



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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A global network of community volunteers

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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
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District Governor
Trevor Taylor

Rotary International President
Ron Burton

President's Message

Welcome fellow Rotarians

Another interesting speaker arranged by PP Bas Veal today it was a pity that we did not have a larger turn out, but it is appreciated that a number of members sent in an apology for non-attendance.

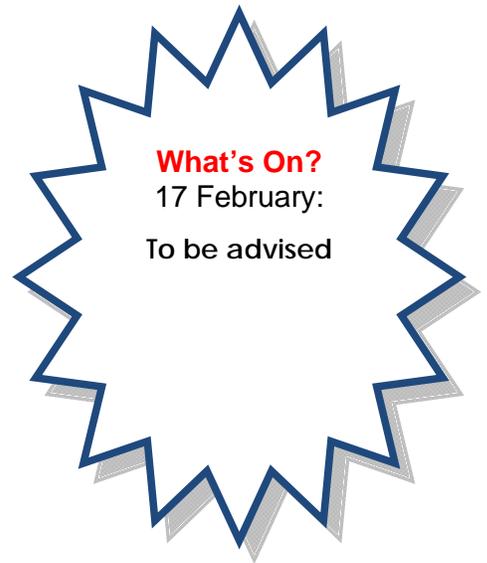
Not much change to report on our ill members, except to say Clive Morman had a night at home (on leave from hospital!) and we wish him and other a continued improvement to their wellbeing.

I visited Rotarian Don O'Donoghue in Wesley on Monday after Rotary and following his operation, that I understand was successful, he passes on his wishes to all members, he will be in hospital for a reasonable period of time as his chest and lungs repair, he appreciates the attention and care he is receiving.

I note that the ward he is in has a number of sponsored rooms by various Rotary clubs around Queensland, so Don will be reminded of the good work Rotary does each time he leaves his room.

My apologies to John Charlton for spelling his name incorrectly last week, sorry John, hope you are also on path to recovery.

As referred to last week about the good work being undertaken by Rotary in the Philippines, an article and News Update was received this week via Rotary and Disaster Aid Australia, (DAA) it reflects on the rebuilding of communities that will continue into the foreseeable future.



Date Claimers

10 April 2014
30th Charter
Anniversary of the RC of
Taipei Tatung
Hotel Taipei Regent
Details on their website
<http://www.regenttaipei.com>

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

To date 10,000 families have been provided with shelter, and 1,000 Home repair kits have been delivered and installed, this is coupled with water filtration systems designed and manufactured in Australia by SKYHYDRANT. This is a Rotary Project of Endeavour Hills Vic and their action is making a difference. DAA are looking for further individual Tax Deductible donations, and I commend this worthy cause.

Turnout for the week was a bit low at 15 members plus speaker, given that PP Bas Veal is arranging interesting speakers, a larger member attendance would be appreciated.

I unfortunately will be going into Hospital 26th Feb for a hip replacement operation. VP Keith Watts has undertaken to take over my duties in my absence.

REMINDER

It has been confirmed that our Annual Golf Day will be Friday 9th May 11am with BBQ dinner to follow, as this is one of our major Fund Raisers for the year we are looking to get 100 players this year(25 teams of 4), I appeal to each member to establish a team of 4 players and that would get us across the line, as of today we have a minimum of 5 teams who have expressed their intention, as usual I will be chasing up and putting the Rotary Bite on sponsors, all help in sponsorship and teams formation will be greatly appreciated by Michael Stephens and my self

On the Horizon for this year.

- Taiwan Rotary Birthday Visit: 10 April, Interested persons please see PP Keith Watts
- Sydney Conference: 1 to 4 June

Yours in Rotary

**REMEMBER: ENGAGE ROTARY
CHANGE LIVES**

President Graeme

Rotary Meeting 10 February 2014

Chairman for the day Stan Francis welcomed members to the meeting. 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, Michael Stephens confirmed 11am as the hit-off time for the RCOB charity golf day on 9th May. He was interested to learn whether members were in favour of having the included meal before or after the match. There seemed to be support for having the meal afterwards.

Denise Schellbach thanked those RCOB members who had helped her with the running of Eddie's Van for the homeless over the school holidays. She also reported on her extensive activities with ROMAC. The two burns victims in her care (sisters Rafika and Uswatun, who accompanied Denise to a RCOB meeting last November) were about to return to Indonesia after some 60 operations. She also reported that she would shortly be caring for two additional youngsters also needing medical attention in Australia under the ROMAC program. There was widespread appreciation for Denise's magnificent efforts.

John Smerdon reported that Greg Sellars was feeling better and anticipated going back to work on a part-time basis. Members were delighted to hear the news.

Following a short period of Fellowship, Chairman Stan introduced the guest speaker, David Henderson.

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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

24 February 2014:
To be advised

3 March 2014:
Fellowship

Roster

17 February 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	Phil Little
Set Up/Away	G Holtmann
Raffle	W Bishop
Visitor Register	A Gillespie
Attendance	J Smerdon Jarrod Ryder

24 February 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	A Smith
Set Up/Away	M Kelly
Raffle	S Francis
Visitor Register	G Holtmann
Attendance	J Smerdon W Walker

3 March 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	P Anderson
Set Up/Away	P Ryan
Raffle	P Gresham
Visitor Register	K Cocks
Attendance	J Smerdon W Walker

10 March 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	M Winders
Set Up/Away	M Evans
Raffle	S Dunlop
Visitor Register	M Winders
Attendance	J Smerdon J Ryder

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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Rotary Meeting 10 February 2014

David is an artist who works with Australians Studying Abroad and often leads tours to Italy. Among other matters, David won the 'Best of Show' award at the Rotary Art Spectacular two years ago. His topic for the day was 'Italian Villas and Gardens'. Members enjoyed an excellent presentation by a very knowledgeable speaker, supported by some beautiful slides of gardens and villas and steeped in Italian history. At the end of his talk, Chairman Stan presented him with a memento of the occasion. Further details about David's activities may be found on www.davidhenderson.com.au

SAA Cameron Bishop presented a short and lively session in 'overtime' and attempted to draw some parallels between the maintenance of some of the gardens in David's presentation and his own efforts in the vineyard. As usual a good amount of 'tax' was raised during the session. Graeme Whitmore won the raffle.

The meeting closed at 2pm. 15 members and one visitor were present.

Every woman deserves education, access to health care

By Divya Gopisetty, president of the Interact Club of Oakwood High School, Morgan Hill, California
Source: blog.rotary.org

I am amazed at all Rotary is able to accomplish. Each of you, members of Rotary, has an unyielding passion for change, a kind heart, and a determined spirit. You have discovered the importance of taking action instead of merely acknowledging issues exist. You are role models for the rest of the world.

Because of your enormous success and drive, I propose a new project for Rotary clubs to undertake. "Every Woman, Every Right" would not only build schools in poorer parts of developing countries, but also advance the security of women, and aid in providing health care where people can't afford hospitals or treatment.

Unequal power relationships between men and women, social norms that decrease education and paid employment opportunities, and physical and verbal harassment are just a few of the conditions that prevent women and girls around the world from attaining the best possible level of health and education.

In the past few decades, the maternal mortality rate has decreased globally by about 40 percent. But on average, 800 women still die every day due to complications in pregnancy and childbirth. Women need significantly better access to quality family planning and other reproductive health services, skilled midwives, emergency obstetrics, and postnatal care.

In June of 2013, in Kunduz, Afghanistan, a woman was murdered for giving birth to a girl. The veil shielding crimes like these is only beginning to lift. Rampant poverty makes women's rights inconceivable and the lack of convictions makes violence against women pervasive. In many third world countries, women are not even allowed to work the same jobs as men, let alone get the same pay.

Empowering women is key to ridding the developing countries of these acts of injustice. To do that, we must look to education. There is a strong correlation between poverty and lack of education, and Rotary's vast connections can help.

There are 80 million uneducated girls worldwide. Increasing their access to education would transform developing countries enormously. And advancing global health goes hand in hand with education. We want to teach them that confidence is not a sin, and everyone is born with certain natural rights, including the right to health and education. We want them to be strong and capable of making a difference in their community.

You are revered for your immense past successes. I hope, with this mission, you embrace your power once again. "Every Woman, Every Right" is a necessity for our world to move forward. This issue requires attention, effort, public knowledge, and, of course, money.

My peers from both Interact and Rotaract will support you in using your incredible power.

This effort will help my generation realize that change does not have to wait until tomorrow and especially doesn't have to wait until we are older. Change stems from choice and courage, nothing more.

