



# Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise Inc.

R.I. No. 29520

2010-11

## HOT AIR

District 9600

Serving the Heart of Brisbane

25 November 2010



### FELLOW ROTARIANS

As many of you know I have been down at 'Schoolies' this week and I am almost certainly one of the oldest people on the street after midnight...by 40 years! I hasten to point out I am there on duty as a Police Officer. Schoolies is an odd ritual; a cross between a rite of passage and an excuse to behave badly in public.

Having said that however, the great percentage of these High School graduates are simply enjoying themselves, looking after each other and having high spirited fun. The very, very small group who misbehave or get themselves into bother tend to be dealt with swiftly as the Police and Ambulance Service response is both experienced at this event and very well organised.

But that isn't the only thing about Schoolies that is well organised. One cannot help but be impressed at the sheer number of volunteers who are everywhere. They too have honed their 'Schoolie skills' and also respond quickly and efficiently; more often than not resolving issues before they become problems. All through the crowd of young revellers the 'Schoolie Volunteers' are clearly visible in their bright orange tabards each individually numbered. Also in orange are the ubiquitous State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers; they can be seen working in teams usually accompanied by a QAS paramedic. At various points about the Gold Coast city precinct are 'Chill-out Zones' providing water and support for those who need help.

And then of course there are the 'Red Frogs'- they are literally everywhere not just giving out the frogs - although I understand they have two pallets of their now famous confectionary to distribute. I'm not sure the kids need a sugar fix and more red food colouring but what the heck, it's the least of the issues. These young people do a magnificent job and I well remember their founder speaking to Rotary a couple of years ago. Last night when I was dealing with a young Schoolie who had made a bit of a mess of herself, the Red Frogs were right there offering to help - not getting in the way but keen to assist if they could - and they did. We were grateful for their involvement.

I know we worry about the future of Rotary and sometimes question whether people still have that sense of community, that concern for others and are they prepared to do something. I'm here to tell you we have no concerns; at least on the second and third issue. What we need to do is to convince them that Rotary is another avenue whereby they can help and serve in our society.

But look, if you don't believe me you should take a wander down Cavill Ave at midnight tonight to see volunteering in action....Hang on, did I really suggest that - I'm kidding, please just take my word for it because I think you might see a lot more than just volunteering!!

Yours in Rotary,

Kit

### GUEST SPEAKERS

**Nov 25 Justice Daubney**

Dec 2 TBA  
Dec 9 AGM  
Dec 16 TBA

### 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)

### ATTENDANCE - 18 Nov 2010

<b>MEMBERS</b>	31	<b>VISITING ROTARIAN</b>	0
<b>GUESTS</b>	2	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	53%

### ROSTER 25 Nov 2 Dec 9 Dec 16 Dec

<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	Rod C	Barry C	Joy C	Jennifer E
<b>SET UP</b>	Barry C	Joy C	Jennifer E	Ross G
	Joy C	Jennifer E	Ross G	Diana G
<b>CLOSE</b>	Jennifer E	Ross G	Diana G	James G
	Ross G	Diana G	James G	Elena G

### 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

The creation of the TV reality show **Judge Judy** in 1996 stemmed from Judith Sheindlin's reputation as a family court judge in the USA. The content of the show is based on an American court that features the retired judge arbitrating over small claims cases.

In acknowledgement of the global exposure Judith Sheindlin has provided for a judicial system, the international toast is to the Rotary Club of **Brooklyn** (District 7250) who meets on Thursday at the Fort Hamilton Community Center in Brooklyn, New York.

## MEMBER INTEREST - DATE CLAIMERS – REMINDERS

**REMINDER: SHELTER BOX RECEIPTS AVAILABLE – For more information please see Shanna at the meetings**

### **BRISBANE HIGH-RISE – CHRISTMAS PARTY – Sat. 27 NOV 2010**

Albion Hotel, Sandgate Rd, Albion

**For more information, please contact Deb B**

### **THE GREY MAN – COCKTAILS AT THE SUPREME COURT – Tues. 30 NOV 2010**

Banco Court of the Supreme Court, Lvl 2 Law Courts Complex, 6:00p.m for 6:30 p.m. start,  
304 George St, Brisbane

Brisbane's legal eagles, child protection advocates and interested locals will converge on the Supreme Court for a cocktail fundraiser for not-for-profit, anti-child trafficking organisation, The Grey Man. The Grey Man is an Australian registered Charity and an international organisation, dedicated to the fight against the trafficking and exploitation of children.

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**For more information, please email: [nishavadher@hotmail.com](mailto:nishavadher@hotmail.com)**

### **RSVP by FRIDAY 16 Dec 2010 - COMBINED SERVICE CLUBS DINNER – to be held on Wed. 12 JAN 2011**

Kedron Wavell heights community Centre, 6:15 p.m. for 6:30 p.m. start,  
Hamilton Rd, Chermside

Guest speakers Peter and David Bissell, all funds raised donated to the Cerebral Palsy League. Cost \$35 per person.

**For more information please contact Rhonda Sutton: ph 07 3869 1588 or email [sandgate@harveyworld.com.au](mailto:sandgate@harveyworld.com.au)**

### **SMITH FAMILY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HAMPER AND TOY DELIVERY – Sun. 19 DEC 2010**

**For more information, please contact Jennifer E**

## DISTRICT 9600

**MONTH OF NOVEMBER – ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

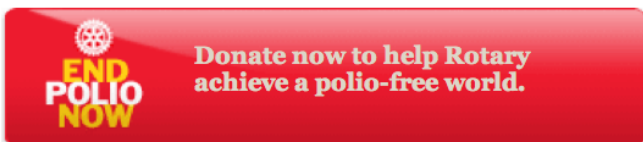
**MONTH OF DECEMBER – FAMILY MONTH**

**MONTH OF JANUARY – ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH**

**2011 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

**19 – 25 MAY in New Orleans. For more information visit:**

[www.rotary.org/convention](http://www.rotary.org/convention)



## BRISBANE HIGH-RISE PROJECTS 2010-11

**ALBERT PARK FLEXI SCHOOL**

**BOUNDARY ST BOARDING HOUSE**

**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA**

**DIABETES WALK FOR THE CURE**

**GREY-MAN FOUNDATION**

**OUTING FOR THE DISABLED – Supporting Cerebral Palsy League**

**RED SHIELD APPEAL**

**ROTARY YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS - RYDA**

**SHELTER BOX**

**SMITH FAMILY CHRISTMAS APPEAL**