



# ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE HIGH-RISE

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**6 September 2007**

### Steve's Spam

Last meeting the club had a spirited discussion regarding the future arrangements for the Art Show. This interaction showed a great passion from the membership about the future of the event and in particular a desire to have a more detailed exploration of the issues at an occasion where more time could be allocated to hear member's views. This week's meeting has therefore been rescheduled to a Club Assembly to allow further debate on the various issues surrounding the proposed change in direction.

Our club's involvement in the Art Show has been in place for many years and is an informal alliance between ourselves and partners Stones Corner and Hamilton Clubs. Our involvement came about from Stones Corner, the founders of the event, wishing to create a more upmarket show through access to CBD corporate sponsorship and sales.

The event subsequently has been run on a year by year basis with participating clubs being invited or not being invited, as in the case of Brisbane Club, by Stones Corner Club to continue with the event relationship. The participating clubs have therefore had an annual commitment only between both themselves and the benefiting charitable organisations. In the case of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund a longer three year commitment was made but this was essentially covered by the majority of funds being delivered in the initial year.

The success of the Art Show is driven by a need on a reasonably regular basis to consider the format and future development such that the event does not become stale. Review by club representatives after this year's event has initiated a desire for change to create a larger outcome for both Rotary and the supported charities. A number of organisational changes have also occurred at the completion of last year's event which has created a situation where the event can set a new direction. In particular the chairman, John Monson, has decided to step down from the position although still maintaining an involvement on the committee and the driving force at Drug Arm, Ray Crompton has retired.

In conjunction with our partners, the club is considering a number of important changes to create a more significant event as follows:  
Appointment of a new chair  
Upgrade of the launch and interaction with sponsors

Commitment to a three year relationship  
Review of existing charity and associated support arrangements

I would commend all members to participate in this discussion but caution that a decision needs to be made to continue our involvement in the event. The show has been and still is our major source of funds for community involvement and although planning for alternatives is being undertaken the Art show is a proven performer.

Our guest speaker for last meeting was Dr Jane Thomason. Jane discussed her involvement in overseas health management issues and highlighted the plight in a number of Australia's near neighbours. In particular her presentation focused on the impacts of the recent tsunami in Indonesia which killed many of the local health professions and has left these communities without even basic medical support.

*President Steve*

### Upcoming Speakers

6 Sept Bev Ryan Editor & Publisher of Honestly Woman Magazine

### Upcoming Events

19 Sept APFS end of semester lunch and presentation of bursaries (10 – 1pm)  
20 Sept Ladies morning tea monthly fellowship

### Birthdays & Anniversaries August

Birthday: Kay Ker 31 Aug, Mary White 4 Sept, John Ker 5 Sept, Marie Breene 6Sept, Donelle Lockie 9 Sept, Sharyn Gough (Mike's partner) 10 Sept, Annette Settle 14 Sept, Lindsay Marshall 19 Sept, Diana Girle 28 Sept, Bill Phillips 29 Sept  
Wedding Anniversary Chris & Derek Warren 1 Sept

### Announcements

#### CRUISE FOR A CAUSE

Why not come along on Saturday, 29 September 2007, for a ghost tour of the notorious penal colony of St Helena? You will enjoy an evening of good company, delicious food and a unique trip back in time. And you will be helping raise much needed funds for a worthwhile cause – Australia's CEO Challenge-workplace partners against domestic violence.

Ghost tour departs Manly Harbour at 7pm and costs \$90. This includes tour, buffet dinner, dramtised tour and National Park fees.

For more info or registration please contact Gordana 0412 543 813 or [gordana@blazeconsulting.com.au](mailto:gordana@blazeconsulting.com.au)

### CYSTIC FIBROSIS FUNDRAISING LUNCH

I am organising a Table for the Cystic Fibrosis Fundraising lunch on 12th October. The lunch is at the Sofitel at 12.00pm and the cost is \$95.00 per head. Just thought it might be a good opportunity to catch up and it is an excellent fund raiser. If you are able to attend, please let me know.

Contact Susan Rix 3237 5776 or [susan.rix@bdo.com.au](mailto:susan.rix@bdo.com.au)



### 5 weeks to go

Sunday 14 October, 9:00am Victoria Park, Herston

The walk raises money for research into the cure for diabetes in three ways:

Corporate Teams, Family Teams or Sponsorship

To participate: 1300 363 126 or register online: [www.jdrf.org.au/walk](http://www.jdrf.org.au/walk) and to get access to a range of fund raising tools and information

We have supported this worthy cause for many years now and usually assist with setup, marshalling, and water stations. It's all over by lunch time and our contribution really does help.

We will need to be there early - probably 7am.

I'll let you know more as we get closer to the date.

### Highlight of the Week

Lawrence Chew and Bern Igoche are so passionate about the [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards \(RYLA\)](#) program that after participating in the 2006 International RYLA in Helsingborg, Sweden, they decided to return to the event this year — as Rotarians.

"Last year's program had 124 participants from 25 countries," says Chew, 27, a member of the Rotary Club

of Richmond Sunrise, British Columbia, Canada. "That blew my mind."

Each year, Rotary clubs and districts nominate local RYLA alumni to attend the [International RYLA](#). Chew and Igoche served as counselors at the 2007 event, which was held in June in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, before the RI Convention. Longtime members of the family of Rotary, the two Rotarians have been Interactors and Rotaractors, as well as district-level RYLA participants and counselors.

"I am proud of my involvement with Rotary and the chance to continue contributing as a RYLA counselor," says Igoche, 30, who believes the RYLA experience benefits not only participants but also the people they encounter throughout their lives.

"They return to their countries intent on cooperating with their district Rotary clubs to carry out service projects for their communities, country, and even the world," says Igoche, of the Rotary Club of Makurdi, Benue State, Nigeria.

Both men agree that RYLA also helps build awareness of Rotary. By inviting young people to RYLA events, especially those without a connection to the organization, Rotarians are promoting Rotary's good works to the next generation.

"The next time they see the Rotary logo or hear Rotary mentioned, they're likely to think, 'Hey, I went to a program run by that organization.' So, even if they don't join Rotary, they have a good opinion of Rotary and what it does," Chew says.

### Club Statistics

#### Attendance for 30/8/07:

Number of Members:

Number of Guests:

Attendance Percentage: %

Please advise makeups to Jennifer Eathorne ([jceathorne@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jceathorne@ozemail.com.au))

### Duty Roster

Position	September 6	September 13	September 20	27 September
Chairman	Daryl W	Mike W	Karen A	John A
Set Up	Mike W	Karen A	John A	Tim B
Set Up	Karen A	John A	Tim B	Tyson B
Close Down	John A	Tim B	Tyson B	Colin B
Close Down	Tim B	Tyson B	Colin B	Jacque B

### Rotary Grace

O Lord and giver of all good, we thank you for our daily food.  
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways help us to serve you all our days.

### International Toast

The Rotary Club of Noosa (District 9600) meets on Monday at 1830 at Tewanin-Noosa RSL & Citizens Memorial Club

### Apologies and Visitor Notification

Please notify Ros Harris (email : [oceanwave102@primusononline.com.au](mailto:oceanwave102@primusononline.com.au))

