



06 March 2006

TODAYS

SPEAKER

Graham Ridler

*"Round the World in
14 days"*



SERVICE Above Self

**The Rotary Club of
Brisbane Inc.**

Meets 4th Floor
(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
241 Adelaide Street
Qld 4003, Australia

MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

District 9600
Club Number 17787
Founded 29 May 1923
ABN 75 152 438 149

President's Message

One of the primary functions of Rotary is Community Service. Clubs can participate at a number of levels both local and international. It is interesting to see how different clubs become involved. Some provide resources individually, some as groups, and otherwise support the direct action of other groups with financial contributions. This again can be from individual contributions or through formal club sponsored programs. In this busy world, time now is of the essence for many city based people. Our club has been grounded in membership from city based business and professional people. As we look ahead, we must provide a clear direction to maintain our involvement in both local and international community service initiatives.

How can Rotary participate in this work in a meaningful and sustainable manner? As a city club we have tried to focus on community issues directly related to the life of the city itself. Our strategic plan identifies a number of groups having special needs within the changing city environment. Physical development and changing demographics create issues of displacement and homelessness. Again evolving demographic patterns create population shifts that leave long term residents in the near inner city isolated from family and social support.

On a broader social front, accelerating social change together with deteriorating family values, create casualties of the young. Youth displacement and homelessness is increasingly evident in the city. Because of its energy, the city lights attract many displaced people.



Classroom floor, Ngari, Soloman Islands

In our own community, we have government agencies and other organizations such as the Salvation Army and Foodbank Queensland that are identifying needs and providing services to assist these disadvantaged people. It is important for us in city Rotary clubs to weigh up the effectiveness of starting community support initiatives from scratch against the value of applying our human or financial resources to the current programs of professional service organizations.

On the broad international front, Rotary International provides us as a club with avenues for participation in global community

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Presidents Message continued

services initiatives through programs such as Polio Plus. Our District 9600 includes a number of our nearest international neighbors New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. These are two evolving societies that demonstrate significant needs across the social spectrum. Support opportunities are available to individual clubs through Rotary itself by Programs such as Donations in Kind, and many other individual project opportunities either created at a District level or by the clubs themselves. The current World Community Service Bulletin provides a number of excellent examples of such initiatives.

I am encouraged to see a number of projects have been sponsored by relatively small rotary clubs. Their success has been built out of the personal commitment of the members with the financial backing of the broader community. Our club is involved with a range of local and international initiatives. We have, however, the opportunity to extend our community service activities by direct initiation of international projects. Members who wish to become involved in such future initiatives are encouraged to lodge their interest with International Service Director Warren Hampton.

As we know, the rewards gained from personal service involvement are directly proportionate to the personal commitment made.

Bill Cunningham



Desks made through an MG in Mt Hagen



Water purifiers at Babanga, SI, supplied by RC Brisbane Planetarium

Furniture for Peace Fellows

There are 4 Peace fellows sharing a house at West End and are looking for....

- *Fridge*
- *Desk*
- *Kitchen set (table and 4 or 6 chairs).*

Please email Peace Fellow **Fernanda Salina** directly on the email below if you are able to help.

s4081163@student.uq.edu.au

NOTICES

DISTRICT CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS

Minimum package cost for attendance with morning and afternoon teas - \$30.

Please register your intention to attend with **Bob Estler** or **Graeme Whitmore** at the reception desk.

UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

Let the Secretary know if your **contact details** have changed. Your details can be checked by visiting www.brisbanerotary.org.au and clicking on 'Membership' and entering your ID and password.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

District 9600 Youth Exchange is seeking nominations for this years **Outbound Program**.

Applications by **16 March**

Please contact **Cheryl Kerr** for more information





**Guest Speaker
'Ghana Adventure'**

Sophie Joseph came to us with the story of her exciting plans for the first half of this year. In April she plans to travel across the world to an exotic country in west Africa where she has arranged to live for three to four months in a small village called Gomola Efracom with a mother and son and teach the village children in the local school. She is currently working three jobs to pay her way and is arranging to raise funds for resources to benefit the school in which she will teach. Sophie is just seventeen years old and has recently finished a very busy and successful final school year.

When many other young people look forward to some relaxation and more conventional recreation after such a busy year, Sophie is looking forward to fun and adventure at a completely different level. She is flying to Ghana, a west African country with a population of twenty one million people, and traveling up country to her village. She told us a little about this country sandwiched between the Ivory Coast and Togo on the Gulf of Guinea in west Africa.

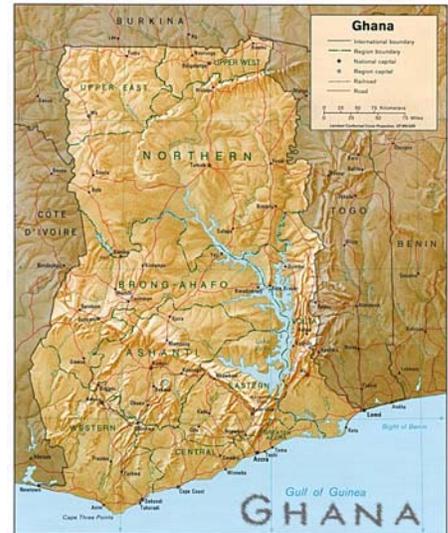
Ghana gained its independence in 1957 and was formed from the amalgamation of the British colony of Gold Coast and British Togoland. Notwithstanding it being well endowed with natural resources, it still remains dependant on international financial and technical assistance. There is an ongoing program of education reform in Ghana where education is free, however, this is dependant on there being enough teachers and



Sophie being presented with a cheque for her Ghanaian school by President Bill

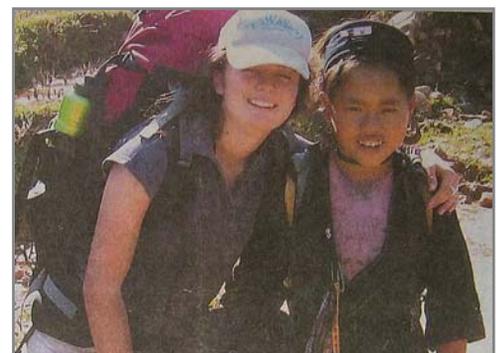
facilities being available to accommodate all students. In rural areas, the economy revolves around subsistence farming and communities lack any depth of education facilities or human resource infrastructure. This is where Sophie will spend her time. Her teaching experience will be made easier because the country's official language is English and teaching is therefore in this language. Sophie's trip has been arranged by the Antipodeans Abroad organization specializing in travel programs with a purpose.

Sophie's program is structured to get to the heart of the local people and their culture with the purpose of making the experience rewarding and inspiring. Sophie told us that she has been briefed about what to expect once in her village. Although she has been told that there are showers and TV available, she can expect to find the facilities to be very rudimentary. She is in no way daunted by this prospect having experienced a taste for adventure travel in her first trip overseas while at school where she traveled to North Vietnam from where she journeyed into southwest China up into remote hill tribe villages. This trip gave her insights into not only



other peoples and cultures but also herself. She could not wait to further this experience and is now fulfilling this wish with her current trip.

Sophie's presentation was very impressive and we were taken by her self confidence and enthusiasm for the journey ahead. When she returns, Sophie will be commencing a Science degree at Queensland University followed by studies in medicine. She hopes that at the end of her training she might again visit far away countries only this time in a new role as a doctor. We wish her all the best for her trip and hope to see her again when she returns.



Sophie in China



The offer this year is a premium Shiraz, made by a top winemaker, which will retail for around \$25 per bottle. Earlier vintages of this Shiraz received four stars in Winestate magazine. The vintage we offered last year was very good, and is drinking well. This release appears even more promising, due to the magnificent 2005 vintage, which experienced ideal ripening conditions within McLaren Vale.

Our Rotary Club has secured 2 hogsheads at a considerable discount, taking advantage of a bumper vintage coinciding with an export slump, due to Australia's higher dollar value.

We offer this wine at \$160 per case including delivery, or you can come to the labelling working party at Wal Bishop's shed, taste the wine and collect your own cartons on the night. Delivery will be in June. Wal Bishop has once again offered to donate the labels. Thanks Wal. Proceeds go to the Club's community and international projects.

Please contact **Keith Watts** for orders. Payment is required with your order, by cash, cheque or credit card (Bankcard, MasterCard or Visa). We have 63 cases available – seven cases sold in the first three days of the offer.

Life Under the Sea

What is life like under the sea? Is it a dogfish eat dogfish world? Is everyone united for a common porpoise? Or do they all split off in their own special groupers? Well, one tragic story indicates it's not so perfect down there.

There was once a brilliant sturgeon on the staff of the community health fishility. He was in fact one of its flounders. Wiser than salmon, a fin fellow who would never shrimp from his responsibilities, he was successful and happy and always whistled a happy tuna.

One day one of his patients, a mere whipper snapper, started trouting around telling everyone the sturgeon's treatments had made him more eel than he had been and then conked him with a malpractice suit.

Well, the sturgeon was in a real pickeral. The board chased him off the staff and demanded his oyster. But fortunately the case smelt to high heaven so the judge denied the plaintiff's clam.

The board tried to hire the sturgeon back but by then he had hit the bottlenose pretty hard. But what's really shad about the story is that the sturgeon ended up on squid-row...



CONTRIBUTIONS

Please submit all newsletter items to the Club Secretary via email by

FRIDAY PM

Articles are required in MS Word format only and photos as JPG or TIF files.

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YOUR FEEDBACK

We hope you like the new bulletin format. Members are invited to submit articles or information on what you would like to see in the newsletter or ways to improve the newsletter. Please forward all comments to the Club Secretary at

desmarg@knight.net.au



"preserve planet earth" 31 March - 2 April 06

District 9600 Conference NEWS Jeff McMullen to be keynote speaker

Michael Hornby is the Executive Manager of Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors Worldwide. This organisation is committed to rescuing, rehabilitating and achieving positives outcomes for our natural habitat.

Michael will be the guest speaker at this special breakfast session commencing at **7.30am** on Saturday **1 April** at the Hilton Brisbane. His topic is 'Aid to Wildlife following the Tsunami' which is sure to be a fascinating address.

The breakfast is not part of any Conference package but you can secure your seat for just \$20.00. Sorry... no 'early bird' discounts for this event. To make a booking simply complete the relevant section of the Conference Registration form or, if you have already registered, either:

send a fax

Attention Dai Reynolds to
(07) **3891 6511** or email to
rego@rotaryclubofbrisbanemidcity.org

confirming the number of seats required and authorising a charge to your credit card. Alternatively, you may mail a cheque payable to *Rotary Club of Brisbane Mid-City* to GPO Box 473, Brisbane, Qld 4001, Australia.

We are truly delighted to announce that Jeff McMullen will be the keynote speaker at the Conference.

A former ABC foreign correspondent, a prize winning Four Corners documentary maker, and the longest serving reporter on Australia's '60 Minutes', Jeff has been at the forefront of television journalism for more than 30 years. His media career has seen him traverse the globe in the pursuit of great stories.

From his coverage of the Watergate scandal at the White House, from war zones to the wilderness of Antarctica and the Amazon, from natural disasters to scientific wonders and medical miracles, sporting triumphs to murder most foul, Jeff has delivered some of the most outstanding television the world has seen. Few living storytellers anywhere have travelled as much - or gone to as many amazing extremes in the pursuit of a great story.

In his new book, *A Life of Extremes*, Jeff examines a life lived amid some of the most significant turning points of world history. His journey to the



ends of the earth has given him rare insight into our world and introduced him to the ideas of many of the most amazing and adventurous people, from the explorers who climb inside active volcanoes to the scientists studying the Big Bang, from 11-year-old Sandinista revolutionaries to the 5300-year-old Iceman, from Sting to the Dalai Lama.

After getting to know some of the world's most powerful leaders, men of war and living saints, heroes and villains of the late 20th century, Jeff now reflects on what he has gleaned from an astonishing life journey and a fascinating and brilliant career.

More on 9600 Conference next issue



PHOTO
GALLERY



Keith Benson and Bob Bland at last weeks meeting



Clarrie Manning and Russell Mann talk skiing



DUTY ROSTER

6 March	13 March	20 March	27 March
Chair person	Chair person	Chair person	Chair person
P Anderson	Wal Bishop	R Mann	J Delahunty
Set Up	Set Up	Set Up	Set Up
J Torrance	K Watts	M Stephens	J Smerdon
Put Away	Put Away	Put Away	Put Away
C Mormon	J Charlton	B Aldred	G Sellers
Raffle	Raffle	Raffle	Raffle
M Pennisi	D O'Donoghue	M Kelly	J Torrance
Visitor Register	Visitor Register	Visitor Register	Visitor Register
D Charlton	J Smerdon	P Ulrich	L Stalley
Fellowship	Fellowship	Fellowship	Fellowship
R Barnwell	D Cain	P Dawson	C Kerr
Attendance	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance
B Esler	B Esler	B Esler	B Esler
G Whitmore	G Whitmore	G Whitmore	G Whitmore
Speaker Review	Speaker Review	Speaker Review	Speaker Review
David Charlton	John Charlton	Bill Cunningham	Don O'Donoghue
Greg Sellars	Graeme Ridler	Mario Pennisi	Clarrie Manning

If you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty, please arrange a swap with another member. Please don't forget as your failure to turn up affects Club organization. If you are designated as the Chair and you will not be available, please advise the President. Members listed should **ARRIVE** by **NOON**.

MARCH

Birthdays	Anniversaries	Induction Date	
05 Ron Dixon	04 Peter & Lynn Anderson	02 Clarrie Manning OBE	1981
09 Peter Anderson	27 Ian & Joc Wilson	05 Bob Seaman	1979
16 Peter Ulrich	28 Stan & Pauline Francis	13 Bob Bland	1972
20 Marjorie Carss		15 D O'Donoghue	1982
28 Graeme Ridler		20 Graeme Ridler	2000
		24 Peter Tsikleas	1969
		25 Phil Little	2002

ATTENDANCE

20 February		27 February	
Members	24	Members	32
Visiting Rotarians		Visiting Rotarians	
Partners		Partners	
Guests	2 Wayne Maxwell James Ball	Guests	
Club Guests	Tony Love (Speaker)	Club Guests	1 Sophie Joseph (speaker)
TOTAL	26	TOTAL	33



ROTARY INFORMATION

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:

- FIRST** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
- SECOND** 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 the society.
- THIRD** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life.
- FOURTH** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do



1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

NATIONAL ANTHEM

*Australians all let us rejoice
 For we are young and free
 We've golden soil and wealth for toil
 Our home is girt by sea
 Our land abounds in nature's gifts
 Of beauty rich and rare
 In history's page, let every stage
 Advance Australia Fair
 In joyful strains then let us sing
 Advance Australia Fair*

CLUB OFFICERS

President	Bill Cunningham
President elect	Graeme Ridler
Secretary	PP Des Knight
Treasurer	Marjorie Herrington
Imm. Past Pres	Marjorie Carss

CLUB DIRECTORS

Club Service	Graeme Ridler
Community Service	David Cain
International Service	Warren Hampton
Vocational Service	Cheryl Kerr
Sergeant-at-Arms	Tony Love

DISTRICT 9600 GOVERNOR

Charles Guesdo

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.*

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
 PRESIDENT**

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar