



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

Rotary



Brisbane High-Rise

HOT AIR

7 MAR 2024 | WATER AND SANITATION



1 INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Rotary Club of Halifax



(details on page 5)

FROM THE PRESIDENT - DYLYS BERTELSEN

... it starts with family, near

Sincere apologies that I wasn't at the Thursday meeting on 29 February. As many of my Rotary friends know, my Mum has passed the venerable age of 90 now. So, I'm taking every chance I can to spend quality time with her.

Last week we had a rare opportunity to go on a very short sea cruise. Beautiful weather; fresh air; sea breezes, lovely food - and more. What's not to enjoy? Well, Mum certainly did - and the short break appears to have done her the world of good.

Thank you so much to Russell who held the fort in my absence, including running what I'm told was "an excellent Thursday breakfast", which included an inspiring speech on 'Ride West' from Alex!

I'll gain on the emails that piled up in my absence and catch you up with the news next week.

... and far

We had a lovely email from Hugh who - as you know - is our Exchange Student who left for a year's study in Denmark recently. Here's part of what he had to say.

"I had three days to settle in before I went to Gymnasium (Danish equivalent of High School) and was surprised how comfortable I became in this new environment. I am living in a town called Faxe which is 40 minutes south of Copenhagen, where I have been a couple of times.

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to everyone speaking English to a reasonable extent. I have made a good group of friends who are more than happy to speak English to me, though I'm aware this will wear off in the weeks to come. As for the language... I'm getting there.

Tomorrow, I will be going to Lund in Sweden for 5 days with my host family. I've self-imposed a rule that I can't speak English at all during the trip so Google Translate is going to be my best friend for the next 4 nights."

Read Hugh's charming letter in full and see the photos [here](#).

... getting together in many ways

The always-fascinating Pride of Workmanship Presentation will be held this Thursday 7th March. Looking forward to a great turnout for that one. Don't forget to bring your raffle prizes for the following week's breakfast when Gemma Sisia visits.

Then a BBQ on Friday 8th will celebrate the start of our Rotary District Conference 2024 at Seaworld, Gold Coast. The Conference continues from Saturday 9 March into Sunday. I'm really looking forward to getting together with many of you and some old friends - at that very special gathering.

...and news from the DG

Please click [here](#) to read the latest news from the District Governor Paul Roger.

2 PROGRAM/GUEST SPEAKER

7 MAR **Pride of Workmanship Awards Presentations**

Please arrive early

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

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

3 ROSTER

ROSTER	7 MAR	14 MAR	21 MAR
Set Up & Close	David B.	Tom D.	Robyn D.
Greeter	Tom D.	Robyn D.	Gary D.

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

Last week's meeting

Last week, our breakfast meeting with guest speaker Alex highlighted RIDE West's commitment to raising awareness and destigmatizing mental health. It was inspiring to see their dedication to making a difference, and we're eager to support their efforts moving forward.



Noela and Yvonne visit Riverview State School

Riverview State School sits just off the Brisbane - Ipswich Highway, 31km west of our USC meetings in our backyard. It's a small school with around 260 multicultural students with many facing challenges we only hear or read about. Through their amazing Headmistress, Yvette Philips (yes our very own Bill's daughter) Noela and I have come to understand a few of these challenges that the children face on a daily basis one of which is no lunch. Noela and I put our culinary skills to good use and made a bucket load of cheese sandwiches to help feed these little darlings.



I have also included a note from the forever joyful Sonja Morrissey, the Community Hub Leader. This will give just a snapshot of this issue facing the children at the school.

We have packed 52 full lunch boxes. These are requests by the parents to the Community Hub Leader, include a sandwich, 2 pieces of fruits, a muesli bar and a packet of popcorn.

"The Riverview Lunch Program

Any Riverview state School we offer a Lunch Program to our students. We have a no questions asked policy and every student is welcome to come and grab a sandwich. The sandwiches are provided by a variety of sources including Eat Up YMCA and though the school purchasing bread and the staff making them. The goal of the program was to illuminate the barriers for children attending school. We identified that there new some students not attending when there was insufficient food in the household to supply them with lunch. Our policy of not asking questions came about to assist in removing the stigma and shame around not having food. It has been very successful.

Evidence that it works.

A family struggling with attendance last year was contacted by the social worker and Hub Leader prior to school starting. After a discussion it was identified that the reason for non attendance was food insecurity. The father works as a labourer and his work was infrequent. The Hub Leader arranged for a food hamper to be delivered to the family weekly and their children received lunches. The children have attended school every day since."

Year To Date

From the first day of school we have provided 450 sandwiches for students, 14 days.

Noela and I are heading out to the school again early next week (TBA), if there is anyone who would like to join us to check the school out for themselves and perhaps help fill some little tummies, please email or call. If all you do is smile at, or cuddle a child, you've already made a difference.



See you soon!



Hello,
I am so happy to be back in Queensland as part of our tour in 2024!

13th March: Church of the Twelve Apostles Hall - Jindalee

14th March: United Services Club - Spring Hill Brisbane

Coming with me are two wonderful alumni from St Jude's, Winnie and Suleiman. The pair have a combined period of almost 20 years at St Jude's and now flourishing in their careers.

[More information here](#)

This year, after over 20 years of dreaming, our impact is tangible. Through the inspiring stories of Suleiman and Winnie, witness the results of hard work and passion—proof that dreams have become reality!

Suleiman will be sharing his inspiring journey to achieve his life-long dream of becoming a doctor, whilst Winnie is a full-circle story, who after completing her degree has returned to work with us here at St Jude's.

Join us at one of our events in Queensland below. Everybody is welcome so feel free to share and bring a friend!

I understand this is usually a busy time of the year, so it would mean the world to us if you can spare a few hours of your day to join us!

9th March: Rotary District 9620 Conference 2024, SeaWorld Resort - Gold Coast

Thank you very much for your support and I'm looking forward to seeing you soon.

10th March: Brisbane West Uniting Church - Moggill

With thanks,
Gemma

12th March: Brisbane Taylor Bridge Rotary, Arvier Residence - Graceville

Mamba School

We're excited to announce that the refurbishment of the teachers' accommodations is almost finished, and we can't wait to share the results with everyone. It's been an incredible journey, and we're thrilled to see the project nearing its completion. Stay tuned for updates.



Letter from Hugh

Dear BHR Rotary Club

Today is the 20th of February and as of tomorrow, I will have been in Denmark for one month, I can hardly believe the time has moved so quickly. After my arrival, I had three days to settle in before I went to Gymnasium (Danish equivalent of High School).

In these three days I was surprised as to how comfortable I became in this new environment as I slowly got to know my host family better and got used to the weather. I am living in a town called Faxe which is 40 minutes south of Copenhagen, where I have been a couple of times with friends/host parents and have been to most of the attractions around town.

Starting at the Gymnasium was a smooth process thanks to everyone speaking English to a reasonable extent. I'm currently in my week-long winter vacation and looking back on my first 4 weeks at Gymnasium, I have made a good group of friends who are more than happy to speak English to me, though I'm fully aware this will wear off in the weeks to come.

As for the language... I'm getting there. Progress is slow but I keep speaking as much Danish as possible and I can feel myself getting familiar with the basics. Tomorrow, I will celebrate my first month in Denmark by going to Lund in Sweden for 5 days with my host family, I've self-imposed a rule that I can't speak English at all during the trip so google translate is going to be my best friend for the next 4 nights.

Overall, I've settled down here and am starting to put almost all my focus into learning Danish while trying to maintain somewhat of a social life outside the house.

Cheers,
Hugh



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 Halifax. The club meets at 12:30 PM every Wednesday.

The Rotary Club of Halifax constructed a scenic overlook on the historic Magna Via, featuring illustrated panels of landmarks and QR codes linking to descriptions. The \$25,000 project, dedicated in late June, was funded by sponsors and individual donors, including Ken Robertshaw who donated in honor of his late wife, Pauline. The Town Council agreed to maintain the overlook, marking it as a fitting tribute to the town's rich heritage.

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

March 14 St Jude's Breakfast

RAFFLE DONATIONS

WE ARE ASKING RAFFLE PRIZES TO BE DONATED FOR THE EVENT ON THE 29TH & 7TH MEETING

MARCH 14, 2024
ST JUDES BREAKFAST

MEETING STARTS AT 7:15AM

Visitors may use the council car park on the corner of Wickham Terrace and Edward streets

RARE

Ride West Fundraiser Raffle



Rotary Australian Districts | RAWCS WE BACK TO YOU 00007

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 BIKE RAFFLE

Win a Custom Painted Ride West Chapter2 Bike

FRIDAY
DRAW DATE:
26 APRIL 2024



BIKE SPECIFICATIONS

- ❖ Chapter2 TOA
- ❖ MANA2 Carbon Bars
- ❖ Shimano Ultegra Di2
- ❖ Zipp 303S Carbon Wheels
- ❖ Fizik Saddle
- ❖ Custom paint design

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



Text "RideWestBike" to 0420077164 for details on ticket purchasing

MORE DETAILS HERE

A Polio Dinner Event

Beauty and the Beast in Theatre



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@brucemcnaught.com
Smart Casual (No Jeans)



END POLIO NOW



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

premieres in Brisbane for the first time!



LYRIC THEATRE, QUEENSLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE (QPAC)

18 APRIL 2024
We can meet beforehand and have a meal at the forecourt together.

Feel free to invite families and friends!



<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

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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

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