



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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A global network of community volunteers

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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

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| 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 meeting on Monday, with us inducting Kevin Cocks AO as the latest member of our club, as well as a fascinating talk from Rotarian Paul Lemmens, as reported by Don elsewhere in the bulletin.



As I mentioned briefly during Monday's meeting, the club was represented by Past Presidents Michael Mauger and Bas Veal, as well as myself, at the official City Hall opening events, including the unveiling of the Honour Board recognising donors, as well the official rededication ceremony. For members that are interested, the Honour Board is located in the foyer of the Ann St entrance to City Hall, with the club listed amongst the Gold Partners.



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)

The events were very well attended, and it is fair to say that the restoration appears to have been a magnificent job, and the club should be very proud of its contribution to this project.

On Monday evening, I also had the pleasure of attending an event hosted by her Excellency the Governor of Queensland to celebrate 80 years of Montrose Access (formerly known as Montrose House), which as I'm sure most members are aware was established with assistance from the Club

(<http://www.montroseaccess.org.au/our-history.aspx>).

The club's involvement was acknowledged and it was fantastic to hear how much of difference Montrose Access has made to the lives of individuals and families of those with disabilities. I had a long chat with Justin (General Manager for Marketing and Communications) and like all charities, Montrose Access is currently struggling with funding for some of their projects. I think it would be a good opportunity for the club to reconnect with this organisation and will be meeting with Justin in the near future to discuss this further.

That is all for this week, and I look forward to catching up with you all on Monday.

Yours in Rotary

President Alistair

Rotary Meeting 25 March 2013

Chairman Peter Anderson introduced P Alistair who our guest speaker Paul Lemmens from the RC of Beveren Wass, which is near Antwerp. Another visitor was Norm Hodgkinson from Brisbane Mid-City RC. P Alistair reported that he, PP Bas Veal and PP Mike Mauer had attended a ceremony at the newly restored City Hall, as representatives of the RC of Brisbane, where an Honour Board with the donors to the project was unveiled on last Friday night. They also attended the official opening of the City Hall to the public on the Saturday.

P Alistair was impressed with the work that had been done. P Alistair had also represented our Club, which had established the original Montrose Home for Crippled Children, at a function at Government House where the State Governor recognised the valuable work still being done for the community by Montrose Access. P Alistair also told us of the contact he had had with our long-time member Greg Sellars. Greg has recently been diagnosed with lung cancer with secondaries in his brain. Greg is currently at home, having radiation to his brain as an outpatient at the Wesley Hospital. I am sure Greg and Sue would appreciate phone calls, or cards, from his friends in the Club.

In Rotary Spots PP Keith Watts announced that the Department of Fair Trading had approved the amended rules and regulations passed at our last General Meeting. Rick Tamaschke proposed a vote of thanks to Keith for all the hard work he has put into getting official approval for our activities. It was carried with loud acclamation.

The most important business of the meeting was the induction of our new member Kevin Cocks in the Classification of Anti-Discrimination Commissioner. Kevin was warmly welcomed by all members present.

Our guest speaker for the day was Rotarian Paul Lemmens, an Electro-Mechanical Engineer, who spoke to us on Antarctic Research and Climate Change. He spoke of his visit to the Princess Elizabeth Base, close to Mt. Erebus, of New Zealand aircraft crash infamy, and of his time there. He got there on an Icebreaker after a very rough voyage from Cape Town. He was fascinated by the ice-burbs they encountered on the way. On landing they then took 28 hours to travel 200km inland to the base in specialised mechanical tracked vehicles.

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

22 April 2013:
TBA

5 May 2013:
Golf Day

Roster

15 April 2013:

President A Smith
Chairman C Muir
Set Up/Away D Smith
Raffle R Tamaschke
Visitor Register C Shepherd
Attendance J Smerdon
G Whitmore

22 April 2013:

President A Smith
Chairman P Little
Set Up/Away M Kelly
Raffle M Evans
Visitor Register A Gillespie
Attendance J Smerdon
G Whitmore

29 April 2013:

President A Smith
Chairman B Carss
Set Up/Away C Muir
Raffle M Kelly
Visitor Register A McKinnon
Attendance J Smerdon
G Whitmore

6 May 2013:
NO MEETING

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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His group took the easy way home flying out on an Illushin Freighter. There are also regular flights in a 1943 vintage Douglas DC3. The Research Base building itself was an ultramodern prefabricated building. It was purpose built to be energy efficient with wind, solar and diesel power. The windows were quad-glazed and everything possible was done to insulate the base efficiently. Water was recycled. All toilet waste was stored and eventually taken out by ship. There were particular problems with carbon dioxide build ups in contained insulated spaces, and because of the ice, which could be up to 2km thick, static electricity could build up to dangerous levels, as it was impossible to get an electrical earth. This was of particular concern when handling sensitive electronic scientific equipment. I was surprised to see he and the other visitors were accommodated in tents out in the open overnight in temperatures of -40C. The purpose of the base is research, particularly into the scientific study of ice cores, which can reveal what conditions were like on earth ages ago. He spoke of the history of Scott and Amundsen and the tragic story of the rush to be the first to reach the South Pole. Paul was convinced that mankind has to do something drastic to prevent climate change and global warming. The explosion of the world's population where we are constantly consuming more and more of the finite reserves of our planet has to be brought under control. He mentioned vegetarianism and nuclear power as some of the future solutions. He said that 70% of the earth's fresh water and 90% of the ice is in the huge sheet of ice over the Antarctic. If it melts the oceans will rise 50 to 70 meters. Paul's illustrated talk was well received by the members, giving them an insight into a part of the world where few of us have ventured. Of our members only Phil Gresham has been there, for a few days with a RNZAF air crew many years ago.

Phil Gresham took on the role of Acting SAA in the absence of SAA Cam. Phil has a very efficient way of raising money by requesting members to put \$5 into the pots.

He welcomed our new member Kevin Cocks. Phil told us of his own Antarctic exploits. He reminded us of Greg Sellars' illness and asked members to contact Greg to offer support. The raffle was won by Patrick Caragata who failed to draw the joker, but came away with a bottle of wine. A total of 25 enjoyed the lunch.

Taking on Guinea worm in South Sudan

By Walter Hughes Jr., a member of the Rotary Club of Rocky Mount, Virginia, USA. Hughes is one of 12 Rotarians being honored 5 April at the White House as a Champion of Change.

I am honored to be a White House Champion of Change. I'm accepting on behalf of Rotarians and friends from a team of more than 80 Rotary clubs in the United States, Canada, Switzerland, Ghana, and South Sudan. We are celebrating the end of Guinea worm disease in Ghana in West Africa. It all started with a dream. I'm the lucky guy who gets to witness lives transformed around the world.



I'm passionate about bringing clean water because of three priceless moments. The first starts when the people see the drill rig hit water. Cheers erupt when the water flows. The second moment comes when people throughout the village bring their buckets after the pump is installed. Everyone is silent and finally cheers erupt when the water pours out. Seeing the smiling faces of the men, women, and children makes for a lifetime of unforgettable memories. The third priceless moment takes longer to notice because it happens quietly over time.

It is the moment when children are healthy because they have safe water to drink. We do this work for the kids who will grow up not knowing Guinea worm disease.

Children are less at risk of being crippled by polio. Rotary's polio eradication efforts gave credibility to our team who partnered in the effort to eradicate Guinea worm disease which is transmitted by dirty water. The three-foot long parasite grows in the body for one year and feels like a hot iron hit the skin when it emerges. Adults can't work and children can't go to school when they are sick.

South Sudan has 96 percent of the 542 people suffering from Guinea worm disease. Our dream now is to get rid of the disease in South Sudan, too. In October 2012, I traveled to South Sudan to build and encourage the team needed to finish Guinea worm eradication. It is led by the South Sudan Guinea Worm Eradication Program. The team is complete with non-profit organizations, developmental partners, faith-based organizations, churches like Catholic Relief Services and Redwood United Methodist Church, medical professionals, The Rotary Foundation, and finally Rotarians! The Carter Center helps to fund water filters, education, medical care and mobilizing community health workers. Water is the missing piece of the puzzle.

Our plan is to repeat the success of Ghana by drilling wells in the remote Eastern Equatoria State where the majority of the people suffering from this disease live. We can eradicate this disease if we put wells in the places where the greatest number of people are sick. We've drilled five wells in South Sudan so far this year and helped to give 250,000 people water to drink since we started.

We can change the world when one person is united with others in a common purpose. If we can imagine and think we can, one day we can say we changed the world. Come join us. The journey is worth it.