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Brisbane High-Rise

HOT AIR

27 JUL 2023 | NEW ROTARY YEAR



1 INTERNATIONAL TOAST



Today we toast the Rotary Club of Henllys, Cwmbran, Wales. The club meets at 7:00 PM every Wednesday. The Rotary together with The Interact Club of Croesyceiliog School in Cwmbrân, Wales, initiated a Random Acts of Croesy Kindness project. They asked family, friends, and teachers to crochet rosettes, hearts, butterflies, and other designs. These woolen pieces were placed in random locations, even on a prominent statue, with uplifting notes

attached. Additionally, they organized an intergenerational tea party and collected items for food banks, showing their commitment to spreading kindness in the community.

WINDS OF CHANGE – DYLYS BERTELSEN

Week 4: Rotary on the Move

... enjoying a **standout success for our returning CBD Art Show!**

Incredible effort and long hours of work have gone into making sure the Brisbane Rotary Art Show would blossom in all its former glory after its pandemic-induced hiatus.

There have been so many people invested in getting it up and blooming again: from our irreplaceable project leader Bill Phillips abetted by Angela, Steve, Margot, Phil, Deb, John and the Committee, and supported by an army of indefatigable hands-on, voluntary helpers. And while it all centres on the output of the amazingly talented artists themselves, we must also remember the sponsors and judges who make an art show an event.

So, heartfelt thanks to everyone - from the labourers to the learned - who has had any part in making this year's Art Show such a spectacular success.

... congratulating all the winners from the Art Show.

These are:

- **Best in Show**, sponsored by the Pronk Family was Ai Shah for a work entitled: Unity.
- Bronwyn Hill's work Clean Sheets was judged the **Best Oil**.
- The **Best Acrylic** 'Turning for Home' was exhibited by Alexandra Matthews.
- Created by Carolyn V Watson The Will Of The Heavy Tongue (Thread Thrown Voice) was judged to be

the **Best 3D**.

All entries were wonderful, with the judges labouring long over who would win the coveted awards. So, we're especially delighted for our own member Phil Gough for his award-winning and thought-provoking watercolour painting '**Boards Can Talk**.'

... **thanking everyone who became a sponsor.**

Many thousands of dollars raised can now be channelled into the support of various Rotary projects. So sincere appreciation to those Rotarians who pledged or sourced the significant sponsorship monies that attracted such a galaxy of stars.

... **continuing with cluster meetings.**

As you know, some 8 or 9 Rotary Clubs in any area form a 'cluster', where the Presidents meet monthly for an exchange of information and ideas. Unfortunately, I was forced to forgo the July gathering. This first meeting centred mostly on the various clubs' achievements from last year. I intend to keep you informed throughout the year.

... **being overtaken by events.**

And that's exactly what happened this week. The 'sock project' had to remain on hold to allow our valiant members to meet the massive demands engendered by our absolutely fabulous Art Show.. More on socks in the next few weeks!

2 PROGRAM/GUEST SPEAKER

27 JUL Mick Martin
Farmers Feeding Our Nation

03 AUG Hugh Bunce
Our Exchange Student

10 AUG Ashleigh Bullot
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3 ROSTER

ROSTER	27 JUL	03 AUG	10 AUG
Set Up & Close	Helen	Stephen	Cindy
Greeter	Stephen	Cindy	Steve

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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ROTARY GRACE

For the
Fellowship of
Rotary we Give
our thanks

The Art Show: A Success

After months of preparation, the Art Show was a success!

Attendees were immersed in a vibrant atmosphere, where creativity and imagination flowed freely, fostering meaningful conversations and connections among artists and art lovers alike. The overwhelming positive response proved that the art show left an indelible mark on the cultural landscape, inspiring future events that celebrate the transformative power of art.



Brisbane Rotary ART Show

There is still quite a bit of tidying up to do to finalise the 2023 Brisbane Rotary Art Show but the major, physical component of the show is complete. The feedback on the event has been universally positive with a few comments along the lines of "best ever". Stephen Lake, our IT software provider from Melbourne, said the show was the most professional he had been involved with. Considering art shows are his business and he provides support to many art shows across VIC and SA this was rare praise. Stephen is a member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne and was with us for the week.

We know we presented an art show of high quality; the standard of art works on display and the way in which they were exhibited were a credit to all involved particularly our Curator, Simone Linssen, and her assistant, Alisha Davenport. We were fortunate to have them both on our team.

The organising committee spent 18 months planning the 2023 Brisbane Rotary Art Show. It was a long process. While we had a model to work with there were a lot of blanks in our knowledge. The members of the team did a wonderful job in coming up with

answers and filling in the blanks. It was an excellent team and the High-Rise members were just exceptional in a few critical roles and they drove the project.

So what did we achieve with the Brisbane Rotary Art Show in 2023? Some of the facts are worth noting. We attracted 550 entries of which some 300 were accepted into the physical show. Most of the remainder were retained into the online art show which continues for another three weeks.

We had 260 people attend Opening Night. We had hoped for 300 but as it turned out the numbers were good for the venue. It seemed to be a happy occasion. Raffles on the night raised almost \$3K contributing towards a nice surplus for the event. We don't aim to make a profit; break-even is an acceptable result so we can be pleased with this outcome.

Art sales will not be finalised until the online show closes but at the end of the physical exhibition sales were approaching \$100K. Putting this outcome into perspective, sales are more than double the last art show in 2019 and exceed sales for most of the last 10 art shows.

That is a truly wonderful result with more to come.

Besides art sales, sponsorship is important in determining the final surplus to be distributed. We did reasonably well in this area, not where we would like it to be but healthy considering it was a relaunch project. Overall, our Club can look forward to a worthwhile dividend.

High-Rise members were prominent (even dominant!) throughout the planning and staging of this project; we sourced 80% of the sponsorship \$'s, we were there as volunteers throughout the week of the show undertaking most of the essential roles. (we even had one member win a category prize!) We can be both proud and satisfied with our Club's contribution in staging the Brisbane Rotary Art Show.

Once we have had a chance to reflect on the 2023 art show we will be looking towards 2024. We did really well but we all know areas where we could do better. As a Club, we will need to make a decision soon on whether we are to continue with the event. It takes such a long time to make it happen and to build on the standard we have now established.

Up and Coming Guest Speakers

Great opportunity to invite guests

Mick Martin

Farmers Feeding Our Nation

Mick Martin is a twice recognised Paul Harris Fellow, a past President and D.G's representative in district 9600.

Mick has had several occupations which include, shearer's roustabout, Welder, Crash Rescue Fire Fighter, Multi business owner/operator, Vehicle engineering and compliance workshops, International Broker and more recently, entertainer through his bush poetry and Aussie yarn spinning. He is a song writer, musician and band member.

Mick has been taking groups of men away for mental health retreats for many years, these are often disguised as holidays or fishing trips but he has developed these trips further to assist struggling farmers, male and female, by giving them an all expenses paid break from the farm.

He often works with Drought Angels and the suicide prevention charity "Are you bogged mate?" He is continuing his personal farmer assistance in many ways like collecting and sharing thousands of brand-new work clothes, Christmas runs and many more hands-on projects. He is a proud Dad and a proud Australian who wants to stand up for the underdog. He will tell you more about his journey, what he does for farmers and hopefully leave time for questions.



Congratulations to our Winners!

Best in Show, sponsored by the Pronk Family - Ai Shah, Unity • **Best Oil**, sponsored by Barbara Leddy - Bronwyn Hill, Clean Sheets • **Best Acrylic**, sponsored by Phillips Consulting - Alexandra Matthews, Turning for Home • **Best Watercolour**, sponsored by Shadforth - Phil Gough, Boards can talk • **Best 3D**, sponsored by Alastair Blanchard - Carolyn V Watson, The Will Of The Heavy Tongue (Thread Thrown Voice) • **Best Mixed Medium/Drawing**, sponsored by Dr Paul Eliadis - Paula Quintela, The Storm • **Best Digital**, sponsored by the Baillie Family - Leigh Shutter, Cradle Mountain



Cradle Mountain



The Storm



Clean Sheets



Boards can talk



*The Will Of The Heavy Tongue
(Thread Thrown Voice)*




Unity



Turning for Home

Announcements

Rotary Peace Fellowship



Rotary Peace Fellowships

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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>

Seminar & Circuit Breaker



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THURSDAY | 6:00 - 7:30 PM
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1151 Creek Road Carindale, QLD

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24 Aug 2023

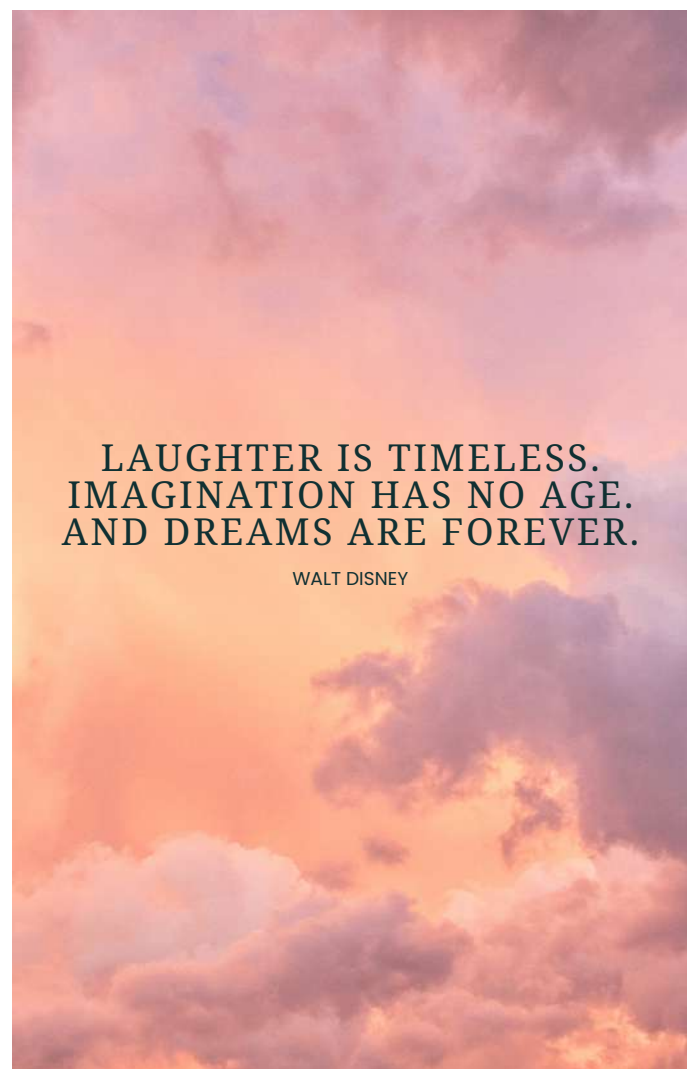
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Board Members 2023–2024

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Food for Thought



**LAUGHTER IS TIMELESS.
IMAGINATION HAS NO AGE.
AND DREAMS ARE FOREVER.**

WALT DISNEY