

FROM THE PRESIDENT - DYLYS BERTELSEN

...Getting into the spirit of a hopeful New Year

For those who may have still been away last week, welcome back to our warm and friendly Rotary High-Rise Club. It was so good to see all the familiar faces gathered again at our Thursday breakfast meeting.

Some of us continued to meet for coffee once a week at Hallowed Ground through the break, just to keep in touch and enjoy the buzz of friendship without the need to do business. And very nice that was, too!

...welcoming some special visitors

First among those was international student Keiko Mishiro who has just arrived back from Japan in time to start her medical studies at UQ next week. Keiko needs no introduction to our lovely river city having completed her secondary schooling at Somerville.

Zanthia is safely home.. So I know you'll be thrilled to welcome her back next Thursday and listen to her recent adventures in the US and Europe.

And joy of joys, much-missed member Loretta was back in fine form. It was so nice to see her happy and smiling again, knowing what a harrowing time

2 PROGRAM/GUEST SPEAKER

01 FEB Zanthia Tillmanns Disability Services in the US

- 08 FEB Catherine Spencer Comboys Foundation
- 15 FEB Nicolas Dunstan RYLA

High-Rise

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she had, following her bike accident last year.

... helping out Aussies who are doing it (very) tough

And far, far too many are still suffering since the floods that ravaged rural properties across the NT, Queensland, NSW and Victoria. And the bad news is that there's more mayhem on its way. You can donate sorely needed financial support through the Australian Rotary Community Services District Appeal Fund <u>here.</u>

... and others in faraway lands

We've had a lovely letter from Irene, our sponsored Scholarship student in Tanzania. Read it <u>here.</u>

... calling for leadership nominations

See yourself as Rotary Director General in 2026-2027? Learn what's involved and how to apply <u>here.</u>

... District Conference Gold Coast

It's not too late to confirm your booking for the Gold Coast District Conference on 8-10th March. I can offer two people space in my car for the round trip. Please call me if you need a lift.

3 ROSTER

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Set Up & Close	Jane A.	Margot B.	Murray B.
Greeter	Margot B.	Murray B.	Greg B.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Rotary Club acknowledges the First Nations people as the original inhabitants of

the land we are on today and honours their Elders

Brisbane

past, present emerging.

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APOLOGIES & GUEST

Notify of attendance, guests and apologies by 5.00pm on Monday prior to the meeting

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DIRECT DEBIT

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

> BSB 084 -034 Account Number 559347857

ROTARY GRACE

For the Fellowship of Rotary we Give our thanks

Last week's Meeting

We had our initial gathering of the year at USC last week, and it was a joy to reconnect with everyone! Gratitude goes to our guest speaker, Jodie Bignall, for her insightful conversation about the International River Foundation organization.



Up and Coming Guest Speakers

Great opportunity to invite guests



Keiko Mishiro has arrived!

We're excited to announce that Keiko Mishiro, our Rotary International Clobal Scholar, has just arrived. She'll be starting her medical studies at UQ next week. Keiko is eager to get involved and attend our meetings whenever her studies allow. Let's make sure she feels welcome!



Join DG Paul & Sue Roger for an exciting weekend at this prestigious Rotary Conference hosted at the renowned SeaWorld Resort.

There are only a limited number of rooms left at Rotary Special Rate.

Once the rooms are gone, they are GONE!



Please purchase your raffle tickets as funds raised will go to Aust Rotary Health, ShelterBox Aust & The Rotary Foundation.

As a special treat for attendees of the Saturday evening Gala Dinner, there are two exciting lucky door prizes.

- A prize voucher for 2 nights' accommodation including breakfast and Sea World entry to 2 Adults and 2 children.
- 4 x daytime passes to Sea World (2 Adults and 2 children).

Act now to secure your spot and take advantage of the limited rooms available at the Rotary Special Rate!

District 9620 Conference 2024



We have now secured as our Guest Speaker Super Coach Wayne Bennett AM.

He is an Australian rugby league coach and former player, currently leading the Dolphins in the NRL. He has coached various teams, including the South Sydney Rabbitohs, Brisbane Broncos, and Australian Kangaroos, and has worked with the Queensland Maroons and England national teams.



Irene's Letter

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DEAR PRESIDENT BERTELSEN AND ALL AT ROTARY OWB

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I hope this finds you well with good health. How are you doing? Are your families doing well? How is the weather condition right now? My family is doing great. It's evicently raining in Arusha and most regions in Tanzania. Please cond my greetings to your friends and families.

I've pound significant impacts during the time I starled my community sense year. I've been using computers to so long bot this time around it's different. I've learn't booking meetings, blocking people's calendars, writing enews letters and many other more things. I am working with two staffs and many other more things. I am working with two staffs and one more volunteer from our class. The staffs are very levely and they teach us alot without being tired.

As for what I aim to achieve during this community sense year, my primary goal is to make a difference in this office. I want to contribute to the growth, improvement and success in fulfilling all the activities an assigned to do.

During the holiclays in December an planing to fully help my mother take care of vegetables, we planted in the hockets. With an aim of improving the production and making a good quality and quantity.

I'd like to wish you a Morry Christmas and a Jayous New year. You support and knowing ement means a world to me. I have you all and keep thinking of

you always there and ways Irene James Malya

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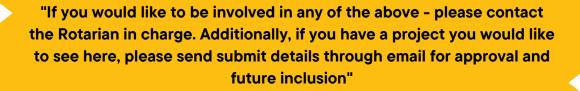
ACTIVITY BOARD

ROTARY BRISBANE HIGH-RISE

Name of the Project	Person Responsible	Type of Activity	Date of Involvement
<u>St Jude's School of</u> <u>Tanzania</u>	Bill Philips	All involvement welcomed	
<u>Mamba School</u>	Bill Philips	Currently constructing netball courts; upgrade of the teacher accommodation about to start.	
Rotary Art Show	Bill Philips	Organising committee now formed to offer any support - see Bill	
<u>Pride of Workmanship</u>	Rosemary Meadows	Recommendations for outstanding service in our community	January 1, 2024

OTHER COMMUNITY PROJECTS WITH ROTARIANS

Name of the Project	Person Responsible	Type of Activity	Date of Involvement
<u>Ride West</u>	Russell Postle	Inviting participants and looking for sponsorship funds	April 1, 2024
Maheno School 150 year celebration	Russell Postle	Expressions Of Interest for 2025 trip	



Rotary Down Under

International Toasts

OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:



The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;



High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society



The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

involve delivering over 100,000 pounds of vegetables to 23 distribution sites in

to

Today we toast the Rotary

every Tuesday.

expanded

Hamburg. The club meets at 7:00 PM

Earl Knauss, a member of the Rotary

Club, addressed food waste by collecting misshapen red peppers discarded by a

farm and distributing them to food pantries. The Farm to Family project, adopted by the club in 2018, has

Club

farms.

three

2022. One beneficiary, the Resurrection Cheektowaga, Life Food Pantry in emphasizes the program's crucial role in providing fresh vegetables for their clients.

Announcements

Project Penny



2024 Rotary Subscriptions

REMINDER!

2024 Rotary Subscription Fees are now due and payable

For further details see the email from Angela on 5th January 2024 or reach out.

Announcements

Board Members 2023 - 2024

Food for Thoughts

Board Members 2023–2024

PRESIDENT	DYLYS BERTELSEN
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"Whenever you are creating beauty around you, you are restoring your own soul."

ALICE WALKER