



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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A global network of community volunteers

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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
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District Governor
George Grant

Rotary International President
Gary C K Huang

President's Message

Welcome fellow Rotarians & Visitors

Great Sporting News this week.

The Blues completed a clean sweep of all the major sporting events this year, Cricket, State of Origin and now the super 14 Rugby Cup, my side gave away to many critical penalties. How are we going to stop the NSW sports fraternity crowing long and loud!!

A small meeting today with quite a few apologies, those who did not attend missed the opportunity for some great fellowship.

Our club has taken up a community challenge to refurbish a Sundial, at the Petrie Terrace State School. This sundial was presented to the school by members of the Rotary Club of Brisbane in 1975-1976 (18 odd years ago) and is now a little worse for wear. A visit to the site will be made during the coming week, and we can then establish what is required. While not a large project it continues our tradition of returning to past beneficiaries of rotaries contribution to the community.

In respect to our offer of help to the farmers of the Burnett Region, our contribution will be held over pending and answer about a matching grant, we would expect this to be forthcoming in the near future.

Today I reviewed the current list of projects that we have coming forward over the following 12 to 18mths, and these will provide the opportunity for all members to become involved.

Help will be required for the leaders of the projects, so that the willing horse does not carry the load.



Date Claimers

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

Major projects include our Mentors programme, our Rural Medical Unit, East Timor Dental Aid Programme, and Montrose Access, along with our continued support for Brisbane Youth Service. If you have a particular project that you would like to be involved with please put your hand up!!

A Big thank you goes to Patrick Caragata, Gerald Holtmann & Chris Muir for their dedication to the three major projects as team leaders. On a financial note we are currently reviewing our budget, and we are hopeful of maintaining our current level of membership dues, despite inflation, (we may just have to cut out the chocolate mints with our coffee!!)

Yours in Rotary

Remember: LIGHT UP ROTARY

President Graeme

Rotary Meeting 4 August 2014

The Chairman for the day was Max Winders. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International, he introduced President Graeme Whitmore. Graeme's message is reported in detail elsewhere in the Bulletin.

There were no Rotary Spots.

Today was a Fellowship day during which President Graeme led a discussion around a few of the items from last week's Board meeting and some issues that have now been raised on the challenges facing RCOB this year and into the future.

1. Petrie Terrace State School
Back in 1975/76 RCOB provided a sundial to this school. Brent Woollett, the A/Head of Special Education, has proposed to have it refurbished. The School would undertake this job if RCOB did not want to be involved.

It was recommended that RCOB undertakes this work and that President Graeme and Max Winders visit the school and assess what is required.

2. Mentoring Programme
Patrick Caragata has put a lot of work into his PowerPoint presentation, and has gauged interest from outside, and at this stage it appears that it will be a goer. Patrick briefed the meeting. He will be away for approximately 6 weeks and, to ensure that momentum is not lost during his absence, he wants a member willing to step up to work with him on this project.
3. Rural Medical Facility
Gerald Holtmann is coordinating this, which is still in early stages of development. Once we have a full proposal members will be fully apprised of this project, which has the ability to involve many clubs in QLD.
4. Burnett Farmers
It was agreed that the sergeant's collection of around \$4,000 be given to this Community Support Programme. President Graeme has written to District Governor for a possible matching grant. The money will be used to buy goods in the local community so this process could create a two way benefit to the store owners and the farmers.
5. Timor Dentist
This project awaits a formal request from the Dentist on governance and administrative matters relating to our financial involvement. Chris Muir is to review RCOB's commitment and benefit, and recommend whether or not to proceed.



Calendar

Roster

11 August 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	P Caragata
Set Up/Away	R Tamaschke
Raffle	S Francis
Visitor Register	P Anderson
Attendance	J Smerdon D O'Donoghue

18 August 2014:

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

25 August 2014:

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

1 September 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	C Muir
Set Up/Away	D Henderson
Raffle	M Evans
Visitor Register	A Gillespie
Attendance	J Smerdon D O'Donoghue

Please forward any dates or articles of interest that you would like to see included in future Bulletins to the Bulletin Editor at

secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au



Rotary Meeting (continued)

6. Domestic Violence
Keith Watts has suggested that RCOB forms a committee to be part of a network about Domestic Violence. This proposal was developed by Women in Rotary following a recent conference.
7. Benevolent Fund
Performance over the past month...there has been approximately a 3% increase. President Graeme has checked BF Office Bearers' Insurance with our Broker. Insurance is covered but will require further analysis and possible readjustment to either the Trust Deed or Insurance. Minor changes have been recommended to the Trust Deed and President Graeme is progressing these.
8. 2013-14 Annual Financial Report
Summary accounts have been handed over by Outgoing Treasurer Dougal Henderson, who is arranging the Audit. The finances are in good shape. He advises that the Club Dues are only just breaking even with running costs and possibly should be increased. However, President Graeme intends to hold the Dues at the current level and review how to make up any shortfall going forward.

SAA Cam Bishop extracted the usual fines, this time without advertising the vineyard. PP Bas Veal won the raffle but the Joker is still in the pack.

The meeting closed at 1.50pm. Fourteen members were present. We need a much stronger attendance next week for Sir Leo Hielscher's presentation.

Interactor says Youth Exchange is unforgettable

By Augusto La Colla, a Rotary Youth Exchange student from Villa Regina, Argentina, to Muenster, Germany
Source: blog.rotary.org

Through my Interact club in Argentina, I learned of an opportunity last year to go on a Rotary Youth Exchange to Muenster, Germany. I want to echo what others have said on this blog, that Youth Exchange is an unforgettable experience.

I had the pleasure of staying with two families in Germany — the Kirchhoffs and Beikers — and I consider both part of my family. Getting to know the German culture, to be a part of it, and to be immersed in it, I developed a new appreciation for my home country, and the world beyond. It made me realize just how amazing this world is, and gave me a desire to work to make the world a better place.



I grew so much during the year. I experienced different lifestyles, a different language, and a great deal of new emotions. I allowed myself to explore different ideas and behaviors, and they helped shape my character. The year helped define who I am.

Because I belonged to an Interact club back home, I spent time with Rotaract in my host country, and took part in many enriching activities. It even confirmed my choice of profession. In Argentina, I go to a technical school with a speciality in architecture. During the last month of my exchange, I spent two weeks learning from German architects and engineers, visiting their work.

In October, I traveled around Germany for two weeks with 50 other exchange students, and spent three weeks in Europe in April. I enjoyed Christmas in Germany with my host family and a wonderful New Years in Switzerland.



One of my newfound German brothers accompanied me on my return trip to Argentina, and I spent time together with both my German and Argentinian families in Buenos Aires.

Because of all these experiences, I am more confident in my ability to make a difference in the world and I believe we can build peace. Anything is possible, if we work for it.

I thank Rotary for this incredible experience. If you have an opportunity, go on a Rotary Youth Exchange. It will change your life.

The earth is a nice place to live because of Rotarians

By Bharath Reddy, a past district governor and member of the Rotary Club of Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, India
Source: blog.rotary.org

In 2006-07, I took part in a Group Study Exchange to Missouri in the United States, where I learned and trained with other professionals in my field.

During the exchange, I sharpened my leadership skills and made lifetime friends. It also helped me to build a bridge of friendship between Rotary members in India and the Midwest region of the United States, which has resulted in doing more community service projects and making everyone say, "The earth is a nice place to live because of Rotarians."

But even before joining Rotary, another experience had a profound impact on my life. I attended an eye camp organized by the Rotary Club of Nellore. I was distributing eye glasses to the patients who had been operated upon when a very elderly person caught hold of my hands. She said, "I don't know where God is, but here I see God in Rotarians who have come all the way to this remote village, took care of our ophthalmic needs, and gave us sight. My own sons refused to take me to the doctor citing financial reasons. But you did it and you are my children."

That brought tears to my eyes, and I realized the kind of solutions Rotary is giving in solving community needs. That firmed up my thoughts to serve the community through Rotary until I breathe my last breath.