



HOT AIR

4 July 2019
Special Edition



Kym's Catch Up

Fantastic news hot off the press!

High-Rise has won the District 9600 Heather Kinross Memorial Trophy for International Service.

It's a wonderful tribute to the enormous contribution of our members and their families throughout the year, which included two international club trips.

The trophy was awarded at the District Change Over on 30 June. We have issued a special edition of Hot Air this week to share the award submission with you.

The 9600 District Governor has now changed from Wendy to Darryl and the event was a special day of celebration for Wendy's fabulous year. We are so proud Wendy! Thank you for constantly being an inspiration 😊

President Kym

Date	DIARY DATES
5 July	BHR Change Over - dinner
6 July	Tiina departs Australia

PROGRAM / GUEST SPEAKER

4 July 2019	No Meeting due to Change Over
11 July 2019	Kym's year in review
18 July 2019	John Arvier – Vascolynna Project



Magazine Drop 14 June 2019

Number of Magazines delivered this week - 35
Value this week - \$180.20
Value YTD - \$19,929.62

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ROTARY GRACE

For friends, service, good fun and fellowship, especially the Fellowship of Rotary we Give our sincere thanks



9600 – DISTRICT AWARDS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

HEATHER KINROSS MEMORIAL TROPHY



Brisbane High-Rise is using its international connections to create a better world

Highlights

8 Countries

Over \$120k donated

Close working relationships with Rotary clubs in Arusha, Tanzania

Wide promotion of Rotary ideals and achievements

1 Paul Harris Fellow bestowed on a Tanzanian Rotarian

During the 2018/19 Rotary year Brisbane High-Rise has been involved with projects to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace across eight (8) nations – Tanzania, Papua New Guinea, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Nepal, Brazil, Finland and New Zealand.

The Club undertook two official overseas visits, one to the township of Maheno in New Zealand and the other to Tanzania. Individual Club members, representing Brisbane High-Rise, also undertook a number of visits to Cambodia to support the RAWCS Life and Hope project in Siem Reap.

On our trip to Tanzania the club visited The School of St Jude's and also viewed progress of a joint project undertaken with the local Rotary Club of Mkuu-Rombo, to build an assembly hall at the Mamba primary school (foothills of Mt Kilimanjaro). A PHF was awarded to Aloyce Kimario for his local leadership in the joint project. This was a special commemoration as he was the first in his Club to receive such an honour. While in Arusha every effort was taken to support the local Rotary, Rotaract and St Jude's Interactor Clubs by Brisbane High-Rise hosting a special Rotary lunch at the Kibo Palace hotel in Arusha, Tanzania.

The Brisbane High-Rise club, members and friends together sponsor over 25 children at St Jude's school, in Tanzania (a total of \$72k a year) and held a fundraising breakfast in March 2019 that raised in excess of \$35k to assist students to transition to university.

In addition the Club has

- raised funds for an assembly hall to be built at Mamba school Tanzania
- provided stationary supplies to schools in Tanzania
- sponsored a young man in Nepal (accommodation and schooling) and a young woman in Tanzania, at the School of St Jude's
- supported a young woman from PNG to receive a life changing operation in Brisbane
- held a fundraiser for the Hamlin Fistula Foundation in Ethiopia that raised over \$2k.



The Goodwill of Rotary makes the world feel smaller, safer and friendlier

Supporting the Becker family from Brazil, during one of the worst times of their life.

Nadia Becker was an international student in Brisbane when she was involved in a very serious car accident in mid 2018 and admitted to intensive care at Royal Brisbane Hospital. Her parents, Germano and Sueli, back in Brazil were at a loss to support their daughter and get accurate information from such a distance. Germano, who is a member of the Rotary Clube Novo Hamburgo Oeste, used the international Rotary network to seek assistance by calling the President of Brisbane High-Rise. This call for help was readily accepted and has forged a life long connection and friendship between Brisbane High-Rise members, the Beckers and the Rotary Clube Novo Hamburgo Oeste.

Club members regularly visited Nadia in hospital, providing moral and practical support as well as constant updates to her family back in Brazil. Her parents arrived in late July 2018 and the Club sprang into action to support them, in the form of transport, explanation of the Australian medical system and most importantly friendship. Nadia was well enough to travel back to Brazil in September 2018 for her ongoing care and Brisbane High-Rise continue to get updates on her progress. At the worst times in their lives Rotary was there to help the Beckers.



Forming a special bond with a small school in New Zealand to promote unity and peace



Brisbane High-Rise has a strong link with the Maheno wreck on Fraser Island. Through the commemorative work undertaken over a number of years the club has forged a strong bond with the primary school community in Maheno, New Zealand, who visit our club and the wreck every two years. On 11 November 2018 Brisbane High-Rise Rotary Club visited the school for the first time to unveil a jointly erected plaque commemorating the TSS Maheno's service at Gallipoli in WW1. The entire school community and local township got involved in a Rotary event that honoured the connection between Australia and New Zealand fighting together during WW1 for peace and unity. A small town in New Zealand called Maheno experienced the goodwill of Rotary through an amazing commemorative project that made us all feel more connected to our ANZAC history and reinforced the importance of peace.

The Rotary hand of friendship extends across the world

During 2018/19 Brisbane High-Rise sponsored a youth exchange student from Finland, Tiina. In April 2019 her family (mother, aunt and future sister in law) visited Brisbane. They had very little, if any contact with Australians or Rotary prior to their visit to the Brisbane High-Rise Club. Once again the Club extended the hand of friendship, organizing social events, providing transport and accommodation. Through the goodwill of Brisbane High-Rise they have a positive perception of Australia and Rotary and the world seems a little smaller, safer and friendlier.

Through Rotary, international understanding changes people's lives forever

Changing the life of a young woman from PNG

Strengthening a PNG doctor's skills

Publicising Rotary's impact

The Brisbane High-Rise Club persevered for four years in assisting Vascolynna, a young woman from PNG who could no longer brush her teeth nor eat properly due to a fused jaw. In March 2019 Vascolynna accompanied by her father and local doctor, Dr Takovi, visited Brisbane for a life changing operation. Vascolynna had dropped out of school due to bullying and had lost a lot of confidence in her ability to lead a normal, healthy and happy life. Through the tireless work of Brisbane High-Rise members, the Wesley Hospital donated medical services and the Club, with some assistance from Rotary Club of Fortitude Valley, met 100% of all other costs. Club members also interacted with local media outlets to ensure the international work of Rotary was recognized and promoted in newspapers and on Channel 10 evening news.

The surgery was a success, but most importantly, it was the interaction with Club members through hospital visits, social outings, and shopping trips that restored Vascolynna's confidence in herself. She went home a new woman (both physically and psychologically) ready to lead a fulfilling adult life. It is also noteworthy that the sponsorship of her local doctor to attend the surgery and meet with other medical professionals in Brisbane will strengthen health services in PNG.

Dr Takovi was so moved by the experience he named his child, who was born just after the surgery in Brisbane, Chasely, after the street where he stayed in Brisbane. Through international understanding Brisbane High-Rise has changed Vascolynna's life forever and assisted Dr Takovi in being the best doctor he can be, which will benefit many people in Papua New Guinea.



Supporting women's health services in Ethiopia

After members of Brisbane High-Rise met Dr Hamlin in Ethiopia in 2015 the Club has been even more committed to helping her cause of providing quality medical treatment to women giving birth. In 2018/19 a special High Tea fundraising event was organized by the Club to raise awareness of Catherine Hamlin and her work as well as \$2,000 for the Fitsula Foundation.

International understanding helps Brisbane High-Rise break the cycle of poverty

Mamba School, in Tanzania is transformed

From 15% to 92% pass rate for national standard tests

Sustainability

Since 2010 Brisbane High-Rise has been working with the Mamba school and the Rotary Club of Mkuu Rombo to modernize their facilities and transform the students' academic results.

In 2017/18 the school recorded 92% of students progressing to high school. In 2010/11 only 15% were eligible to attend high school. This is a huge transformation, which Rotary can be very proud, as through improved education the poverty cycle has a chance to be broken.

In 2018/19 Brisbane High-Rise concentrated on building an assembly hall for the school, sourcing funds from club fundraising, Stones Corner Rotary Club donations and District grants. The Assembly Hall is being rented out by the local community which provides funds to maintain the upkeep of the renovations, ensuring all the work done to date can be sustained.

29 Brisbane High-Rise members and friends visited the school in January 2019 to spend the day with students, local Rotarians and the community. Members also gave out stationary donated by the club, which was bought locally. The Mamba community are appreciative of High-Rise's support and all recognize and trust the Rotary symbol that is very evident throughout their school grounds.



Life and Hope Cambodia

Throughout the 2018/19 year Brisbane High-Rise has continued to support the work of the Life and Hope Association in Cambodia. Brisbane High-Rise has devoted two meetings to better understanding the work of the Association and three members have made regular visits to the School at Siem Reap as well as continuing personal donations to support key programs. Member John Ker is the Project Manager and member Frank Leschorn the Deputy Project Manager of the RAWCS project, that gives disadvantaged girls a chance for a better life through skills such as sewing and an education.



International understanding helps Brisbane High-Rise break the cycle of poverty

St Judes'
Tanzania

25 students
sponsored
+
\$35K
donated

Brisbane High-Rise is a long and reliable friend of School of St Jude's with club members making regular visits to the school since 2010. In January 2019, 29 Brisbane High-Rise members and friends visited the school and also donated school supplies. Across the club membership there are at least 25 students being sponsored, some with special needs. Members visited with these students during the visit.

In March 2019 Brisbane High-Rise organized a fundraising breakfast to coincide with Gemma Sisia's visit to Brisbane. The event raised over \$35k for St Judes and led to additional student sponsorships. The money raised is being used to support students transition to University. Club members also extended hospitality to a visiting student from St Jude's, providing him with quintessential Australian experiences (surfing, coffee culture, high rise buildings etc.) to broaden his international understanding of western culture, before taking up a university placement in New York.

Interactors from St Judes were invited to a Rotary lunch hosted by Brisbane High-Rise at the Kibo Palace Hotel in Arusha in January 2019 to strengthen the international connections of Rotary across all ages. High-Rise is very committed to alleviating poverty through education and proud of its strong connection with St Judes.

In 2018/19 Brisbane High-Rise continued their sponsorship of Man Kumar who is an orphan in Nepal. Man Kumar is still at school (equivalent of Year 10 in Australia) and passed his exams to enter senior high school. He is aiming to be an engineer and without Brisbane High-Rise's support he would have been required to leave school and find employment. Man Kumar is aware that it is the support from Rotary that is making a difference to his life and he is very grateful and committed to not wasting the opportunity he has to break the poverty cycle in Nepal.



Changing a
young man's
life in Nepal

Brisbane High-Rise is committed to strengthening Rotary across the world



Brisbane High-Rise hosted a Rotary lunch at the Kibo Place in Arusha



PHF for Kimario in Tanzania



Members dancing at Mamba School, Tanzania



Yep student Tiina, her family and members



With primary sponsor students at St Judes



Members with Vascolynna after life changing surgery



Members at the Maheno plaque NZ



Members with Interactors at St Judes in Tanzania