



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

10 November 2014



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Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
(Edinburgh Room)  
of the Brisbane Club  
Post Office Square  
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Brisbane

**MONDAYS**

**12.15 pm – 1.45 pm**

### OFFICERS

President	Graeme Whitmore
President Elect	Phil Gresham
Imm Past President	Alistair Smith
Vice President	Keith Watts
Secretary	Michael Stephens
Treasurer	Warren Walker
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cameron Bishop

District 9600  
Club Number 17787  
Founded 29 May 1923

**District Governor**  
George Grant

**Rotary International President**  
Gary C K Huang

### President's Message

#### Welcome fellow Rotarians & Visitors

Just a further update on PP Bas Veal, I spoke to Bas on Friday last and he advised that he was returning to hospital on Monday for an operation, and has requested leave of absence until January 2015. We wish Bas every success with his operation and as information becomes available I will convey to our members.

Another great meeting day with a good representation of members and visiting Rotarian Russel Postle who outlined a project for Anzac commemoration which is a Display and service at the site of the Maheno Ship wreck on Fraser Island. The Ship was a New Zealand Hospital ship used at the time of the Anzac landing and for medical evacuation of Australian & NZ soldiers; the service will include visitors and students from the township of Maheno in New Zealand.

In addition we had an extraordinary speaker today Author and Poet Rupert McCall. His speaking and wordsmith skill has no equal, to have a speaker of this calibre at our club for the enjoyment of members was reflected in members' appreciation. Rupert also in involved with a number of charities and groups and gives his time freely each week to train and work with our soldiers returning from overseas deployment, in the Mates for Mates programme.

Would members who are nominated in the Bulletin for meeting duties please arrange a replacement with another member if they cannot make the scheduled meeting.



**What's on?  
10 November:**

**Ron Baker**  
Heritage  
Architect  
*History of the  
Brisbane River*

### Date Claimers

**28 November:  
RCOB Christmas Dinner**



### 4 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?





## President's Message

The following general business items were referred to:

- World Polio day 24th Oct, saw Rotary International announce a grant of \$44.7 million to help with the eradication of Polio by 2018
- District 9600 is calling for Rotarians to join a committee on Public relations and Membership growth, any member interested in being on this committee please contact Alan Stephen Mobile 0438 150 110
- AGM district 9600 is scheduled for 9th November after training Seminar
- Xmas party scheduled Friday 28th November, see Rtn Tony McKinnon urgently
- Selection for nomination Committee agreed as follows VP Keith Watts, PP Mel Evans & Peter Ryan
- Despite possible Delays as a consequence of the completion of the G20, I confirm that a meeting WILL be held at our usual venue on Monday 17th November.
- Our club has been invited to cater for another BBQ for Downer Construction at the BP Refinery on 27th November. Trust previous helpers will assist.
- Xmas Cakes orders are currently being finalised by Rtn Dougal Henderson, more on this next week.
- For those who have Melbourne Cup Sweep tickets please remit fund or card details as soon as practical so that we can finalise this fund raiser.
- We have been rostered on for DIK packing Sat 6th December at Durack good offer of help was received.
- AGM scheduled for inclusion with lunch meeting Monday 8th December 2014. All members are requested to attend on that day and vote as required.

Yours in Rotary

Remember: LIGHT UP ROTARY

President Graeme

## Rotary Meeting – 3 November

The Chairman for the day was Chris Muir. Following Rotary Grace and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International he introduced President Graeme Whitmore. Graeme's message is attached in full elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, Tony McKinnon

- Confirmed arrangements for the Rotary Christmas Dinner at Tattersalls' Club for evening of 28 November 2014 and indicated that there have not been many responses so far.
- The cost of the Dinner will be **\$100.00 per head**. Members are requested to RSVP Tony McKinnon by email (tonymck@smartchat.net.au) and pay the RCOB Treasurer by direct credit to the club account with the notation "RCOB Christmas 2014 Dinner". Members are requested to RSVP and pay by **14 November 2014** at the latest.

Russell Postle from Brisbane Hi-rise RC indicated that his Club will be hosting an event at the wreck of the New Zealand Hospital Ship "Mahino".

After a short period of Fellowship, the Chairman introduced the Guest Speaker, Jason "Rupert" McCall, Queensland Poet Laureate, former rugby player and Family Law solicitor. Key aspects of the presentation were:

- He was a former pupil at St Laurence's and a graduate in law from QUT.
- After a brief foray into Family Law practice he wisely became a poet in 1980.
- He was commissioned to incorporate 150 Queensland Icons into a poem entitled "Q150",

## Calendar

### 24 November:

Professor Michael Breakspear  
*Head of the Mental Health Program at the Queensland Institute of Medical Research*

### 1 December:

Dick Cijfers  
*Journeys Worldwide*

## Roster

### 10 November 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	P Caragata
Set Up/Away	R Tamaschke
Raffle	J Delahunty
Visitor Register	P Anderson
Attendance	J Smerdon D Schellbach

### 17 November 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	A Gillespie
Set Up/Away	S Francis
Raffle	C Shepherd
Visitor Register	P Ryan
Attendance	J Smerdon D Schellbach

### 24 November 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	D Henderson
Set Up/Away	P Gresham
Raffle	G Holtmann
Visitor Register	A Smith
Attendance	J Smerdon D Schellbach

### 1 December 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	C Muir
Set Up/Away	P Little
Raffle	M Evans
Visitor Register	A Gillespie
Attendance	J Smerdon D Schellbach

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*secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au*





- Among the 150 icons were Sir Joh, the SES, Wally Lewis, the band "Powder Finger", Mal Meninga and the Tilt Train. However, such legends as Artie Beetson, John Eales, "slamming" Sam Trimble, Bill Brown and Ross Duncan did not rate a mention. Much to the amazement of the audience he recited the 25 verses from memory and then confessed that the recitation was one of his "party pieces".
- Rupert recited a poem called "Of Caviar in Black" and one that might variously be entitled "Green and Gold Malaria" or "Aussie Pride".
- Rupert stated that (1) his inspiration was "A.B. "Banjo" Paterson, (2) there was still a place for poetic romance in this hectic, internet society, and that the lessons learnt in the Australian backyard, the bush and the beach were unique and enduring.

Rupert's entertainment and salesmanship was demonstrated by the line of members eager to purchase McCall's books entitled "Slops, Props & Goosestep Flavoured Lifesavers" and "Book Antiqua".

Finally in his session SAA Cam Bishop said he was 'upstaged' and appeared to be somewhat overawed by Rupert's address. Notwithstanding that Cam managed to inject a couple of shameless plugs for "Sarabah Estate" wines and the new vintage into his presentations. Therefore the sergeant's Melbourne Cup week session did not really 'get into stride'. It was accordingly short and relatively painless. Phil Little won the raffle but could only draw the "3 of Hearts"...the \$800 jackpot still needs to be won!

The meeting closed at 2pm.

### **A Day at the White House with Rotary**

By Adam Ross, Web Content Manager for Rotary.org  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

When I lost my state identification card while writing about Rotary's Women of Action event at the White House on Tuesday, I didn't have to panic by myself. A Rotarian was there to aid and comfort me.



Honorees speak during Rotary's Women of Action event at the White House 7 October. Photo by Alyce Henson/Rotary International

I'm not surprised, but I'm thankful. Thankful we found my ID together so I could fly home to my family, and thankful to have made a new friend.

I had never been on the White House campus before, but the site was far less impressive than our Rotarians. Ten of them were honored as Rotary's Women of Action, and they gracefully shared their stories. There are too many amazing projects to write about here, but we documented them on [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org).

I will mention there were points in the program where Rotary staff was nearly moved to tears, myself included. For the victims of terrible tragedies and injustices, and for the Rotarians who sacrifice so much to fight for them. It's easy to talk about change, far harder to organize change. These women do, and they do it in ground zeros around the world.

And that's why they earned the right to take their messages to the nation's capital. It meant a great deal for many of them to be there. Honoree Ginger Vann told me "it still hasn't sunk in that I'm standing here. I'm still blown away... I told all my Rotarians this is for us."

"I had my governor call Rotary twice just to confirm it was real," Carolyn Jones said shortly before delivering her presentation. "I know there are so many women around the U.S. that could be here today and still not quite sure how I got to be among the lucky ten, but I accept."

Jane Winning shared her fellow honorees appreciation for the recognition; "It's kind of unbelievable that I would even be considered for what I do in this realm. I was totally surprised. I don't see what I do to be totally sensational, I feel like I've been given a gift in being a nurse."

While they were honored to be recognized, I was honored to be talking with them. They are an inspiration to us all. Rotarians, thank you for all you do, and congratulations on your accomplishments. The future is endlessly bright.

### **These women of Rotary are changing the world**

By Julia D. Phelps, RI director  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

As I sat in the audience at the White House on 7 October, listening to 10 amazing Rotary women tell the stories of their volunteer efforts, two quotes kept running through my mind. First, "Be the change you wish to be in the world" (Mahatma Gandhi) and second, "Never underestimate the power of a small group of people to change the world. In fact, it is the only way it ever has" (Margaret Mead).

In fact, these 10 women took these two quotes, put them together and created projects, foundations, and fundraising efforts that changed their world and the world of others. It struck me that all of their efforts started with one woman who saw a need, a problem, and then went about addressing the situation. They didn't get permission, they didn't write a business plan; they just got busy. They were brave and courageous as they stepped out to make a difference. And as their idea grew into reality, they realized that they couldn't do it alone. That's where their Rotary club members, their networks, and our Rotary Foundation, came into play.

It also struck me that so many of their projects focused on children, in general, but young girls, in particular. Once again, we heard about the power of providing girls with an education, with a safe place to live and learn.



Eight of Rotary's Women of Action in Washington D.C. Photo by Alyce Henson/Rotary International

The honorees shared with us how their efforts resulted in young girls being able to delay marriage and have children at an older age; how their efforts had stopped prostitution and trafficking of females. Bottom line, how their efforts impacted the community's economic standing. This message was reiterated by Tina Tchen, Michelle Obama's Chief of Staff, when she spoke to us.

And then I realized that I was sitting in Washington D.C. because I was fortunate enough to have a family who encouraged and valued education and all it could provide to me. I also had women of action who took me under their wings, women who gave me opportunities, who challenged me, who picked me up when I fell, who took me aside and shared their observation and perspectives. If it were not for these educators: Virginia Heidbreder, Patti Howe, and Valjeane Olean, I would not be sitting here, beaming with pride, overwhelmed with emotion.

With each story of their efforts I thought about the lives that these women have touched, the lives they have literally saved. I thought about the little girls that someday will say, "there was this woman that came to my school and read to me and now I can read" or the little girl that will think about the woman that helped build her a school and now she has educational and vocational options. I thought about the adolescent girls that will someday say, "when I grow up, I want to be like her." We all want to make a difference and I know there are thousands more women in Rotary that are doing just that. Women that are living our motto Service Above Self every day; women that are Lighting up Rotary.

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