



HOT AIR

District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
28 November 2013

WENDY'S WISDOM

If 'a joker is a little fool who's different from everyone else' so how come he's so difficult to find in the midst of ten of his mates. Obviously, having heard from Jane last week we do know that sometimes when he visits he comes right out to play. It's just that there are times when he's awfully shy.

In games of chance there's no such thing as luck – even when we're sure that there is. It's just all about mathematics – probability theory. The better the odds, the more likely you are to win. By my understanding the maths is lining up and we're not too far away from finding the winner. Just a reminder - I may not be with you but I am in the game.

We've received an update on the successful distribution of Shelter Boxes following the Typhoon that hit the Philippines. They have been distributed over the Bantayan Islands with two Shelter Box Response Teams and two relief teams working on the ground. International Rotary making a difference.

All of the images received back from the teams in the field are uploaded to the Flickr gallery and are available to download and share. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/shelterboxuk/sets/72157637551983974/> It's well worth the time to have a look.

I'm writing this about 24 hours before I get to the airport and just received an email from my hosts – I thought they were so well organized as I read through the details until I reached the last para – marked very important (underlined even). 'Remember that you must bring your National Costume for the official dinner in the presence of ' Good heavens! We have a National Costume! I'm wondering if I should pack the bikini, thongs and zinc cream or if I should take the winter version and stick in the flannel shirt, jeans and akubra. Decisions, decisions.

THIS WEEK: Don't miss John McGinley's wife Susan's Annual Jewellery Xmas Gift Showing!

ROSTER	28 November	5 December	12 December	19 December	26 December	2 January	9 January
CHAIRMAN	Bill L		Frank	Kym			John McG
SET UP	Elizabeth Kym	NO MEETING Christmas Party @ Buzz	Kym John McG	John McG Rosemary	NO MEETING Boxing Day	NO MEETING	Rosemary Mark M
CLOSE DOWN	John McG Rosemary		Rosemary Mark M	Mark M Christine M Greg			Christine Vic Kit
SERGEANT	Caroline		Lindsay				

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

We toast the Rotary Club of Marambio Base in Antarctica. It is the first of only two Rotary Clubs in the Antarctic continent and was founded on May 13, 1997. The Club currently consists of members of the permanent contingent of the Argentine Air Force Marambio base. When travelling near the South Pole consider dropping in to one of the two Rotary Clubs in Antarctica. The second is the Rotary Club of base Antarctica Esperanza. Both are Spanish speaking clubs, and they meet on Wednesday evenings.

GUEST SPEAKERS

28 November	John Arvier	ROMAC – a brief update and some tough questions
05 December	NO MEETING - XMAS PARTY	
12 December	CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY	Christmas celebration
19 December	AGM	Official business – to conclude the Rotary year

ATTENDANCE - 14/11

MEMBERS: 39
VISITING ROTARIANS: 1
GUESTS: 2
PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS ATTENDED 65%

APOLOGIES / GUESTS and MAKEUPS

NOTIFY OUR CLUB BY 1700 TUESDAY PRIOR TO THAT WEEK'S MEETING AT: apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com

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PREPAY FOR OUR MEETINGS, EVENTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AT: rotarybrisbanehighrise.com GO TO THE MEMBERS SECTION

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.*

COMBINED SERVICE DINNER – Wednesday 22 January

Rotary Nundah is once again hosting the Combined Service Dinner on Wednesday 22nd January 2014. The guest speaker for the coming event is Professor Ian Frazer AO. His chosen beneficiary of this event is PA Research Foundation.

Guest Speaker

Professor Ian Frazer AC, FRS, FAA

Professor Ian Frazer AC, FRS, FAA, co-creator of the life saving cervical cancer vaccine and Director of the Translational Research Institute, Qld. He has been described as the man who saved a million lives; Professor Ian Frazer is a true Science Inspiration. Ian is not only a celebrated Australian Scientist, but is also internationally renowned for co-creating the technology for cervical cancer vaccines (HPV) and is a distinguished RiAus Bragg Member. With an endearing accent that belies his Scottish heritage, Ian began his career as a physician before emigrating to Australia in 1981. He has since been distinguished with numerous awards, including the 2008 Prime Minister's Prize for Science and the 2006 Australian of the Year. His exciting career, impressive credentials and relatable life journey will inspire the scientist in you.



Combined Service Clubs Dinner 2014

Guest Speaker: Professor Ian Frazer AC

Date: **Wednesday 22nd January 2014**

Time: **6.00pm for 6.30pm**

Venue: **Kedron Wavell Services Club**
Community Centre
Entrance from Kittyhawk Drive
(off Hamilton Road) Chermerside

RSVP: Friday 10th January, 2014

Cost: \$35 per person
Includes 2 Course Dinner
(main and dessert)
Tea and Coffee with Mints
Cash Bar

Great raffle prizes to be won on the night

Proceeds from the night
will be presented to the
PA Research Foundation.



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Ticket Order Form

Combined Service Clubs Dinner 2014

Name:

Number of Tickets Required:

Club Associated with:

Contact - Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Special Dietary Requirements:

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RSVP by Friday 10th January, 2014

Chairperson, Cheryl Kussrow (07) 3378 8955

Email: wildeme@bigpond.com

or Treasurer: Terry Ryan 0488 698 983

Email: ryan56@bigpond.com

Payment Required by Friday 10th January, 2014

Electronic Funds Transfers to:

The Rotary Club of Nundah Inc.

BSB 064120 Acc. No. 00905443

Detail: Club and Surname

or Cheques, please post to:

The Rotary Club of Nundah Inc.

PO Box 23, Nundah Q 4012

Waitangi Day Lunch



Thursday 6 February 2014
Queensland Cricketers' Club - Main Viewing Room

**Buddha's NZ
Rugby Memories**
with
Chris Handy

BOOKINGS

Deborah LeGarde

T 0409876772

E secretary@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com

Computers for Kids C4K

C4K provides a remarkable service in providing computers for disadvantaged students, charities and other worthwhile causes. Computers have found their way to Solomon Islands, Manus & Africa. Volunteers include Rotarians, young people with great IT potential as well as people with disadvantage. We are keen to keep this organisation going and in the future to expand the activities. The present accommodation is approximately 110 square metres + room for a 20 foot container. Our wish list would be for a larger area for better layout of the workshop. Preferably a site northside Brisbane would allow C4K to retain its volunteer base.

If you believe you can assist, please contact Bill Sherwood, Rotary Nundah President on 0423 799 156 or via email: billsher@optushome.com.au

HIGH-RISE CHRISTMAS BASH



Where... Buzz Bistro Emporium, 1000 Ann St, Fortitude Valley
When ...6.30pm, Friday 6th December
Dress ...Christmassy
BYO ...Drinks
RSVP ...Yvonne - yrrobson@gmail.com

SERVIETTE APPEAL

With [ShelterBox](#) and Rotary International being [global project partners](#), it is no surprise that Rotary Clubs across the world have risen to the call since Haiyan struck the Philippines. Within days of the greatest storm to make landfall ever, ShelterBox experienced a huge surge in fundraising donations, and Rotary Clubs worldwide were lead players in this response.

For those of our High Rise members who have kindly made pledges via the serviette appeal, visit our Club website for details on how you can make your payment:

<http://rotarybrisbanehighrise.com/donate.htm>



On World Polio Day, Rotary spotlights the fight to end the disease

Rotary helped put polio eradication on center stage on the day best known for rallying support to finish the job - World Polio Day, 24 October. A special Livestream presentation - [World Polio Day: Making History](#) - showcased the progress of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). Co-hosted by Rotary and the Northwestern University Center for Global Health, the 60-minute program took place before a live audience at the John Hughes Auditorium on Northwestern's Chicago campus and streamed online to viewers worldwide.

A global leader in the GPEI, Rotary is playing a major role in advocating government, nongovernment, corporate, and public support for polio eradication.

HIGH RISE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS: Jo Ahern and Julie Dahl



MAMBA SCHOOL UPDATE Nearly finished.... the roof is on!!!



THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE HIGH-RISE PROJECTS SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITY, YOUTH, INTERNATIONAL AND EMERGENCY RESPONSES



rotary.org/en/EndPolio



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0418 780 663



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RYPEN
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A Program of the Rotary Districts of Australia and New Zealand
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RYLA
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

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Ayan's Project Update

I am pleased to be able to share with you some very positive news. You would recall that the Senior Migration case officer, Australian High Commission (Nairobi), advised that new health assessments are required for Ayan and Edna. The medicals were the last outstanding requirement prior to finalising the Visa assessments. For Ayan, this required her to complete a 2,000+ km return bus trip from her home in Burao to Ethiopia where she could undertake a chest X-ray at an Australian Government authorised health clinic. This would be her fourth such trip since the commencement of the joint Rotary Club "Project Ayan" some 20 months ago. To expect Ayan to undertake this arduous journey and with no indication of the likelihood of a Visa approval, was considered too harsh for her, emotionally and physically - particularly should her Visa be rejected a second time.

Emails requesting a more flexible and compassionate approach to Ayan's plight were forwarded to Australian Government representatives. Dr John Arvier, using his medical background and knowledge as well as information provided by his colleagues at the Wesley Hospital, also sought a variation to the "no exceptions" policy. It was with great joy that Mr Torkington, Immigration Regional Director, Australian High Commission (Africa) who has now taken a personal interest in Ayan's case, promptly advised that [Ayan can access a non-panel X-ray facility in Hargeisa.](#) Ayan's is truly an extraordinary case and we are grateful to all who contributed to making the Hargeisa option possible for Ayan. If the Senior Medical Officer, after viewing the Ayan's chest X-ray, considers it is problematic in some way, Ayan may still have to travel to Ethiopia; however, let's hope this is not necessary.

This is a significant step forward for Ayan; however, we are still holding firmly on to Ayan's baton as we head towards the finish line! Finally, many thanks for answering my call for advocacy - I am sure Ayan would be humbled by your efforts on her behalf. As an end-note, Edna is currently in London where she will undergo her required health checks. Upon her return, she will prioritise Ayan's visit to Hargeisa for her chest X-ray, a 4 to 5 hour trip from Burao.

I hope I will have further good news for you soon.

Kind regards,

Noela Phillips
Co-ordinator
AYAN'S PROJECT

