



# Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise Inc.

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## HOT AIR

District 9600

Serving the Heart of Brisbane

24 February 2011



### FELLOW ROTARIANS

I started off writing my weekly piece yesterday, with the intention of heralding our return to the Polo Club after nearly two months and talking about life returning to something approaching normal in central Brisbane. One phone call from daughter Jenna in Christchurch seemed to empty the brain and it's taken fully 24 hours to get back to it. Thank you to the many members who contacted Jacque and me to ask after Jenna and her partner Andrew. Happily, they are both fine.

When the quake struck, Jenna was preparing to head to work at Christchurch hospital and Andy was driving through the centre of the city - just the worst place to be. He ended up abandoning his vehicle and heading home on foot. They are both uninjured but badly shaken, in every sense of the word. Those who heard her presentation (in fact the last time we met at the Polo Club) will recall that they weren't sure whether their home would be repaired or abandoned. I think this quake has pretty much resolved that issue, as they have been badly hit again.

As I write this, I'm closely following the unfolding tragedy; watching the death toll rise. Rotary was predictably on the spot and the Shelter Box crew arrived in Christchurch first thing Wednesday morning. I will be contacting the DG today to see what we might be able to do. I hope Jenna and Andrew don't have to be beneficiaries of a Rotary Shelter Box but there would be a certain irony there. Having said that; I rather think her mum would be issuing fairly clear instructions to both of them about returning immediately to our Brisbane Shelter Box.

We will be doing something to assist with the recovery and we will not forget that we must also stay committed to flood and cyclone recovery here at home.

Before I sign off, I just want to remind you about the Art Show. I really need some assistance here. This is the 32nd Rotary Art Show and we need to urgently get behind it and, in particular, help John Leddy get the Sponsorship sorted. I will talk about it at Rotary this Thursday and will be asking for serious help. Time is upon us as the Cocktail party is on Thursday 7 April and the show runs through to Saturday the 16th. Please give serious consideration to becoming involved; it would be the Board's intention to commit most or all of our share of the profit to Queensland disaster relief.

Yours in Rotary,

Kit

### GUEST SPEAKERS

**Feb 24** **Nicky Haydon, Network 10 News**  
 Mar 3 Rob Justo, ROMAC Qld Medical Chairman  
 Mar 10 John Mickel, Speaker of Qld Parliament  
 Mar 17 Andrew Squires, Smith Family

### ROSTER 24 Feb 3 Mar 10 Mar 17 Mar

<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	Elena G	Ros H	John K	Steve K
<b>SET UP</b>	Ros H	John K	Steve K	Mark L
	John K	Steve K	Mark L	Deb LG
<b>CLOSE</b>	Steve K	Mark L	Deb LG	Barbara L
	Mark L	Deb LG	Barbara L	John L

### 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

A quote on the website [www.abc.net.au](http://www.abc.net.au) reads "It looks like Lyttelton has been bombed... Everybody is out on the street and it was so violent that people are just dumbstruck".

The international toast is in recognition of the impact of the aftershock that struck the people of Canterbury, New Zealand on Tuesday 22 February.

The toast is to **District 9970** which covers Rotary members throughout the South Island; all of whom will have been affected in some way.

### REQUEST FOR THE USE OF A COLD ROOM FOR A DAY

Organisers of the *Flood Relief Fundraising* event on 5 March 2011 (see details below) require the use of a cold room for the day. Please contact Grace Tan 0408 418 833 if you can help

### ATTENDANCE – 17 Feb 2011

<b>MEMBERS</b>	40	<b>VISITING ROTARIAN</b>	1
<b>GUESTS</b>	2	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	69%

### APOLOGIES, GUESTS & MAKE-UPS

**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)

**FLOOD RELIEF FUNDRAISING - Sat. 5 MARCH 2011**

QLD Police Service Academy, 4pm- 7pm

Rudd Street, Oxley

Multicultural communities and business houses in Queensland hope to raise \$100,000 at this finger food & soft drink event in support of the Premier's Qld Flood Relief Appeal. Patron: Young Australian of the Year, Jessica Watson. Auctioneer: Deputy-Mayor Graham Quirk. Entertainment includes: South Pacific Island dance group, Brisbane Babas Band and Getano Bann. Cost \$50 per person.

**For more information please contact Grace Tan 0408 418 833. FOR CATERING RSVP 1 MARCH 2011**

**CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA DAY – Sun. 6 MARCH 2011**

As no suitable site has been located, the High-Rise Board elected not arrange a specific site. However, since then Brisbane has had a flood, and some of may wish to participate. It is recommended this year that those members who wish should join an already organised Clean Up Site that suits them, by logging onto:- [www.cleanupaustriaday.org.au/join](http://www.cleanupaustriaday.org.au/join)

**SPORTSMAN'S LUNCHEON – Fri. 18 MARCH 2011,**

Gambaro Seafood Restaurant, 12:00 noon for 12:30pm start

33 Caxton Street, Petrie Terrace

Cost: \$120 per person / \$1,200 per table of ten. **RSVP: Friday 4 March 2011 to Michelle Thomson, T: 07 3358 8027 or E: [mthomson@cplqld.org.au](mailto:mthomson@cplqld.org.au)**

**MUSIC OF ANDREW LLOYD WEBER – Thurs. 7 APRIL 2011**

Lyric Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

**ART SPECTACULAR – Thurs. 7 to Sat. 16 APRIL 2011**

OPENING NIGHT COCKTAIL PARTY – Thurs. 7 APRIL 2011

Riverside Centre, 123 Eagle St, Brisbane

Open daily between 8am - 6pm, Weekends 9am - 4pm

**For more information please contact Barbara L.**

**HOMELESS CONNECT – Wedn. 11 MAY 2011**

Volunteers are needed to help at the above day at the RNA Showground. It is a day organized by Brisbane City Council where 1,000+ homeless come and connect with the various service providers, and get access to various services. **For more information please contact Ross G.**

**ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA – 2011 RAM NATIONAL CONFERENCE – Sat. & Sun. 14 -15 MAY 2011**

St Columban's Catholic Secondary College

Caboolture

**BRISBANE HIGH-RISE INAUGURAL CYCLING EVENT – BRIDGES OF BRISBANE – Sun. 15 MAY 2011**

More details to come

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

Brisbane High-Rise members are invited to attend the seventh Rotarian week held in Ragusa (South-eastern Sicily) to be hosted by the local Rotary Club. The event intends to introduce Rotary club members of the whole world to this beautiful part of Baroque Sicily, recognized by the UNESCO as world heritage site. The program begins upon arrival at Catania airport on Saturday 14 May, and ends your departure from Catania, Saturday 21 May. **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.

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

More detail to be provided at a later date

**MESSAGE FROM COMPUTERS 4 KIDS**

Fellow Rotarians,  
Computers 4 Kids would like to thank all those who answered the call for mouse (or is it mice?) for our computers. Your generous response was a great help.

The workshop has another request - we have orders for over 200 computers and only 120 computers in stock. C4K needs Pentium 4 Pc's (including keyboards and cables) flat-screens (preferable) mouse and mouse mats. We also have a number of orders for laptops which we are unable to fulfil as our current stock is zero. Any help you, your friends, business acquaintances or even family can give would be sincerely appreciated.

Yours in Rotary, Elizabeth Grace,

Chairman Computers 4 Kids,

E-mail: [elizabeth.grace@bigpond.com](mailto:elizabeth.grace@bigpond.com)

**DISTRICT 9600**

**D9600 CONFERENCE - 25 to 27 MARCH 2011**

**THEME: Enjoy Rotary – Spread Happiness**

The Events Centre,

Caloundra

**Electronic registration available on website:**

[www.rotary9600.org](http://www.rotary9600.org)

There is an offer to fellow Rotarians, of a super sharp accommodation rate at the Rydges Oasis for accommodation during the Rotary District Conference 9600 see link: [www.rydges.com/hotel/0/RQOASI/Rydges-Oasis-Resort-Caloundra.htm](http://www.rydges.com/hotel/0/RQOASI/Rydges-Oasis-Resort-Caloundra.htm)

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

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