



# 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  
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor  
George Grant

Rotary International President  
Gary C K Huang

### President's Message

#### Welcome fellow Rotarians & Visitors

To all Rotarians and immediate families, I trust you all survived the recent downpour and remained dry in your homes, I spent 4 hrs on the road last Friday driving back (albeit slowly in the rain) from the Sunshine coast, and another 2hrs plus getting to the District Conference on Bribie Island on Saturday morning. Most of that two hrs was as a parking lot on the Bruce Highway which was cut due to flooding. Sadly there was loss of life in persons attempting to cross flooded areas, and we need to be constantly reminded "if its flooded forget it". These days with more four wheel drive SUV and utes in our state, drivers seem to think I can drive through, without thinking this is also a larger floating vessel. Message: THINK AGAIN BEFORE YOU DRIVE THROUGH FAST FLOWING WATER

#### District Conference

District Conference was held Friday to Sunday last on Bribie Island a was attended by VP K Watts, Rotarian Phil Little, and myself representing our club, there were quite a few clubs not represented with some of those due to road closures in the region. Speakers were far ranging and interesting, and varied from Dr Ian Frazer speaking on his project of cervical cancer prevention treatment in Vanuatu, Port Moresby club representatives speaking on a similar pilot program that is in the process of treating 27000 young females, and has made application for a RI Matching grant.



**What's on?  
11 May:**

**Fellowship**

### Date Claimers

**18 May 2015:**  
Steven Burroughs  
Rotoract

**28 May 2015:**  
RCOB Charity Golf  
Day at North Lakes

**31 May 2015:**  
Scenic Rim Excursion

### 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

A representative from RI (Aust) told us about all the things we don't know about the operation of RI, and two other important presentation were Mercy Ships ( mobile volunteer treatment ships started so 70 odd years ago)that provide free service to the area of the south pacific, Asia and Africa. Amazing good work is being done by this organisation. Finally food bank and Shaftsbury Campus on bout food distribution to those in need every day and the training of disadvantaged children in our region. The upshot of the Food bank was while dry food available and able to be stored for distribution, Meat was a problem, there was a suggestion put that if 50 calves were purchased and provided to the Shaftsbury campus farm, the children could be used as carers of these calves as part of farm training, and as they grow, can be processed to supply a steady flow of fresh meet.

This matter was raised yesterday by VP K Watts as a possible project for our club, and Rotarian Max Winders offered to provide 10 calves free of charge from his feedlot to Shaftesbury. MAX should be commended for his offer. Thank you Max

On the medical front, President Elect Phil Gresham has had his hip replaced and is on the mend, speaking with him on Monday morning, he say he hopes to come to Rotary next Monday. Rotarian John Smerdon returned to hospital this week for a follow up after his recent melanoma removal. We also continue to wish Rotarian Peter Anderson a speedy recovery. Finally Rotarian Stan Francis has had a re occurrence of a balance problem and after speaking with him, he also expects to be back with us in a couple of weeks, Get well Stan.

### GOLF:

GOLF is on again for 28th May (Morning game with Breakfast roll, & lunch) more details later but put this in your diary or smart phone, as we want to get to the 100 players or more this year. **Any Members who have access to sponsors and suitable prizes please contact Michael Stephens or myself as soon as possible.**

Alternative cash sponsors are still being sort at present, but if any member knows of a company or business that can help please let us know so that we can follow them up.

We have been able to secure support from some of last year's sponsors and donations for prizes but more players and contributions are urgently required. "PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN". Call: Michael Stephens or myself. If each member brought along or obtained a team of 4 to represent the member, we could achieve a full field of 144 Plus.

### Nepal Earthquake Appeal

An appeal has been lodged via RAWCS to assist with the recovery process of the recent Nepal Earthquake that has devastated the country with substantial loss of life, I will be recommending to the board and members that we make cash contribution through District.

### FELLOWSHIP MEETING

This Monday 11th May will be a Fellowship and Business Meeting Followed by board meeting. I would like a full attendance to discuss our club, it membership, attendance, and future projects and opportunities, without your input both I and the Incoming President Phil Gresham have and will have difficulty in growing the Club.

**YOUR ATTENDANCE ON 11TH MAY IS REQUESTED**

### Suggested Joint Meeting

On 10th July Brisbane Mid City (Friday Lunch at Brisbane Club) has a speaker from the Brisbane Airport Corporation speaking on the second runway expansion. BMC have extended an invitation to have a joint meeting and I have on behalf of our members accepted the suggestion, any member who is not happy with the arrangements, please contact me.



## Calendar

**18 May 2015:**

*Steven Burroughs*  
Rotoract

**25 May 2015:**

*Peter Sullivan (Rotarian)*  
Organ & Tissue Donation

**1 June 2015:**

*Professor Naomi Wray*  
Queensland Brain Institute

**3 August 2015:**

*Denise and Bruce Morcombe*  
Daniel Morcombe Foundation

## Roster

**11 May 2015:**

<b>President</b>	G Whitmore
<b>Chairperson</b>	G Holtmann
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	J Delahunty
<b>Raffle</b>	S Dunlop
<b>Visitor Register</b>	B Veal
<b>Attendance</b>	J Smerdon D Schellbach

**18 May 2015:**

<b>President</b>	G Whitmore
<b>Chairperson</b>	M Evans
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	C Shepherd
<b>Raffle</b>	D Henderson
<b>Visitor Register</b>	K Watts
<b>Attendance</b>	J Smerdon D O'Donoghue

**25 May 2015:**

<b>President</b>	G Whitmore
<b>Chairperson</b>	A McKinnon
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	G Holtmann
<b>Raffle</b>	B Veal
<b>Visitor Register</b>	A Smith
<b>Attendance</b>	J Smerdon D Schellbach

**1 June 2015:**

<b>President</b>	G Whitmore
<b>Chairperson</b>	W Walker
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	M Stephens
<b>Raffle</b>	S Francis
<b>Visitor Register</b>	C Shepherd
<b>Attendance</b>	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*

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I thank Members for your attendance and open fellowship is appreciated

**Remember: LIGHT UP ROTARY**

## President Graeme

### **Rotary Meeting – 4 May 2015**

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

In Rotary Spots, Denise Schellbach outlined the guest speaker program she had organised for the coming weeks. Her efforts are very much appreciated by members.

Tony McKinnon advised that Cab Sav wine for tasting had been delayed by the recent inclement weather. The RCOB excursion for members and partners would be to the 'Scenic Rim' and would occur during the weekend of 30 – 31 May 2015....further details to follow.

VP Keith Watts added to comments made by President Graeme (reported elsewhere) on the District 9600 Conference. He particularly focussed on a possible link between Foodbank ([www.foodbank.org.au](http://www.foodbank.org.au)) and Shaftesbury Centre ([www.shaftesbury.org.au](http://www.shaftesbury.org.au)).

One initiative was to purchase calves for Shaftesbury to raise, and ultimately provide meat for Foodbank. Max Winders, who is in the cattle trade, spoke in support of this proposal. Keith also suggested that RCOB order a batch of quality RCOB polo shirts. One could be given to each new member and the shirts would also be available for purchase by existing members. These shirts could then be worn by members during volunteer work.

Gerald Holtmann, a noted gastroenterologist, spoke about the Rotary-sponsored Bowel Cancer Screening Project, in which he is involved. Members were invited to attend a function at which he would be speaking.

After a short period of Fellowship, the Chair introduced the guest speaker, Gary Lambert who is an investigator/trainer with the Queensland Ombudsman. His topic was 'Public Sector Accountability: Role of the Queensland Ombudsman'. This was an interesting talk supported by PowerPoint slides. Among other matters, Gary indicated that over its 40-year history the Ombudsman's Office has dealt with more than 150,000 complaints from Queenslanders about state government agencies, local councils and state universities. Interestingly the Organisation has no jurisdiction over politicians. Informal processes of complaint resolution were preferred to legal processes and had resolved about 99 per cent of cases. The Ombudsman's office has also trained some 17,000 public sector workers in better and more ethical decision-making and improved complaint processes. Following questions and discussion, Gary was presented with a memento of the occasion. (Note: Further details of the Queensland Ombudsman's activities may be found at:

[www.ombudsman.qld.gov.au](http://www.ombudsman.qld.gov.au))

SAA Cam Bishop ran an entertaining session and exacted the usual fines to expand the Club coffers.

In the raffle, Max Winders had the winning ticket but failed to draw the joker from the deck in the first round of a new raffle series. (Editor's note: This was the first time in three meetings that a joker had not been drawn. Denise Schellbach drew a joker and won a sizeable jackpot on 20th April and Keith Watts drew the joker the following week, in the first round of a new series, and won a much smaller jackpot.)

The meeting closed at 1.55pm

### **Four countries meet to tackle malaria**

By Kenneth Masamaro, Rotaract Club of Kisumu, Kenya  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

On 3 April, we hosted a malaria prevention program in Kisumu, Kenya, as part of the third year of Rotaract East Africa Impact (REACT).

The project is a multi-district initiative that brings together Rotaract clubs from throughout Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, and Burundi.

More than 100 members from 19 different Rotaract clubs across these countries travelled to the lakeside city to make a difference in the informal settlement of Nyalenda. A story is told of a young boy who was four years old and had many dreams ahead of him. One evening, the boy developed fevers and refused to eat. Though his mother had a premonition about it, she decided to brush it aside. The preceding week, her other two children, a boy and girl, developed fevers and had reduced appetites but their symptoms had resolved on their own.



Members of Rotaract clear blocked ditches and conduct other improvements in the Nyalenda settlement of Kenya.

The boy, however, did not improve and within two days had lost consciousness. He was subsequently rushed to the local hospital where he was diagnosed with severe anemia caused by malaria. Though doctors made frantic efforts to resuscitate him through blood transfusion and lifesaving anti-malaria medication, he died. Yet we know malaria is a totally preventable and curable disease. His was a preventable death.

Our project took many months of planning and coordination between the Rotaract clubs and their parent Rotary clubs, event sponsors, county governments, venues, community stakeholders and the community at large. After brief introductory remarks, members divided into teams to clear blocked drainages ditches that are a breeding ground for mosquitoes, to distribute insecticide treated nets, and to educate households on malaria prevention.



A Rotaract member clears a drainage ditch, a prime breeding ground for mosquitoes

Rotary and Rotaract clubs continue to change lives in communities with the hope that the lives and dreams of young boys like the one above are not cut short by preventable diseases.

### Why you should consider being part of a vocational training team

By Indumati Gopinathan, Rotary Club of Bombay Chembur West  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)



The vocational training team is one of the most meaningful programs that has emerged from the Foundation's grant model. Having had opportunities to lead a Group Study Exchange and a vocational training team (VTT), I have witnessed the metamorphosis of this idea and can attest to the great value the later provides.

My participation in two consecutive medical vocational training teams to Uganda in 2013 and 2014 showed me how purpose driven these teams are, what a crisp program they follow, and how they build capacity in one of our six areas of focus. Stringent monitoring and evaluation tools gauge efficiency and assure sustainability.

Using the monitoring and evaluation tools developed by past RI Director Philip Silvers, our program evaluated trainees after every training capsule, and evaluated trainers after every session and again at the program's end. Those being trained had to provide a blueprint before the end of the program explaining how they are going to improve capacity building in their communities. A committee of Rotary members, healthcare officials, and healthcare workers have a set time frame to follow up with them on their plans.



The vocational training team demonstrates the proper technique for cervical cancer screening.

Because of these monitoring and evaluation tools, the first team in 2013 discovered the need for training in how to conduct cervical cancer screening, and it was added as a requirement of the program in 2014.

Some of the benefits of a vocational training team include:

- using your professional expertise to teach others in your field and enhance their ability to make a difference in their communities;
- thinking out of the box in situations where you have minimal resources;
- teaching alongside local experts;
- emphasizing measurability and evaluation, with the ultimate result of more sustainable outcomes;
- involving Rotary members and Rotaractors in follow up and evaluation;
- learning the importance of surveying local communities first and planning for the future.

Building friendships, exchanging culture, and feeling good about the experience are all nice by-products of a vocational training team, but the real greatness is in the sustainability and measurability. Organizing a team takes time and effort and leaves no room for loose ends.

Unlike Group Study Exchanges, in a vocational training team, a Rotary member does not have to be a team leader to take part. District or club funded team programs can even take place in your own country. For instance you can design a program to bring community members from rural areas to the city for training. You don't even need to be part of that profession to contribute, as you can serve on a committee organizing a vocational training team program.

The satisfaction that comes from a well done vocational training team is indescribable, really. I highly recommend it for any Rotary member who wants to experience what it is like to make a difference in a community.