



HOT AIR

12 November 2020

Economic and Community Development



From our President – Margot Baillie

This week provided many highlights delivering on our Rotary theme 'Opening Opportunities'.

NYSF nominee, Wilson Kisebo, was awarded a prestigious Bayer scholarship of \$1,000 towards the fees for his NYSF participation. Wilson is a very worthy recipient given the many years of hardship he and his family experienced as a refugee in Africa prior to arriving in Australia 2 years ago. Wilson is an impressive young man who plans to study Biomedicine. Bill introduced him to Steven Pronk of Aimlab and Steven has invited the Science students from St James to visit Aimlab's business in future.

Stephen Furness was the lucky Melbourne Cup Trifecta winner. Stephen generously donated his prize money to St James College's Endowment Fund. Principal, Ann Rebgetz, is very grateful as they have many students in need of support this year.

The cocktail party was a great success and we celebrated the grand finale of the Art Show and it's 40year history in style. This project has been a wonderful collaboration by Rotarians from the 3 clubs with the Curators, sponsors, the managers of Riverside Plaza and CP1 and the beneficiary charities. Many thanks to all the High-Rise members who made this project such a success. The mini Art Show of student and staff artworks created a wonderful atmosphere. Brett Lethbridge awarded the "Best Student art" prize and the guests voted for "People's Choice". The winner of the latter prize was a delightful Burmese refugee student who was thrilled with her award.

The cocktail party created an exciting opportunity to showcase the skills and talents of the Students from St James. They are so energetic and enthusiastic even in the middle of their year 12 exams. Their school spirit is very evident in all they do. The food was delicious and very competently served by the students. They also did a great job serving the drinks behind the bar. Our thanks also go to Louise Pope and her TA Janet for the delicious food which they worked tirelessly to prepare for us

DISTRICT 9600 NEWS

District 9600 Board has made the decision to sell the office at North Lakes as it will be unsuitable for the new combined District. In the meantime 9630's offices at Bostock House, Wacol, will serve both districts. It is a great location with plenty of space.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

This week we toast the Rotary Club of Tower Hamlets in East London, close to where the Salvation Army was first formed at the Blind Beggar Tavern. The Club was formed in 1929 and meets every Wednesday night for dinner at the Captain Kidd Pub in Wapping High Street.

PROGRAM / GUEST SPEAKER

12 Nov	Andy Steel, Salvation Army Recycling bikes program
19 Nov	Zanthia Tillmann's Member Interview
26 Nov	Leanne Harvey VP Admin and Registrar QUT
3 Dec	No Meeting

ROSTER

ROSTER	12 Nov	19 Nov	26 Nov
Chair	Greg	Bill P	Susan
Set Up and Close	Bill P	Russell	Russell
Greeter	Russell	Susan	Yvonne
Sergeant	John	Rob	Kit

RECOGNITION of TRADITIONAL OWNERS

I acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today, the Turrbal and Yugara people, and pay my respect to their elders, past, present and emerging

APOLOGIES / GUESTS and MAKEUPS

NOTIFY OUR CLUB BY 7.00 am
TUESDAY PRIOR TO THAT WEEK'S MEETING AT:
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DIRECT DEBIT

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ROTARY GRACE

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

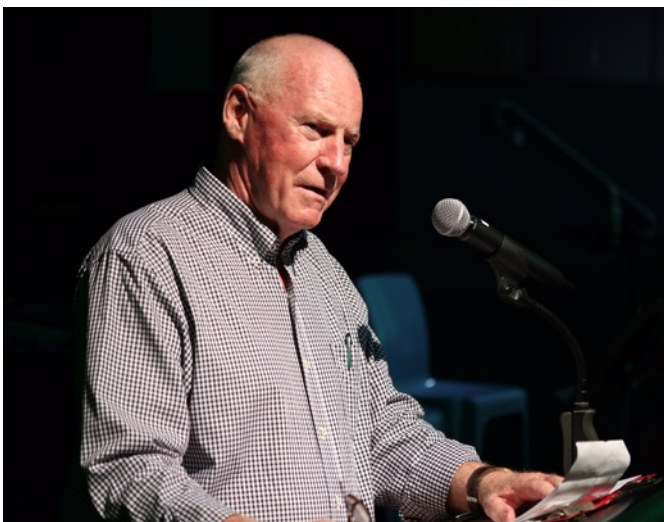
Rotary Art Spectacular Celebration Night!

A warm and enthusiastic welcome from students and staff at St James College set the scene for a wonderful event celebrating 40 years of the Rotary Art Spectacular. Stones Corner mounted the first art show in 1989 in Carindale shopping Centre; with their vision and the involvement of Brisbane High-Rise and Hamilton Rotary clubs it evolved to become the most prestigious and respected Art Show in Queensland. Richard Griffiths from Stones Corner acknowledged all who have contributed over the years and Curator Brett Lethbridge spoke on behalf of the artists

St James JCATS hospitality students were outstanding, the food and service impeccable. We were entertained by talented African and South Sea Island student dance teams and a staff /student guitar group. It was a happy and vibrant event celebrating the Art Show legacy of raising over \$2m for Queensland charities and the strong bonds of friendship forged while working together on a much loved Rotary venture.



St James College Art Works



MC Bill Phillips



RSA Certificate 11 Service Team



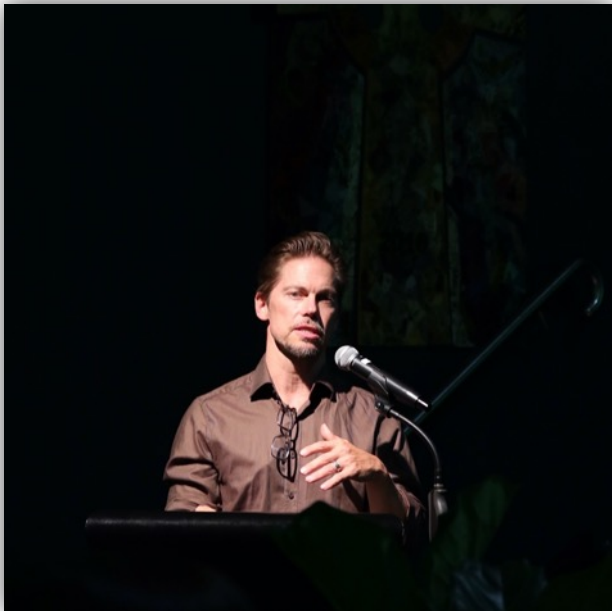
Student Art Work



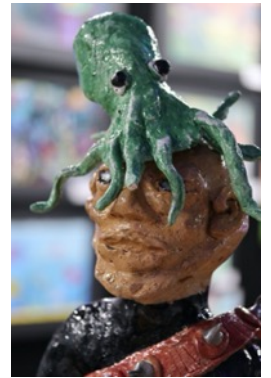
President Margot with DGs Neil Black 9600 and Patrice Robinson 9630



Brett presenting people's Choice Award to Baby Samza



Brett Lethbridge Art show Curator thanking Rotary on behalf of the artists



Congratulations RSA Certificate 11 team for the highly professional beverage service



Rosemary catching up with Jack Howlett, Stones Corner Rotary



School leader Gabe accepting a cheque from Stephen Furness who generously donated his Trifecta winnings to St James



High-Rise personalities enjoying St James art works and the African Dance Troupe





Bill Phillip's thank you to the school says it all,

"The impact on entering the venue set the scene. The room looked great and we were made to feel so welcome by the students. They were terrific in everything they did; engaging, enthusiastic and helpful right throughout the evening. They are a great credit to the school.

Being an art show cocktail party it was appropriate to feature the mini art show. That would have taken a lot of organising. The standard was excellent.

And we all enjoyed the entertainment. There is a lot of talent amongst your students. All the different cultural backgrounds makes for an interesting mix of performance options. It must be quite exciting at times.

Finally please extend our congratulations to Louise and her team. They did a wonderful job and it was the result I'm sure of a great deal of hard work and effort.

The same comments apply to Alex and his team for setting up the venue. I visited during the day and saw what they were doing. Nothing was too much trouble. That attitude was very much appreciated."



We were thrilled to hear that Wilson Kitembo, our successful NYSF candidate has also been awarded a \$1000 Bayer scholarship. He and Ann Rebgetz greeted Margot and Rosemary on Thursday to share this good news. Wilson, a most impressive young man who spent years in refugee camps arrived in Australia only three years ago speaking 4 languages but no English. He is now fluent in English and a high achieving student. We look forward to hearing from from Wilson in 2021 when he makes his NYSF presentation to the club.



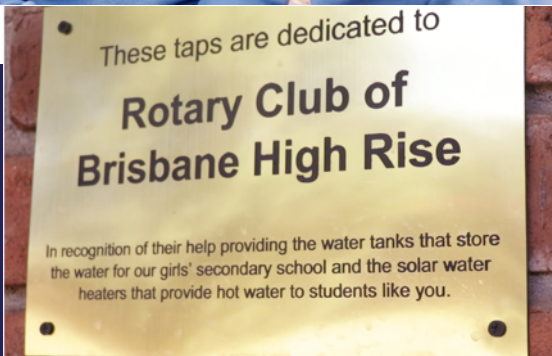
Raising Funds One Step at a Time: Noela, St Jude's long-term supporter joining the challenge to raise funds one step at a time.

Congratulations Noela

Noela took up the St Jukes Challenge to walk 50K in a week, rising at 4.45 each morning to beat the heat. She has raised \$2100 so far, an amazing individual feat. There is still time to make your donation by following this link,

<https://www.mycause.com.au/page/239056/noela-phillips>

From Irene, Lightness, Nahiya, Maurine, Prisca, Angel, Faraja, Emmy, Nora, Theresia, Ivone, Victoria, Janeth, Rajabu, Tumani, Swamirat and Maju, 'Thank you to our High-Rise Sponsors'. Gemma says thank you to the club for funds raised to provide infrastructure projects and support welfare programs assisting student's families.



**Thank you, Rotary Club of Brisbane High Rise,
for sharing our vision and seeing what we see**

Upcoming Events at our Breakfasts

District Governor - Neil Black 19 November 2020



Neil was born and raised in Kingaroy. He singlehandedly built the The Pioneer Lodge in Kingaroy that he bought from his father in 2000 and his State wide cleaning company, Kyaan. Neil considers his time at Rotary as his social life and holds many of the people he has met through the organisation as close and lifelong friends. He is holding the District Conference in Kingaroy from 26 – 28 March 2021.

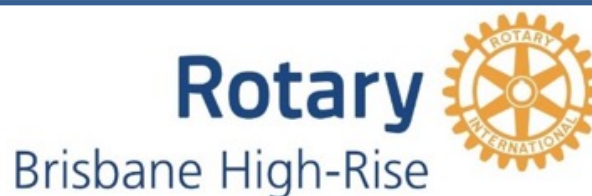


Leanne Harvey VP – Admin & University Registrar QUT The Changing Environment for Universities 26 November 2020

2020 has been a tumultuous year for Universities in Australia. They have had to deal with massive job losses, dramatically reduced overseas students and significant Federal Government Reform. Come along and hear from Leanne about how QUT has adapted to the changes and preparing for 2021 and beyond, as we all learn to live with Covid 19.



BHR Annual General Meeting 10 December 2020



BHR Children's Christmas Breakfast 17 December 2020

Our usual Christmas breakfast with children, nieces, nephews and grandchildren is scheduled for 17 December, so make sure you get it in their diaries. Santa has been booked and the United Services Club has promised a special child friendly breakfast. More details will be released closer to the date.





An Invitation from Rotaract Rivercity

When: 13th November 6pm drinks for a 7pm movie

Where: New Farm Cinemas

How much: Tickets on sale for \$23

What am I watching: "Rams" starring Sam Neil

Supporting: Beyond DV, a local charity supporting women and children

Movie tickets and raffle tickets available here...

<https://www.trybooking.com/BMDXY>

ANNUAL CALENDAR

The calendar will appear in every edition with new events being bolded in purple. This will give you a long range planning tool. The calendar is being maintained by Angela so if you have any updates let her know.

October 2020		November 2020		December 2020	
22	Pride of Workmanship Awards Footy Final Fever Breakfast	5	Art Show Celebration Cocktail Party	5	Club Christmas Party Tillmanns House, Tarragindi
29	Melbourne Cup Breakfast Wear your finest	19	DG Visit	17	Family Christmas Breakfast
				24 & 31	No meeting
January 2021		February 2021		March 2021	
7	No meeting	13 / 14	Valentine Flower Deliveries	7	Chicks in Pink
14	Return to regular meeting			26 – 28	District Conference Kingaroy
April 2021		May 2021		June 2021	
1	Easter Breakfast				
18	Life and Hope Film Night				
July 2021		August 2021		September 2021	
2	Change over dinner				

Barb's Joke Corner

I hate it when people act all intellectual and talk about Mozart. I bet they've never even seen one of his paintings.



A neighbour asked his friend, who was celebrating 50 years of marriage, what the secret was to a long and happy marriage? His friend replied, "When we were first married, we vowed to go out twice a week no matter how little money we had and we have done so for 50 years." "Twice a week, you say?" "Yeah. She goes out on Tuesday and I go out on Friday."



Walking home one night, this guy hears a, "Psst! Psst!-give me a hand with this pig would you?"

Looking into the shadows the guy sees his neighbor holding onto a restless and agitated pig. "What are you planning to do with that?" he asks. "I'm carrying it indoors and putting in the bath tub." "Why do you wanna' do a thing like that?" "Well, you see, it's my wife. She is one of those women who knows EVERYTHING! I tell her that the price of petrol has shot up again...she says I know! I tell her there is more trouble in the East again ... she says I know! I tell her Francis down the street is getting a divorce and she knows that, too. "Well, tomorrow morning, since she always gets up before me, I'll wait for her to come running to me screaming 'THERE'S A PIG IN THE BATH! THERE'S A PIG IN BATH!'"And I'll just turn to her and say, 'Yeah, I know!'"