



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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A global network of community volunteers

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(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
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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
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District Governor
George Grant

Rotary International President
Gary C K Huang

President's Message

Welcome fellow Rotarians & Visitors

Firstly my personal apology goes to Rtn Jarrod Ryder and his company St George Bank for his sponsorship on our golf day. In my haste I omitted St George Bank from my sponsorship nominations in last week's bulletin. St George provided a really neat Coffee cart complete with a fully trained Barista who served hot coffee or any other hot drink that you may care to ask for. All proceeds from sales from this cart went directly to Rotary.

ST George Bank (Jarrod's Branch Only) has a real deal for anybody contemplating refinancing a mortgage or investment loan whereby upon settlement of the loan a further opportunity to donate to the Prostate Cancer Foundation with taxation benefits to the borrower. A WIN WIN situation, contact RTN Jarrod Ryder if you are interested.

Last Saturday 8 Rotarians and partners travelled to SARABAH WINES & RECEPTION CENTRE for a lunch put on by Cam Bishop and his wife, judging by the photos shown at Mondays meeting a great day was enjoyed by all who attended, thanks goes to Organiser Tony McKinnon and Cam Bishop for arranging this function.

After recovering from last week's golf day, I played a leisurely game on Saturday and managed to get a Birdie (of the two legged type Sorry about that) and managed to scrape a runners up place for the day.



What's on?

15 June:

Detective Sergeant David Dunn

Fraud Prevention Unit, Queensland Police Service
'Identity Theft'

Date Claimers

29 June 2015:

Changeover Dinner
(details to be advised)

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

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. To which we will add the donation from Kevin Jenkins Wife and friends.

DROUGHT RELIEF NORTH WEST QLD

I will be following this up this week to ensure the probity and security of our committed funds and report to the board at our next meeting later in the month.

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. As a consequence we will cancel our usual day and time on Monday 6th July. The joint meeting on 10th July will be our meeting that week.

Brisbane High Rise

At our Cluster meeting on Tues 2nd June I have suggested that they come along to the Brisbane club Facility, and also proposed that the incoming presidents of our cluster look at the ramifications of joining the CBD Clubs and other Cluster clubs together or at least work in unison for the betterment of Rotary in the CBD, and if necessary alternate meeting days, while not universally accepted, I sincerely believe this would enhance all our clubs and offer greater opportunities for member attendance and involvement.

VP Keith Watts and I attended a Monash Commemorative Service and we and our Club were recognised as attending the Service. The Service was held this year for the first time at Somerville House and was presented through The Spirit of Australia it is the 3rd time the service has been held in Brisbane. It was stated that General Sir John Monash GCMG KCB VD was the significant Charter Member of the ROTARY CLUB of MELBOURNE, the First in Australia, in 1921 (some 2yrs before the charter of our club) and was President 1922 -1923

The speakers at the service were Col Dennis Scanlan, Representing chief of Army and Dr Alice Chang, Somerville House Old Girl and General Sir John Monash Foundation Scholar -2008

It is clear that the Spirit of Australia organisation, the Monash Foundation and our Rotary have a lot in common over a significant period of time.

CHANGE OVER:

Change over is scheduled for 29th June further details to be advised. Log in this date

I thank Members for your attendance & fellowship.

President Graeme

Remember: **LIGHT UP ROTARY**

Rotary Meeting – 1 June 2015

The Chairperson for the day was Clive Shepherd. 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.

After a short period of Fellowship, the Chair introduced the guest speaker, Professor Naomi Wray. She is co-director of the Centre of Neurogenetics and Statistical Genomics (CNSG) within the Queensland Brain Institute (QBI) of the University of Queensland (see www.qbi.uq.edu.au/centre-neurogenetics-and-statistical-genomics-cnsg for further details) Her topic was 'Using New Genetic Technologies to Understand Disorders of the Brain'. The talk focussed on the 'Genomic Revolution' for complex diseases that has occurred over the last few years. She used her studies of Schizophrenia and Motor Neurone Disease (or ALS) as a context.



Calendar

22 June 2015:
Fellowship

3 August 2015:
Denise and Bruce Morcombe
Daniel Morcombe Foundation

Roster

15 June 2015:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson S Dunlop
Set Up/Away J Ryder
Raffle C Shepherd
Visitor Register M Stephens
Attendance J Smerdon
D O'Donoghue

22 June 2015:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson J Ryder
Set Up/Away P Caragata
Raffle G Holtmann
Visitor Register P Little
Attendance J Smerdon
D Schellbach

29 June 2015:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson P Anderson
Set Up/Away P Ryan
Raffle M Stephens
Visitor Register J Ryder
Attendance J Smerdon
D O'Donoghue

6 July 2015:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson TBA
Set Up/Away TBA
Raffle TBA
Visitor Register TBA
Attendance TBA

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Her broad interest is to understand the genetic contribution to individual differences between people. This was a very interesting and polished presentation well supported by PowerPoint slides.

Questions and discussion followed. Finally the Chair presented Naomi with a memento of the occasion (pictured). (Note: Members may wish to consult: www.qbi.uq.edu.au/blog that provides some interesting articles about different areas of research that QBI is involved in.)

In Rotary Spots, Patrick Caragata reported that the 'charities initiative' with Brisbane City Council is progressing well and presentations have been requested from three charities that are in trouble and need assistance. He will keep members informed of further developments.

Tony McKinnon gave an update of the 'membership development initiative'. If this was to be successful, active participation from all RCOB members was required. Tony also reported on the 'Scenic Rim Excursion' (SRE) to Sarabah Vineyards on 30th May. He extended a warm thanks to SAA Cam Bishop for having hosted lunch at the vineyard. The function had been well attended and enjoyed by all (picture attached).

Rick Tamaschke moved a vote of thanks for Tony McKinnon's efforts organising the SRE function, and also for the other social functions he had organised throughout the Rotary year for members and partners.

Phil Little discussed the plight of Nepal following the recent earthquakes and the need for urgent financial and other assistance.

Because time was short, Acting SAA Phil Gresham simply imposed a 'blanket fine' of \$5 on each member. He also expressed his appreciation for the SRE.

Stan Francis won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck.

The meeting closed at 2pm.



As we end this 2014-15 Rotary year, I am honored by your response and will always be grateful for how you have risen to this challenge. You have answered my call to Light Up Rotary by holding many successful Rotary Day celebrations in your communities; you have outdone yourselves in your contributions to our Rotary Foundation; and you have moved all of Rotary forward with new members and new clubs.

When I chose my theme for my year as president, I was inspired by the words of Confucius, who said, "It is better to light a single candle than to sit and curse the darkness."



This year, more than 1.2 million Rotarians, along with Interactors, Rotaractors, Rotary Youth Exchange participants, and Rotary Peace Fellows, have lit their own candles in tens of thousands of communities. Together, the lights we have kindled have created a great light that shines for all the world to see.

I thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as your president this year, and for the hard work and dedication of our volunteer leadership and our staff members. I came to them with high expectations - and they delivered.

I also am grateful for the many friends I have made during this Rotary year, and for the wonderful visits I've had to so many places. I will always remember, with great fondness, riding on the Rotary float in the Rose Parade, watching children enjoy the Japanese drummers at the Rotary Day open house at RI headquarters in Evanston, and bicycling through the night in Colombo during the Ride to Light Up Rotary event, celebrating a polio-free Sri Lanka.

RI President's Message - June 2015

Gary C K Huang
President 2014 - 15
Source: Rotary International

When I began this Rotary year as your president, I wanted us, above all, to Light Up Rotary. I wanted us to share with the world how many wonderful friendships and experiences we have found in Rotary, and how Rotary has transformed and enriched our lives. I knew that by telling others about Rotary, we would increase membership, build stronger clubs, and improve our ability to help people in need.



I have seen a new energy in Rotary this year, and felt a new excitement. We've seen more and more women and young people join Rotary as well – including my wife, Corinna, and our three children.

I hope that in the year to come, you will continue your wonderful work to *Light Up Rotary* – and to help it *Be a Gift to the World*.

Trustee Chair's Message - June 2015

John Kenny
Trustee Chair 2014 – 15
Source: Rotary International



Each month, I have tried to highlight various priorities of our organization's largest charity, The Rotary Foundation. They were my own thoughts, but I hope you found them helpful.

Our principal goal is the eradication of polio. Some of you may ask why we are still pursuing this when many of your countries haven't had a new case of polio for years. It is important to remember that we gave our word to eradicate polio, but we have not yet done so. We must continue until we finish the job – until all the children of the world are free from this dreaded disease.

It is surely the wish in all our hearts that there is peace in our world. Our Foundation is endeavoring to advance this wish with the establishment of Rotary Peace Centers in various parts of the world – a pertinent program in these troubled times.

Our Annual Fund goal of US\$123 million is still achievable if our giving continues at the same generous level. Every Rotarian should give to the Foundation, each according to his or her means.

In my final message, I would like to express my thanks to those dedicated Rotarians who have supported our Foundation during the year simply by doing good in the world. I am always conscious that Rotary is a volunteer organization. The important work of our organization is undertaken by the Rotarians who are helping those less fortunate in their own communities, and in communities throughout the world that they may never even see.

I have always deemed it an honor to have been president and trustee chair. Thank you for giving me that privilege.

Remember, the future of Rotary is in your hands.
