



**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

**Rotary**



Brisbane High-Rise

# HOT AIR

14 MAR 2024 | WATER AND SANITATION



## 1 INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Rotary Club of Colombo North



(details on page 5)

## FROM THE PRESIDENT - DYLYS BERTELSEN

### ... it starts with a pride in workmanship

And that's exactly where we were at last Thursday's breakfast ... recognising with awe the extraordinary efforts made by the finalists in our Rotary Pride of Workmanship Awards - see below:

- The Team at TOMRA Salisbury
- Braille House - Queensland Braille Writing Association
- Kim Hill, Customer Experience Manager at CPI
- Fiona Glynn and team at VIA Vai
- Lyn York - Yoga Teacher Chi Gung
- Dacha Hanyurapong at Wicked Corner Cafe

The Pride of Workmanship Award acknowledges employees who are nominated as individuals and teams who display outstanding qualities in terms of approach, attitude, dedication and commitment to the job.

There was a great roll-up in support of the contenders. I found it such a joy to see so many fresh faces and have a (small) chance to get to know so many new people. I really hope that - having had a little look into what we do - some of these high achievers will now consider becoming members of Brisbane High-Rise. They'd be welcomed with open arms.

### ... backed by scrupulous governance

By the time you read this in Hot Air, the Board Meeting (11 Mar) will have taken place. Look out for a brief rundown of outcomes in next week's e-publication.

Also on the card for next week's edition will be a short

report on the Rotary Conference which - as you know - will grace the Gold Coast this weekend.

### ...finding strength in numbers

Gareth Thomas, President of Balmoral Rotary has advised that his Club will be amalgamating with Woolloongabba and River City as of 30 June 2024. There'll be a function (details TBA) to celebrate the achievements of Balmoral Rotary Club throughout its 50 years of existence. So, watch this space!

### ... raising funds in appealing ways

This week's breakfast will be - in part - a gentle ask for the School of St Judes that we are so happy to support. Gemma will present a fascinating catchup of what's been happening there. So, please feel very welcome to bring family and friends (let us know in advance how many!) for a lovely convivial breakfast and a little bit of fun fundraising.

Breakfast will begin promptly at 7.15 instead of the usual 7.30, so arriving prior to 7am will be a very good move.

### ...an update from Hugh

Please click [here](#) to read about Hugh's latest adventures.

And to close, I want to say a big thank you to Cindy who does such a wonderful job with producing Hot Air. Week in, week out, it's a demanding role and she does it with such tireless dedication. We appreciate your hard work, Cindy.

## 2 PROGRAM/GUEST SPEAKER

**14 MAR Gemma Sisia**  
Updates on St Jude's

**21 MAR Kellie McGowan**  
Qld Digital Licences - What are they all about?

**28 MAR Chris Baker**  
Keeping the lights on in a renewable energy grid

## 3 ROSTER

| ROSTER         | 14 MAR   | 21 MAR   | 28 MAR      |
|----------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Set Up & Close | Tom D.   | Robyn D. | Gary D.     |
| Greeter        | Robyn D. | Gary D.  | Jennifer E. |

### 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 5.00pm on Monday prior to the meeting

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### ROTARY GRACE

For the  
Fellowship of  
Rotary we Give  
our thanks

# Rotary Pride of Workmanship Awards

Last week, we were filled with delight as we celebrated the esteemed Rotary Pride of Workmanship Awards. It was an absolute pleasure to recognize and applaud the exceptional individuals for their outstanding contributions, remarkable attitude, and unwavering dedication. Congratulations to each and every one of you on this well-deserved honor!



# Rotary Pride of Workmanship Awards



# District 9620 Conference 2024

The 2024 District Conference was a delightful occasion where our cherished Rotarians came together in a picturesque setting, fostering camaraderie and forging connections with fellow members. It was a time filled with laughter, learning, and shared experiences.



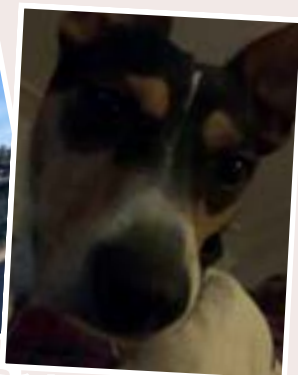
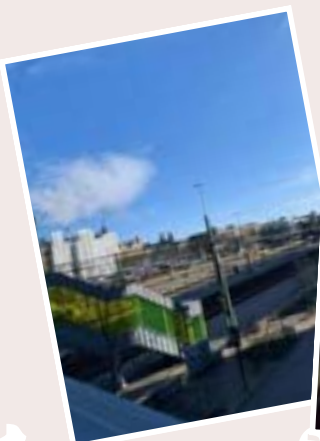
# District 9620 Conference 2024



## Monthly update from Hugh

Dear BHR Rotary Club.

Winter is slowly ending in Denmark and there is no more snow and the temperature is getting (slightly) warmer. All the Danes are looking forward to summer and after only being here for almost 2 months, so am I. Since my last update I have been to Sweden with my host family for 5 days where we had a nice relaxing holiday in Lund looking at museums and art galleries while scoping out the Swedish dining scene. After my return to school the following week I attended my first Gymnasium Party which was held at the school. My school life is pretty tough as I still can't understand what is being said but I try to pick out words that I know. Despite this I think my Danish is coming along slowly and I can definitely feel myself being able to read and say more and more (Danish spoken at normal speed sounds like a different language so I haven't mastered interpreting spoken Danish yet). Mentally I think I am doing fine, of course it's not fun to be sitting in class all day as the one person who can't speak Danish but so long as I take that frustration out in the Gym after school, I can handle it. I'm having a really great time and am really enjoying the challenge, look forward to updating you all in a months time.



Left: Photo of Lund Central Station after I went on a 2 hour walk around town

Right: My first host family's dog, Brownie

Unfortunately, I haven't inherited my mum's photo taking obsession, but I will try my best to have some more interesting photos next month.

# Up and Coming Guest Speakers



The School  
of St Jude

## Gemma Sisia

Founder at The School of St Jude

Gemma Sisia AM, the visionary behind The School of St Jude, has transformed the lives of over 1,800 underprivileged students in Tanzania by providing them with a free, top-tier education. From humble beginnings with just three students and one volunteer teacher in 2002, St Jude's has flourished into a renowned educational institution, consistently ranking among the top 5% in the nation. Alongside her husband Richard, Gemma also manages Safaris-R-U, a thriving safari company, further enriching their impact in the Arusha region.



## Rotary Down Under



### 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:*

- 1** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- 2** 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
- 3** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;
- 4** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## International Toasts



Today we toast the Rotary Club of Colombo North. The club meets at 12:30 PM every Tuesday.

For almost five decades, young Sri Lankan actors, backed by Rotarians, have taken part in the All Island Inter-School Shakespeare Drama Competition, known as the "Shakes." Last year's event, organized by the Rotary Club of Colombo North and the Colombo YMCA, featured over 1,000 students performing scenes judged on acting, direction, teamwork, and effects.

# Announcements

## Rotary District 9620 Photo Competition



**ROTARY DISTRICT 9620 PHOTO CONTEST**

Show your photography skill & win prizes

**"ACTION SHOTS" YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT.**

**ENTRIES MUST BE THE ORIGINAL WORK OF THE ENTRANT.**

To send your entries, please visit our site:  
<https://photocomp.rotary9620.org/>

**GIVE US YOUR BEST SHOT!**  
LET'S JOIN THE CONTEST

## A Polio Dinner Event



**ROTARY KINROSS CLUSTER**

**A Polio Dinner Event**

**TUESDAY | 9TH APRIL**

**Time: 5:45 for 6:15 START**  
**Place: 431 Curtin Avenue West, Eagle Farm QLD 4009**

**COST: \$50.00/ PERSON**  
**RSVP: 2nd April to (0419389804)**  
**bruce@brucecmnaught.com**  
**Smart Casual (No Jeans)**

**END POLIO NOW**

## RARE



Rotary Australian Districts **RAWCS** WE BACK UPING-GOOD

**Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment (RARE)**

Brisbane High-Rise opportunity to volunteer!  
Talk to Steve Knight for more details and to assist.

6th April 2024 | Saturday

## Ride West Fundraiser Raffle



**RIDE WEST BIKE RAFFLE**

Win a Custom Painted Ride West Chapter2 Bike

**FRIDAY DRAW DATE: 26 APRIL 2024**

**TICKET \$100**

**BIKE SPECIFICATIONS**

- ❖ Chapter2 TOA
- ❖ MANA2 Carbon Bars
- ❖ Shimano Ultegra Di2
- ❖ Zipp 3035 Carbon Wheels
- ❖ Fizik Saddle
- ❖ Custom paint design

**WINNER GETS TO SELECT, FRAME SIZE, HANDLEBAR WIDTH, STEM LENGTH & CRANK LENGTH**

Text "RideWestBike" to 8420677164 for details on ticket purchasing

**MORE DETAILS HERE**

## Beauty and the Beast in Theatre

**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**  
premieres in Brisbane for the first time!



LYRIC THEATRE, QUEENSLAND  
PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE (QPAC)

18 APRIL 2024  
Tickets and details see Susan Rix - opportunity to have a meal together before the performance.

Feel free to invite families and friends!

**\$95/ Ticket**

<https://www.qpac.com.au/newsroom/2024/beauty-and-the-beast-1>

## Bryce Davies - Funrun

**60KMS FOR 60 YEARS**  
**BRYCE DAVIES**  
VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO WELCOME!

**MAY 4TH**  
**2024**

**REGISTER HERE**  
<https://abcd.fillout.com/bryces60k>




## Cocktail Fundraising Gala



You are invited to


*an evening of*  
**Brushing Kindness**  
a cocktail fundraising gala

**MAY 18** 6:30PM  
**THE PORT OFFICE HOTEL**  
Dress Code: Cocktail Attire

*in support of*  
**Habitat for Humanity Australia**

**Rotaract**  
Club of Brisbane Rivercity

## Rotary Nomads Changeover Muster 2024



**Rotary**  
Nomads

**ROTARY**  
**NOMADS**

**CHANGEOVER MUSTER 2024**  
**19 JUNE 2024 | 6:30 PM**

Changeover Muster week at Moore Park Beach near Bundaberg from Monday 17 June to Monday 24 June, 2024.

**Invitations will be available soon!**

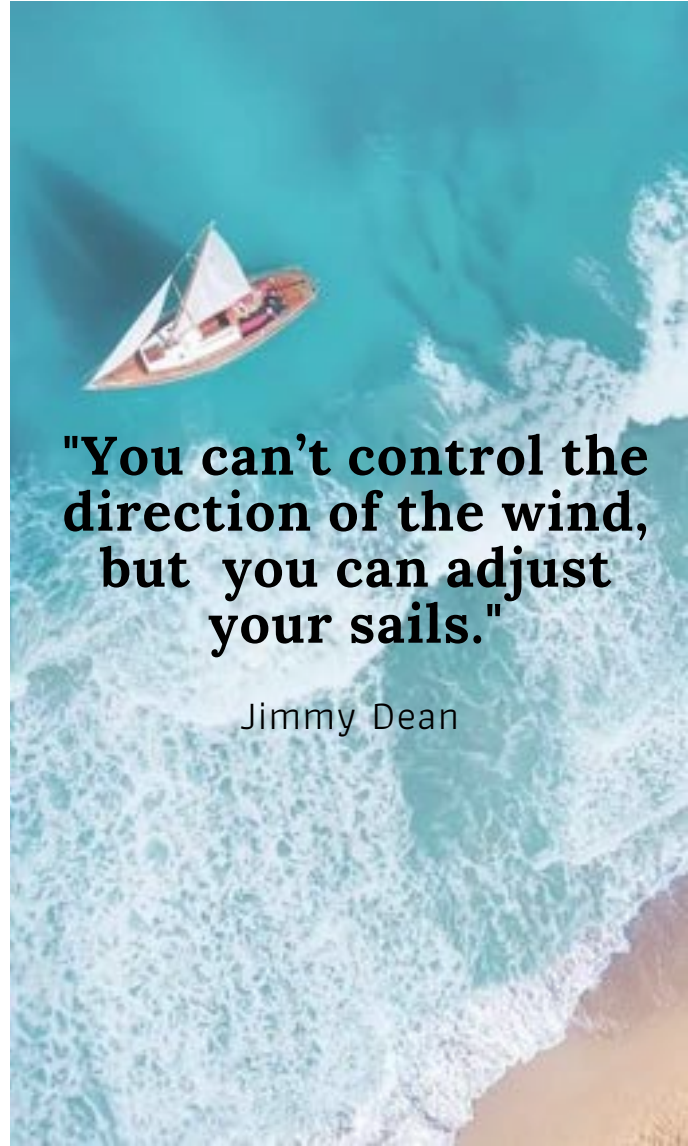
Book at the Moore Park Beach Caravan Park and mention that you are with Rotary Nomads.

## Board Members 2023 - 2024

### Board Members 2023–2024

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| PRESIDENT                   | DYLYS BERTELSEN  |
| PRESIDENT ELECT             | JANE ANDERSON    |
| SECRETARY                   | ANGELA TILLMANNS |
| MAJOR PROJECTS DIRECTOR     | BILL PHILLIPS    |
| COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR     | CINDY KEMP       |
| YOUTH DIRECTOR              | GREG BEARD       |
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| SPEAKERS PROGRAMME DIRECTOR | SUSAN RIX        |
| FOUNDATION DIRECTOR         | WENDY PROTHEROE  |
| FELLOWSHIP                  | ROBYN DRAKE      |

## Food for Thoughts



**"You can't control the  
direction of the wind,  
but you can adjust  
your sails."**

Jimmy Dean