



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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1 December 2014



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Meets 4th Floor
(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
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor
George Grant

Rotary International President
Gary C K Huang

President's Message

Welcome fellow Rotarians & Visitors

Bas Veal reports that he is on the road to recovery and hopes to be back with us in the New Year, keep up the recovery Bas!

Don O'Donoghue had an operation on his lower lip and he also is on the road to recovery.

Great Speaker today, with Professor Michael Breakspear, talking on his research program into mental health.

We had visiting Rotarians from Sweden Bibi Dickmark, and David Low from Hove in England, we also had PDG Russ O'Malley who is Director of Australian Rotary Health, and a welcome was made to these visiting Rotarians,

VP Keith Watts also brought along three guests, Keith's business partner Michael Newton and his wife Andrea Newton and a client Scott Roberts, they were given a warm rotary club welcome.

Again just a friendly reminder that members should read the bulletin and attend where the roster has given them a job for the day!!!

The following general business items were referred today:

- The BBQ at BP Refinery has been moved to 3rd Dec but may further change due to fuel tankers unloading within our BBQ Space. As we have lost two of our team of assistance for the day, **please advise me urgently if you can help**. Day will require you to be in attendance from about 9.30 for safety briefing until about 2pm.



**What's on?
1 December:**

**Dick Cijfers
Journeys
Worldwide**

Date Claimers

**8th December:
RCOB Annual General
Meeting'**

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

- Xmas Cakes & pudding orders are currently being taken by Rtn Dougal Henderson get your order in now, as the club and the Rotary Foundation receives cash benefits.
- **A Reminder, we have been rostered on for DIK packing Sat. 6th December at Durack.**
- AGM scheduled for inclusion with lunch meeting Monday 8th December 2014. All members are requested to attend on that day and vote as required.
- **This week's speaker is Dick Cijfers (Pronounced Safers) from Journeys World Wide and he should be a very interesting speaker with some worldly travel advice. Please attend**

Yours in Rotary

Remember: LIGHT UP ROTARY

President Graeme

Rotary Meeting – 24 November

The Chairman for the day was Dougal Henderson. 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, Denise Schellbach discussed arrangement for the staffing of 'Eddie's Van' during the school holidays and circulated a roster. A number of members had already offered to help.

Phil Little spoke about environmental and food security issues.

Tony McKinnon spoke about arrangements for the RCOB Christmas Dinner scheduled for 28th November. The Chandelier Room at Tattersall's had been booked and attendees were invited to assemble on the balcony at 6.30pm.

After a short period of Fellowship, Denise Schellbach introduced the guest speaker Professor Michael Breakspear, Head of the Mental Health Program at the QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute. His talk, amply supported by PowerPoint slides, focussed on 'Youth Mental Health: Brain Development from Adolescence to Adulthood'. This was a very comprehensive and interesting presentation enjoyed by members. A good number of questions and discussion followed. Finally, Chairman Dougal provided Michael with a memento of the occasion. (Note: Further details about QIMR Berghofer and Professor Michael Breakspear's work may be found at: www.qimrberghofer.edu.au)

Finally, very much in 'extra time' SAA Cam Bishop ran an entertaining session and members 'donated' accordingly. Keith Watts won the raffle (after Michael Stephens' ticket was judged invalid by the SAA for 'equity reasons'). However, the joker is still in the deck...so the jackpot continues to grow and remains to be won...a real incentive for attending future meetings.

The meeting closed at 2.15pm.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) born in Queensland

By Brian Cars

RYLA was born in Queensland in 1959 from a seminar called "Gundoo", run by the Qld. State Government for young people. This celebration was part of a festival to mark the visit of Princess Alexandra to Australia. The State Government invited two young people from every Council in Qld to attend at no cost to them. The State Government funded "Gundoo" but approached RCOB to accommodate guests, plan the program and run the week's activities. By all accounts the week was a great success with close on 300 young people attending.



Calendar

8 December:

The Hon. Teresa Gambaro
Federal Member for Brisbane
*Chair of Foreign Affairs,
Defence & Trade*

19 January 2015:

BJ from Nepal

2 February 2015:

Lady Mayoress Anne Quirk
*Speaking about Foundation H
(Hope)*

Roster

1 December 2014:

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

8 December 2014:

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

15 December 2014:

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

22 December 2014:



*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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Over the course of the following decade RCOB took on “Gundoo” as a regular project for their club with anywhere from 20 to 200 participants each year. Soon after RYLA spread throughout Australia and across the Tasman to New Zealand, it was finally adopted by RI as an international Rotary Project in 1972. Once adopted “Gundoo” was given the official name Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.

So how has RYLA evolved?

Its Vision is to challenge young people from 18 - 28 years that have been selected by a local Rotary Club to attend a week long seminar aimed at developing their personal and leadership skills.

Its Aim is to recognize the best young leaders and empower them by providing them with the opportunity to learn skills, responsibilities and the challenges of leadership. It also aims to encourage these young people to improve their world through service.

A typical RYLA Program may include lectures, workshops, and small & large group discussions and team building exercises.

Topics covered maybe:

- 1 Fundamentals of leadership
- 2 Ethics of positive leadership
- 3 The importance of effective communication
- 4 Problem solving and conflict management
- 5 The building of self-confidence and self esteem

The Rev Allen Male ran the RYLA program for many years at his Shaftesbury Centre just off the Bruce Highway towards Caboolture. His programs were designed to emphasize team participation. He split the participants into teams who were set tasks to complete, rather like some of the team building exercises that we hear about being used by businesses and government departments. There were talks and also the opportunity to socialize. I recall a very memorable BBQ on the last evening. It was a very lively affair.

Without exception, the testimonials that I have read from participants, all state that RYLA changed their lives forever.

The call has gone out to all District 9600 Presidents to identify and encourage eligible applicants to apply. The club has a responsibility to select the people it will support and pay the necessary costs.

In previous years the group experienced the adventure of sailing on a tall ship, the ‘South Passage’. They learned what it is like to be part of the crew and how to work as part of a team.

I would like to encourage members who have young staff in the 18 – 28 age brackets to seriously consider proposing them to our Club to support their application.

About the author: Dr. Brian Carss is a Past President of RCOB. He also served RCOB in numerous other roles over many years, including as Secretary, Treasurer, and as a Trustee of RCOB’s Foundation. Brian is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Courting Blakness – offering indigenous peoples a voice in art

By **Bobbie Chew Bigby**
Source: blog.rotary.org

Since beginning as a Rotary Peace Fellow at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia, earlier this year, I have found many opportunities to build peace and not even have to leave campus.

One of the most profound experiences thus far was volunteering to put together “Courting Blakness,” a curated art show that featured works by Australia’s First Peoples — Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. The show was set against the backdrop of the Great Court, known for its picturesque grassy area and stunning sandstone pillars.

Through “Courting Blakness,” eight Aboriginal artists were able to use art to insert an Indigenous perspective — a critical lens helping us to see ourselves, others, and the living world around us in a very different way.



The Courting Blakness art show included work by indigenous peoples

As a Rotary Peace Fellow, I am sponsored by the Rotary Club of Southeast Tulsa and here in Brisbane am hosted by the Brisbane Planetarium Club. I am deeply grateful to both of these clubs, as well as all people engaged with Rotary, who have made this opportunity for dedicated study about peace and conflict resolution nothing short of a life-changing reality.



About the author: Bobbie Chew Bigby is a 2014-15 Rotary Peace Fellow at the University of Queensland, Australia, pursuing a masters in International Studies, Peace and Conflict Resolution. She received a bachelors in Chinese Language, Literature and Anthropology from Washington University in St. Louis.