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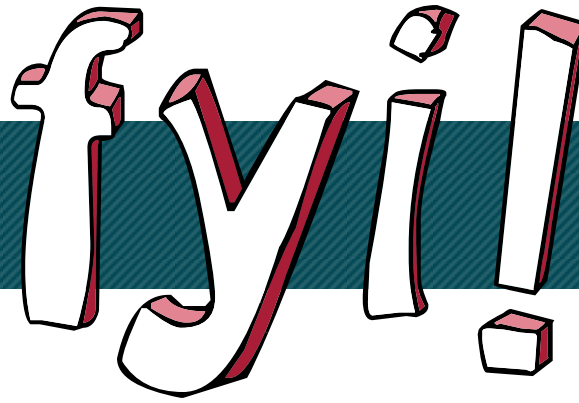
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Our Meetings

- We meet three Thursdays in the month, at the Queens Hotel
- Come for a drink and a chat at 5:45pm, for a 6pm start
- An open invitation to newcomers! Perhaps come for drinks, Fridays of weeks we don't meet?
- Bring a friend, e-mail us prior, or just make yourself known on the night.
- We'll do our best to make you feel welcome.



A Piece from Madame President



As Mat handed over the reins to me at our handover dinner at Dicey's, I asked myself, have I bitten off more than I can chew?

There was no rest for me, as we started prep work for our annual Oktoberfest. This is our biggest event and we are hoping to raise over \$10,000 to give to local charities. This year, it will be on Saturday 2nd October at the race course. I am very excited and nervous as it fast approaches us.

There is so much going on this year that I am glad to have a fantastic team behind me. Without the support of each and every member, in their own little way, we will not be able to do the things we have done or plan to do. For this, I thank them.

In the future we will be celebrating the Rotaract Club of Gladstone's 40th anniversary on May 28th, 2011. Wow, what a milestone. I'm excited about catching up with old members, and discussing what the Club has done and what the Club is doing for the future.

The ball is being revamped for next year. We're hoping to step it up a notch or two. We have big things planned, and I'm looking forward to it all coming together.

We have planned a few smaller fundraisers throughout the year to help keep us busy, and many social activities to help with the fundraising. For example, we had dinner at Rocksalt recently, and it was a very relaxed, comfortable time.

I have no doubt in my mind that the Rotaract Club of Gladstone will have a very successful year, thanks to the fresh ideas from our new members, and the wisdom and experience from our existing team.

Until next time, cheers ☺

Mel Wills

Scavenger Hunt report

Editor's note: Past Pres Mat Williams did a fantastic job organising our social event, an urban rally, on September 5th. Thanks for the great effort Mat, and for his report, which follows.



The lead up was for a very promising roll-up of both Rotaractors and non-members (hopes were for these non-members to also include future Rotaractors). Initial interest was for a good range of teams to be attending.

The quest/challenge/questions were all organised, and I had even ridden around to check that all the landmarks were there - lucky I did this. One question that had to be cut was about the QAL lookout; a few days before the lookout had been closed, and the sign removed for renovations.

Chris, aka Batman, was in charge of the beer, and President Mel had the BBQ all under control, so everything was in order...No-one organised the weather, and put the order in for a fine sunny day!

Unfortunately, the weather put a dampener on the day, and kept some of



What's Rotaract?

- An international service and social club for people aged 18-30.
- We're supported by Rotary International, and its 6 clubs in the Gladstone region.
- Our motto: "Fellowship through Service".
- Rotaract has no political or religious affiliation. We are also not nerds.
- We do not operate for profit, but there are heaps of non-financial rewards.

Why get involved?

- Make friends, and develop your personal skills.
- Build lasting personal and professional networks.
- Make a difference in our community, especially if you think there's nothing to do around town.
- In a nutshell, we're about fellowship and fun through social activities, fundraising and volunteering to benefit the community.

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the teams at home, snuggled up under a doona. But regardless of this, there were enough hardy Scavengers to make for a fun Sunday hunt.

Team Menz (a full non-member team, with one potential member that I am still working on), Team Triple Trouble (aka the Neary Triplets), and Team Gotham (Batman, Robin and offsider) rounded out the contestants. The spoils very pretty evenly shared between the teams, with the overall victory going to Team Menz.

The BBQ was a great beacon to bring the scavenger hunters' morning to a close, and in the face of constant drizzle Dave and Mel did a great job to make a worthy lunch for the hunters.

Despite the accident at the start of the morning—Robin overturned the Esky in the carpark—the beers added to the BBQ. I'm not sure if I will change my beer allegiances to Buddha beer, but it was good to try.

Next time, we will need to have someone organise the weather better!

Gladstone Home Show



The Gladstone News Weekly Home Show was held on the 8th August, and Rotaract members helped out on the day by manning the door. Our help was greatly appreciated, and Liz Rye from Gladstone

news was very, very grateful for us volunteering our help on the day.

The day was huge, with people showing up at least an hour early! Melissa Williams and Mel Wills had to turn them away from the front entrance until show -time!

It was also a great way for us to promote Oktoberfest, as we had 'Save the Date' cards to hand to people as they came through the door.

All in all, a good day was had by everyone who was able to attend, and thanks again to the Rotaractors who made it down to the PCYC on the day.

Melissa Williams

Sex in the City 2 Premiere



Our club was pleased to host a special Sex And The City 2 event at Gladstone Cinema's Gold Room in June 2010.

The event was very popular with tickets selling out within a few weeks.

30 guests were treated to a glass of champagne on arrival and nibbles – it was great to see local ladies enjoying themselves and meeting new people.

The movie was excellent and well worth the wait.

Funds raised went towards a donation for two local ladies travelling overseas mid 2010 to assist in orphanages within Asia.

Given the success of this movie night, we will be looking to host another night in the near future.

Thanks to all the ladies who supported our event and made it a very special evening!

Alicia Williams

Relay for Life

While Relay for Life might have been brought forward this year, giving teams like us a little less time to prepare, it was



Our Website

- You'll find it at rotaractgladstone.org.au
- We regularly update it with our news, projects, and photos
- Our online Calendar is our most current way of keeping track of our comings and goings—subscribe to it!
- Please forward our web address onto anyone you think might be interested in joining our happy Rotaract family

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still a very successful event. Gladstone raised over \$155,000.

With many teams setting their own goals, we decided to join forces with the Rotary Clubs of Gladstone. Our theme this year was 'the beach'. We had our leis on as we walked endless laps of the Chanel College oval.

Relay for Life has an atmosphere that is hard to describe, but once you have been, you will understand. There are always plenty of people to talk with as you are walking around, and the hour seems to go by so quickly. I walked my rostered time with Amy, one of our newest members to the club. Like many Rotaract events, it provided a great opportunity to spend time with other members outside of the meetings. We played "20 Questions", and know a lot about each other now.

I am looking forward to next year, and we hope that by then we'll be a little more organised with a theme, and some dedicated fundraising.

On Being a New Member

Joining the Rotaract Club of Gladstone had been a real learning curve for me. Prior to joining the club, I was a shy and apprehensive person, and now after being a member of Rotaract I am now a confident and cheerful adolescent. Throughout my time of being a Club member I have enjoyed every outing, meeting and event that I have experienced with the amazing people that I can call my fellow members. Rotaract is now a part of my life, and I am very proud to say I am a member of the Rotaract Club of Gladstone.



Amy Neary

What's Keeping Us Busy Since Handover

Date	Event
Saturday, July 17	Motormaniam
Friday, August 6	Friday night social: Rocks@It
Sunday, August 8	Gladstone News Home Show
Saturday, August 21	Camp Quality formal evening
Sunday, August 22	Botanic to Bridge
Thursday, September 2	BBQ with Gladstone Rotary
Sunday, September 5	Scavenger Hunt
Sunday, September 5	Beer Tasting BBQ at Botanical Gardens
Saturday, September 18	Pub crawl
Tuesday, September 28	Quarterly Formal Meeting with guest, District Governor Judith Hendersen
Saturday (TBA) in Oct	Social night: Lawn bowls @ Calliope
November 25-28th	Australia Pacific Region Rotaract Conference Meeting



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