

## **Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise**

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**HOT AIR** 

District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
29 May 2014



#### WENDY'S WISDOM

Last Friday was International Missing Children's Day. It highlights the importance of knowing where our children are and of teaching them some simple tools to help them stay safe. Each year in Australia about 35,000 people are reported missing, reaching the police at the rate of two per hour. More than 50% of those are young people. Australia has a very effective police force and can lay claim to the fact that 85% of all missing people are found within the week and a success rate of more than 99% overall. Sadly though 1,600 Australians each year remain on the missing person's list for at least six months. Reasons for going missing include anxiety, depression, misadventure, homelessness, domestic violence, dementia, mental health and Alcohol and Drug problems. At each launch the police share some basic hints that we should all adopt and every year I tell myself to take these actions but often don't. Here're some of them:

- •Prepare yourself to live in an involved world but don't be prepared to live in fear
- •Listen and look sometimes we just don't keep our eyes open for what's going on around us
- •Have up to date photos of your family if anything does happen they're much more successful than a word description (not much use if they're years old)
- •If you feel anything's wrong it probably is.

Stay safe and remember while you're setting up a safe world for your children and your grandchildren take the time to check out your own.

ps. I read an article about outstanding ways to develop young leaders and it led me to reflect on Rebecca's talk about RYLA. I'm sure she described her experience of living this quote: Young leaders are best developed by combining practical ideas with experienced mentors to create positive change.

ROSTER	29 May	5 June	12 June	19 June	26 June
Chair	Chris	Daryl	Jo A	John A	Margo
Set Up	Daryl Jo A	Jo A John A	John A Margo	Margo Jacque	Jacque Neil
Close Down	John A Margo B	Margo Jacque	Jacque Neil	Neil Phil	Phil Rob C
Sergeant	Kit	Rob	Lindsay	Greg	Russell

#### INTERNATIONAL TOAST

**Rotary Club of Bangkapi.** This is the English speaking Rotary Club in Bangkok. They hold their meetings on Tuesday lunchtimes at the Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel. The Club was chartered on 17 July 1968 and has members from over 40 different countries.

#### GUEST SPEAKERS

	110	
29 May	Rotary Foundation	Find out about all the great things Rotary does around the world
5 June	Jemma Riding	AEIOU

### **ATTENDANCE 22/5**

MEMBERS: 33

**VISITING ROTARIANS: 0** 

GUESTS: 7

PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS
ATTENDED:
60%

#### APOLOGIES / GUESTS and MAKEUPS

NOTIFY OUR CLUB BY 1700 TUESDAY PRIOR TO THAT WEEK'S MEETING AT:

apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com

make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com

#### **Direct Debit**

PREPAY FOR OUR MEETINGS, EVENTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AT:

BSB 084-034

Account Number 559347857

#### **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.

## **Put Yourself in the Picture**

## Adventure in Africa 3 January 2015

We are just about to commit to the finalisation of our next trip to Africa; broad details have been circulated but the key elements of the visit include: Two nights in Nairobi with visits to the Kazuri Bead Factory and Elephant Orphanage. Visit to the Mamba Primary School to inspect the outcome of the final building projects. We will have provided a water tank, three



classrooms, new kitchen and toilet block. Two nights and days at St Judes; besides getting to know the School and the students expect a visit to a Masai community. Four nights and five days on safari through world – famous national parks. Three nights in Arusha allowing plenty of time to hone bargaining skills at the Masai markets.



At this stage it looks like there will 12 in our High - Rise group. If you are interested in participating please let me know by the end of this month. If you would like further details I am happy to meet to discuss over a coffee. Through June I intend to get the quotes on the internal activities and finalise costings. Payment will then be expected sometime in July.

Bill Phillips

## **Members News**

## Thank you



**Phil Breene** for organising another fantastic theatre night at the King and I

**Ron Mullins** for organising the roster for Red Shield Appeal

## **Travellers**



**Bill Leveritt is** heading to Europe. He will be back on 15 July. He will be visiting relatives in Denmark and the UK before joining a Russian expedition on a nuclear powered ice breaker to the North Pole.

## **Feedback**



We are considering re introducing the buddy system. If you have an opinion can you please contact Barbara Leddy ASAP. If there is not much interest, we will continue with the system of appointing a mentor for new members.



## **DIARY DATES / UPCOMING EVENTS**

Date	Event	Details		
1 – 4 June	Rotary International Conference Sydney	www.riconvention.org		
7 June	Donations-In-Kind <b>DIK</b>	Packing containers to go overseas Roster being circulated		
15 June 3.30pm	Half The Sky Charity Film Afternoon Proceeds to Enda's Hospital	Dendy Cinemas Portside Tickets \$25 Purchase tickets www.stickytickets.com.au/17223		
11 July	Change Over Dinner	Polo Club		

If you have a Rotary event you want advertised in the Club Calendar please contact the Hot Air Editor at <a href="mailto:attelline.com/attelli



## An Invitation from Zonta to help Edna

Please join us for a screening of the film inspired by the New York Times bestseller **Half the Sky**. All monies raised will go to Edna Adan's Hospital of Somaliland. Fierce, pragmatic, full of inspiring stories of courage and determination, Half the Sky is essential for every one of us – whichever our gender, wherever we live.

## 3:30pm Sunday 15th June

Dendy Cinemas Portside Tickets are \$25 which includes a drink on arrival.

To purchase tickets please go

to <a href="https://www.stickytickets.com.au/17223">https://www.stickytickets.com.au/17223</a>

## Thank you to Everyone who Volunteered for Red Shield Appeal



Rob and John working hard at the counting house



Ron with Mr Red Shield



Everyone wanted to meet Mr Red Shield, even the Polo Club staff

















## **Report on Rotary Art Exhibition**

The 2014 Art Exhibition is in the process of being finalised. The anticipated end result is a final distribution of \$60,000. This is down on last year and continues a trend over the last five years from the record result at that time. The shortfall in this and the last few years has been a consequence of declining sponsorship levels. This has been a struggle and I guess this is a reflection of the difficulties being felt by corporate communities across Queensland.

Nevertheless by all other measures this years' Exhibition was a great success. The standard of art on display and the manner in which it was presented has been universally acknowledged by the "experts" as being of the highest standard. The Opening Night got things moving in fine style; a new addition was the Meet the Artist day on the Sunday; this was a very enjoyable event with about 80 of our artists in attendance. Actual sales of art were \$100,000 which is just short of the record and acceptable in the current economic climate.

Thank you for your support of this year's Exhibition through either organising the event through participation on the committee or seeking out sponsorships, attendance at the Opening Night, volunteering for the various shifts through the course of set up, running and close down or, last but not least, actually purchasing art pieces. High — Rise did its bit to ensure the success of the Exhibition and although results were less than we have come to expect over the last few years the funds raised and distributed are still substantial.

A special thank you to Elizabeth Ling who donated the beautiful doll as a raffle prize which

substantially added to the takings and Margo Baillie who arranged the volunteers and rosters at very short notice.

It is worth noting that with this year's contribution the funds raised and distributed to our various beneficiaries now exceeds \$1m.

By any measure that is outstanding. **Bill Phillips** 



Bill proudly standing by his purchase and getting inside info from the artist

# Our Friends at Mitchelton have an exciting night coming up – All Welcome

# Mitchelton Rotary Club presents

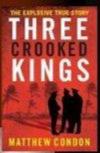
# An evening with Matthew Condon



Matthew Condon is a prize winning Australian novelist and journalist who authored 'Brisbane' and best selling true crime book 'Three Crooked Kings'. Spend an evening with Matthew as he discusses his new book 'Jacks and Jokers' which explores the era of corruption in Queensland during the premiership of Sir Joh Bjelke-Peterson.

Arana Leagues Club
7pm, 13th June 2014
\$50 includes 2 course dinner
07 3355 2471
Bookings Essential







Proceeds go to



