



# Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise Inc.

R.I. No. 29520

2010-11

## HOT AIR

District 9600  
Serving the Heart of Brisbane  
21 April 2011



### ARTSHOW 2011 OPENING

Before: John A helping set-up



After: President Kit, Steve S, Chris W and Moya O at the opening



### GUEST SPEAKERS

<b>Apr 21</b>	<b>David Rynne, Qld Resource Council</b>
Apr 28	Royal Wedding theme - Fellowship meeting
May 5	TBA
May 12	TBA

ROSTER	21 Apr	28 Apr	5 May	12 May
<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	John L		Frank L	Bill L
<b>SET UP</b>	Frank L		Bill L	Elizabeth L
	Bill L		Elizabeth L	Stephanie M
<b>CLOSE</b>	Elizabeth L		Stephanie M	Lindsay M
	Stephanie M		Lindsay M	Kym M

### 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

Paul Harris (born on 19 April 1868) formed the world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, in 1905. Today there are more than 1.3 million members and 33,000 clubs worldwide.

In recognition of the economic contribution this group makes around the world, the international toast is to the Rotary Club of **Chicago** (District 6450) who meets on Tuesdays at the Union League Club, Chicago, Illinois.

### ATTENDANCE – 14 APR 2011

<b>MEMBERS</b>	37	<b>VISITING ROTARIAN</b>	1
<b>GUESTS</b>	5	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	64%

### APOLOGIES, GUESTS, MAKE-UPS & PAYPAL

**MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS & BRINGING GUESTS PLEASE NOTIFY HIGH-RISE BY 9:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY:** [apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com](mailto: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](mailto:make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com)

**PAYPAL: MEMBERS can now prepay their meetings, subscriptions etc. via the Club's website:** <http://rotarybrisbanehighrise.com/members.htm>

### MEMBER INTEREST - DATE CLAIMERS – REMINDERS

**HOMELESS CONNECT – Wed. 11 MAY 2011**  
For more information please contact Ross G.

**ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA – RAM DINNER – Sat. 14 MAY 2011**  
St Columban's Catholic Secondary College, Caboolture, 6:15 p.m. for 7 p.m. start

**RSVP** with cheque made payable to: The Rotary Club of Caboolture, PP Rosemary Worthington – RAM Dinner Co-ordinator, PO Box 240, Caboolture, Qld 4510 **No later than Tuesday 3 May 2011**

**ROTARIAN WEEK OF IBLA BAROQUE – Sat. 14 MAY to 21 MAY 2011**

**Programs, itinerary and booking form on [www.rotaryragusa.it](http://www.rotaryragusa.it)**

**RED SHIELD DAY – Sun. 29 MAY 2011**

This year High-Rise will need a good roll-up for not only the counting house (3-4), but also to act as drivers and collectors in the inner city west area (as many as possible). More details will be provided closer to the day.

**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY – Sun. 5 JUNE 2011**

All incoming Board Members for the 2011-12 year (including those doing the position again) are to attend

**CHANGEOVER DINNER – Fri. 24 JUNE 2011**

More detail to be provided at a later date

#### **MESSAGE SENT FROM ANDREW GAUCI, SRT SBI AUS, ShelterBox District 9570 Representative**

##### **Japanese authorities express 'deepest respect' for ShelterBox's work**

Lifesaving aid from ShelterBox is helping families in Japan as they begin to rebuild their lives after the earthquake and tsunami that hit the country on March 11. The charity's work is being welcomed by officials in Japan's Prefectural government system who say ShelterBoxes will be used to provide emergency assistance to the most vulnerable.

Takanori Hirai, Director of the Climate Change and Energy Policy Division for the Iwate Prefectural Government said: 'We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your kind donation of ShelterBoxes after Japan's horrible earthquake and tsunami disaster.'

'These ShelterBoxes will be used in a variety of ways; as shelters in the affected areas, protecting the privacy of those living in shelters and creating a space for families to live in. We have the deepest respect for the efforts that ShelterBox is carrying out throughout the world. We hope that your organisation will grow even larger in the future.'

ShelterBox tents have been used to provide privacy and restore dignity to families sheltering in an evacuation centre – a school gymnasium - in Ofunato, a coastal town which was devastated by the tsunami.

One of the families to receive a ShelterBox tent were Rah (father), Rie Hatakeyama (mother), Kahoh (9-year old son) and 11 month old Yasushi. Speaking to ShelterBox Field Operations Specialist Mark Pearson (UK), Rah said:

'My house disappeared in the tsunami. Since the tent arrived it has made things much better for us, at the evacuation centre privacy is important to us. 'When the tsunami came I was outside my home. We saw smoke and we ran away to higher ground. Everyone is helping each other at the evacuation centre and we hope Ofunato will recover in the future.'

##### **Sense of dignity**

200 tsunami survivors, a mixture of young families and elderly people, are sheltering in the school gymnasium.

Mark Pearson added: 'It's snowing heavily on a regular basis here and there's very limited kerosene to fuel the heaters inside. Our tents are being used by young families as a private space and a sleeping area. This is incredibly important for morale and is giving the families back a sense of dignity. Also these evacuation centres are open places to anyone and the tents add a sense of security for people's belongings.'

The Japanese government has said that 8,800 temporary housing units will be built in the Iwate Prefecture. In Ofunato 1,400 are being built and it is expected to take between three to four months for them to be completed. According to OCHA (United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs) more than 27,500 people have been confirmed dead or remain unaccounted for.

A survey found that of this number more than 60% were over the age of 60 – meaning the elderly were the worst affected by this disaster. This saddening statistic means that the elderly were probably not able to evacuate quickly enough despite the tsunami warnings.