



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

14 April 2014



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Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
(Edinburgh Room)  
of the Brisbane Club  
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**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

Another interesting day in our world of Rotary, we were revisited by Justin Bobbermien of Montrose Access who again thanked Rotary for starting the Montrose Home many years ago, formally the Crippled Children's Home when Polio in Australia was common, thanks to Rotary International, and many world-wide Rotary clubs we hopefully will see the end to this terrible disease, with the recent announcement that 16 countries are now classified as Polio Free. What was disappointing in that news announcement that Rotary did not get a mention, where is our world-wide Public Relations Team? Sadly it reminds me of the children's story about the Little Red Hen.

By the time you read this bulletin our team will have visited Taipei Tatung for their 30th Anniversary of the charter of the club, I am sure it was a worthwhile event along with a bit of golf played by our team over the few days of their visit. VP Keith Watts represented me and read a prepared speech and presented a cheque from our club so that our club may join with Taipei Tatung in an International Project to be announced

Our attendance today was again low although we still have a few on medical recovery and a further three members overseas and or have work commitments that precluded their attendance. We also welcomed two Rotarians from Scotland who have been enjoying our state over the past few weeks.

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#### What's on?

14 April:

**Lt Colonel Miles Farmer**

*The Light Horse  
and Queensland  
Mounted Infantry*

### Date Claimers

9 May 2014  
Rotary Golf Day

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

The secretary has sent an email to all club members for personal details that they would like or be prepared to share with our members. I ask that you complete the information and return to our Club Secretary R. Michael Stephens so that our retained & distributed data complies with the latest privacy laws.

Finally **GOLF DAY 9th May 2014**, we urgently need the names of players and their entry forms AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to confirm numbers to Golf Club.

WE also need sponsorship and or goods for the daily prizes and for Multi draw Raffle table.

If each member arranged one team of 4 payers we would have 160 players, that would be great, but Michael Stephens and I will settle for 100 and we are well on the way to achieve this but please do not become complacent. It is your club.

**PLEASE DO YOUR BIT FOR THE CLUB AS THIS IS ONE OF OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISERS**

Yours in Rotary

**Remember: ENGAGE ROTARY CHANGE LIVES**

**President Graeme**



Jarrod Ryder presenting certificate to our speaker Justin Bobbermien from Montrose Access



Margaret Rose and David Breton exchanging banners with President Graeme

## Rotary Meeting 7 April 2014

Chairman for the day Jarrod Ryder welcomed members to the meeting. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen and Australia, Rotary International and the Rotary Club of Taipei Tatung, he introduced President Graeme Whitmore. Graeme's message is reported in detail elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, PP Bas Veal, chair of the Guest Speaker Committee, reported that he had recruited a number of additional speakers for the weeks ahead. Bas Veal's efforts are very much appreciated by members. There was no guest speaker this week and the focus of the remainder of the meeting was on membership and on freedom of information issues. Chairman Michael led the discussions.

PP Keith Watts reported on membership issues discussed at the previous week's District Conference. Issues raised included: the Club has to meet weekly, but members don't have to and can also use make-ups; the nature of what constitutes a meeting is up to the Board; 'sell the benefits' of Rotary; and avoid 'putting Rotary down'.

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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

**14 April 2014:**  
*Lt Colonel Miles Farmer*

**21 April 2014:**  
*Easter Monday – no meeting*

## Roster

**14 April 2014:**  
**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** D Henderson  
**Set Up/Away** P Gresham  
**Raffle** G Holtmann  
**Visitor Register** A Smith  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
W Walker

**21 April 2014:**  
**NO MEETING**  
**EASTER MONDAY**



**28 April 2014:**  
**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** W Bishop  
**Set Up/Away** J Ryder  
**Raffle** A McKinnon  
**Visitor Register** D Schelbach  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
J Charlton

**5 May 2014:**  
**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** G Burnett  
**Set Up/Away** D Zhang  
**Raffle** W Walker  
**Visitor Register** S Dunlop  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
J Charlton

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*secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au*



## Rotary Meeting 7 April 2014

PP Keith also reported that there was an opportunity to obtain further supplies of 3 Associates red wine (barrel or half barrel). He was passing this information on to Tony McKinnon, chair of RCOB's Wine Committee, and other interested members for further action.

As promised at the previous meeting, Treasurer Dougal Henderson is looking into the impact of non-financial membership on RCOB finances. He reported his latest findings to the meeting and further details will follow in due course.

After a short period of fellowship Chairman Jarrod introduced the guest speaker, Justin Bobbermien from Montrose Access that has been supported by RCOB since the Organisation was founded some 80 years ago.

The purpose of Justin's visit was to keep RCOB members informed about major changes at Montrose over the last year. Due to increasing emphasis on the provision of home-based services in the disabilities sector, Montrose had sold its Corinda site. Respite services were now to be provided from new facilities at Yeerongpilly, and corporate headquarters and therapy services were to be based at Darra. While Montrose was located in South East Queensland, services were being provided throughout the State. The Organisation is currently gearing up for the proposed NDIS, which has massive cost implications for the sector...implementation of the scheme is planned from 2016 onwards. Montrose very much appreciates RCOB's ongoing support. There was much interest in Justin's presentation and a number of questions from the audience followed. Finally, Chairman Jarrod presented Justin with a memento of the occasion.

Acting SAA Phil Gresham ran a very profitable session with the aim of exacting a minimum of \$5 from each member. Denise Schellbach won the raffle...but the joker is still in the pack. The meeting closed at 1.50pm. 14 members, two visiting Rotarians and one guest were present.

## Reading program bridges continents

By Mark Lazenby, a member of the Rotary Club of Durham, North Carolina, USA  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)



*Elementary school students in Durham, North Carolina, take part in a video conference with students in India.*

Sixth-grade students from Y.E. Smith Elementary School traded big smiles and stories about school work and home life with counterparts in India during a big-screen video conference at the headquarters of Duke Corporate Education in downtown Durham.

Not surprisingly, the conversation turned to food and eating. Favorite holidays and hobbies were discussed. There was even talk of basketball and cricket. In India, a boy listed his pets – dogs, donkeys and pigeons. The Durham students closed the session with their rendition of the "Andy and Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure" which is based upon and promotes Rotary's Four-Way Test. Durham Chef Ashlyn Smith of Spicy Green Gourmet even demonstrated how the dumplings are made.

Our club organized the 70-minute video conference in March with Duke Corporate Education, using their facilities in Durham and Ahmedabad, to enhance volunteer literacy and our reading program, "Rotary Reading Rangers." The 20-month-old program matches volunteer tutors with students at the elementary school and a local middle school.

More than 35 tutors have volunteered more than 525 hours of one-on-one support to more than 30 students so far this year alone. The program is supported by clubs in Durham and throughout District 7710. Together, we have contributed more than \$24,000 to literacy and scholarship programs in Durham, collected over 54,000 books to give to local children, and provided nearly \$100,000 in school supplies and donations to area programs.

Y.E. Smith Principal Letisha Judd says the school has documented improvements in all students who have sought the help of Ranger tutors. Some of the students have shown reading growth of up to a year-and-a-half.

We are hoping to hold additional video conferences with Brazil, the United Kingdom, and other cities in India. The idea is to encourage kids to share with kids from other cultures some of the things they've been reading and learning.

Todd Taylor, a member of our club, North American facilities manager for Duke Corporate Education, and creator and organizer of the Ranger initiative, said the video conference had many benefits. "Now they'll know and have acquaintances from the other side of the world. They can do away with stereotypes of what kids are like in India or North Carolina. They can build knowledge through reading and sharing, and they get real-time exposure to other cultures and kids that was unthinkable not so long ago."