



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

18 May 2015



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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

Hi Rotarians and friends and families, back to our typical autumn /winter weather chilly mornings and fine sunny days. Great weather for our up coming CHARITY GOLF DAY on 28th May, numbers are a bit low so we urgently need players as well as sponsors to ensure we can give a substantial Cheque to the Prostate Cancer Research Foundation.

COME ALONG AND SUPPORT MEN'S HEALTH it will be a fun day of Golf and Fellowship.

#### District 9600 Training Assembly

The District Training Assembly is to be held on Sunday 24th May at St Columban's College Caboolture, there will be a series of speakers dealing with Club Administration, The Rotary Foundation, Public Relations, the four areas of service and new Members.

All executive members for the incoming year 2015/2016 are urged to attend. All members are invited as usual. Attendees are requested to register and send details via our club. **Time: 8.30 for 9.00am start scheduled completion time 1.00pm**

Please consider your attendance and advise Secretary Michael by Monday 18th May.

#### Rotary International District 9600 Limited.

A General meeting of the above to consider the passing of the 2015-2016 Budget will be held before the District Assembly noted above: Time 9.00 am

Please advise Secretary of your attendance by Monday 18th May 2015.



**What's on?  
18 May:**

**Steven  
Burroughs  
Rotoract**

### Date Claimers

**24 May 2015:**  
D9600 District Training  
Assembly (further  
detail attached)

**28 May 2015:**  
RCOB Charity Golf  
Day at North Lakes

**30 May 2015:**  
Scenic Rim Excursion

### 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

**On the medical front**, President Elect Phil Gresham has had his hip replaced and is on the mend, speaking with him on Monday morning, he says he hopes to come to Rotary next Monday. Rotarian John Smerdon returns to hospital this week for a follow up after his recent melanoma removal. We also continue to wish Rotarian Peter Anderson a speedy recovery. Finally Rotarian Stan Francis is in recovery mode and expects to be back with us this week.

### GOLF:

GOLF is on again for 28th May (Morning game with Breakfast roll, & lunch) as we want to get to the 100 players or more this year. **Any Members who have access to sponsors and suitable prizes please contact Michael Stephens or myself as soon as possible.**

Alternative cash sponsors are still being sort at present, but if any member knows of a company or business that can help please let us know so that we can follow them up. We have been able to secure support from some of last year's sponsors and donations for prizes but more players and contributions are urgently required. "PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN". Call: Michael Stephens or myself. If each member brought along or obtained a team of 4 to represent the member, we could achieve a full field of 144 Plus.

### 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.

### DROUGHT RELIEF NORTH WEST QLD

The rotary club of Pioneer Valley has sent a presentation in support of the farmers in the long suffering areas of North West QLD our club has agreed to provide monetary support to these farmers and Businesses in Long reach. We now have a direct contact with the club and will arrange for the cheque donation to be forwarded. Even if the rains finally do arrive it will be a couple of years before the farmers and local business will be on an economic footing.

This Monday 18th May will have a Rotaract CBD member, a peace & Fulbright scholar as our guest speaker before his return to the USA; He is an interesting speaker having come from a non-privileged background.

### Suggested 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. BMC have extended an invitation to have a joint meeting and I have on behalf of our members accepted the suggestion, any member who is not happy with the arrangements, please contact me.

I thank Members for your attendance & fellowship.

Remember: LIGHT UP ROTARY

### President Graeme

### Rotary Meeting – 11 May 2015

The Chairperson for the day was Chris Muir. 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.

This was a 'Fellowship' meeting.

In Rotary Spots, SAA Cam Bishop discussed the next wine offer, previously alluded to by Tony McKinnon. After tasting samples of a Sarrabah 2013 Cab Sav, members agreed that this would be a good candidate for the wine offer. The price was to be \$260 per dozen and a number of members have already placed an order. Tony McKinnon is to follow up.



## Calendar

### 25 May 2015:

*Peter Sullivan (Rotarian)*  
Organ & Tissue Donation

### 1 June 2015:

*Professor Naomi Wray*  
Queensland Brain Institute

### 8 June 2015:

Fellowship

### 3 August 2015:

*Denise and Bruce Morcombe*  
Daniel Morcombe Foundation

## Roster

### 18 May 2015:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	M Evans
Set Up/Away	C Shepherd
Raffle	D Henderson
Visitor Register	K Watts
Attendance	J Smerdon D O'Donoghue

### 25 May 2015:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	A McKinnon
Set Up/Away	G Holtmann
Raffle	B Veal
Visitor Register	A Smith
Attendance	J Smerdon D Schellbach

### 1 June 2015:

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

### 8 June 2015:

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 – 11 May 2015

The RCOB excursion for members and partners to the 'Scenic Rim' has been brought forward to Saturday 30 May (from Sunday 31)...further details to follow.

Max Winders, spoke about the previously suggested Shaftesbury/Foodbank initiative.

VP Keith Watts circulated a draft history of RCOB and asked for comments/contributions from members. A revised copy was intended for a District 9600 publication highlighting the activities of the District's Clubs.

President Graeme discussed RCOB's Charity Golf Day scheduled for 28 May. More than 50 players had registered so far and more were required to boost this fundraising initiative.

Phil Little discussed the Nepal earthquake disaster and that more support was needed urgently (particularly so as there has now been another quake).

SAA Cam Bishop ran an entertaining session and exacted the usual fines to expand the Club coffers. In the raffle, Chris Muir won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck.

The meeting closed at 1.55pm

### DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY 24 May 2015

#### Extract District 9600 Website

Summary	District Training Assembly
Beginning DateTime	24 May 2015 (Sun) 08:30
Finishing DateTime	24 May 2015 (Sun) 13:00
Location	St Columbans' College Caboolture
Contact	districtsecretary@rotary9600.org
Description	District Assembly is for all Club Officers, Directors and Rotarians in District 9600 . . . . . ALL CLUBS ARE REQUESTED TO MAXIMISE ATTENDANCE FOR ALL ROTARIANS!!!!

### Message from VP Keith Watts

All RCOB club officers and directors for 2015-16 should attend. All Rotarians are encouraged to attend. Maybe carpooling? Dress is smart casual – RCOB polo shirts if we have them - and wear our name disks.

YIR  
Keith

SAA Cam Bishop ran an entertaining session and exacted the usual fines to expand the Club coffers.

In the raffle, Max Winders had the winning ticket but failed to draw the joker from the deck in the first round of a new raffle series. (Editor's note: This was the first time in three meetings that a joker had not been drawn. Denise Schellbach drew a joker and won a sizeable jackpot on 20th April and Keith Watts drew the joker the following week, in the first round of a new series, and won a much smaller jackpot.)

The meeting closed at 1.55pm

### Experiencing more flavors of Rotary

By Mark Huddleston, a member of the Rotary Club of Edwardstown, South Australia, Australia, and District 9520 Membership Chair  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)



My son can be a particularly picky eater. One of his favorite meals is ham and pineapple pizza. We occasionally make pizza at home, and I wouldn't ever bother putting anything on his pizza but ham and pineapple, because he would just pick it off. If we order a pizza when we're out, that's exactly what he does.

So, what's this got to do with Rotary? Many members approach Rotary like my son approaches his pizza.

I sort of think ham and pineapple pizzas are a bit on the boring side. If my Rotary experience was a pizza, it would be a super supreme. There's a bit of everything. If I think over my greatest Rotary experiences, they would include the three conventions I've attended, including last year's in Sydney. For a Rotarian, it's the greatest show on Earth. The second greatest experiences have been the numerous district conferences I've attended. A few weeks ago I drove my wife and kids seven hours to Ballarat for an amazing experience. I enjoyed a remarkable conference, and my family enjoyed Ballarat.



But apart from me, only 228 Rotary members from our district made the trip. I've been scratching my head, wondering why under 17 percent of our district would come to such an amazing event. I ran a catering business for five years, and wiping out a weekend meant saying no to five or six functions; I just couldn't do it. Affordability can also be an issue. While the registration is quite reasonable, accommodation, gas and meals add up. Some members are getting upward in years and health precludes their attendance, and sometimes it can clash with important events in our lives. I get that.

But I feel the overwhelming majority of Rotary members who elect not to attend a district conference are just not interested in "super supreme" Rotary. They like ham and pineapple, and will pick off anything else.



Assemblies, training events, visits to other clubs, attending fundraising events, service projects, and district events like a Rotary Day or Rotary Anniversary celebration offer more variety to the Rotary pizza. And taking on a role at the district level is like walking into a pizza shop — there is so much variety on offer.

But here's the kicker. If you never even try those extra toppings, you'll never know what you're missing. I fear that so many Rotarians are not getting the most out of their Rotary experience, and many end up leaving the organization because ham and pineapple got a little boring after a few years.

Rotary has so much to offer beyond weekly meetings. Not everything is for everyone. Even I will pick the olives off my pizza. But you'll never know how good pizza can be if you pick off everything that's not ham or pineapple.

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