



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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**GPO Box 2909
Brisbane Qld 4001**

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

MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

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

District 9600
Club Number 17787
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District Governor
Dai Mason

Rotary International President
Ron Burton

President's Message

Greetings Fellow Rotarians and Friends & Visitors

An interesting week at Rotary, our member attendance increased by approx. 30% this week and apologies received from 3 due to ill health or carer duties, members wish those members and patients a speedy recovery.

We also have applications for two new members, and hopefully these persons will be converted to active Rotarians.

Member Chris Muir filled in for speaker and gave a great review of his recent trek to Nepal and beyond.

Following the meeting PP Bas Veal has offered to take over the arranging of our speakers, and I greatly appreciate this offer and had already responded with a speaker for next week.

Not much news from the world of Rotary, with only three key issues.

- RYPEN organiser contacted me to check if we were sending a student this year as they only had 4 paid applicants, and with that number it could not be run successfully. Given that it may provide opportunities for future members, I consider we should review for next year. Member John Smerdon agreed to take this job
- We have been requested to provide a co-ordinator's name for Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) and while most of our members are past this stage, we do have grandchildren who may benefit from these driver awareness courses. Require nomination please.

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**What's On?
12 August:**

Terry Tolhurst
*The History of the
Brisbane Club*

Date Claimers

27 September:
Rotary Lunch
Combined DG Visit with
Brisbane Mid City

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

- Date Claimer: Friday Lunch (in lieu of our Monday Lunch) 29th September for combined DG Visit with Brisbane Mid City at Brisbane Club.

I am still looking for a member to take over, Public relations, and other committee positions.

This can be your individual Challenge please see me if you can help otherwise you will be seconded without further notice!!!!

Changes by the RI Legislation Council are currently being addressed by PP K Watts, as these will affect our constitution and we await these changes for review in due course and subsequent re submission to the Dept. of Fair Trade for approval.

Yours in Rotary

**REMEMBER: ENGAGE ROTARY
CHANGE LIVES**

President Graeme

Rotary Meeting – 5 August 2013

Today's Chairman was PP Bas Veal. P Graeme welcomed Heidi Bauer back from her trip to Germany. He appreciated that members who could not attend had sent in apologies. Wal Bishop was recovering from heart by-pass surgery. Clive Shepherd's wife Fiona was recovering from shingles at Noosa, and Rick Tamaschke was getting over the flu. He again reminded members that he was seeking a volunteer to organise the guest speakers for our Club.

Graeme said that Rotarians who were arranging this year's RYPEN Youth Camp were disappointed that the Camp may have to be cancelled as they had only received 4 applications to date. He asked members to mark Friday the 6th of December in their diaries, as he has committed our Club to man the sausage sizzle van for a Wesley Mission event on that date. He commended the benefits of the Rotary Youth Defensive Driving course, and quoted his personal experience where his company drivers cut their accidents by 50% after undergoing similar instruction.

PP Keith Watts was preparing a budget for the coming year, which would be presented in due course.

In Rotary Spots SAA Cam Bishop informed members that his father Wal was recovering well after having three stents placed in his heart. He was recuperating at his unit at Noosa.

John Smerdon told members that he had spoken on the phone to Greg Sellars. Greg was having chemotherapy at the Wesley currently. John volunteered to pick Greg up and bring him into Rotary as soon as Greg felt up to it.

Don O'Donoghue informed members that the death notice for Diana Bland had appeared in Saturday's Courier Mail. Diana was the wife of our long time member Bob Bland. Bob had a heart attack 5 weeks ago and has had open heart surgery plus other cardiac complications. Bob is currently in the Rehabilitation Ward at St Andrew's - phone 3834 4444. Because of Bob's incapacity a private family funeral for Diana was held in the Chapel of St Andrew's on last Friday.

There was no scheduled guest speaker. However our own member Chris Muir kindly volunteered to tell us about a recent trip he, and his wife Dymna, took to the base camp of Mount Everest. The eight day hiking tour was organised by Tashi Tenzing, son of the original Sherpa who accompanied Edmond Hillary on the first climb of the mountain. They flew into Lukla airport in a Twin Otter aircraft that had to land on a field with a 45 degree slope, at an elevation of 2,800 meters. The tour was well organised and participants stayed at comfortable guest houses built a good day's walk apart, with their eventual destination the home village of Tenzing Norgay, the original conqueror of Mount Everest.

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

19 August 2013:
TBA

26 August 2013:
TBA

2 September 2013:
Fellowship

Roster

12 August 2013:
President G Whitmore
Chairperson H Dahles
Set Up/Away C Muir
Raffle D Phillips
Visitor Register B Veal
Attendance J Smerdon
 T McKinnon

19 August 2013:
President G Whitmore
Chairperson P Caragata
Set Up/Away G Burnett
Raffle D Zhang
Visitor Register D Smith
Attendance J Smerdon
 J Charlton

26 August 2013:
President G Whitmore
Chairperson A Gillespie
Set Up/Away S Francis
Raffle J Worrell
Visitor Register P Dawson
Attendance J Smerdon
 T McKinnon

2 September 2013:
President G Whitmore
Chairperson M Kelly
Set Up/Away A McKinnon
Raffle A Gillespie
Visitor Register S Francis
Attendance J Smerdon
 J Charlton

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The village had a population of 300, and boasted 100 ascents of Everest amongst the inhabitants. Chris was most impressed by the strength of these small framed men – one of whom was seen carrying a refrigerator on a sling around his forehead. Some highlights of the tour were the Everest Base Camp, and a helicopter ride through the valleys around Mount Everest. Chris was also intrigued to find that solar power was widely used, and that the locals had built their own hydro -electric power scheme by ducting water in pipes from the mountain rivers through a turbine and then directing the outflow back into the river at a lower altitude. The local community pays half of the cost, and the Government picks up the remainder. However the locals had to supply the labour to construct the scheme. Chris gave a most interesting talk that made the old fogeys envious of his sense of adventure and courage in taking on such an unusual vacation.

SAA Cam Bishop was in fine form and fined without mercy. Max Winders won the raffle, but drew the 8 of Clubs, so the prize now jackpots to over \$600.

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K.R. (Ravi) Ravindran, of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Western Province, Sri Lanka, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2015-16. Ravindran will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

Ravindran's top priority for Rotary will be to increase membership. Also, it's important for Rotarians to speak with a consistent voice and share their stories, especially through social media, so others can see the impact Rotary has had in their lives, he said.

K R Ravindran is CEO of a publicly listed company in the tea packaging industry and the founding president of the Sri Lanka Anti-Narcotics Association.

As national PolioPlus committee chair, Ravi headed a task force of representatives from Rotary, UNICEF, and the Sri Lankan government and worked closely with UNICEF to negotiate a cease-fire with northern militants during National Immunization Days. He chairs the Schools Reawaken project sponsored by Rotary clubs and districts in Sri Lanka, which entails rebuilding more than 20 tsunami-devastated schools. A member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka, Ravi is a Major Donor and a recipient of The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. He has served as a RI Director, Foundation trustee and an RI task force and committee member. Ravi and his wife, Vanathy, live in Kelaniya.

The happier we are, the better we serve

By Mary Berge, a Rotary Coordinator and member of the Rotary Club of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, USA



Did you know that people are more interested in the “why” than the “how?”

This applies strongly to Rotary membership. It's far less interesting how you became a Rotarian than why you became, and why you remain, a Rotarian.

I became a Rotarian because of my innate character to give. I am, by nature, altruistic and I believe in doing the right thing (even when no one is looking). In a nut shell, I feel good when I'm helping others. I remain in Rotary because I feel good when I'm helping others.

I also remain in Rotary because of the connectedness I feel with my fellow Rotarians through service and fellowship. We are engaged in each other's lives in and outside of our Rotary meetings. My fellow Rotarians really care about me and I really care about them. Outside of family, where else does that happen? Rotary has become my extended family and the fact that my family reaches around the world has a huge impact on me!

Rotary in the future

I wonder what Rotary will look like in 2050. I wonder about how our journey, together as Rotarians, will take shape. I imagine the powerful and meaningful projects that will happen along the way. I imagine the positive impact we will have on human lives, all over the world. I imagine the lifelong friendships and bonds that will spontaneously occur as a result. It makes me smile to think about it all.

Have you noticed the common theme in my words above? It's happiness. I believe that Rotary makes people happy. The givers and receivers of our Rotary service are happy people! And when we are happy, we work, play, and love harder and better. Our performance, energy and creativity increases. In Rotary, the happier we are, the harder and better we serve others!

Success doesn't lead to happiness; happiness leads to success. Our goal in Rotary is to serve others and to do good in the world and by working toward and achieving these goals, alongside my fellow Rotarians, I am a happy person!

