



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
21 July 2011



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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

Is anyone struggling with the pace of life? I admit it is increasingly a challenge for me. (not something you want to hear from a newly installed President?) I'm somewhat surprised by this as with the kids long gone I always expected that at this stage of my life I'd have more time to do things of choice. But for me it seems to be a case of pedaling harder to stand still.

The other frustration for me is that I've always been one who likes to be busy. The more on my plate the happier I seem to be. (maybe that's what you need to be hearing?) but that does not seem to be the case in recent times. I suspect the problem is not only keeping pace but also the manner by which we need to keep pace. I'm referring here to the changes happening in the way we go about our daily lives. This old dog has to learn a lot of new tricks. And I'm a believer in life long learning. But how do you keep up?

I'm writing this on a plane. This morning I went through the check – in - yourself process at the airport. I've only just mastered the check in online. Now I'm doing it myself at the airport including checking in my bag which having now done this a few times I can confidently expect will spit out at the other end. (update; the bag didn't spit out on this occasion; we were reunited 12 hours later)

Two weeks ago an I Pad turned up. I am a dodo when it comes to this stuff. But I must learn or I can't be as effective in my job. In 12 x months I've gone from blackberry to I Phone (still working on this) to I Pad. When I got my first mobile phone it was called a car phone and that's where it stayed for 10 x years. The speed of this change is exhausting. I could go on about this. I haven't even mentioned the intrusiveness of much of this change. But what's it all mean for us as Rotarians. Well the pace of life and claims on our time can certainly challenge our capacity to contribute. Rotary activity is after all voluntary and its priority must be appropriate within our individual circumstances. Mind you I think busy people are often the most effective. They are generally very good time managers.

And what about the role of technology in our Rotary life? The web site is a good example. It's interesting over the last few years how many new members have made their initial contact through our web site. It is an effective medium for promoting our club. What we must be alert to of course is the need for it to continue to be relevant in our changing world. How does Facebook and Twitter (what are those things?) and the next social medium fit into the workings of our web site? Thankfully you will not be relying on me to answer that question. But we do have the talent in our Club to develop those answers. We just need to be sure that we invite the involvement of that talent. There's that word again.....involvement!

ROSTER	21 July	28 July	4 August	11 August	18 August	25 August	1 September	8 September
CHAIRMAN	Vic M	Ron M	Roslyn M	Rob O	Greg P	Bill P	Russell P	Wendy P
SET UP	Ron M	Roslyn M	Rob O	Greg P	Bill P	Russell P	Wendy P	Sylvia R
	Roslyn M	Rob O	Greg P	Bill P	Russell P	Wendy P	Sylvia R	Alexandra R
CLOSE DOWN	Rob O	Greg P	Bill P	Russell P	Wendy P	Sylvia R	Alexandra R	Susan R
	Greg P	Bill P	Russell P	Wendy P	Sylvia R	Alexandra R	Susan R	Johann R

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Ramallah, Palestine – District 2450. Only founded in 2010. Ten miles from Jerusalem this city is known as 'God's Hill' & 'Bride of the Middle East'.

GUEST SPEAKERS

21 July	Committee Update	Fellowship - Wendy
21 July	Major Tim Warner	Officer commanding Alpha Company, 8 th /9 th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment as part of the International Stabilisation Force of East Timor.
28 July	Committee Update	Greg will be talking up Membership.
	Member talks: Bill Koitka Johann Robertson	Did you know Bill is a champion clay shooter? Johann has a real passion for communication through new technology
4 August	Committee Update	Public relations - Gary
	Bruce Graydon	Bruce is the State Manager for Support Link, an electronic referral system linking the police with other service providers without breaching privacy. Bruce is a former policeman and earlier participated in a Rotary GSE.

ATTENDANCE – 30 June 2011

MEMBERS	41	GUESTS	2	VISITING ROTARIANS	0	ATTENDANCE	65%
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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

PROJECTS 2011-2012 - ROTARY ART SPECTACULAR – HAND OVER – MEETING MONDAY 15 AUGUST

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.

UPDATE – ST JUDES GEMMA SISIA

Greetings from St Jude's!

June did not disappoint at St Jude's, and we're sure you will agree that neither will our June Newsletter. With Cross Country competitions, special visitors, an inside look at St Jude's Boarding Houses and First Aid training for our staff, this edition of the newsletter will help you discover more about what is happening at our three campuses and beyond!

SUPPORT US NOW with St Jude's Appeal 2011 – Closing on 22nd July! - We need your SUPPORT NOW! **We need to raise \$116,000 to purchase 1160 more plots of land!** Current students desperately need more resources and room to work, play and live. We also hope to continue our in-take numbers of 150 students at the beginning of 2012. Boost our students' wellbeing so they can reach their full potential! Visit **St Jude's Appeal 2011** for details on the different packages available and how you can support us now!

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs! - Get involved and volunteer in Arusha at The School of St Jude with our long-term and short-term Volunteer Opportunities. We want you to join our team as an ESL Teacher, Teacher Mentor, as well as with our Visitor Team, HR and Recruitment, Fundraising, Donor Relations, Purchasing, Sponsorship, Photography, Early Childhood specialists and more...

Tours and Treks - Places on our September St Jude's Tours are quickly filling. For more information about our 2011 and 2012 tours, check out the website. We have also launched St Jude's Mt Kili Challenge 2011, if you are feeling adventurous check out the website for more details.

St Jude's Online Store - Visit St Jude's Online Shop to send a loved one an eCard, pre-purchase our very special 10th Anniversary celebration book or purchase the Hopeful Chef Cookbook, Stamp Sets and much more...

Hugs from Everyone at St Jude's! - schoolofstjude.co.tz

NOTICES RE YOUTH COMMITTEE 2011-2012

NYSF2012 for Yr 12 science students

Club Nominee Ellie from Cannon Hill Anglican College. Ellie will be attending the District selection day at Caboolture on Sunday 31 July

Matched Student Exchange 2012

Yr10 Term 2 in NZ followed by NZ host returning here Term 3. Applications close NOW.

RYPEN 2011 14-17yo weekend leadership camp

Cooloolah 26-28/8/11. Applications close 10/8/2011

Science Experience for students going into 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 post Yr 12

Applications close March 2012

DATE CLAIMERS

Saturday 23 July – 7pm Start

Flavour Fest and Flavour Feast – The Gympie Region will host celebrations and showcases of local food and culinary excellence - The Rotary Club of Gympie Cooloolah is proud to present the Flavour Feast event in this celebration - **a four course Gourmet Meal and Wine Tasting evening**, to be held from 7.00 pm at the Gympie Civic Centre, Mellor St, Gympie. **End Polio Now** and Camp Quality will be recipients of funds raised. Further information and booking details are attached. You are invited to join in these wonderful events and - Enjoy FlavourFest at the Gympie Showgrounds Pavilion from 10am, then.....**Dine with fellow food and wine lovers and be prepared to have your taste buds tantalised as you enjoy gourmet delights prepared by award winning local chefs**

VIP chefs - Ben O'Donoghue, Matt Golinski and Rita Macali will be attending the dinner and providing entertaining insights into the world of a celebrity chef. We look forward to sharing Rotary friendship with you and your friends as you join in supporting this important fundraising event. You may even find it a good idea to experience some of the excellent accommodation available in Gympie, relax and stay over to purchase some bargains at the Sunday Markets and still have time to ride the restored 1923 steam train - the Mary Valley Rattler - which travels the historic 40km journey from Gympie to Imbil. The 'Rattler' pulls out of Gympie Station at Tozer Street at 10.00 am every Sunday! For more details check these web sites: www.flavourfest.com.au/

Sunday 18 Sept – 720am Start

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.



Flavour Feast
Dine with celebrity chefs and fellow food and wine lovers

BEN O'DONOGHUE **MATT GOLINSKI** **RITA MACALI**

A four course gourmet meal and wine tasting evening prepared by local award winning chefs using our Region's outstanding produce.

When: Saturday 23rd July 2011
Canapés from 7:00 pm

Where: Gympie Civic Centre

Price: \$95 per person
(tables of 10 available)

Tickets available from
Cartridge World - 206 Mary St | Karinya Florist - 140 Mary St
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