



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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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	Alistair Smith
President Elect	Graeme Whitmore
Imm Past President	Basil Veal
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
Dai Mason

Rotary International President
Sakuji Tanaka

President's Message

Welcome Rotarians and friends

This has been my final week as president, and I just wanted to thank members for this opportunity to have served our club. I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and believe I am departing with the club in a strong financial position, which should allow us to continue our community assistance during the time of Graeme's tenure. I am yet to complete my annual report (the chaos of billing targets at the end of financial year have kept me otherwise engaged) but I will present an overview at the change over lunch on Monday, before handing over the Graeme. In the meantime, thank you to all of you who have been involved during my time and I look forward to continuing to serve the club as the immediate past president.

Yours in Rotary

President Alistair



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?





Tony McKinnon distributed a form to members asking what variety and price range members wanted in our Club's Wine Promotion. Tony and Cam will collate the results and use the information to select wines to offer members.

P Elect Graeme Whitmore thanked all those who contributed to the wonderful success of the Golf Day. He announced that the profit was \$8,550. He presented Certificates of Appreciation to Wallace Bishop Jewellers, Sarabah Wines, E Laundry, and his own Company who were major sponsors of the Golf Day.

P Alistair then presented a cheque for \$9,000 to Richard Langford of Brisbane Youth Services to provide further Scholarships and funding for Literacy and Numeracy Programmes to help youth with problems into meaningful employment and a productive place in our community. Richard responded and thanked our Club for our continuing financial support and assured us the funds would be put to good use. The \$1,500 individual Scholarships in particular gave excellent value for money in terms of the benefits they conferred.

Our Guest Speaker was John Rowe, who is the Enterprise Manager for Boystown. Boystown was set up as a not for profit organisation in 1961. Currently it employs 550 people Australia wide. Its main focus is helping marginalised young people, often with low levels of literacy and numeracy, and consequent lack of self-esteem, to connect with employment. They regard work as therapy for the young people they help, as quite a proportion of their clients have had contact with the court system.

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Rotary Meeting – 24 June 2013

The Chairman of the day Phil Little Introduced P Alistair who welcomed our visitors – Rotarian Allen Geoghagen from the RC of Stones Corner, Richard Langford from Brisbane Youth Services, and Danielle Ungermann and our guest speaker John Rowe from Boystown. P Alistair commented on his birthday celebrations on last Saturday night and reminded members that our next meeting was Changeover day, so please turn up in large numbers to support incoming P Graeme Whitmore.

In Rotary Spots PP Brian Carss thanked our former member Mario Pennisi for his generosity in donating \$1,500 to our Club's Benevolent Foundation to be distributed to Brisbane Youth Services. Brian commended Mario's generosity and reminded members that any other tax deductible donations to the Benevolent Fund would be greatly appreciated.

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

8 July 2013:
Dinah Zang
Job Talk

15 July 2013:
TBA

22 July 2013:
Fellowship

Roster

1 July 2013:

President A Smith/
G Whitmore
Chairman C Bishop
Set Up/Away S Dunlop
Raffle P Caragata
Visitor Register C Morman
Attendance J Smerdon
T McKinnon

8 July 2013:

President G Whitmore
Chairman C Shepherd
Set Up/Away B Veal
Raffle W Bishop
Visitor Register H Dahles
Attendance J Smerdon
J Charlton

15 July 2013:

President G Whitmore
Chairman J Worrell
Set Up/Away K Watts
Raffle S Francis
Visitor Register G Holtmann
Attendance J Smerdon
T McKinnon

22 July 2013:

President G Whitmore
Chairman P Anderson
Set Up/Away C Shepherd
Raffle P Gresham
Visitor Register K Cocks
Attendance J Smerdon
J Charlton

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Their Queensland headquarters is in Milton. A significant part of their work is with Kids Help Line which employs 130 trained specialists to answer 275,000 phone calls a year from young people with problems. A large proportion of their income comes from the well-known Boystown Home Art unions, with considerable outside help from various levels of Government grants. Boystown provides trained crews of supervisors to organise groups of workers to train youths in various jobs with minimum educational barriers to entry, like fencing, landscaping, recycling, clearing up around new housing developments etc. Boystown successfully tenders for contracts that have a medium time frame. The training staff ensures that the trainees turn up for work regularly and are drug free and fit, and with holistic case management try to instil in the workers the benefits of having regular employment, and a work ethic. After 12 to 14 weeks training at least 80% of their clients end up in gainful employment, at great savings to the welfare and justice systems of our country. Clients with higher potential than labouring jobs are trained in hospitality at the canteen attached to the new RSPCA facility. Others are trained in kitchen manufacturing. Phil Little recently attended a graduation ceremony where 16 Boystown trainees entered the mining industry.

Boystown does a great job in helping disadvantaged young people, who are often victims of society through family abuse and neglect, substance abuse, and in some cases have been through the court system, to get back on their feet, and learn the benefits of regular employment as a means of gaining financial independence, and through this acceptance into our society. In many ways the work of Boystown parallels the job being done by the Brisbane Youth service and deserves our support. John Rowe emphasised that in these times of limited Government spending the charity sector relied more and more on the cooperation and help from the Private Business sector.

The lecture was followed by questions from our members.

SAA Cam Bishop welcomed all our visitors and thanked John for his talk. He congratulated Graeme Whitmore, and all involved, on the great success of the Golf Day. He got in some blatant plugs for Sarabah Vineyard, but Brian Carrs got his revenge by winning the wine raffle. A total of 20 attended a very informative and interesting meeting.

