

#### **Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise** R.I. No. 29520 2011-12

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## WENDY'S WISDOM

Last week our meeting was one of celebration. A chance to think about the way in which we go about living the Rotary ideals and a chance to thank some folk who have been really vital to the progress that we saw with Ayan. We have times when we can rail against the media and the way in which it portrays what happens in our country and around the world but on Thursday we had a chance to say, in our own small way, thank you to Channel Ten and The Project for taking hold of such an important issue and rallying the people across Australia to ask the government to help us to help Ayan. It's important to say thanks when actions lead to great outcomes - how else do we get the media to look for more positive opportunities.

It was a chance to acknowledge the ways we increase what we can achieve when we work in partnerships. I'm hoping it's not the last time we work with Mitchelton – maybe we'll have them along for a joint breakfast meeting. It was a chance to thank Ayan. Sure, we gave something to her and helped change her future but I'd be surprised if most of us in the room last Thursday didn't walk away ourselves with an extra spring in our step having been given a personal gift of seeing the power of positive action. I'll keep the image of Ayan as a happy and proud young woman, shy but confident smile, head shrouded in bright pink and looking forward to going home to her own young child in my heart for years to come.

Just wanted to let you know I really valued sharing that experience with each of you.

ROSTER	20 March	27 March	3 April	10 April	17 April
Chair	Mavis	Melanie		Yvonne	Denise
Set Up	Melanie Yvonne	Yvonne Denise	No Meeting Art Show	Denise Susan	Susan Steve S
Close Down	Denise Susan	Susan Steve S	Cocktail Party 6.30pm	Steve S Jane	Jane Angela
Sergeant	Rob	Lindsay	Riverside Centre	Greg	Russell

### INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Much of this weeks news has been filled with finding Flight MA370 so this week we toast Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpar Di Raja. Chartered on 15 January 1930 and given royal status by the Sultan of Selangor on 21 October 1997. Meet for lunch every Wednesday at Shangri La Hotel in KL.

GUEST SPEAKERS 20 March	Megan Buxton	Destiny Rescue			
27 March	Jane Loxton	Pancreatic Cancer Research			
10 April	ТВА				
ATTENDANCE 13/3	APOLOGIES / GL	IESTS and MAKEUPS	PayPal	ROTARY GRACE	

O Lord and giver of MEMBERS: 33 NOTIFY OUR CLUB BY 1700 TUESDAY PRIOR PREPAY FOR OUR MEETINGS. all good, VISITING ROTARIANS: 1 TO THAT WEEK'S MEETING AT: EVENTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AT: we thank you for our GUESTS: 14 rotarybrisbanehighrise.com daily food. May apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com Rotary friends and PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS GO TO THE MEMBERS SECTION Rotary ways help us make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com ATTENDED: to serve you all our 58% days.

## Ayan Update

Last Sunday it was with mixed emotions that a small group of Rotarians and Somalilanders said goodbye to our Ayan on her return journey to Somaliland - all who met Ayan were personally touched by her courageous spirit, her positive attitude to life and her sense of humour. I hope you like these photographs - look at that smile!

Ayan commented..... "Nobody in my home town has seen me without a veil over my face. They will be asking "who is this new girl? Where did she come from?" Such is her happy disposition. Although our Project to provide Ayan with her facial reconstruction surgery has reached finality, we are keen to follow her progress. Ayan has plans to return to study - to become a nurse or doctor of course!

We have proof that Ayan has arrived safely back in Hargeisa – what a photo!

Kind regards and grateful thanks,

Noela Phillips for AYAN'S PROJECT TEAM









# **ONE FOR THE DIARY**

# **ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS' SEMINAR 2014**

## DATE SAVER - APRIL 12TH 2014

The 2014 Annual Rotary Peace Fellows' Seminar is an all day event bringing together students, Rotarians and academics to recognise the work and experiences of the Class XI Peace Fellows. It also provides an excellent opportunity to meet Class XII who will be assisting on the day.

The seminar will be held in The Women's College within The University of Queensland. This venue offers easy access to free parking and to the City Cat ferry service.

Further details and invitations to come.





DATE: Saturday April 12th 2014. LOCATION: The Women's College, College Road. The University of Queensland. St Lucia Campus



# **GO ONLINE TO GET YOUR TICKETS NOW**



3 - 12 April 2014 Opening Night 6.30pm Thursday 3 April Riverside Centre 123 Eagle Street BRISBANE

Tickets on Sale – Pre Paid \$50, on the night \$55 <u>www.rotaryartspectacular.com.au</u> Proceeds are shared between ROMAC, AEIOU (supporting children with Autism) and Rotary Clubs of Hamilton, Stones Corner and High Rise.

Plenty of opportunities to get involved See Margo to volunteer for hanging, opening night, security and close down.

# Photos form our 13 March Meeting

Lindsay networks with the media

## Our youngest member – Edison Blaik Osborne



## Letter from Mitchelton Club

Hi Wendy

As I am attending your Breakfast meeting this Thursday I wanted to again express my thanks for the way your Club supported the combined dinner for Edna at Arana Leagues Club. I am pleased to advise that after the cost of the meals the profit for the evening was \$3561.40 + donations of \$450.00 received on the night = \$4011.40. This was made up as follows

Dinner Margin \$262.50 Raffle \$2124.20

Heads & Tails \$539.00

Donation from Brisbane Airport Rotary Club \$635.70. I spoke at their meeting a few weeks ago about the Ayan Project and their Board decide to donate.

Two donations were also received on the night and have been processed by your club \$450.00. We have now zeroed our dinner account and transferred the remaining \$3561.40 to your club's account.

We know these funds will be put to good use in the purchase of a foetal heart monitor for Edna's hospital

Warm Regards Ken Parker Mitchelton Rotary Club.