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Brisbane High-Rise

# HOT AIR

04 MAY 2023 | YOUTH SERVICE



## 1 INTERNATIONAL TOAST



Today we toast the Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu Pearl - Malaysia. The club meets at 11:30 AM every Tuesday. The club initiated Project REAL to improve English literacy in rural schools. The program provided training, books, and equipment to 16 schools, benefiting 4,000 students in Sabah state.

Philanthropic organizations and the Australian Embassy supported the project. It expanded to 18 more schools with the help of new partnerships in Kuala Lumpur and Taiwan.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT – BARBARA LEDDY

We have a few 'wounded warriors' in High Rise this week:

Bill Leveritt was lying on his back in the hospital bed when I spoke to him after having had surgery for a large kidney stone (ouch!!) at St Andrews Hospital. He now has to go to Greenslopes Hospital on Wednesday for further surgery to complete the treatment. We all wish you well Bill knowing that another trip is looming! Get well soon!

John & Louise Arvier came home from their exotic trip with the dreaded COVID infection. I heard that Louise was admitted to hospital, very sick. We wish you both well & hope that you are able to resume perfect health in the near future. We are thinking of you both!

Thank you to all at the meeting last week who joined in harmony to wish me a happy day on my birthday. The songsters were led by choir mistress Deb LeGarde who led a remarkable group! I was overcome ; )

Our speaker this week was the amazing entrepreneur Steve Pronk, who started Aim Lab, a Brisbane engineering & manufacturing company in 1978. Steve has held the roles of Owner, CEO & Chairman. The company has had 45 years of experience in developing innovative robotic instrumentation and

modules for the pathology industry & is an award winning product design.

Steve is also an experienced Chairperson with a demonstrated history of working in the information technology & services industry and a great supporter of local entrepreneurs through his investment activities with the Brisbane Angels Group.

Steve is also a past member of the Redcliffe City Rotary Club where he was involved for 18 years. He has had a long history supporting the Rotary Art Show & is a generous donor contributing to the success of the current resurrected show. Thank you Steve!

I guess the thing that impressed me personally about Steve's delivery was in the way he talked of his success so humbly. What a wonderful gift he has given to the medical researchers & to his home city. We are blessed to have such local heroes!

Thank you Steve for coming into our Rotary lives & for your informative conversation at our Club.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Everything is possible if you believe in yourself"*

## 2 PROGRAM/GUEST SPEAKER

04 MAY **Syd Owen**  
Area Governor

11 MAY **TBA**

18 MAY **Matthew & Lara**  
Life in the Cayman Islands

## 3 ROSTER

ROSTER	04 MAY	11 MAY	18 MAY
Chair	Zanthia	Craig	Roly
Set Up & Close	Craig	Roly	Andrew
Greeter	Roly	Andrew	Jane
Sergeant	Rob O	Kit B	Greg P

### 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

# Rotary Meeting

Last week's photos featured the traditional Anzac Heads and Tails game. In addition, Steven from Aim Lab was a guest speaker at the meeting. Aim Lab, an award-winning product design company, has been developing innovative robotic instrumentation and modules for the pathology industry for 45 years. Steven shared his success story with humility and gratitude for the opportunity to contribute to medical research and his hometown. The Rotary club is fortunate to have such inspiring local heroes.



# Next Meeting



04 MAY 2023

# SYD OWEN

AREA GOVERNOR

## An Invitation to an Evening of Brushing Kindness



Brushing Kindness is a night of frivolity, food, drinks, raffle prizes and fun in support of a program that's working to create a brighter tomorrow for vulnerable Australians.

This year, Rivercity's Annual Cocktail Party is raising funds for Habitat for Humanity Australia's Brush with Kindness program. The Brush with Kindness program brings together volunteers to support vulnerable and marginalised members of the community by conducting renovations, minor building repairs and landscaping work at a variety of locations such as indigenous housing projects and crisis accommodation utilised by women and children escaping domestic violence or people experiencing homelessness.

As one of our sponsor Rotary Clubs, we wanted to extend to you and your club members a special invitation to join us from 7:00pm on Saturday May 20th 2023 at Can You Keep A Secret - 619-621 Stanley Street, Woolloongabba to kick off the party and help support an amazing cause. Barbara and John, I'd greatly appreciate it if you could please circulate this invitation to your club members directly.

Early Bird Tickets are \$115 until the 28th of April, so grab your friends, family, and club members, and get in quick to secure an amazing night out, at a great price.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO VIEW THE FACEBOOK EVENT

CLICK [HERE](#) TO BUY YOUR TICKETS

# Update on St Jude's



 ST JUDES NEWS

## Learning Differently

Our Form 2 student, Sebastian, is making use of technology to learn with vision challenges and fully engage in education, with support from generous supporters.

READ MORE →

[www.schoolofstjude.org/students/learning-differently/](http://www.schoolofstjude.org/students/learning-differently/)

## Dyllys in Action



## 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.

**Brisbane  
ROTARY**



**ART  
SHOW**



## **BRISBANE ROTARY ART SHOW**

Planning for the relaunch of the Art Show is well advanced as it should be with less than three months to go before the staging of the event. High – Rise is playing both a leading and prominent role in the planning process with a host of members heavily involved. Margot is responsible for the Opening Night event and is coordinating manpower, Deb is all over the sales desk (probably not the best description) Angela is looking after all the behind the scenes details (a most important role which was so ably done by John Mosen in the past), Steve is managing the technology supporting the project and John is coordinating sponsorship. Our President, Barbara, and President – elect, Dyls, are keeping an eye on everything attending planning meetings regularly and offering support and encouragement. It's a very good team. We work well together along with the members from the other two Clubs partnering us in the project.

Entries by artists close off at the end of May. Our Curator, Simone, is happy with the trickle of entries to date. 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.

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

1. 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.

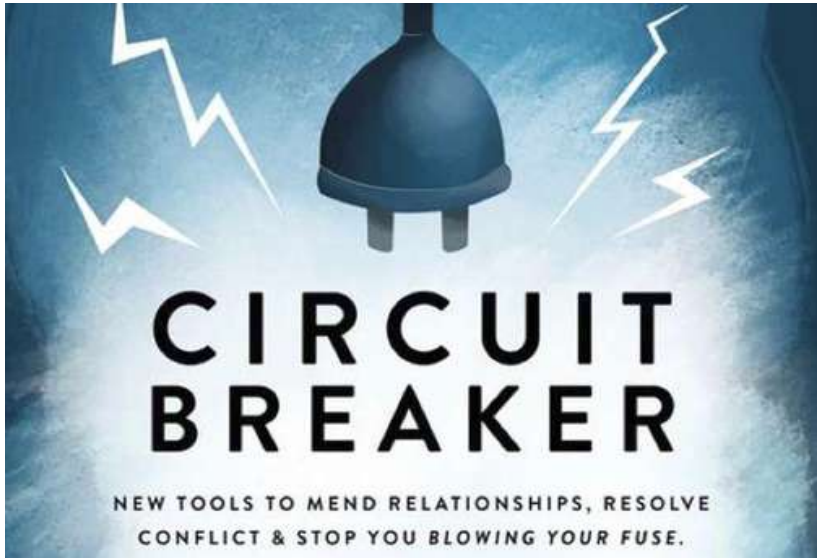
2. Opening Night is on Monday 17th July; this is a wonderful event in Club activity. Not only are we asking all members and partners to attend but also please extend the invitation to your friends and anyone in your network. We are aiming for an attendance of 300. Reserve the date; tickets will be on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

3. 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.

Important: 15th (receiving art works), 17th Opening Night and 22nd (despatching art works) July

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!

# Circuit Breaker Report



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.

## Rotary Nomads

## Donation for NZ

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

*8th*

CHANGEOVER OF THE  
**ROTARY E-CLUB OF AUSTRALIA NOMADS**

*Wednesday*  
21 JUNE, 2023

2.30 PM FOR 3.00 PM  
CHANGEOVER CEREMONY

DRESS: CASUAL - INTERNATIONAL THEME

COST: \$30  
covers a Tuesday morning get together breakfast & Wednesday's Changeover raffle tickets & prizes

Ingenia Holiday Park, Gordon Young Drive, South West Rocks NSW 2431  
02 6566 6264 | southwestrocks@ingeniaholidays.com.au  
RSVP BY 14 JUNE, 2023

**REGISTER**

After registering, please transfer payment of \$30 per person to

- Rotary Nomads
- BSB 015220
- Account No 429420294
- Details: your SURNAME plus the word 'ROCKS'
- e.g. Smith ROCKS

### Donations for NZ Flood Appeal

How to Donate to the NZ Flood Appeal through Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)

- Go to the RAWCS website Home Page
- Click on EXPLORE PROJECTS
- On Page 1 of the projects list, you will see Project No. 60-2022-23: New Zealand Floods (RARF)\*\* Rotary Australia Relief Fund
- Click on 60-2022-23
- Scroll down to click on Donate Now and/or Details
- Follow prompts for payment
- Receipt will be issued for tax deductibility.

# Save the Date

To ensure we maintain our standards in 2023 we need your support along the following lines:

- Lock the date 12th June away now.
- Share the Date Saver attached among your network of friends. In the past many members have taken on the task of organising a table. It won't work that way with a Cocktail Party but please still organise a group if you can. Our target is 120 in attendance.
- Donations for raffles/auctions will be gratefully received. This is a primary avenue to raise money for St Judes on the night. Please let me know what you can do.
- Assist with the staging of the event. We have formed a small organising committee but will still need assistance particularly on the night.

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE HIGH-RISE

### Save the Date: Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> June

Cocktail Party 6.30pm St Lucia Golf Club, Carawa Street St Lucia

\$65 pp inclusive of drinks.



### Gemma Sisia

*Founder, School of St Jude, Tanzania*

**Hear Gemma speak on the amazing St Jude's journey - help launch her new book – and prepare to be inspired by Enoch a St Jude's graduate.**

LIMITED Space – BOOK EARLY - Enquiries BILL on 0418780663

Bill Phillips, [billphillips049@gmail.com](mailto:billphillips049@gmail.com)

## RFDS Light the Lanterns

# LIGHT THE LANTERNS

An RFDS Celebration

**13  
May  
2023**

Royal International Convention Centre (RICC)  
600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills QLD 4006  
6:30PM - 12:00AM  
Enquiries: [events@rfdsqld.com.au](mailto:events@rfdsqld.com.au)



## ATTENTION ALL CLUB MEMBERS

We have upcoming presentation vacancies and are looking for volunteers

**IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT DYLYS ASAP.**



# Announcements

## Raffle



**RAFFLE CONTEST**

**Prize**  
**TANZANITE RING**  
worth \$3,910

- Tanzanite stone donated by the owner of the Cultural Center in Arusha, Tanzania.
- The stone was set in a ring designed and made by Troy McKenzie (contact Troy on troy@mckenzie.com.au)
- Ticket sales are limited.
- Drawn at the St Judes Cocktail Party on 12th June.
- All proceeds from ticket sales will be to the benefit of St Judes.

**TICKET COST**  
**\$20 or 3 for \$50**



## 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>

## Donation Drive



**DONATE READING GLASSES**

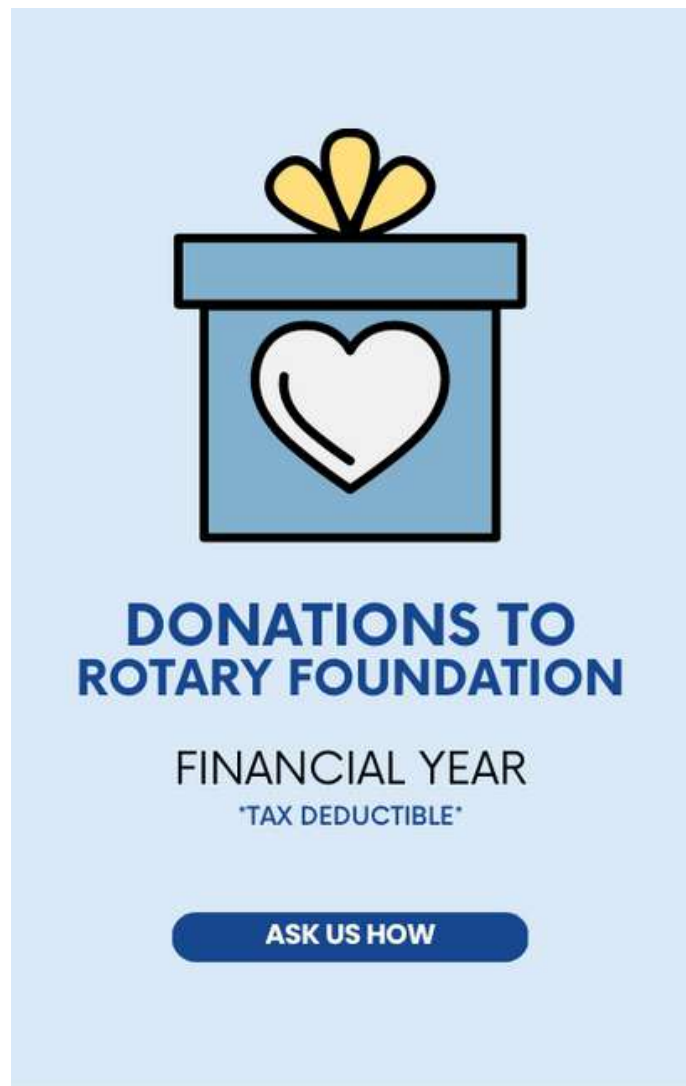
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**We need your support!**

Noela is off on a trip to Tanzania in May to attend the graduation of the Club's sponsor student, Irene. She will be making a detour via Uganda to a little village called Nkuringo. We along with a few other members have been supporting a little school in this village. The glasses will be distributed to people within the village.



## Donations to Rotary Foundation





**DONATIONS TO ROTARY FOUNDATION**

**FINANCIAL YEAR**  
**'TAX DEDUCTIBLE'**

**ASK US HOW**