



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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A global network of community volunteers

16 March 2015



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(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	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

Fellowship meeting today, and the opportunity to discuss Club Business.

Prior to the club meeting Committee chaired by VP K Watts had a session on club constitution to bring into line with new edition prepared by RI, and also to modify the club bylaws and bring all matters up to speed for presentation to all members. After club ratification, lodge with office of Fair trading for registration.

VP K Watts should be commended for the work that he has done on this document.

I only attended part time today due to another appointment, and VP K Watts closed the meeting.

Prior to leaving I confirmed the following

The **new Rotaract Club CBD** (official club name) will be Jointly Chartered on Tues 31st March 2015, this is the start of getting young persons (18-30) involved in the CBD, which will hopefully lead to their involvement in Rotary clubs in the city at a later date.

They start with a membership of approx.16 young Female and Male members, and they are well underway with the full formation of the various committees and management group.

All members are invited to the charter evening 31st March, at "Spring Restaurant" cnr Felix and Eagle Street, 6.30pm. Cost is by purchasing tickets at \$70 two course meal and pay bar.



What's on? 16 March:

Ross McKinnon AM
*Retired after 42
years as Curator
Mt Coot-ha
Botanical Gardens*

Date Claimers

23 March 2015:
Graeme Higgs,
Prostate Cancer
Foundation

28 May 2015:
RCOB Charity Golf
Day at North Lakes

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

We had one Nomination for RYLA leadership training weekend, but unfortunately this has not come to fruition, any club member who wishes to nominate a young person please see John Smerdon urgently as applications close with District 10th April.

My medical report on members confirms both R. Bas Veal and R. Max Winders on the mend and hopefully will be back in attendance soon.

I received a call from R. Peter Anderson who advised he had suffered a fall and has problems with some damaged discs. Peter also requires the removal of a melanoma from his scalp. Peter will re-join our meetings as soon as practical. I along with all members wish Peter a speedy recovery.

GOLF is on again for 28th May (Morning game with lunch) more details later but put this in your diary or smart phone, as we want to get to the 100 players this year.

Let us continue to be a club that all members are welcome both as Rotarians and as common interest friends, where we care and support one another.

Yours in Rotary

Remember: LIGHT UP ROTARY

President Graeme

Rotary Meeting 9 March 2015

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 elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, Tony McKinnon provided an update of ANZAC Day arrangements for Marshals, particularly for the benefit of those members that had volunteered.

Denise Schellbach provided details of additional quality speakers she had recruited and stressed the importance of cooperation with other Rotary Clubs to help boost attendances. Denise won a warm round of applause for her efforts.

Dougal Henderson informed members that the raffle jackpot was now worth more than \$1,000 and suggested that members should think about buying more tickets.

This was a 'Fellowship' meeting and an extended period of discussion followed.

SAA Cam Bishop ran an entertaining session including a couple of good jokes, for which members had to pay dearly. Clive Shepherd won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck...so the jackpot remains to be won.

The meeting closed at 1.50pm

Women in Rotary make it happen

By Celia Cruz de Giay, 2014-15 Rotary vice president
Source: Rotary International

If anyone had told me that I would be writing a blog post today as vice president of Rotary International extolling the impact of women, I would have thought that person was dreaming. But when I think about it a little longer, I can see how the idea of service modeled for me since my childhood through my Rotarian father, and then through my Rotarian husband, Luis, led to this day, and I recognize that Rotary was always part of my life. That is why I am a Rotarian committed to serve.



Calendar

30 March 2015:

Steve Austin
ABC-Radio 612 talkback.

6 April 2015:

Easter Monday

13 April 2015:

Fellowship

20 April 2015:

Denise and Bruce Morcombe
(Daniel Morcombe Foundation).

May 1-3:

District 9600 Conference 2015

Roster

16 March 2015:

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

23 March 2015:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson R Tamaschke
Set Up/Away A McKinnon
Raffle P Gresham
Visitor Register D Henderson
Attendance J Smerdon
D O'Donoghue

30 March 2015:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson S Francis
Set Up/Away W Walker
Raffle P Little
Visitor Register C Muir
Attendance J Smerdon
D Schellbach

6 April 2015:

Easter Monday



Please forward any dates or articles of interest that you would like to see included in future Bulletins to the Bulletin Editor at

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Women in Rotary make it happen

I joined Rotary 21 years ago. But I have been involved in service all my life, whether through preparing a grant to help the hospital in my town, or organizing vocational education classes for youth, or vaccinating children against polio, or organizing fundraisers for scholarship associations, and so on.

The most important lesson I have learned by serving is that to truly lead, we need to be in touch with the people we serve. Anyone can become a community leader, but to truly achieve something as a leader, we must be immersed in their agonies and inspired by their causes. True leadership is a commitment to help others reach their full potential.



As the world's oldest service organization, Rotary has come a long way. Today we have more than 1.2 million men and women working to improve the lives of people in their communities and around the world. Around 250,000 of them are women, who bring a different perspective to the way we look at challenges and opportunities. These women are from diverse ethnic and religious background; they employ teamwork, persistence, determination, creativity, enthusiasm, generosity, self-confidence, and compassion; and they advocate for education and new opportunities for children, youth, and young adults.

I believe Rotary's challenge today and in the future is to engage more women and more young people into our organization to allow them to grow as leaders, so we can together contribute to bringing about social justice, peace, and understanding.

Many times I have told myself that my legacy to my family, and to future generations, should be to leave the world better than I found it. So I will continue serving through Rotary and putting my heart into all I do, hoping to inspire Rotary members in my club, district, and worldwide to do our best to leave the world a better place than we found it. Because if we can dream we can do this, we can make it possible!!

The benefits of Rotary: friends wherever you go

By Evan Burrell, Rotary Club of Turramurra, New South Wales, Australia, and a former member of Rotaract
Source: Rotary International

It's nice to have connections in a foreign country. That's what makes Rotary International so, um, international! Whether you're travelling for work, or for leisure, you can visit a Rotary club almost anywhere you go. And one of the benefits of being a Rotary member is that you are certain to make new friends, and find valuable local information to enhance your stay, while you are at it.

Need to know the best things to see during your stay? Where to eat? You might even find someone who has a room to rent for cheap.

It's also great to see how different clubs conduct their meetings. You can discover new ideas for your own club.



Before I joined Rotary, I spent twelve years in Rotaract, Rotary's program for adults 18-30. I remember back in 2008 when I was on an exchange to New Jersey, and I visited plenty of clubs as part of the experience. But one club struck a chord with me — the Rotary Club of Red Bank.

A few members of the club made sure we were taken care of. One member in particular, Steven Sanfilippo, took me to the local attraction "Jay & Silent Bob's Secret Stash" a comic book store owned by director Kevin Smith. He knew I was such a big fan of Superman and pop culture. It's these little things that make Rotary what it is, a place for friendship.

But you don't have to go far to experience this benefit of being a member. Visiting other clubs in your own region can build strong connections and develop relationships that make it easier to do joint projects.

With Rotary the journey never ends. Rotary gives you opportunity to travel, meet people from all different backgrounds, and see the world in a whole different way.
