



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

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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	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  
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor  
Trevor Taylor

Rotary International President  
Ron Burton

### President's Message

#### Welcome fellow Rotarians

It was great to have our very own Rotarian Clive Shepherd give us a talk on his life in the Aluminium and related industries, it was refreshing to hear him speak with passion about his pre-retirement employment, and I am sure he has many more interesting aspects of his career that would be of interest to our members.

Meeting numbers were in the mid-range today and I, and our speaker co-ordinator Bas Veal would like to see a few more of our members in attendance.

Our Golf Day has now come and gone, and we will provide a summary of the day and recognise our winners and sponsor support in the next newsletter. I was a fine sunny day and approx. 80 players enjoyed the course, and its facilities. Financially it was rewarding to our club.

A Meeting was held with Brisbane Youth Services after Rotary on the 5th May at BYS office in the valley, where PP Wal Bishop and I had an opportunity to speak with some of our scholarship recipients, It was extremely pleasing to see those students who have received the benefit of our clubs scholarship achieving their goals. A presentation was also carried out by BYS training staff.

There is a District Training session set for Sunday 18th May at Caboolture 8.30am to 3.30pm it is not too late to indicate your attendance, open to all incoming management team members.

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### Date Claimers

**18 May 2014:**  
District Training Session  
Caboolture

**1-4 June 2014**  
Rotary International  
Convention, Sydney

### 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

### POLIO OUTBREAK

A disappointing note was received this week from the Polio Plus Committee indicating that there have been an increase in Polio cases this year especially in Syria, Somalia, and one recently in Asia. So far this year 2014 there have been 60 cases reported compared with 22 for the same period last year. While funding from district, worldwide giving and The 2 for1 subsidy received from the Gates Foundation totals \$74,000,000.00 as at 30th April, it will be necessary to ensure the funds are available and all efforts are made to press on with the eradication process in these latest areas of concern. Tax Deductible donations can continue to be made to this Global Eradication Initiative.

Yours in Rotary

**Remember: ENGAGE ROTARY CHANGE LIVES**

### President Graeme

#### Rotary Meeting 5 May 2014

Chairman for the day Michael Stephens welcomed members to the meeting. 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.

In Rotary Spots, Treasurer Dougal Henderson reported that the cash jackpot won by Peter Anderson in last week's raffle amounted to \$318.

Patrick Caragata, recently returned after several weeks in the US, reported that he had heard advertisements for Rotary on US radio and suggested that a similar approach should be considered here. Chairman Michael endorsed Patrick's comments. As previously reported (RCOB Bulletin, 24th February) advertisements are also being used in Brazil.

After a short period of fellowship Chairman Michael introduced the guest speaker, RCOB member Clive Shepherd.

Recently retired from Rio Tinto, Clive's talk reflected on the 'life of a general manager' within the company. All up he and his family had moved 12 times during his career with the Rio group. He joined as an accountant in Melbourne in 1974. Subsequently he rose through the ranks and had important management roles at Bell Bay in Tasmania and Boyne Island in Queensland. He spent 8 years in Asia as a Commercial General Manager (6 years in Singapore and 2 years in Hong Kong) after which he returned to Australia for family reasons. Back in Australia, his management roles meant lots of travel involving various Rio operations, initially based in Melbourne and then in Brisbane where he retired at the end of 2013. He had enjoyed his career, which he regarded as a typical 'life of a general manager' with Rio Tinto. A number of questions followed what had been an excellent presentation warmly received by members. Finally, Chairman Michael presented Clive with a memento of the occasion.

SAA Cam Bishop provided another entertaining session. Michael Stephens won the first raffle in the new round....the joker is still in the pack.

The meeting closed at 1.55pm. 19 members were present.

### 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 May:

Speaker: Dr Ross Dunn  
*Dental work assistance program in East Timor*

### 26 May:

Speaker: Susan Teerds  
*KidSafe*

### 2 June:

Speaker: Prof. Phil Heywood  
*New City Plan for Brisbane*

## Roster

### 12 May 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	M Evans
Set Up/Away	W Walker
Raffle	M Winders
Visitor Register	W Walker
Attendance	J Smerdon J Charlton

### 19 May 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	M Mauger
Set Up/Away	A McKinnon
Raffle	J Ryder
Visitor Register	G Holtmann
Attendance	J Smerdon J Charlton

### 26 May 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	D Phillips
Set Up/Away	P Ryan
Raffle	S Francis
Visitor Register	P Gresham
Attendance	J Smerdon J Charlton

### 2 June 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	M Stephens
Set Up/Away	S Dunlop
Raffle	M Evans
Visitor Register	D Zhang
Attendance	J Smerdon J Charlton

*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.*



## Your chance to serve at the Sydney Convention

By Mark Maloney, chair of the Sydney Convention Committee and a member of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, USA  
[Blog.rotary.org](http://Blog.rotary.org)

We've put a lot of effort this year into giving you a chance to serve alongside fellow Rotary members from around the globe during the 2014 Rotary International Convention in Sydney 1-4 June. I'm excited to share some of those opportunities with you, and looking forward to seeing how members get engaged by actively getting involved.



Rotary will be attempting to set two records during the BridgeClimb at the Sydney convention.

### Labyrinth for Literacy

You can begin your service experience by donating one or more new children's books to the Labyrinth for Literacy, a wonderful project that will be set up in the Billabong House of Friendship, inside The Dome at Sydney Showground. Bring children's books in your native language, or purchase a book at the project booth from Scholastic, and you'll be promoting reading for Aboriginal and needy children in New South Wales and Queensland. Local Rotarian volunteers will be leading convention attendees in building a labyrinth out of the donated books, which will then be distributed to schools and hospitals to benefit the children.

### Stop Hunger Now

The opportunities continue at the Service Opportunities Exhibition, a new feature we were able to add this year thanks to the excellent facilities at Sydney Olympic Park.

In the Howie Complex, you will be able to pack meals for Stop Hunger Now and learn more about Rotary's involvement in disaster relief with ShelterBox.

### Make History Today walk

You can help us raise awareness for polio eradication by participating in the Stop Polio Now—Make History Today 3K Walk on Saturday morning, 31 May. We will be drawing attention to the need to end this crippling disease while walking through the beautiful surroundings of Sydney Olympic Park and Bicentennial Park. Register at <http://www.bigstickadventures.com/rotary/>.

### Bridge Climb

You can also support our polio eradication efforts by joining us in attempting to break two world records during the BridgeClimb Friday morning, 30 May. We will be attempting to establish a new record for most climbers on the bridge at one time and most flags flown on the bridge. Half of the climb fees will be donated by BridgeClimb to PolioPlus.

This year's convention is an opportunity for you to change lives and take part in Rotary service like never before. Join your fellow Rotary members from around the world in Sydney as we Engage Rotary, Change Lives.

### Visiting orphans in Nairobi

By Thaddeus Bah Masika, president of the Rotaract Club of Nairobi Parklands, Kenya  
[Blog.rotary.org](http://Blog.rotary.org)

In November, we visited children at Mother Teresa's Home of Mercy, run by the Missionaries of Charity. For just a one day visit, it had a profound effect on our club and members, some of whom were moved to tears.

After meeting at 8 a.m. we traveled by public transportation to Huruma, a slum on the northeast edge of Nairobi, and walked the few meters to the home. We had three main goals in mind: clean the place, feed the children, and play with the children.

It is not easy to engage the children, since some of them have mental issues. But our team was determined to win smiles on their young faces. And in fact one of our members, Timothy, made such friends with one of the children that it was later difficult to part the two.

Other members got emotional and had to find a place to re-compose themselves before continuing.

The home has a unique and effective system that has helped them keep time and ensure that no child is skipped or forgotten. The cleaning, feeding, and playtime is synchronized perfectly.



Cleaning utensils after feeding the children.

We learned that apart from the children inside the walls of the home, the sisters also go deep into the community to assist others. As we left, we were challenged by the thought that this was just one day of service at the home. What must it be like for the people who wake up every morning to tackle the same job?