



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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A global network of community volunteers

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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

Today is another sad day for our club as it is with sadness that I report the recent passing of Rotarian Gregory Peter Sellars (Greg) after a long illness. Greg joined our club on 8th of February 1981 and served our club with distinction for some 33 years. Greg was following in his father's footsteps, as his dad was also a long term member and past president of our club.

Greg served on many committees within our club, and was a respected director and board member, in addition to his role in the operation and legal aspects of our Benevolent Fund, I personally worked alongside Greg at various Fund Raiser events and he assisted with our annual golf days, he was a dedicated and tireless worker and was readily available to assist with any club function. His organisation and co-ordination of our successful Melbourne Cup Sweepstakes events goes without question.

While Greg has not been a regular attendee at our lunch meetings due to his illness, he was not forgotten, and recently, willingly provided legal advice to the board on Trust Fund matters.

Greg is survived by his wife Susan & three children, Jillian, Catherine & William. Our sincere Sympathy and thoughts go to Susan and family in their sad loss of a great member of our rotary club.

A memorial Service was held to celebrate Greg's Life at the Saint Andrews Anglican Church on Friday 12th September. May he rest in Peace.



**What's on?
15 September:
Fellowship**

Date Claimers

22nd September:
Nigel Chamier
Chairman
Commonwealth Games
Gold Coast project

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

Speaker:

Our speaker today was Geoff Wilson who gave a very interesting presentation on the "Aquaculture" Ideal for the back yard with minimal work, but gainful rewards in vegetables and Fish. Very interesting talk.

Current Topics:

- We have approval from Education Dept. for the relocation of the Sundial at Petrie State School, following this approval, we now intended to undertake this work during next school vacation, and we will be looking for member assistance, especially any member who has access to a Bobcat to relocate the concrete sundial to its new location
- In respect to our offer of help to the farmers of the Burnett Region, we are still awaiting a response from district on the availability of a district grant; our contribution, and additional individual monetary gifts from some of our members, will see the contribution achieve \$5000. If the District grant comes good then it will double the amount of the financial contribution that will be provided to farmers for use at nominated local businesses. We expect to get an answer very soon. Any further members who wish to contribute to this worthy cause, are invited to send payments to our Secretary or Treasurer marked for "Burnett Drought Relief" as soon as practical, as we intend to transfer the money this week. A PR exercise will be arranged before the end of the month, to get some recognition of the Club and Rotary in General.
- PP Wal Bishop has offered to arrange the Melbourne Cup Sweepstake, members will be advised of the procedure at our fellowship meeting 15th Sep
- Please note Board meeting is scheduled for 15th Sep Directors and board members are asked to attend with a short report.

- Following board approval to make an immediate start on the Mentoring Programme, we have a meeting set up with local government representatives over the coming week, to see what assistance may be available to our club as we move forward.

Yours in Rotary

Remember: LIGHT UP ROTARY

President Graeme

Rotary Meeting 8 September 2014

The Chairman for the day was Wal Bishop. 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, Patrick Caragata reported on progress with the Emerging Leaders mentoring program. He and President Graeme would be meeting two Queensland Government Ministers for discussions next day. Also, it was envisaged that the program would start with a 'pilot charity'. Members were asked to nominate a suitable charity.

PP Keith Watts reminded members of RI's continuing polio eradication efforts and referred them to an article on the subject in the 8th September issue of RCOB's Bulletin.

Phil Little spoke in support of today's guest speaker (who he had known for some time) and the subject for the day 'Aquaponics'.

After a short period of Fellowship, Chairman Wal introduced the guest speaker, Geoff Wilson, Director and Editor, Aquaponics Network Australia.



Calendar

22nd September: Nigel Chamier

Chairman Commonwealth Games Gold Coast project

29th September: Terry Tolhurst

First World War commemoration project

Roster

15 September 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	K Watts
Set Up/Away	P Caragata
Raffle	W Walker
Visitor Register	S Dunlop
Attendance	J Smerdon D O'Donoghue

22 September 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	M Evans
Set Up/Away	P Anderson
Raffle	M Winders
Visitor Register	W Walker
Attendance	J Smerdon D Schellbach

29 September 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	C Shephard
Set Up/Away	A McKinnon
Raffle	J Ryder
Visitor Register	G Holtmann
Attendance	J Smerdon D Schellbach

6 October 2014: NO MEETING

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.au



Rotary Meeting 8 September 2014

Geoff's talk was very detailed and was supported by PowerPoint slides and a handout with a number of case studies (from Aquaponics Network Australia's Monthly Newsletter).

In a nutshell, Aquaponics is a combination of aquaculture and hydroponics. Fish and plants are grown in an integrated system, creating a symbiotic relationship between the two. Water from the fish tank circulates through a bed (or beds) where plants are grown. During the process, fish is provided appropriate food, fish waste is converted into nutrients, the plants use these nutrients to grow and filter the water, providing the fish with clean water to live in and develop. Benefits include healthier home grown food, recycling of water and waste, a lower cost method of maintaining adequate levels of important nutrients. Aquaponics can also assist with the provision of urban green spaces. The case studies in Geoff's handout provided numerous examples of the process and its applications.

This was a very interesting presentation enjoyed by members, and a number of questions and discussion followed. Finally, Geoff was presented with a memento of the occasion. (Note: Interested members may obtain further details, including on how to sign up for the Monthly Newsletter, from Geoff at wilson.geoff@optusnet.com.au).

SAA Cam Bishop was in his usual good form in extracting 'contributions' from members. He indicated that he had been experimenting with Aquaponics in his vineyard. He mentioned the vineyard a number of times during his session and paid up for the 'advertising'. In the raffle, the jackpot continues to grow and remains to be won...an incentive for attending future meetings.

The meeting closed at 1.55pm.

RI President's message - September 2014

Gary C K Huang
President, Rotary International
Source: eFlash Rotary



One of the great privileges of being president of Rotary International is having the chance to visit so many parts of the Rotary world. Usually I travel to participate in Rotary events; speak at Rotary clubs, conferences, and institutes; and encourage Rotarians in their service. But as president, I am responsible for all branches of the Rotary family. This means that it is also my privilege to support the service of Rotary's youngest generations: our Rotaractors, Interactors, Rotary Youth Exchange students, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards participants.

When I see the work Rotarians do, I am always impressed, always excited, and always inspired. When I see the work of our New Generations, I am all of this – and frequently I am surprised as well. Not by the quality of their work – for I have learned to expect great things from them – but by the creativity and ingenuity of their thinking. I look at what they have done and think not just "What a great job!" but "What a great idea!" Because every generation sees the world in a unique way, and every individual has a unique point of view. Faced with the same problems, we arrive at different solutions. This is why, in Rotary, our diversity – of culture, language, expertise, gender, and age – is our strength.

In Rotary, we try to take the long view in our service. We aspire to serve in ways that will make a lasting difference, that will continue to have an impact after our participation ends. Our younger generations, in my experience, share this sentiment, and apply it globally, by focusing on environmental issues in new and innovative ways.

When I became a Rotarian, environmental issues were barely on our radar. To young people today, these concerns are front and center. Their perspective is a valuable contribution to the world of Rotary service, and it is one that we should all encourage and support. Just as they are learning from us, so should we be learning from them.

The young people who are serving in Rotaract and Interact, and participating in Youth Exchange and RYLA today, are the Rotarians of tomorrow. When we support them, we are supporting the future of our entire organization. We are helping to train the men and women who will be the club presidents, district governors, RI directors, and RI presidents of tomorrow.

Monrovia Rotary Club spearheads Ebola relief campaign

By Monique Cooper-Liverpool, Rotary Club of
Monrovia, Liberia
Source: blog.rotary.org

We are just past the five-month anniversary of Liberia's first encounter with the Ebola virus. We are more than 40 days into a declared national health emergency, a month into a national state of emergency, and on the third week of an imposed national curfew, the first since our civil conflict ended in 2003. Nine international airlines have cancelled or suspended service to Liberia, with only two international carriers continuing to operate, overbooked and overpriced.





As of two weeks ago, 613 lives have been lost to the Ebola virus, a total of confirmed, probable or suspected cases. Countless others have also died because the frail remnants of the decimated hospitals, clinics, and health centers simply cannot cope or health care workers are too afraid to treat more common illnesses or conduct routine procedures.

Support campaign begins

The Ebola virus has hit us at a vulnerable time: we are already on our third successive year of budget short-falls and low global prices in our export commodities, with a resulting high inflation and soaring exchange rate.

Obviously, this has been more than a clarion call for us as the Rotary Club of Monrovia and our Ebola support campaign began at our leadership induction on 4 July. During her speech, our club president, Vicki Cooper-Enchia, committed the club to raise \$1,000 to purchase gloves for health care workers responding to Ebola patients. We reached the target that same day and donated 10,000 gloves to the Ministry of Health on 7 July.

Since then, the number of recorded cases has nearly tripled and we've also stepped up our resource mobilization and response. Through our club members who work in the Ministry of Health and Liberia's largest teaching hospital, the John F. Kennedy Medical Center, we established contact with national response leaders to get accurate information on priority needs.

Over the past six weeks, our club has raised \$21,000 from organizations, companies, and individuals to support our Ebola response campaign. This tremendous generosity has allowed us to provide urgently needed items to hospitals, Ebola holding facilities, and the Ministry of Health. As we continue to donate, the needs also continue increasing in efforts to contain this deadly virus.

Donations

Our donations to the government have included 10,000 examination gloves, 3,000 pairs of sterile surgical gloves, 1,200 pairs of gynecological gloves, 100 plastic buckets with spouts for hand-washing, 80 PVC covered mattresses for patients in holding

and treatment facilities, 120 pairs of rubber rain boots for health care workers, fuel coupons for Ebola response vehicles, soap, bed sheets and mattress covers, tarpaulin for reconditioning a temporary hospital waiting area, and assorted medicines and food items for patients undergoing treatment.

We have set up our project on Rotary Ideas, Rotary's crowdsourcing platform, where you can learn more about how you can help our effort. We are committed to doing more and are hoping to harness the goodwill of Rotarians around the world.
