



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

R.I. No. 29520

2011-12

HOT AIR

District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
28 July 2011



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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

Board Meetings are a very good indicator of the pulse of a Club. This comes in the attendance level, the content and the attitude and enthusiasm of the participant. With this in mind my reflections on our first Board Meeting for the year left me with quiet confidence about the year ahead; the one we are well into now. Attendance was excellent with all areas of activity outlining a range of program implementation plans.

There are a couple of things that I would like to comment on in this forum. Firstly it appears we are not going to lack projects or programs to spend money on. (when do we ever?) This creates a challenge for our finances. At the moment our primary source of funds is our share of the proceeds from the Art Show. Sure we get money from subs, the joker draw and sergeant sessions. But these together are generally overshadowed by the Art Show proceeds. This highlights how important it is in the year's activities and will remain so until we come up with a viable substitute. Maybe we don't need on big bang fundraiser; perhaps a few smaller money making projects that are project specific will do the trick (such as the trifecta project).

It was mentioned at the Board Meeting (its great to have a couple of old stagers on the Board) that in the past committees not only were responsible for program development and implementation but also for the funding of the programs. This makes sense to me. We therefore are not limited by things to do but rather by our capacity to fund those "things". A clear challenge for our committees.

Another snippet from the Board meeting came in relation to our membership level. I think we finished last year the largest Club in QLD. How big do we want to be? What is our ideal size? There is a view that where we are now is about right.

I must admit that I am a growth adherent; always have been. My great concern with limiting size is that we forget how to grow. We inevitably lose members and then we don't know how to go about replacing them. And new members bring new ideas and new enthusiasm, essential ingredients in the success of any club. Just look at the prominence of recently inducted members in club affairs. There is no need for this to be a debate that polarizes opinions. There is an easy answer for us to have our cake and eat it too. We simply spin off numbers and charter a new club.

Unlike many clubs, and in acknowledgement of the way we operate, I am in no doubt we will continue to attract new members. Perhaps it is time we gave the charter concept some thought and attention. It would be a wonderful achievement.

Not a bad problem to have is it? If you had a choice too many is far better than too few.

ROSTER	28 July	4 August	11 August	18 August	25 August	1 September	8 September	15 September
CHAIRMAN	Ron M	Roslyn M	Rob O	Greg P	Bill P	Russell P	Wendy P	Sylvia R
SET UP	Roslyn M	Rob O	Greg P	Bill P	Russell P	Wendy P	Sylvia R	Alexandra R
	Rob O	Greg P	Bill P	Russell P	Wendy P	Sylvia R	Alexandra R	Susan R
CLOSE DOWN	Greg P	Bill P	Russell P	Wendy P	Sylvia R	Alexandra R	Susan R	Johann R
	Bill P	Russell P	Wendy P	Sylvia R	Alexandra R	Susan R	Johann R	Steve S

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

To all the Clubs in District 2310 – Norway, and especially Oslo. Our thoughts are with each member during this time.

GUEST SPEAKERS

28 July	Committee Update	Membership - Greg
	Member talks:	Johann has a real passion for communication through new technology
	Johann Robertson	
4 August	Committee update	PR - Gary
	Bruce Graydon	Bruce is the State Manager for Support Link, an electronic referral system linking the police with other service providers without breaching privacy. Bruce is a former policeman and earlier participated in a Rotary GSE.
11 August	Fellowship	Here's a morning to catch up with members of the Club – who is doing, what, when and how...and maybe why? To give it a bit of flavor we'll have some trivia questions on the tables that you might like to mull over. No spots on a Fellowship Mornings so be sure to send any notes to Gary for the Hot Air no later than Sunday.

ATTENDANCE – 30 June 2011

MEMBERS	34	GUESTS	1	VISITING ROTARIANS	0	ATTENDANCE	56%
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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

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PROJECTS 2011-2012

	Our projects for this year include:
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 Nominee Ellie from Cannon Hill Anglican College
	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

ALERT – FOR THE RUGBY LOVING ROTARIANS IN OUR CLUB - www.rugbyworldcup.com

 <p>rotarynzrugbyhosting THE HOME OF ROTARY NEW ZEALAND RUGBY</p>	<h3>How about taking in the Rugby World Cup in New Zealand</h3> <p>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. You can experience true kiwi hospitality in a fellow Rotarians home with bed and breakfast, \$150 per night, includes a donation to Polio Plus. We expect you'll make lifetime friends and get a real sense of New Zealand. We still have hosts available in all venues, and we can even find hosts in locations other than game venues if you want to go somewhere else between games. If you have been thinking about experincing RWC2011, now is the time to act. New Zealand Rotarians are keen to open their homes to Rotarian visitors and this is the opportunity to have the trip of a lifetime and support our charity "Polio Plus".</p>	
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DATE CLAIMERS

Friday 29 Jul – 6 - 8pm	2011 BRIDGE TO BRISBANE TEAM – Join the Noah's Ark Bridge To Brisbane 10 Km or 5 Km team (you can run or walk). Meet other race goers & show your support The Bridge To Brisbane - © Its fun, healthy and a great reason to participate in Brisbane's largest fun run. Our special guests include The Premier Anna Bligh, Australian marathon champion Pat Carroll and our local member Helen Abrahams. Where: Noah's Ark Head Office at The Senior Citizen's Hall - 22 Qualtrough St Woolloongabba Contact: Rosemary M or noahsark.com.au
Monday 15 Aug – 6.30pm	ART SHOW 2011 – COMBINED 3 CLUB MEETING - Andrew Want has finalised the accounts for the 2011 Spectacular and so with the approval of the 3 new presidents, a Combined 3 Club Meeting and presentation is planned for Monday 15th August at Coorparoo RSL Club, 45 Holdsworth St, Coorparoo . We invite Rotarians and partners to attend this important function. To assist the travelling clubs, we will be sitting down at 6.30pm. Would the Club Presidents or their Club Services Directors please advise me of anticipated numbers by Friday 12 August to assist in catering - Jack Howlett - 2011 Chairman.
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.
Saturday 20 Aug – 7pm Start	STORM THE STAGE - You, your partner, family and friends, are cordially invited to attend the Queensland State Finals of When: Saturday 20th August 2011 - Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm - Venue: Powerhouse Visy Theatre - Cost: \$30 pp For information, please contact Jan Lawton on 5441 1662 or Eric Wood on 0418789951

UPDATE – SHELTER BOX - shelterboxaustralia.com.au

ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that delivers emergency shelter, warmth and dignity to people affected by disaster worldwide. Our Serviette Appeals will continue this year and go towards emergency relief wherever it is needed most.

	 <p>ShelterBox returns to Colombia after floods ShelterBox on the scene as latest floods affect millions</p>	 <p>Hope for the future as Japan rises to her feet ShelterBox work continues with Japan on the road to recovery. Click for more...</p>
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Noah's Ark Welcomes & you're invited
The

2011 Bridge to Brisbane Team

We're raising vital funds to provide educational resources for children with disabilities and additional needs

We invite you to attend the Launch of the 2011 Noah's Ark Bridge To Brisbane Team

When: 29th of July 6 – 8 pm

Where: Noah's Ark Head Office at The Senior Citizen's Hall 22 Qualtrough St Woolloongabba



Supporters: Our special guests include The Premier Anna Bligh, Australian marathon champion Pat Carroll and our local member Helen Abrahams.

- Be a part of it.
- Come and enjoy a fun night and support our team.
- You can register on the night or you can sponsor a team member.

Everyone who signs up on the night will go into the draw to win online running coaching from Pat Carroll.

Join the Noah's Ark Bridge To Brisbane 10 Km or 5 Km team (you can run or walk). Meet other race goers & show your support

The Bridge To Brisbane - Its fun, healthy and a great reason to participate in Brisbane's largest fun run.

***** Join us for snacks and light refreshments in a relaxed family atmosphere *****

For sponsorship and further inquiries please contact Debbie Hardy - E: d.hardy@noahsark.net.au



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