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Brisbane High-Rise

# HOT AIR

25 MAY 2023 | YOUTH SERVICE



## 1 INTERNATIONAL TOAST



Today we toast The Rotary Club of Howell - Michigan, USA. The club meets at 12:00 AM every Monday. They made the Howell Melon Festival, a beloved tradition in Southern Michigan, even sweeter. Their Howell melon-flavored ice cream is a hit at the festival, with 7,000 cups and half-gallon containers sold in August. Over 100 volunteers, including Rotarians and students, helped raise an impressive \$30,000 for scholarships and local youth programs. It's a delightful treat that brings joy to the community and supports important initiatives.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT – BARBARA LEDDY

We had a very interesting meeting last week when we heard from Matthew & Lara Arvier about life in the Cayman Islands. They shared pictures of their beautiful beach wedding and lots of pictures of the wildlife of the magnificent ocean at their doorstep. We must hail Louise Arvier as a hero now we know she swims with stingrays!

Matthew went on to describe the economics of the Caymans introducing us to the great life style living in a tropical paradise where much money is held for safekeeping by the mega wealthy. He explained that the country is an external territory of Great Britain & their legal system is British. Britain also provides them with military protection.

There are lots of Australians living in the Caymans as many of our large accounting/financial companies have a major branch there.

Thanks to Dad John Arvier for sharing this lovely couple with us at our meeting. We wish them well in their married life together.

Don't forget our Cocktail Party for Gemma Sisia on 12 June at St Lucia Golf Club. It's well on the way to being a great success. We still need good quality products for our raffle baskets. Please bring them to the meeting this week.

We had another Board Meeting last week which resulted in the following motions being passed:

- Squares for payments at big events
- Submission for a grant for improved teacher living conditions at Mamba School
- Involvement in NYSF
- Participation in Rotary Youth Exchange
- To send at least 2 students to the Science Experience

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*A bird sitting on a tree is never afraid of the branch breaking because her trust is not on the branch but on its own wings. Always believe in yourself.*

## 2 PROGRAM/GUEST SPEAKER

**25 MAY** Lisa Ward  
Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland

**01 JUN** Ivan Frocovic  
QLD Mental Health Commissioner

**08 JUN** Wendy Protheroe  
Regionalisation

## 3 ROSTER

ROSTER	25 MAY	01 JUN	08 JUN
Chair	Andrew	Jane	Margot
Set Up & Close	Jane	Margot	Greg B
Greeter	Margot	Greg B	Ann-Maree
Sergeant	John Arvier	Rob O	Kit B

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Brisbane High-Rise Rotary Club acknowledges the First Nations people as the original inhabitants of the land we are on today and honours their Elders past, present and emerging.

### APOLOGIES & GUEST

Notify of attendance, guests and apologies by 7.00am on Tuesday prior to the meeting  
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### DIRECT DEBIT

Pay for our meetings, fines, Joker Draw, events and subscriptions

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### ROTARY GRACE

For the Fellowship of Rotary we Give our thanks

# RARE Working Bee

Sarah and Bryce spent a productive few hours on Saturday morning at the Mary St site in Kingston helping Trish and the team get the warehouse sorted. They have an urgent deadline of just 18 days to clear this site and get everything over to the new site in Alexandra Hills. If you have any time on Thursdays or Saturdays over the next few weeks, just turn up, there is plenty to do and it will save you a trip to the gym!



# St. Jude's Graduation

During St. Jude's graduation ceremony, Lightness, a student who received support from High-Rise members, presented a painting she had created. This touching moment highlighted Lightness' remarkable progress at St. Jude's, which wouldn't have been possible without the assistance of High-Rise. The photo also includes Noela, Irene, and Janeth, capturing a special moment of celebration.



# Up and Coming Guest Speakers

Great opportunity to invite guests



## Lisa Ward, Chief Executive Officer

*Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland*

Lisa is the first woman to lead Queensland's peak multicultural body, the Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland (ECCQ).

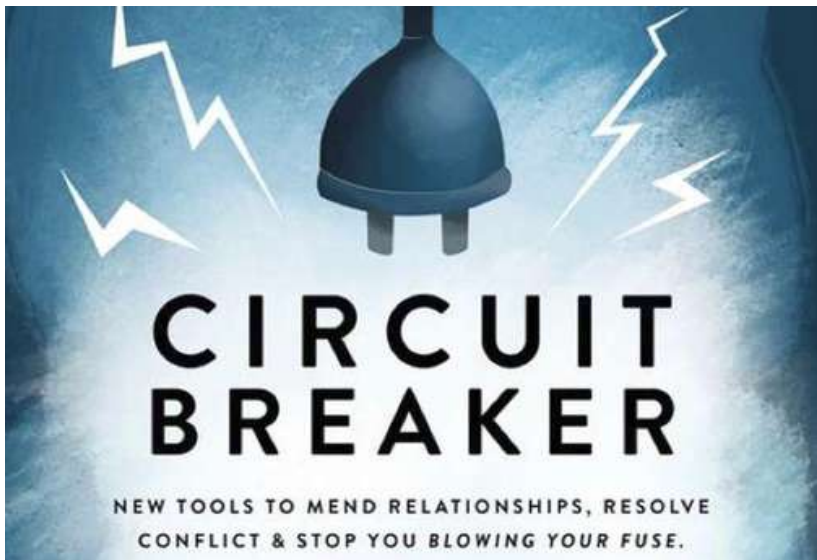
ECCQ supports and advocates for the needs, interests, and contributions of culturally and linguistically diverse communities in Queensland.

Prior to accepting her current challenge Lisa actively contributed to strengthening Australia as an inclusive and cohesive society.

Diversity in leadership positions should not be for appearance's sake. Lisa's aim is to ensure

that robust and inclusive discussions are being partaken at the 'decision table'. Such conversations will provide deep insight, multiple angles and bring together collective experiences.

# Circuit Breaker Report



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The circuit breaker course has now entered its fourth week and the participants are warming up to each other and sharing truthfully about their lives. Independent of the important material we are learning, this is a great support to men who are often reluctant to be honest and vulnerable. We are becoming mates.

We have a growing understanding now of how anger impacts our relationships and how we can use the strategy of a time out whenever we feel it is getting out of hand. Relationships can flourish if both people know they are safe to discuss anything and be truthful without the risk of angry outbursts.

An example of the value we are experiencing is that one of the participants was unable to attend a session and made sure he contacted me and made the time to watch the session with me at a local café. After going through the 30 minute video teaching session together he was very honest and self aware of how his anger had demonstrated itself over the week. We were able to discuss and apply the strategies of the course in a very real way. This is great progress.

Nearly half way through - there are 6 more sessions to go.

# ART SHOW

Update on Brisbane Rotary Art Show by Bill Phillips

Planning for the relaunch of the Art Show is progressing well; we are getting towards the pointy end of the project with less than two months to go before the event is staged.

Entries by artists close off at the end of May. Our Curator, Simone, is happy with the entries to date; as of the 8th May there were 164 entries. We can display about 350 pieces of art; normally entries are in the vicinity of 700; those entries not on display will be available for sale online. Of note Simone is very happy with the standard of art pieces already entered.

There are three key issues to emphasise if we are to successfully stage the 2023 Brisbane Rotary Art Show:

## Club Involvement

We need full Club involvement in the receiving (15th July) and dispatch (22nd July) of the art works. The volunteer roster will be available shortly. Please do what you can; it is a case of all hands on deck.

## Opening Night

Opening Night is on Monday 17th July; this is a wonderful event in Club activity. Not only are we asking all members and partners to attend but also please extend the invitation to your friends and anyone in your network. We are aiming for an attendance of 300. Reserve the date; tickets will be on sale shortly.

## Sponsorship

Sponsorship: High - Rise is leading the way in the generation of sponsorship \$'s. The financial success of the event is highly dependent on the level of sponsorship generated. Please give this some thought; you will know people in companies willing to support an event such as this. There are all sorts of sponsorship options available. Please either approach direct or give us the introduction. We need your help in this vital area.

We are well on the way towards the reestablishment of the Rotary Art Show as a feature event in the Brisbane art scene. Great for artists and great for Rotary!

## Salvos Red Shield Appeal

**SUPPORT RED SHIELD APPEAL**

FOR MORE INFO AND WAYS TO DONATE VISIT  
[digitaldoorknock.salvationarmy.org.au/bryce-davies](https://digitaldoorknock.salvationarmy.org.au/bryce-davies)



# THE SCIENCE EXPERIENCE



*A program aimed at exposing students (years 9 & 10) to the breadth of science opportunities in universities.*

The Science Experience was started by the Rotary Club of Doncaster and Monash University back in 1990. Since then Rotary Clubs around Australia have become involved in identifying and helping to send students on the program.

The program is now run by Science Schools Foundation, with Rotary represented on its' Board. Rotary clubs around Australia continue to have the opportunity to sponsor local students on their locally held programs.

The next Experience that this club might support is a three day Combined Brisbane program, UQ, QUT and Griffith Nathan. 16-18 January 2024

*"Treble your science experience by attending three of the largest universities in Queensland during the three days. Visit QUT, UQ and Griffith-Nathan. You will tour scientific facilities, hear from some of Queensland's leading scientists, participate in hands-on workshops, explore science based careers. Areas covered include forensic and biological science, chemistry, physics, mathematics, astronomy, environmental sciences and engineering."*

**If you know anyone who might benefit from attending please make contact with Greg Beard 0434 189 069. For more detail and an application form. We will need to nominate asap.**



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20<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Brisbane High Rise Rotary,

My name is Sonya Morrissey I am the community Hub Leader at Riverview State School. Our school is situated in the Ipswich suburb of Riverview. We are a low socioeconomic community which has many issues including long term unemployment, generational poverty, drug and alcohol addiction and family and domestic violence. Our Community Hub provides a variety programs to assist in meeting the community's needs. These programs include free food hampers, free school resources including books, uniforms and shoes. All of these programs rely on generous donations from community groups and individuals.

Last year, your Rotary Club generously ran a sock drive for our Community Hub. The result was hundreds of pairs of socks being donated that have now been given with new shoes to children who otherwise would not have socks and shoes to wear. I am writing to ask if your Rotary Club would be in a position to again run a sock drive for our Community Hub. If this is something that your club would be able to support us with please contact me to now.

Kind regards

*Sonya Morrissey*

Sonya Morrissey  
Hub Leader

*Yvette Phillips*

Yvette Phillips  
Principal

## Rotarians Out and About

On a sunny Saturday, John Leddy's special birthday was celebrated at Iris Rooftop Bar. Friends and loved ones gathered, enjoying good company and delightful moments.



# ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

## ROS IN THE HUNTER VALLEY



Ros spends a lovely day in Pokolbin, indulging in the joy of feeding apples to horses and savoring the exquisite wines of the region.



## ROTARIANS AT THE RFDS DINNER

Rotarians gather at the RFDS Dinner, coming together to support and celebrate the incredible work of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Susan met a fellow member named Nick during her train journey across northern Spain. They stumbled upon a charming restaurant in Santillana del Mar and seized the opportunity to hold their own impromptu Rotary meeting. Nick hails from the Rotary Club of Burnham Beeches, situated near Windsor in the UK.



We need your help...

## ST JUDE'S COCKTAIL PARTY AUCTION ITEMS

A gentle reminder to bring a bottle of wine, high end cosmetics, high end food e.g oils, nuts etc to all be combined into fabulous baskets to be auctioned off at the Cocktail Party to raise well needed funds for St Jude's in Tanzania.

Jane Andersen will gratefully receive all donations

# Announcements

## St Judes' Cocktail Party

**COCKTAIL PARTY/BOOK LAUNCH**

The Rotary Club of Brisbane High Rise is proud to host the School of St Jude's founder, Gemma Sisia, and launching the book, "The School that Hope Built" by Madeleine Kelly.

Mon 12 June 6.30-9.30pm  
St Lucia Golf Club, Carawa St, St Lucia

**Raffle Draw:**  
Tanzanite Ring (Value \$3910)  
\$20/ticket or 3 for \$50 - Buy tickets NOW

Auctions & Raffles on the night

\*\*\*African Dress Encouraged



**Gemma Sisia**  
FOUNDER SCHOOL OF ST JUDE

**Bookings:**  
Mob: 0407-788-568  
Email: annmaree762@gmail.com  
\$65 per person - food & drinks included.  
BSB 084-034 A/C 55-934-7857  
Ref: SOSJ + Surname  
RSVP: Fri, 2 June



**Enock Ephraim**  
St Jude's Class of 2015 and Alumni Assistant Team Lead

## Rotary Peace Fellowship

**Rotary Peace Fellowships**

**APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE**



**Get involved by**

- Taking the All About the Rotary Peace Fellowship course
- Forwarding the fellowship announcement to your contacts
- Using our referral form
- Sharing a PowerPoint presentation about the fellowships
- Following the Rotary Peace Centers Facebook page

**APPLY HERE**  
<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships>

## Paul Harris Fellow

**PAUL HARRIS FELLOW**

Every Rotarian should strive to be a Paul Harris Fellow because for each PHF named, we know that US\$1000 has been given to The Rotary Foundation. Similarly, for each sapphire or ruby added to a Rotarian's PHF pin, an additional US\$1000 has been given to The Rotary Foundation. We should celebrate each of these milestones (and gem stones) for what they represent. That is, a gift to The Rotary Foundation and an opportunity to do even more good in the world through the Foundation. If you make a contribution of \$1490.00 you will get a PHF & also be able to allocate one to a family member or friend.

**IMPORTANT**  
Please consider donating before 30 June & get a tax deduction.

## Donations to Rotary Foundation



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