



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
22 September 2011



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

A dread coming into this role was having to prepare this Blurb each week (especially following an author no less). Developing something worth reading week in week out is daunting. The compensation I suppose is that I have your undivided attention through this column. That's true of course only if you are reading this. There's always plenty of Rotary stuff to write about. But I think occasionally I will depart from the theme. Like now, I'd like to share a few thoughts about leadership. It's such a powerful force (for both good and bad). Leadership is a gift; there is no greater compliment than to be given the trust of those you lead. This trust is not an automatic right. The leadership position provides the opportunity to earn that right through what you do and how you behave.

It's interesting to observe from afar the performance of President Obama. He came into the most powerful leadership role in the world on the back of brilliant oratory. He is a compelling speaker. His acceptance speech on the night he was declared the winner was inspirational. Whether he retains his position in the next election however is dependent on his actions in his role as President. Things are not looking too good. Words will not carry the vote this time round.

Empathy, example and ethics are the attributes that define a leader for me. If you have no concern for those you lead, you will get little in return. It's not what you say but rather what you do and how you make others feel. And ethics, well they are essential. Most successful leaders that tick all the boxes have high moral and personal standards and a strong sense of what's right in terms of behaviour.

There's a book out now that I'm keen to read. It defines leadership as the Law of the Lid. I haven't worked out the full extent of the analogy (I need to read the book) but I can see where the author is coming from. Poor leadership is like a lid closing in a container. Good leadership opens up to allow the contents to spill out and expand. So why should I choose this subject at this time? Well leadership has never been more important. Observe our nation right now at the political level. Businesses across the country are under pressure which in turn places pressure on communities. The call for strong, visionary leadership could not be greater at all levels.

Where do we fit into this? There would be few within our Club who are not in a leadership role in some form. It might be a committee, a section at work, a department or a company and of course within our family. Accept the gift of leadership; treasure it and live up to the responsibilities that come with the role. It will make our world a better place.

| ROSTER | 29 September | 6 October | 13 October | 20 October | 27 October | 3 November | 10 November | 17 November |
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| CHAIRMAN | Alexandra R | Susan R | Johann R | Steve S | Sharyn S-H | Jane S | Karen T | Angela T |
| SET UP | Susan R | Johann R | Steve S | Sharyn S-H | Jane S | Karen T | Angela T | Andrew W |
| | Johann R | Steve S | Sharyn S-H | Jane S | Karen T | Angela T | Andrew W | Craig W |
| CLOSE DOWN | Steve S | Sharyn S-H | Jane S | Karen T | Angela T | Andrew W | Craig W | Chris W |
| | Sharyn S-H | Jane S | Karen T | Angela T | Andrew W | Craig W | Chris W | John A |
| SERGEANT | Wendy | Russell | Russell | Barbara | Barbara | Greg | Greg | Rob |

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Toasting Copenhagen International in Denmark – District 1470 - the only Rotary Club in Copenhagen to conduct business in the English language.

GUEST SPEAKERS

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| 22 Sept | Restoration Visit | Let's start the day at 7am with a tour of the City Hall Restoration and follow up with breakfast at the Groove Train: Meet at the Adelaide Street entrance (behind the bus shelters) |
| 29 Sept | Dr Jeff Jurnak – the BG Group | Dr Jurnak is the Vice President -Development with a career history focused on the oil and gas industry. He will talk to us about developments in the coal and gas industry, particularly the major QG project in the Surat Basin and Curtis Island focused on finding, developing and connecting liquefied gas to the world. |
| 6 October | District Governor - Carolyn Krueger | This is the first chance for High-Rise to welcome our District Governor. Carolyn's club is Noosa Heads |
| 13 October | Albert Park School | Albert Park Flexi School is one of our Club's Service projects. We visit with the students for a breakfast meeting |

ATTENDANCE – 15 September 2011

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| MEMBERS | 30 | GUESTS | - | VISITING ROTARIANS | 3 | ATTENDANCE | 47.5% |
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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 | TYPE |
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| Sat 1 Oct | Dinner | Norman Hotel –.102 Ipswich Road, Woolongabba - 3391 5022 | Karen T | Aussie |
| Fri 14 Oct | Drinks | In the city – TBA | Ron M | |
| Sun 30 Oct | Tour | XXXX Brewery and BBQ at the Ale House - Adult with 4 pots - \$38pp; Adult non-drinker \$34pp; Youth (under 18) \$28pp; children under 10 no cost | Wendy P | To be paid no later than 13 Oct |

DATE CLAIMERS

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| Sunday 11 Sep | THE ROTARY RACE DAY – Corbould Park Caloundra – a great social day out for all – Email: bribie@gmail.com or contact Mary on 0421529824 - 9600 Race Day Committee. This is the fifth year that the combined clubs of Caboolture and Bribie Island have arranged this great day out. Even if you can't tell one end of a horse from the other it is such a fun day. Bring the family! |
| Sunday 18 Sep– 7.20am | 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. |
| Sunday 9 - 23 Oct | ALERT – FOR THE RUGBY LOVING ROTARIANS IN OUR CLUB - www.rugbyworldcup.com - The 2011 Rugby World Cup starts in Auckland with the NZ vs Tonga game on 9th September 2011. The final will be played in Auckland on Sunday October 23, 2011, at Eden Park. Tickets remain available for most games on the Rugby World Cup website. www.rugbyworldcup.com . Experience true kiwi hospitality in a fellow Rotarians home - bed and breakfast, \$150 per night, includes a donation to Polio Plus. |

NOTICEBOARD



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- 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>

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District Secretary - Darryl Iseppi



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PROJECTS 2011-2012 – Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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| 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 | NYSF2012 - Yr 12 science students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Club Attendee is Ellie from Cannon Hill Anglican College – one of 27 selected by the District last weekend. - Yr10 Term 2 in NZ followed by NZ host returning here Term 3. - Coolum 26-28/8/11. Applications close 10/8/2011 - January 2012. Applications close October 2011 - April 2012. Applications close March 2012 - Applications close March 2012 Matched Student Exchange 2012 RYPEN 2011 14-17yo weekend leadership camp Science Experience - Yr 10 RYLA 2012 18-26 yo tall ships leadership voyage International Youth Exchange Program post Yr 12 |
| 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 FROM JENNY HORTON – POLIO

As many of you know the Global Poverty Project is supporting a bid to request funds from the leaders at CHOGM to support Polio Eradication. The budget for 2011-12 has a deficit of US\$590m so the need is urgent. With cases now reported in China and again in Kenya, there will be an extra need for funds to hit these importations on the head. Please look at the website for the team and review the PR activities the team have undertaken and join the petition - theendofpolio.com/home/ Thanks to everyone for your ongoing support of the program and share this with friends who also can support the program. Blessings Jenny

FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL - At 24th August, there is still only one recorded case of polio in India – and that was on January 13th. What a great feeling to know that one of those four endemic countries may soon be removed from the list. While progress is still being made in the endemic countries, problems are continuing to crop up in areas previously declared polio-free. Chad and the Democratic Republic of Congo are two such countries where their combined cases have increased numbers by 154 against the same period last year. On the credit side, Tajikistan looks like it's clear again and Afghanistan and Nigeria are holding steady with just 38 cases between them year to date. There should be good news from those two countries within a year or so and then it will be down to one. The key to stopping the spread is clearing polio from those four endemic nations and once that's done the job will be all but done. Total cases so far this year amount to 333 versus 618 at the same time last year.

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REMEMBERING 9/11



Helen Reisler, the first female president of the Rotary Club of New York, was in Brooklyn preparing for a club meeting when terrorists struck the World Trade Center on 11 September 2001. Ten years later, she recalls how she and her club did their best work during the dark days that followed.

NEWS – DISTRICT 9600 – ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOW 2011-13

Scott Sellwood - Scott has been selected as a 2011-2013 Rotary World Peace Fellow for the Universidad del Salvador (University of Salvador), in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He is eagerly awaiting confirmation from the University of his acceptance into the Master's program in International Relations. That news is expected in late September, early October this year. The eighteen month graduate program will start in March 2012. As an environmental lawyer Scott has observed first-hand the advantages and limitations of working for social and environmental justice within formal legal systems. As a Rotary World Peace Fellow he plans to explore how Latin American communities respond to environmental and development related conflicts, particularly those involving food and agriculture systems. Within this field, he has a special interest in the role of urban food production as a medium through which peace and understanding emerge, as well as a being a platform for addressing issues of hunger and urban poverty. Scott is being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Windsor.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL – DIRECTOR STUART HEAL GIVES US AN UPDATE

I have just returned from Evanston where I attended a Strategic Planning committee meeting. It was a useful time to reflect on where Rotary is heading and to ponder what the next generation may want from the organisation. The more meetings I get to attend in Evanston the more I appreciate the “power” of the organisation is in the clubs. However the board has tried to support the strategic plans goal of strengthening and supporting clubs by recommending some changes to our rules to be considered at the next Council On Legislation. They are also investigating social media as means for clubs and individuals to connect and work together. As you know the board has already approved an extra \$2,000,000 USD for District PR grants this year lifting the total available to \$4,000,000. Are you in? The big spend approved by the board is focussed on a “brand revitalisation” plan. They are down to a short list to undertake this work and I am expecting some exciting things will emerge in the next couple of years. I do however believe our brand does really start in our clubs. It is how our communities see us and our most recent survey results are a bit disappointing in that recall of our name is higher than the last survey but what we do is lower. We have plenty to do in this critical area yet. The board has also increased the spend on PR around the eradication of polio to ensure we get the credit we deserve for this huge project. Expect to see more from RI in this area in the 12 months or so. The final big challenge in the pipeline is the Rotary Foundation Future Vision plan roll out on July 1 2013. The pilot of 100 districts is continuing but now roll out plans are beginning as well. The plan is to have all programs and supporting software ready by July 1 2013.....and that is only a little over a year away. Plans are currently on time and on budget but there is a lot to be done to get the 430 non pilot districts up to speed. Keep an eye out to ensure you don't miss your turn and take the training opportunities as they arise. The big strategic issues still being discussed include membership growth and retention and a numerical shift from west to east. The COL may change some attendance rules but the cultural change from attendance to participation will take some time to gain real traction. A real effort to establish projects around our six areas of focus could certainly create plenty of opportunities for clubs to get busy with and who knows maybe a busy club is one that needs to meet regularly?? I think the board has accepted the challenge of accelerating change and attempted to provide funding and expertise in a couple of critical areas BUT it is up to the clubs to really drive the change. Each in their own way. Each meeting the needs of their members and their communities. Rotarians will get the job done. We do it better than anyone else. Stuart Heal

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN

One of the key points of the RI Strategic Plan is to ‘Support and strengthen clubs’. The Rotary Club is the vital component of Rotary International, and as such it is important that they are a vibrant and growing part of the community in which they exist. Every Rotary Club is unique, and can be large or small, have young Rotarians or Rotarians with many years of experience. Club and District Support are always looking for new and improved ways in which we can provide support to clubs, and we would appreciate any suggestions that you may have.