

## 2005-06 Annual Report of the Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

I would like to thank all club members for their contribution in what has been a productive and exciting chapter in the history of our club. Below is a summary of this year's highlights:

### Art Spectacular

In conjunction with Hamilton and Stones' Corner Clubs, we hosted the annual Art Spectacular at the Riverside Centre and donated \$9,000 of our discretionary funds to ROMAC.

### Club

We now have a fully functioning web site, an information notice board at our meetings and a comprehensive club history of our club and our very own wine label. Throughout the year we have had some excellent speakers and presenters. Some of these include: Lisa Millar (ABC Foreign Correspondent), Peter Dare (Mason at St John's Cathedral), Steve Killalea (QANTAS) and Paul Toon (APFS).

### Membership

Throughout the year we inducted 8 new members into the club: Greg Pearson, Robyn Edward, Ross Garling, Michael Ryall, Elena Gosse, John Ker and Mark Lateo. The net increase in membership is almost 11%, well above the District average.

### Vocational visits

We have had memorable vocational visits to St John's Cathedral, City Hall, Ipswich Rail Museum, BDO (intellectual Property), Albert Park Flexi-school, and Royal Children's Hospital. Six awardees were recognised for their Pride of Workmanship.

### International

Rotary Foundation money boxes raised significant funds towards the Rotary Foundation. We hosted the Group Study Exchange team from Taiwan for a week.

### New Generations

We have successfully nominated Michael Trotter as our club's outbound exchange student. Inbound, Jonna Swahn a 17 year old female from Eksjo in Sweden will arrive in July. We have built closer ties with Albert Park Flexi-school. Our club sponsored four students to this year's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards seminar and three attendees at the Siemen's Summer School. A significant number of club members received their Blue Card

### Community

Our club was involved and participated in the Noah's Ark Fun Run, Juvenile Diabetes 'Walk for a Cure', Smith Family Appeal, Red Shield Appeal, and Clean Up Australia. In addition, we coordinated a visit to the blood bank visit. We donated \$4,000 to HART 4000 to assist with homeless people in the Inner City.

### Outgoing Board of Directors

I would like to thank the outgoing board: Brett Mitchell (Secretary), Daryl Wright (Treasurer), Gordana Blazevic (Club Service), Joy Cooper (New Generations), James Goodman (International Service), PP Jennifer Eathorne (Community Service), Steve Knight (Vocational Service), PP Ron Mullins (Membership) and Lindsay Marshall (Sergeant-at-arms) for their leadership throughout the year.

I welcome the incoming board, led by President-elect Gordana Blazevic, and wish them a successful 2006/7 year.



Tim Baker  
President

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