



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

18 August 2014



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Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
(Edinburgh Room)  
of the Brisbane Club  
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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  
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor  
George Grant

Rotary International President  
Gary C K Huang

### President's Message

#### Welcome fellow Rotarians & Visitors

Very interesting meeting today, attendees were given the opportunity to hear from one of the financial icons, responsible for the development of our state from the depression up to today by a past member of our club Sir Leo Hielscher. The meeting was also well attended with 23, including visitors from RC New Farm, and several other member's guests, I thank members for bringing along guests to join in the fellowship of our club, and to listen to exceptionally interesting speakers.

Apologies were recorded from J Charlton, VP K Watts, Denise Schellbach, Tony McKinnon, and Gerald Holtmann.

A visit is scheduled next week to Petrie State School where we will assess what is required to refurbish the Sundial provided by previous members of our Club.

In respect to our offer of help to the farmers of the Burnett Region, our contribution will be held over pending and answer about a matching grant, we would expect this to be forthcoming in the near future. Rtn Stan Francis has distributed some warm clothing to the Collection point on his recent visit to the region.

Clubs future projects, as advised last week we have some challenging projects coming up this year that by their very nature will extend into next year and beyond, it is hoped that these projects will bind the club together and attract new members for the long haul.



**What's on?  
18 August**

**Drug Arm**  
Ray Crompton  
Patrina Markland

### Date Claimers

**25<sup>th</sup> August:**  
Lisa Bateson  
Assistant District  
Governor

### 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

Help will be required for the leaders of the projects, so that the willing horse does not carry the load. Please put you hand up to be involved.

Members wishing to hear a very interesting Talk by Pete Lewis and start the day with a breakfast meeting are invited to attend Brisbane Hi-Rise on 18th Aug.

RC of New Farm is holding a Race day on Saturday 6th of September, brochure on table today, Ticket sales close 27th Aug 2014: Proceeds go to support "Yalari Indigenous Education" programme and "Romac". This is a shared event with St Margaret's School

Yours in Rotary

**Remember: LIGHT UP ROTARY**

## President Graeme

### Rotary Meeting 11 August 2014

The Chairman for the day was Patrick Caragata. 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, visiting Rotarian Howard Hall from the Rotary Club of New Farm advised members of that Club's charity 'Raceday Event' scheduled for Doomben on 6th September. This event is run in conjunction with St Margaret's School. Further details may be obtained at h.hall@ceccatohall.com.au

Patrick Caragata provided an update on his activities with the 'Emerging Leaders' program.

After a short period of Fellowship, Chairman Patrick introduced the guest speaker Sir Leo Hielscher. During his 68 years in the public service, Sir Leo spent some 14 years as Queensland's Under-Treasurer, 10 years as Assistant Under-Treasurer and 22 years as the Queensland Treasury Corporation's chairman. He served 15 Treasurers.

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Sir Leo's talk was about his experiences at the heart of Queensland's development from a somewhat backward state in the 1950's and 1960's to the prosperous state it is today. Among other matters, during this time he played influential roles in the establishment of the Gladstone industrial and resources hub, in major infra-structure developments in transport (road and rail) and in the power industry. Other key achievements included the development of a fully funded state long-term superannuation scheme and his roles in the development of Queensland's casino industry and the establishment of the QTC.

This was a very interesting presentation thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. A number of questions and discussion followed. Finally, Sir Leo was presented with a memento of the occasion. (Note: Interested members may obtain further details about Sir Leo's achievements from the book: 'Sir Leo Hielscher: Queensland Made' by Joanne Holliman, QUP 2014, ISBN: 978-0-7022-4950-1. The book is available from leading book stores.)

Very much in 'extra time' SAA Cam Bishop ran an entertaining and profitable session.

The meeting closed at 2.15 pm.

Seventeen members, two visiting Rotarians and four guests were present.



## Calendar

### 1st September:

John Dorie – Shen Yun Presentation

### 8th September:

Fellowship

### 15th September:

Geoff Wilson to be confirmed- Aquaponics

### 22nd September:

Nigel Chamier – Chairman Commonwealth Games Gold Coast project

### 29th September:

Terry Tolhurst- First World War commemoration project

## Roster

### 18 August 2014:

**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** A Gillespie  
**Set Up/Away** S Francis  
**Raffle** C Shepherd  
**Visitor Register** P Ryan  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
D O'Donoghue

### 25 August 2014:

**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** D Henderson  
**Set Up/Away** P Gresham  
**Raffle** G Holtmann  
**Visitor Register** A Smith  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
D O'Donoghue

### 1 September 2014:

**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** C Muir  
**Set Up/Away** D Henderson  
**Raffle** M Evans  
**Visitor Register** A Gillespie  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
D O'Donoghue

### 8 September 2014:

**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** W Bishop  
**Set Up/Away** J Ryder  
**Raffle** A McKinnon  
**Visitor Register** P Little  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
D O'Donoghue

*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*



## Protecting the rights of indigenous peoples

By Athili Sapriina, 2013-2014 Rotary Peace Fellow at the University of Queensland, Australia

Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

I first became aware of Rotary Peace Fellowships during a trip to the Rotary Peace Center at Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, US, in 2008. I had previously attended the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York City and over the years witnessed an increased involvement of Rotary with indigenous peoples issues. I am honored to be the first Naga to be awarded a Rotary Peace Fellowship.

The three million Nagas are indigenous peoples of the mountainous frontier between India and Burma. Since the end of British colonialism, Nagas have fiercely defended their independence resulting in the death of thousands — Indians, Burmese and Nagas.



Athili Sapriina during the annual Rotary Peace Fellow seminar at the University of Queensland, Australia.

The peace fellowship gives me a chance to build on current peace initiatives to resolve one of the longest running disputes in the world. Nagas seek the reunification of their homeland, which is divided between India and Burma. Within India, Nagas are further segregated into four states reducing them to minorities in their own land.

In 1994, I participated in the first World's Indigenous Peoples Day held at the YMCA in New Delhi, India. Since then, globally there has been major advancements through the establishment of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, an Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the appointment of a Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples.

Working toward peace necessitates continuous dialogue. I find it fascinating that indigenous leaders, support groups, and national governments continue to engage on these issues even where agreement is lacking on how the UN declarations apply. For example, some states do not acknowledge they have indigenous peoples within their territories, and therefore do not recognize a responsibility under the declaration. Achieving peace, understanding, and justice is a work in progress.

Still, in September, the first World Conference on Indigenous Peoples is expected to reiterate the important and continuing role of the UN in promoting and protecting the rights of indigenous peoples.

As a print journalist, I plan to use my skills to work for peace, justice, and greater tolerance, while branching out into radio and current media platforms. My peace fellowship has increased my capacity to contribute meaningfully to this important issue.

## Taking Rotary into the next generation

By Erin Mills, Rotary Scholar and charter member of the Rotary Club of Plaza Matriz in Montevideo, Uruguay

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A little over six years ago, I packed my luggage and boarded a plane for Montevideo, Uruguay, as an Ambassadorial Scholar from Arizona, USA, to that tiny corner of the world I now call home. It's where I teach future English language educators at the University of Montevideo, where I teach middle school children from around the world at the American International School, and where 24 young professionals and I are taking Rotary into the next generation.

On a breezy, Saturday afternoon in March, surrounded by familiar faces and scrumptious Uruguayan masitas (small cakes), those young professionals and I began hashing out the dos and don'ts of starting a Rotary club. Many of us had been members of Rotaract (Rotary's program for people ages 18-30), or even Rotary clubs, but we couldn't find a club that fit until we decided to start our own.

We didn't have a place to meet, so we rotated meetings among the houses of the founding members (reminiscent of Paul Harris and the founders of Rotary who rotated offices before they had an actual meeting space). With the support of our sponsor club, the Rotary club of Montevideo, we received our official charter about three weeks ago and became the Rotary Club of Plaza Matriz in Montevideo, Uruguay.



Members of the recently chartered Rotary Club of Plaza Matriz in Montevideo, Uruguay. Photo courtesy of Erin Mills

The energy and enthusiasm this club has for Rotary and its mission is producing quite the momentum for change in our local and global community. We are already involved in supporting a local non-profit that works with Leukaemia patients. Other members are putting together workshops to get Rotary members up to speed on how to use social networks to their advantage.

We are also very excited about organizing a fundraising event we coordinated as Rotaract members. The event is an Oscars for Rotary, we call it, "La Rueda de Oro" or the "Golden Wheel." Clubs that enter have the chance to win a Golden Wheel in categories such as best outreach program for new members, best service project, etc. Even clubs from other countries have a chance to enter the international category. It's a great way to simultaneously raise money for a good cause and create awareness about the projects that the various Rotary clubs in Uruguay, and around the world, are carrying out.

We're a new club, in a small country of three million people, but we're here to make a change and carry Rotary's mission of service into the next generation.