



# Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise Inc.

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## HOT AIR

District 9600

Serving the Heart of Brisbane

21 October 2010



### FELLOW ROTARIANS

Yesterday I was painting (Don't worry; it was the downstairs not a contribution to the 2011 Rotary Art Show. The world isn't ready for my talent yet!). The radio was going in the background and I learnt that this week is 'Carers Week'. The station I was listening to was engaged in an outside broadcast from the Queen Street Mall where the presenter was talking to carers who had gathered for a celebration. I was fascinated by their various stories; all tragic but somehow all uplifting. I also found the Commonwealth Games uplifting but those champions collected medals and adulation. Not so the carers, although they sounded like champions to me; hidden champions.

None of these people stood in a line to get the job; it's not a job you'd stand in line for. Being a carer requires a sacrifice of almost every pleasure imaginable. Your life ceases to be your own, you are always tired and it is largely thankless. You have to do it for love because there could be almost no other motivation. Perhaps the most tragic thing of all is that it could be thrust upon any of us at anytime courtesy of illness or accident to a loved one.

As I listened to the various stories I discovered that sadly there are a number of teenagers who provide care for sick parents and grandparents. One of the young interviewees told her story. She had been the sole carer for her father when he became ill. At the same time she was trying to complete High School and of course that just wasn't working.

But the story of her education had a happy ending; this is how she got through: She was able to complete her years 11 and 12 as a student at a place called the 'Albert Park Flexi-School'. She explained that the teachers and the school allowed her to fit in her schooling around what she needed to do to care for her father. They were 'flexible' understanding and supportive and it was clear that this young woman would have slipped through the cracks without the intervention of Albert Park.

Timely,' I thought to myself; 'Timely indeed'. I'm looking forward to breakfast this week at the Albert Park Flexi-School and grateful for the work of Steve and Ross and those before them who have kept us involved and helping at Albert Park. It is indeed a worthy recipient of every bit of help and support we can give.

Yours in Rotary, Kit

### 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](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)

### GUEST SPEAKERS

#### Oct 21 Albert Park Flexi School Breakfast meeting

Oct 28 Jennifer Mitchell – Droplets in the Stream  
 Nov 4 District Governor Eric Wood  
 Nov 11 TBA

### BIRTHDAYS

21 Oct Tom Knight  
 22 Oct Ben Meadows  
 23 Oct Ron Mullins & Denis Meadows  
 27 Oct Madison Wappett

### ATTENDANCE – 14 Oct 2010

<b>MEMBERS</b>	30	<b>VISITING ROTARIANS</b>	2
<b>GUESTS</b>	2	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	52%

### ROSTER 21 Oct 28 Oct 4 Nov 11 Nov

<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	Ken B	Jacque B	Gordana B	Deb B
<b>SET UP</b>	Jacque B	Gordana B	Deb B	Philip B
	Gordana B	Deb B	Philip B	Rod C
<b>CLOSE</b>	Deb B	Philip B	Rod C	Barry C
	Philip B	Rod C	Barry C	Joy C

### INTERNATIONAL TOAST

At least nine people were killed and more than 150 injured when the reservoir of an alumina plant near Ajka, 160 kilometers from Budapest, burst on October 4, sending a tidal wave of toxic sludge into the surrounding area. The ramifications of this spill on the district and long-term effects on the wider community are yet to be fully understood.

In recognition of this man-made disaster, the international toast is to the Rotary Club of **Szombathely** (District 1191) who meets on Wednesday at the Castle Hotel, Hungary.

## MEMBER INTEREST - DATE CLAIMERS – REMINDERS

### ROTARY CLUB OF MALENY – MUSICAL *Up the Tiber Without a Toga*- 15<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> OCT 2010

Caloundra Events Centre, see [www.upthetiber.com.au](http://www.upthetiber.com.au)

The Rotary Club of Maleny is assisting *Tiber Productions Fund Ltd* by way of supporting the production schedule with a myriad of behind-the-scenes volunteer tasks, promotion, and organisational talent. From this assistance all profits will be distributed to The Rotary Foundation and Rotary Australia World Community Service. Tickets can be purchased directly from the Caloundra Events Centre at [www.theeventscentre.com.au](http://www.theeventscentre.com.au)

**For more information please call Bob on 07 5435 2775 or 0419 726 423.**

### COMMUNITY DAY @ THE GABBA – Fri. 22 Oct 2010, 2:15 p.m. onwards

Day/Night 50-over Qld V Sri Lanka match

Community day for cricket lovers and supporters of the homeless

**Details on [www.spiritus.org.au](http://www.spiritus.org.au) or contact Carlton Meyn on [cmeyn@spiritus.org.au](mailto:cmeyn@spiritus.org.au)**

### MELBOURNE CUP TRIFECTA TICKETS

Tickets \$2 each. For more information download the flyer from Brisbane high-Rise website Home page.

### WESTSIDE STORY – LYRIC THEATRE - Thurs. 11 NOV 2010

Tickets \$95 per person.

**For more information, please contact Phil Breene**

### CHAPLAIN WATCH – NIGHT4NIGHT WATCH FUNDRAISING EVENT – Thurs. 11 NOV 2010

Mercedes Benz Showroom, 6:30 p.m.

824 Ann St, Fortitude Valley.

**For more information please contact Gordana B on 0412 543 813**

## WALK TO CURE DIABETES

Volunteers, John McGinley & Deb Le Garde, on the registration table at *JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes*.



## THANK YOU TO VOLOUNTEERS

Thank you to those that volunteered to support the *Walk to Cure Diabetes* event on Sunday 17 October.

It was a great day with beautiful weather. The parking attendants did a great job, those collecting the money and taking registrations were fantastic in organising their area and getting underway in the early hours, while the fruit and water stand did great business.

It was a great success with the raffle alone raising over \$1,000. So, well done everyone.

Start planning for next year.

**Angela Tillmanns**

**CEO , Cerebral Palsy League**