



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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HOT AIR

District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
25 August 2011



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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

As many members would be aware I travel pretty much every week. It is not something that I particularly enjoy; the more I do it the less the appeal. But it's a part of my job and you do what you have to do. There is one benefit of note. It gives me time to reflect. And this generally leads to these wise words that I pen every week. The Editor cuts me no slack so I'm writing this for the most part about a week before publication.

This means the events most prominent in my mind at this time are the global economic news. It is not good. You could say that's been the case for a few years. But it seems to be getting worse. Well certainly it continues to be worrying.

We know Australia is better placed than most to weather the storm. That's what we keep getting told. But it's of small comfort to the many in our communities who are battling. The going is really tough.

I'm involved in the building industry. It's a very good indicator of the health of the economy. If it is strong, if houses are being built the flow on benefits are significant. Money is being made which in turn is being spent with a multiplier effect impacting right across the whole economy.

Right now the Australian building industry is suffering; more so in Queensland than anywhere else. I've seen this before. The last time of any significance was the early 90's. Does anyone remember the 18% interest rates? We survived that and came out the other side into an unprecedented run of prosperity.

It's difficult to be optimistic in the current circumstances fuelled by the constant media focus on the bad news. But we will come through. Realism yes; pessimism no!

There are implications for our Rotary role in times like these. It's natural to focus on home, to make sure all is right there first and foremost. But we can't for a minute ignore the plight of others in our communities. We must not lose the capacity to give. That does not mean just money. Giving takes any one of a number of forms e.g. giving time, lending a hand or a shoulder to lean on. Find a way; Rotary is one avenue but just one and it does not matter in the end what path you choose.

That sounds a bit like a sermon. I don't mean it to be so. I reckon I would be preaching to the converted in any case. But we do need to remind ourselves that yes times are difficult but probably more so for others and there is a continuing if not growing community need for our support.

I reflect often on my visit to Africa earlier this year. Every day is a challenge for most just to get a decent feed. That's doing it tough. Yet I repeatedly enjoyed wonderful hospitality. Those with the least seemed to give the most.

The capacity to care, the willingness to share and the offer of a helping hand must not be lost in the problems that surround us.

ROSTER	25 August	1 September	8 September	15 September	22 September	29 September	6 October	13 October
CHAIRMAN	Greg P	Russell P	Wendy P	Sylvia R	Alexandra R	Susan R	Johann R	Steve S
SET UP	Russell P	Wendy P	Sylvia R	Alexandra R	Susan R	Johann R	Steve S	Sharyn S-H
	Wendy P	Sylvia R	Alexandra R	Susan R	Johann R	Steve S	Sharyn S-H	Jane S
CLOSE DOWN	Sylvia R	Alexandra R	Susan R	Johann R	Steve S	Sharyn S-H	Jane S	Karen T
	Alexandra R	Susan R	Johann R	Steve S	Sharyn S-H	Jane S	Karen T	Angela T

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Club of Szamotuly in Poland – District 2230 - who meet on Thursday nights. A small town but there is a castle built in the 15th Century.

GUEST SPEAKERS

25 August	John Day	John will speak on the Model T Ford and its place in history
1 Sept	Elizabeth Bates	Elizabeth is the Senior Collections & Archive Manager, Museum of Brisbane and will talk with us about local social history from a collection of glass plate photographic negatives of Brisbane in the 1880's – 1920's that came to light in 1983.
8 Sept	Jonathan Tunney	Jonathan became CEO of the RNA in 2002 and since then has implemented a range of innovative, sustainable and commercially viable initiatives for the RNA. We'll hear some of the history of the RNA (the EKKA too) and the future developments.
15 Sept	Victoria O'Rourke	Our High Rise GSE candidate will give us an update.

ATTENDANCE – 15 August 2011 and 18 August Makeup

MEMBERS	24	GUESTS	3	VISITING ROTARIANS	1	ATTENDANCE	38%
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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

WEEK IN A SNAPSHOT - BEWARE THE iCHICKS Rosemary Celebrates her Birthday with the NannyNerds ! AND ROTARY ART SHOW DINNER SNAPS

It was the big 'XXth' for our Rosemary M. Apparently the celebration included a cake with the NannyNerds...

Then ROMAC and the HEART FOUNDATION celebrate the Brisbane Art Spectacular Dinner last Monday with fellow High-Risers.



FELLOWSHIP EVENTS – You need to put these straight in your diaries

DATE	STYLE	WHERE	WHO	TYPE
Friday 26 Aug	Dinner	Talay Thai – 1/145 Racecourse Road, Ascot - 3868 2833	Ron M	Thai
Sunday 18 Sep	Event	Train ride to the Carnival of Flowers	Russell P	Leave from Roma Street/Corinda
Saturday 1 Oct	Dinner	Norman Hotel – 102 Ipswich Road, Wooloongabba - 3391 5022	Karen T	Aussie
Friday 14 Oct	Drinks	In the city – TBA	Ron M	
Sunday 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

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 7.20pm and Roma Street 7.35pm - Cost adults \$99 for train, \$24.50 for lunch.
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 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



Convention Registration

Register early now to receive the best rates and accommodations, and come the Land of a Thousand Smiles. Find out more about Bangkok ↓. Download the convention logo's and watch the 2012 RI Convention promotional video. To attend the convention and experience the fellowship of Rotary at an international level

- 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>

2011 ROTARY CHARITY RACE DAY

GORBOULD PARK CALOUNDRA

SUNDAY 11th September

Champagne Garden \$30

Function Room Luncheon \$50

Entry to General Area \$10

FASHIONS ON THE FIELD
Fashionable Ladies Race Wear
Fashionable Menswear
Most Fashionable Couple

Enquiries to
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George Grant 0408011145
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A project of the Rotary Clubs of Aspley, Bribie Island and Caboolture

Rotary Club of Pine Rivers Daybreak proudly presents

Jazz & Shiraz

Indulge yourself while enjoying the breathtaking views and some sensational Jazz. Taste the wine from local producers.

5 for 6pm to late | Saturday, 20 August

Ocean View Estate Winery
2557 Mt Mee Road, Ocean View
(UBD Map 45 Ref L19)

Cost: \$75 per person
Dress smart casual

Featuring
'Hot As' Jazz Band
Complimentary wine on arrival
Wine tasting instruction
Sit down dinner
Free winery tour
Dancing and raffles

Tickets & enquiries
tel: 3205 9000 (BH)
Limited bus transfers available

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

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 - Club Attendee is Ellie from Cannon Hill Anglican College – one of 27 selected by the District last weekend. Matched Student Exchange 2012 - Yr10 Term 2 in NZ followed by NZ host returning here Term 3. RYPEN 2011 14-17yo weekend leadership camp - Coolum 26-28/8/11. Applications close 10/8/2011 Science Experience - 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
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

PROJECT UPDATE – Mamba Primary School - WHAT CAN ANYONE SAY – Pictures tell us everything...

The class is technically finished as you can see from the photos (just needs some final touches). The kids loved their second delivery of soccer balls and skipping ropes.



UPDATE – SHELTERBOX – KENYA – PHILLIPINES - ETHIOPIA

The drought affecting the Eastern Horn of Africa is the worst the region has seen in 60 years. Millions of families have been affected by massive water and food shortages, and the drought and ongoing conflict in Somalia is causing families to flee their homes, with thousands arriving at refugee camps in Kenya and Ethiopia every day. **DONATE NOW - shelterboxaustralia.com.au**

