



HOT AIR

District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
31 October 2013

WENDY'S WISDOM

A couple of weeks ago I'd popped into IKEA for some Christmas presents. OMG!

If you haven't had this experience imagine Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz – you enter and follow the yellow brick – actually grey painted - road. You shuffle along with everyone else - slowly or quickly, but never alone.

Lesson 1: Relaxation and Christmas sales don't mix.

I wondered why displays I passed were messed up with other stuff dumped on them. Sandwiched between two families I felt that I had been plonked in the middle of a family day out.

Lesson 2: Take care when you join in the conversations of others (I've already shared the Marco Polo story).

Shuffling along I was surprised to find myself in the midst of a packed old style cafeteria.

Lesson 3: Even for a coffee addict the allure of the drug can't make mass eating worthwhile.

On I struggled and made my first selection. A large packet of red serviettes. Why!

Lesson 4: Having four years of Christmas serviettes on hand is not good housekeeping.

Next it was white coat hangers – just when I'd decided to downsize my wardrobe. Why!

Suddenly I was at the exit and I hadn't chosen any gifts. Why hadn't I picked up possibles and dropped them off on random displays when I found something better. If for one moment you thought that walking the line is easy let me assure you that the minute you turn and try walking against the tide you really experience the power of the shopper.

Lesson 5: Best place to practice perseverance - against the line in IKEA.

I saw a break in the wall and pushed the trolley through.

Lesson 6: Be sure of directions before you jump at a shortcut or you just might find yourself back where you started.

I'm not going to say whether I gave up but I might be giving multi-purpose gifts this Christmas. Plastic pegs can be used to keep clothes on a line, seal packs of frozen peas or hold up the paintings of budding stars – and that's for starters. There's still a month for more brilliant ideas to pop up.

ROSTER

31 October 07 November 14 November 21 November 28 November

CHAIRMAN	Steve	Mark L	Barbara L	John L	Frank	Bill L	Elizabeth
SET UP	Mark L	Barbara L	John L	Frank	Bill L	Elizabeth	Kym
	Barbara L	John L	Frank	Bill L	Elizabeth	Kym	John McG
CLOSE DOWN	John L	Frank	Bill L	Elizabeth	Kym	John McG	Rosemary
	Frank	Bill L	Elizabeth	Kym	John McG	Rosemary	Mark M
SERGEANT	Greg	Lindsay	Rob	Russell	Kit	Caroline	Greg

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

We toast the Rotary Club of

GUEST SPEAKERS

31 October	MELBOURNE CUP PARTY	The celebrations begin.
07 November	PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP	We award those who have contributed to our community.

ATTENDANCE 24/10

APOLOGIES / GUESTS and MAKEUPS

PayPal

ROTARY GRACE

MEMBERS - VISITING - ROTARIANS	
GUESTS	
ATTENDING	%

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

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

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.



LAST CHANCE TRIFECTOR TICKETS

ROTARY DISTRICT 9600 FOUNDATION SEMINAR

You are invited to attend the
ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR
St. Columban's College, Caboolture,
SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2013
At 9.00am (Registration from 8.30am)
Get first-hand knowledge about the
Foundation programs in our District:
VTT; Peace Scholars; Scholars; PolioPlus;
Fundraising.
Special presentation - Vocational Training
Team Papua New Guinea and Solomon
Islands.

MORNING TEA PROVIDED
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL for catering
purposes.

For bookings, contact **Colin Melvin on 0414
289451** or **c.melvin@qut.edu.au**

Volunteers WANTED FOR SYDNEY CONVENTION 2014



If you wish to register a preliminary expression of interest now,
you can do so by emailing
Barry Philps at philpsb@aol.com or
Marilyn Mercer at mmm@myisp.net.au.
You will be notified when you can apply online.

**Don't forget to get your
nomination submitted for
Pride of Workmanship
Awards**

HIGH-RISE CHRISTMAS BASH



TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS..... (well, a couple of weeks actually)

Three weeks until Christmas no sign of a mouse,
With Rotarians stirring, there's fun in the House.
Wine bottles in hand and carried with care,
There's hope that the HighRisers soon will be there.

Children are home, pets in their beds,
Revelers have sugarplums that dance in their heads.
The taxis are here, it's time to get started
There could be trouble ahead, hope no one gets carted.

The fare's cooking merrily all warm in the ovens,
With glitter gracing tables that are set for the dozens.
All eyes are a twinkle all cheeks are like cherry,
They've opened the wine and things are a merry.

Buzz Bistro Emporium is now all a clatter.
HighRise Rotarians have started to chatter,
Of the good they have done, it's made them all pleased,
At home in Australia and way overseas.

Their friendship, camaraderie, never ending support,
Our family of HighRisers now holding court
There's never an obstacle to challenge this gang
Get set for this bash to go off with a bang

With love in your hearts bring your joy and your whistle,
It's time for the party and you all know that this'll
Be a time to celebrate, rejoice and unite,
With a Happy Christmas to all, and to all a "Great Night".

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

Save the Date

District Conference 2014

28, 29 and 30 March

Notice of District AGM

9.00am
Sunday 10 November 2013

St Columban's College
100 McKean St
Caboolture

Agenda

1. Consideration of annual financial report, directors' report and auditor's report
2. Confirmation in office of the Board of Directors
3. Appointment of the auditor
4. Status of the Company's incorporation
5. Other matters

THIS WEEK IN PHOTOS...



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



2013/14 BOARD

- President* - Wendy Protheroe
- Secretary* - Rosemary Meadows
- Treasurer* - Deb Le Garde
- Program Director* - Kym McClusky
- Future Leaders* - Lindsay Marshall
- Fellowship* - Yvonne Robson
- Services* - Margot Baillie
- Rotary Foundation* - Jennifer Eathorne
- Membership* - Barbara Leddy
- Public Relations* - Gary McDonald
- President Elect* - Ross Garling
- Sergeants* - Lindsay, Greg, Caroline, Rob, Russell, Kit
- Website* - Mark Lateo, Barry Cooper
- Venue Liaison* - Ros Mumford