



*The Churchill Room*  
*31 December 2017*

**Rotaract**  
Rotary Club Partner



### **A Message from El Presidente...**

Just over halfway through the financial year, and the Rotaract Club of Brisbane Rivercity has made real progress on our club goals.

We recently worked together as a club to ensure that we have a clear and concise 'elevator pitch' when asked about Rotaract, or more specifically, our club. The next step is to practice until it rolls off the tongue!

*Rotaract is a global organisation for young professionals who have a like-minded interest in fellowship, personal and vocational growth and giving back to the community. Rotaract Brisbane Rivercity is a group of proactive, welcoming individuals who foster a strong sense of teamwork and belonging whilst achieving the wider goals of Rotaract.*

Our recent Harry Potter Trivia Night was once again a great success, with a big thank you to Pig 'N' Whistle Riverside for once again hosting the event.

We worked very closely with Headspace Taringa, the recipients of our fundraising, who are also dedicated to local and global youth projects. Having no previous connection, we are now looking

forward to supporting each other in future projects and endeavours.

Outside of club meetings, members have volunteered on average 72 hours per month for the past three months, either directly volunteering or helping to plan fundraising events for community organisations. Rotaract Brisbane Rivercity would be nothing without its dedicated members.

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday, and I look forward to working with you all again, refreshed and ready to make a difference.

Until next time, yours in Rotary,

*Kim.*

### **Upcoming Club Events:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
11/02	Rotaract District 9600's Day on the Green
10/03	Shine for ShelterBox

### **Club Focus for the Next Quarter:**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Focus Area</b>
January	Inspirational Leadership
February	Culture & Language
March	Personal Growth

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### **Dean's Pearls of Wisdom**

There are a hundred different ways you could finish the saying “When opportunity knocks”. The ending that most often comes to mind is “you open the door”, or something to that affect. But what if you're scared to open the door? What if you don't hear the knocking at the door? What if you're completely petrified of missing the knock at the door that you stay there, rooted to the spot, and miss out on everything else? Opportunities never seem to come when you want them, but that's the nature of opportunities, and that's the beauty of them.

So while the timing of opportunities may be out of your hands, identifying what an opportunity might be is certainly within your reach. With the articles below, you may be surprised at how your perception of opportunities may actually change your likelihood of being exposed to them. You never know what may come from the next stage, or the next opportunity, so be sure to grab them when they come your way.

[4 Ways to Recognise Opportunity When It Knocks](#)

[Strengthening Your Ability to Recognise Opportunities](#)

[5 Ways to Recognise a Great Opportunity](#)

## **[Recognising Opportunity is the First Step to an Entrepreneurial Mindset](#)**

### **International and Community Services (ICS) Update**

Due to a change in situation, our ICS director, Jarrod, unfortunately stepped down this quarter. We'd like to say a big thank you to Jarrod for all his efforts. Luckily our new director, Jenny, hit the ground running with all things ICS.

In November, club members banded together to donate unused books to Community's Free Range Library, a fantastic service that provides reading materials to those without easy access to books.

In December, rather than Secret Santa between our club members, we decided to donate presents to Community to be distributed at their various events, to those in need around Brisbane this Christmas.



Watch this space, we've got a lot of exciting ICS initiatives planned for 2018!

## Vocational Committee Update

October saw seven of our club members head off to Sydney for the Australian Rotaract Conference. The club members thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to hear from a variety of engaging speakers, participate in professional development workshops and were definitely inspired by innovative project ideas. It wouldn't have been a Rotaract event without a little bit of networking and our Rivercity stunners definitely shone at the Rotaract Australia 'Oscars' night.



In November, amidst the Harry Potter Mania, we took the opportunity to check in on how the club was progressing towards the goals we set at the start of the financial year in order to set the direction for the next six months.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment teams are currently preparing for their 2018 programs with club members involved in both. There's busy times ahead, but we're sure the club members will get a lot out of the experience.

The rotary year isn't over yet and we're super excited to share our plans for 2018 with you soon!

## Social Committee Update

Hola Rotaractors! During this last quarter the social committee's main focus was on the club's annual Harry Potter Trivia Night. The event was a great success and the Pig 'N' Whistle Riverside once again proved to be a great hosting venue, with Butterbeer and other Harry Potter themed cocktails on offer. Thanks to the hard work of everyone in the club, an excellent night was had by all. Check out our awesome team in their very creative costumes!



The event resulted in a \$2,085 donation to Headspace Taringa, with Sian more than happy to accept our donation. The funds will be used to provide training to parents, friends and family members who are supporting a loved one who is going through a tough time.



We did manage to put Harry Potter aside for one weekend and headed along to the Green Beacon for some drinks and board games. Torrential rain halted our initial plans for a picnic in the park but hopefully that event will be resurrected at some point in 2018!

### **Club Member News**

This quarter, our club members were kept very busy in their personal lives!

Our Vice President Natasha not only turned 21, but also graduated Optometry and has since been accepted to the University of Wollongong to follow her passion in Medicine. We wish Natasha all the best for the future!

On a sporting front, Riley and Kim's netball team placed second in their division two competition and our resident beach volleyball team defied the odds to take out their premiership.

Jeseyka and Aimée graduated their Economics degrees, whilst Riley, Rosie and Kim all secured new jobs. You know what they say, change is as good as a holiday.

We were also lucky enough to welcome Daya and Aimee to the club this quarter and we can't wait to get to know them!



### **Guess the Rotaractor**

Back again, we're still enjoying getting to know our members. Can you guess the Rotaractor from the below clues?

- I won a competition playing the didgeridoo when I was younger
- I've seen all of 'the big five' on safari in South Africa
- When I was 8 years old I fell out of a plane onto the tarmac in Hong Kong
- I once met the original Wiggles
- I have one sister
- I like country music
- I have four university qualifications
- The first concert I ever went to was Boyzone
- My favourite animal is a Dugong

Answer - Róisín O'Neill

### **Editor's Interesting Fun Fact**

Scotland's national animal is a unicorn.

### **Watch this Space...**

In early March, our next big social event 'Shine for ShelterBox' will be held, with proceeds from the night going towards the charity initiative ShelterBox.

ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that provides temporary shelter and life-saving supplies to displaced families. Be sure to secure your ticket for an evening full of fancy cocktail dresses, quality local entertainment and a few cheeky beverages, with the added bonus of all profits from the night supporting a truly worthwhile cause.