



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise Inc.

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HOT AIR

District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
26 August 2010



FELLOW ROTARIANS

For most of the 1990's I was an expatriate living in Papua New Guinea and working for the National Airline. Early one Friday afternoon, I was over at the International terminal at Port Moresby's Jackson Airport and spotted a small group of Rotarians who were about to board PX001 back to Australia - being a member of the Port Moresby Rotary Club I wandered over to chat. A couple of them enthusiastically told me about the project they had been engaged on and how what they had seen was quite challenging. However, one of their number did not seem so animated or enthusiastic and I spoke to him just before he boarded. He said he wouldn't ever come back, he would rather go to a place where at least they'd be grateful and say thank you.

A part of me understood and empathised with his frustration, but the other part of me, the PNG part of me, wanted to shake him and say; 'If you want poor people to grovel before you in simpering gratitude you shouldn't venture away from the developed world again'..... I told him I could see his point; which I couldn't and wished him a pleasant journey home.

Perhaps the fact that you know you've tried to make a difference, is the only reward you can ever really expect to get. We now face a new aid imperative, the unfolding tragedy in Pakistan. Millions of people are at risk and many thousands will soon die. On Monday, Australia despatched a specialist field hospital and the world is beginning to help. At the same time we learn that devastating floods are affecting Northern China and North Korea.

The UN and the World have been slow to respond and we have excused ourselves by suggesting this has been caused by something called disaster fatigue or perhaps frustration at the indifference of the Pakistan Government and especially it's President. Maybe it's the aftermath of the GFC or the anti-western terrorist elements in that country. On that basis I guess North Korea can go whistle!

We should be doing something; not for the gratitude of the people of Pakistan or North Korea, but just because they are people and because we must try to make a difference.

Rotary swung into action quickly and already *ShelterBox* tents have been distributed in Rajanpur District and other districts are currently receiving more tents. Within days, a thousand *ShelterBoxes* and Response Teams were on the ground and 6,000 tents (the new Mark 10 design) have been directly dispatched from the manufacturer in China. I know I've been hesitant about *ShelterBox* but this disaster has prompted action from Rotary and I acknowledge that we must not delay a moment longer. So far I've been critical of the World's slow response, but what have I done? Well nothing actually - shame on me too. I can't wait until I know for sure someone's ready to thank me!

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

GUEST SPEAKERS

Aug 26 *Fr John Naumann & Alison Jackson – Hearts For Africa*

Sept 2 Bill Richmond – Mindventures
Sept 9 Michael Otago – Middle East Queensland Government rep
Sept 16 Club Fellowship.

MAKE-UPS

MEMBERS PLEASE EMAIL DETAILS OF MAKE-UPS TO:
make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com

BIRTHDAYS

26 Aug Emily Wright
28 Aug Ros Mumford
31 Aug Kay Ker

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

29 Aug Karen & Ian Thompson
1 Sept Chris & Derek Warren

ATTENDANCE – 19 AUG 2010

MEMBERS	28	VISITING ROTARIAN	0
GUESTS	0	ATTENDANCE	48%

ROSTER

	26 Aug	2 Sept	9 Sept	16 Sept
CHAIRMAN	Ashley T	Craig W	Andrew W	Chris W
SET UP	Craig W	Andrew W	Chris W	Ken W
	Andrew W	Chris W	Ken W	Daryl W
CLOSE	Chris W	Ken W	Daryl W	John A
	Ken W	Daryl W	John A	Tim B

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

The Hearts for Africa Foundation was formed in 2005 to raise funds for the Amani Development Organisation, an NGO that exists to support the community in the Dodoma region of Tanzania, Africa irrespective of race, colour or religion. In recognition of this region of Tanzania, the international toast is to the Rotary Club of ***Dodoma Mwalimu Nyerere*** (District 9200) who meets Thursday at the New Dodoma Club, Dodoma, Tanzania.

ATTENDANCE – APOLOGIES & GUESTS

MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS & BRINGING GUESTS PLEASE NOTIFY HIGH-RISE BY 9:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY:
apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com (NB: Please ensure you receive a confirmation your email has been received)

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 - (On Hold - awaiting developments)
SMITH CHRISTMAS APPEAL



DISTRICT 9600 – UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTH OF AUGUST 2010 – MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT and EXTENSION MONTH

YEP APEX CAMP MUDJIMBA – Sat & Sun 21 & 22 AUG 2010

8:00 for 8:30 a.m. start

Mudjimba, 171 Nojoor Rd, Twin Waters

Rotarians are invited to join the Youth Exchange students gathering at Mudjimba. Counsellors for Inbound students have also been invited to gather for an update on the Youth Exchange Program and District Child Protection Policy in general.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER – NEW GENERATIONS (YOUTH ACTIVITIES) MONTH

PRELIMINARY NOTICE:

2011 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

19 – 25 MAY 2011 in New Orleans. For more information visit:

www.rotary.org/convention

MEMBER INTEREST - DATE CLAIMERS – REMINDERS

JESUS CHRIST Superstar - The Rock Opera – Fri 27 AUG 2010 @ The Playhouse

BRIDGE TO BRISBANE – Sun 29 AUG 2010 - Sponsor Noah's Ark team. For more information, please contact Rosemary Meadows

FATHERS DAY – Sun 5 SEPT 2010

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE BRISBANE –Peace & Understanding lectures – Fri 10 SEPT 2010

Corporate Breakfast, Rydges, South Bank Hotel, 7:15 a.m. for 7:30 start (concludes by 8:30 a.m.) \$60 pp or \$550 for table of 10 Dinner & Lecture, Pre-dinner drinks (Il Plaza) 5 p.m., 6:00 p.m. dinner (International House Dining Hall) & lecture – free but request contribution to offset costs and allow a donation to the scholarship program.

Featuring Ian Conway, Kings Creek Station, founder Indigenous Kids Future Pty Ltd, founded to provide educational opportunities for cultural Aboriginal children from remote homelands in the King's Canyon area of Northern Territory. **For more information contact John Braithwaite ph 3721 2485 or email j.braithwaite@inhouse.uq.edu.au RSVP by 27 August**

QUEENSLAND PHILANTHROPIC OCESTRA – Classical Concert - Sat 11 SEPT 7:30 p.m. & Sun 12 SEPT matinee at 11 a.m.

Ferry Road Studios, West End

Tickets are \$40 (concession \$30; kids under 12 are free) and are **available through 4MBS on 3847 1717, online at <http://4mbs.com.au/node/852> or via ICU Optometrist on 3368 3644 or Julie@icuopty.com.au** with every ticketing dollar being donated to MS Qld.

ROTARY CLUB OF BRIBIE ISLAND CHARITY RACE DAY – Sun. 12 SEPT 2010

Corbould Park, Caloundra,

Fashions on the Field - both Male & Female. General entry fee \$10 pp or covered lounge \$15 pp. Bring your own picnic, buy there or book for the Champagne Garden \$30 pp or Restaurant luncheon \$55 pp (\$50 pp for groups of 10 or more). **To book email bribie@gmail.com or Ph: 0408 011 145**

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – 18 SEPT TO 3 OCT

ROYAL CHILDRENS HOSPITAL FUNDRAISING CHARITY RUN from CHINCILLA TO BRISBANE – 18 SEPT to 2 OCT 2010

The Chinchilla to Brisbane charity run was created so people would realise their full potential in life and not sell themselves short, whether it be a dream job or taking your body to its absolute extreme. Through this charity run, Steven Seymour aims to raise \$10,000 for the Royal Children's Hospital, which will ultimately save lives of young kids with life threatening illnesses. To support this cause, Steven aims to run 50km per day and is seeking from Rotary and the communities along the route accommodation for himself and his father who is driving the support vehicle. If this does not occur, all expenses such as food & accommodation will all be paid for by his family.

Proposed dates for the bases along the route are: 18 Sept Chinchilla (50 km), 19 & 20 Sept Dalby (100 km), 21 & 22 Sept Toowoomba (100 km), **23 & 24 Sept Brisbane (100 km).** **For more information, please contact Steven bman123@live.com.au**

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHLAKES – DAY ON THE BAY – SOUTH PASSAGE SAILING SHIP - Sun. 3 OCT 2010

Scarborough Marina 9:30 a.m. (Beside coastguard HQ)

North Lakes Rotary Club invites you, family & friends to a day trip on Moreton Bay on the 100 foot sailing ship. Join us for this pirate adventure! Prizes for best dressed Male and female (optional dress code). BYO Picnic lunch & drinks (unbreakable plates & drink ware) Funds to *Rotarians Against Malaria*. Cost \$60 per person. **For more details, call Steve 0439 946 367**