



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

**11 March 2013**



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**GPO Box 2909  
Brisbane Qld 4001**

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

**MONDAYS**

**12.15 pm – 1.45 pm**

### OFFICERS

President	Alistair Smith
President Elect	Graeme Whitmore
Imm Past President	Basil Veal
Vice President	Keith Watts
Secretary	Michael Stephens
Treasurer	Dougal Henderson
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cameron Bishop

District 9600  
Club Number 17787  
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor  
Dai Mason

Rotary International President  
Sakuji Tanaka

### President's Message

Welcome Rotarians and friends

We had a great cluster meeting on Tuesday, and it was good to hear an update of events at other clubs. Notably the Rotary Club of New Farm has now formally been chartered, with Darryl Issepi acting as the charter president. Details of an upcoming Art Event held by High-Rise are attached for your interest.

There has been significant interest from the other clubs in our upcoming 90th Anniversary, and I can confirm we have now formally invited members from the cluster and sister clubs, as well as inviting District Governor Dai Mason and his wife Sue. So far, Malcolm Campbell from Amsterdam International has indicated he should be in Brisbane and able to attend, and we have also received formal congratulations from Marilyn Acker, who was the President of Amsterdam International from 2007-8. I will keep members updated as we hear further from other clubs.

As far as the celebrations are concerned, the dinner will be held on 5th June at the Stamford Plaza Hotel. Prior to this, the Lord Mayor will be hosting a reception at City Hall for members of Taipei Tatung and I will be contacting the Mayor to see if members of our own club will be able to attend. We are also aiming to attend the Bolshoi Ballet with members of Rotary Club of Taipei Tatung on 4th June. Details of this can be found via the link below. Michael Kelly is in the process of investigating ticketing options, and will update members in due course, but in the meantime, if you are interested in attending, please let Michael know. [http://www.qpac.com.au/event/Bols\\_hoi\\_Le\\_Corsaire\\_13.asp](http://www.qpac.com.au/event/Bols_hoi_Le_Corsaire_13.asp)




**Date Claimer**

**Wednesday  
5 June 2013**

Celebration of the  
**90th Anniversary  
of the Charter  
of the Rotary  
Club of Brisbane**

### 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 continued

We have been informed that the City Hall will be holding events to recognise donors to the City Hall Restoration funds, including a Civic Reception on 5th April at 4:45pm, as well as an official rededication ceremony on 6th April at 9:45am. I will keep members apprised of these events.

Finally, for the upcoming running festival to be held at UQ St Lucia campus, the organisers have asked for assistance as set out below. Can you please let me know as a matter of urgency, which if any of these, you are able to assist with:

- Parking Duty on Sunday 24th March for either 7:00am - 10:30 am or 10:00 am - 2:00pm (they require 3 people minimum for each shift);
- Baggage drop off and pick up duties from 1:30pm - 8:30pm (they require 4 minimum and we could tag team on this)
- Manning food section at the finish area from 4:00pm - 8:30pm.

I look forward to catching up with you all next week and let's hope Sergeant-At-Arms Cam Bishop has exhausted his supply of chip monk jokes.

Yours in Rotary

President Alistair

## Rotary Meeting - 4 March 2013

By Brian Carrs

The Chairman of the day was Mike Stephens, (aren't we lucky to have such a willing volunteer), began the meeting in the normal manner with Rotary grace followed by a toast to Rotary International.

President Alistair brought one item to the attention of members and that was a Twilight Running Festival to be held on 24th March He was seeking members participation as every member helping out is worth \$30 to the Club. Please read last week's Bulletin and act.

He welcomed our visitor, Dinah Zhang, who is a prospective member with a legal background.

Dinah and Greg engaged in very deep legal type discussions for most of the meal. So much, for having an attractive young lady sitting next to you. The Recorder's life is a hard one, as Don will attest. Back to business, Alistair, being a loss for having else to say sat down and enjoyed his lunch while the rest of us "Fellowshipped" Mike called for spots, and Phil little obliged with a recommendation that we invite Dick Smith to come and talk to us - agreed to unanimously.

Patrick spoke on the developments on the Emerging Leaders program, and after I had taken extensive notes, he said that his report was not to be publicized. If you did not attend, you will never be privy to his words of wisdom. All will be revealed in due course however, when the participating Universities get their act together.

This meeting started out as a Fellowship Day, but Darren Phillips, who happens to be in the country this week, volunteered to talk about on what he was doing. He gave a succinct talk on the development of Educational software that one of his companies is engaged in. It is attempt to help teachers by providing an overarching framework for the delivery of curriculum material.

He stressed the fact that the present Government's priorities on Numeracy & Literacy were necessary, but inadequate, in the present technological world. Something needs to be done about developing creative thinking and critical thinking. The teaching force emerging from universities is not equipped to do this. He believes that what his company is trying to do will address this issue.

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## 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.

## Calendar

**18 March 2013:**  
TBA

**22 - 24 March 2013:**  
District Conference

**25 March 2013:**  
Fellowship

## Roster

**11 March 2013:**

<b>President</b>	A Smith
<b>Chairman</b>	K Hamburger
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	M Evans
<b>Raffle</b>	P Little
<b>Visitor Register</b>	R Tamaschke
<b>Attendance</b>	J Smerdon G Whitmore

**18 March 2013:**

<b>President</b>	A Smith
<b>Chairman</b>	M Kelly
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	A McKinnon
<b>Raffle</b>	A Gillespie
<b>Visitor Register</b>	S Francis
<b>Attendance</b>	J Smerdon G Whitmore

**25 March 2013:**

<b>President</b>	A Smith
<b>Chairman</b>	G Burnett
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	C Muir
<b>Raffle</b>	D Phillips
<b>Visitor Register</b>	B Veal
<b>Attendance</b>	J Smerdon G Whitmore

**1 April 2013:**  
**NO MEETING -EASTER**

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*secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au*



## Rotary Meeting continued

His talk was followed by a diatribe from Brian who lambasted the inadequate disciplinary preparation of teachers," How can any teacher, who has avoided Arithmetic, English language study and Science in their degree course, pretend to be able to teach these subjects in schools?" he ranted.

Cam told us about the trials of living in an area subject to flooding and how he tried to substitute his tractor for a submarine in order to get some prospective clients across his flooded vineyard.

However, he did manage to fine everybody in the room no matter what they had done or not done. He then proceeded to tell a joke which reduced him to hysterics. Just as well, because it was hard for many of us to hear. Fortunately, the joke has been circulated by Don so you won't have to miss out.

This was a different kind of meeting, as you may well have guessed.

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### Interactor inspired by Vancouver peace forum

By Anushka Kurian, a member of the Interact Club of Hugh Boyd Secondary School in Richmond, British Columbia, Canada

As an Interactor, I gained a deeper respect for Rotarians and a renewed admiration for their dedication to service last Saturday, 23 February, when I had the privilege of attending a peace forum in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, sponsored by districts 5040 and 5050.

It was an empowering experience to be in a room filled with such positive vibes from both Rotarians and Interactors. Joined by six other members of the Hugh Boyd Interact club, I attended panel discussions and round tables on bullying, polio eradication, and

I met Rotarians from both districts and exchanged opinions and ideas about Interact, and its importance to the organization. I was surprised and humbled to see how impressed the Rotarians were by our passion for Rotary's causes.

Since the peace forum, I look at Rotarians in a new light. More than role models, they inspire me to want to make a difference and contribute to the world just as they do. Their passion, dedication, morals, and care set a great example for younger generations.

I feel as if I speak for all the Interactors who were present last Saturday when I say that the peace forum was an exceptionally inspiring experience. We were all grateful to have been given a chance to take part in the day's events. It was great to meet the people in whose footsteps we aspire to follow when we reach the age to become Rotarians ourselves.



Source:  
<http://blog.rotary.org/2013/03/06/kurian/>

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### Politics



If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates. - Jay Leno

The problem with political jokes is they get elected. - Henry Cate, VII

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office. - Aesop

If we got one-tenth of what was promised to us in these State of the Union speeches, there wouldn't be any inducement to go to heaven. - Will Rogers

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river. - Nikita Khrushchev

When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it. - Clarence Darrow

Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you. - Author unknown

Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel. - John Quinton

Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other. - Oscar Ameringer

I offer my opponents a bargain: if they will stop telling lies about us, I will stop telling the truth about them. - Adlai Stevenson, campaign speech, 1952

A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country. - Tex Guinan

I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians. - Charles de Gaulle

Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks. - Doug Larson

There ought to be one day -- just one -- when there is open season on senators. - Will Rogers