanthine, a substance in the bulbs being used to fight Alzheimer's.

In recognition of the daffodil, the international toast is to the Rotary Club of the **Isles of Scilly** (District 1290) who meet Mondays at the Golf Club in St Mary's, Scilly Isles, England.

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

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)

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 - (On Hold - awaiting developments)
 SMITH CHRISTMAS APPEAL

MONTH OF AUGUST 2010 – MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT and EXTENSION MONTH

RI PRESIDENTS DINNER – Thurs. 19 AUG

6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m. start

North Leagues & Services Club, ANZAC Avenue, Kallangur

YEP APEX CAMP MUDJIMBA– Sat & Sun 21 & 22 AUG 2010

8:00 for 8:30 a.m. start

Mudjimba, 171 Nojoo Rd, Twin Waters

Rotarians are invited to join the Youth Exchange students gathering at Mudjimba. Counsellors for Inbound students have also been invited to gather for an update on the Youth Exchange Program and District Child Protection Policy in general.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER – NEW GENERATIONS (YOUTH ACTIVITIES) MONTH

PRELIMINARY NOTICE:

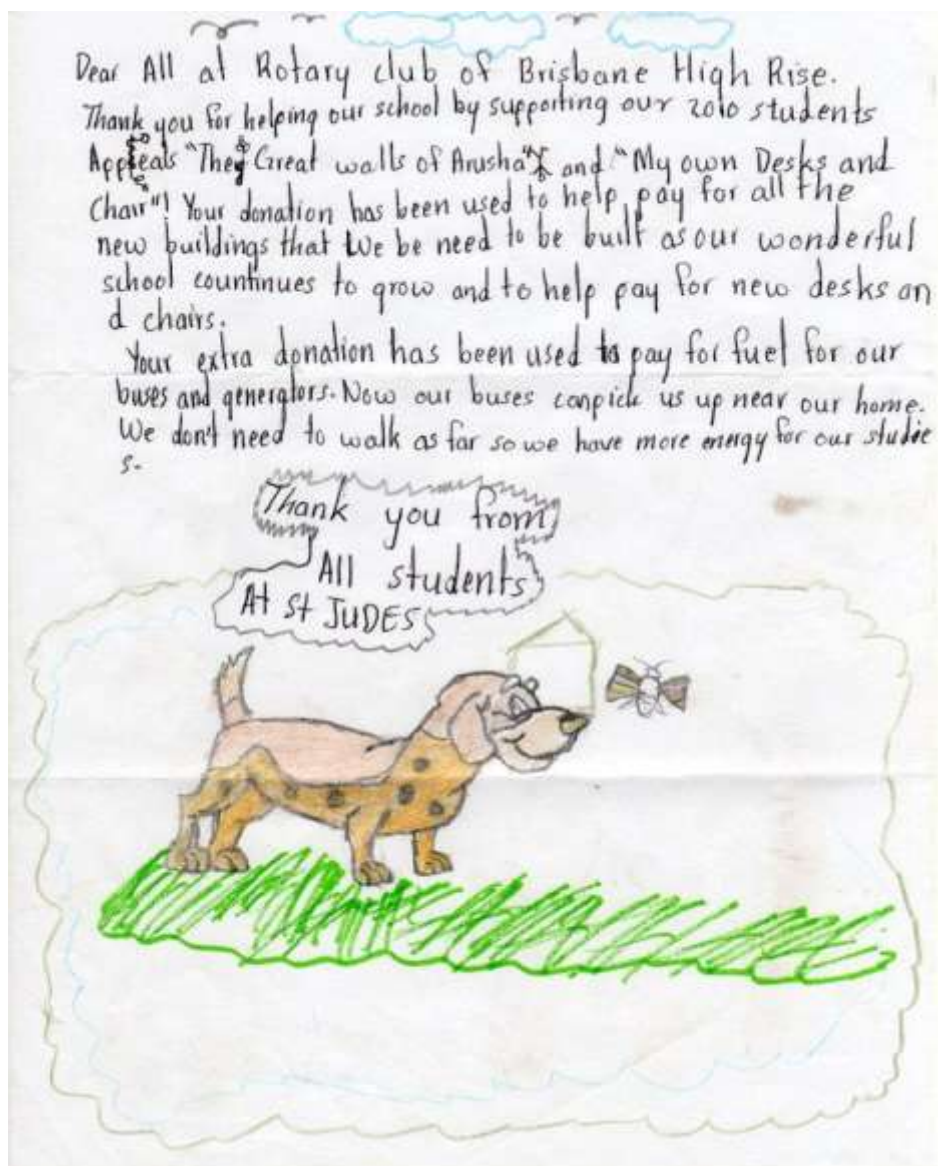
2011 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

19 – 25 MAY 2011 in New Orleans. For more information visit:

www.rotary.org/convention



THANK YOU FROM ST JUDES



MEMBER INTEREST - DATE CLAIMERS – REMINDERS

FIRST AID COURSE – Sat 21 AUG 2010, Start 9 a.m. – 4: 30 p.m. @ Morrissey Training, Unit 1 / 269 Abbottsford Rd, Bowen Hills.
(Light lunch provided & \$70 pp payable on the day)

JESUS CHRIST Superstar - The Rock Opera – Fri 27 AUG 2010 @ The Playhouse

BRIDGE TO BRISBANE – Sun 29 AUG 2010 - Join the Noah's Ark team. *For more information, please contact Rosemary Meadows*

FATHERS DAY – Sun 5 SEPT 2010

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.

Featuring Ian Conway, Kings Creek Station, founder Indigenous Kids Future Pty Ltd, founded to provide educational opportunities for cultural Aboriginal children from remote homelands in the King's Canyon area of Northern Territory.

Many aboriginal children are benefiting from a High school education at Prince Alfred College and Westminster School in Adelaide. To continue into tertiary education International House will establish a scholarship program for both accommodation & academic studies at UQ. *For more information contact John Braithwaite ph 3721 2485 or email j.braithwaite@inhouse.uq.edu.au RSVP by 27 August*

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

Ferry Road Studios, West End

Over the last 3 years, this orchestra, now comprising a whopping 100 talented musicians from all walks of life, has raised over \$35,000 for Queensland charities, including Qld Institute of Medical Research, Prevent Blindness Foundation, and Mater Medical Research Institute. This year, their charity partner is Multiple Sclerosis Queensland. The orchestra, under the baton of world-class conductor Andrew Robinson, is delighted to welcome Warwick Adeney, concertmaster for the Qld Symphony Orchestra, as their violin soloist for 2010.

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@icuo.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,

Fashions on the Field - both Male & Female. General entry fee \$10 pp or covered lounge \$15 pp. Bring your own picnic, buy there or book for the Champagne Garden \$30 pp or Restaurant luncheon \$55 pp (\$50 pp for groups of 10 or more). 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. To support this cause, Steven aims to run 50km per day and is seeking from Rotary and the communities along the route accommodation for himself and his father who is driving the support vehicle. If this does not occur, all expenses such as food & accommodation will all be paid for by his family.

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*