

# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

1 June 2015



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Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
(Edinburgh Room)  
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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

Our Club held another successful Annual Charity Golf Day last Thursday at North lakes Resort Golf Club.

This year we made a contribution of \$5,000.00 to the PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION of Australia, and a large form cheque (manufactured by Rtn. PE Phil Gresham's company FOTOFAST) was presented to PFC representative Sophie Askew on the day.

Sophie spoke briefly on the work of the Prostate Cancer Research unit and the development of specialist Prostate Care Nurses, they have trained and located 15 within the hospital system and financed them for 12 months. It is pleasing to note that so far, 12 nurses have been retained and now paid directly by Qld Health, this will allow PCFA to train additional nurses for other hospitals.

Some critical facts that Sophie advised were.

- More than 3300 males die each year of the cancer.
- More than 30,000 will be diagnosed during any one year and this is increasing as the male population ages.
- For every 100 persons that die from the cancer each year in the cities, 114 die in our regional areas where access to services are limited or economic drivers of the community prevent taking the necessary health checks.
- More males die of Prostate Cancer each year, than female's die of Breast Cancer.

### What's on?

**1 June:**

**Professor Naomi Wray**

Queensland Brain Institute  
Using new genetic technologies to understand disorders of the brain

### Date Claimers

**29 June 2015:**  
Changeover Dinner  
(details to be advised)

### 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

While not preventable (at present) it is treatable, and with research hopefully for all males, in the future a solution will be found for this type of Cancer.

As noted above the golf day held in lovely QLD weather, and attended by 53 players, a full result will be announced to members in my report, the winners and the runners up both scored the same Gross Score, and under the Double Perrer handicap system (6 secret holes selected by the club) both received the same handicap rating, and the winner was determined by a countback from their final hole played.

The result saw the Team of Graeme McDuff ( Golf Guru Sponsor) and John Alexander, Margus Orupold & Mitchell Orupold ( the last three are son in Laws and grandson respectively of President Graeme) Score Gross 64 (8 under par) net 59.275

Runners up were last year's winners a team from Mollydookers consisting of Terry Mackay, Jon Pattie, David Ryan, & Ben Ryan. Score Gross 64 (8 under par) net 59.275

The result was determined by a countback by the Golf Club scorer Other winners will be presented in final report.

Of Special note at this time are the sponsors for the day:

WALLACE BISHOP JEWELLERS & WAL BISHOP  
QED GROUP, SARABAH WINES, GOLF WORLD, GOLF GURUS, NORTHLAKES RESORT GOLF CLUB, GRINNERS TROPHIES, GLWONE CONSULTING, DELAHUNTY CHEMISTS & PRICELINE and FOTOFEST

I also thank Don O'Donoghue and Robert Carter for their cash donations.

**On the medical front,** President Elect Phil Gresham back with us and full of vigour as he prepares for his year as President We also continue to wish Rotarian Peter Anderson who is still having significant back problems, I trust his new treatment will see him back in full health, I have been unable to contact Rtn Baz Veal and hope he is also on the road to recovery.

## 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 project of Drought Relief is being arranged through Pioneer Valley rotary club along with a committee of two each from Moranbah & Longreach clubs are exchanging cash donations into gift cards to be used by the farmers in local businesses. I have had Direct contact and currently awaiting some details to ensure that our contribution will get to farmers and businesses in need with due recognition, Now that Golf is all but wrapped up I will give this item some horsepower.

## 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. As a consequence we will cancel our usual day and time on Monday 6th July. The joint meeting on 10th July will be our meeting that week.

**Brisbane High Rise,** I have received advice that as a consequence of the Polo Club being sold, Brisbane High Rise are looking at having their meetings at the Brisbane Club, this may further provide an opportunity for all CBD clubs to alternate on a regular basis our meetings and foster the fellowship of our respective clubs.

I thank Members for your attendance & fellowship.

## President Graeme

Remember: **LIGHT UP ROTARY**



## Calendar

**8 June 2015:**  
No Meeting – Public Holiday

**15 June 2015:**  
Fellowship

**3 August 2015:**  
*Denise and Bruce Morcombe*  
Daniel Morcombe Foundation

## Roster

**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 – Public Holiday

**15 June 2015:**  
**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** S Dunlop  
**Set Up/Away** J Ryder  
**Raffle** C Shepherd  
**Visitor Register** M Stephens  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
D O'Donoghue

**22 June 2015:**  
**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** J Ryder  
**Set Up/Away** P Caragata  
**Raffle** G Holtmann  
**Visitor Register** P Little  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
D Schellbach

*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 – 25 May 2015

The Chairperson for the day was Rick Tamaschke. After Rotary Grace and toasts to the Queen of Australia, Rotary International and 'Good Fellowship', he introduced President Graeme Whitmore. Graeme's message is reported elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, PE Phil Gresham spoke positively about the 'D9600 Assembly Meeting' for incoming office bearers that he had attended with VP Keith Watts on the previous day. He also indicated that he would be contacting RCOB members individually to canvass ideas for activities during his upcoming Presidency (2015/2016).

Phil Little discussed the plight of Nepal following the recent earthquakes and the need for urgent financial and other assistance.

SAA Cam Bishop discussed arrangements for the 'Scenic Rim Excursion' for members and partners scheduled for 30 May. Lunch would be at Sarabah Estate starting at 1pm. Please contact Cam Bishop if you going.

After a short period of Fellowship, the Chair introduced the guest speaker, Rotarian Peter Sullivan who was speaking on 'Organ and Tissue Donations' on behalf of D9600 and the Queensland Organ and Tissue Donation Service, part of the Australian Government Organ and Tissue Authority Network. This was an excellent presentation in which Peter covered the major issues involved. Australia has an 'opt in system'. Once a decision to opt in has been reached, it is important that the 'nearest and dearest' know and understand the reasons why the decision was taken, because their consent will ultimately be required for the donation to proceed. Donation decisions can be registered centrally at: [www.donorregister.gov.au](http://www.donorregister.gov.au) This will mean speedy access to the information by health professionals in emergency situations, but previous discussions with family are still essential.

Questions and discussion followed. Finally the Chair presented Peter with a memento of the occasion

(Note: Further details may be obtained at: [www.donatelifelife.gov.au](http://www.donatelifelife.gov.au))

SAA Cam Bishop ran a short session and exacted the usual fines to expand the Club coffers. Graeme Whitmore won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck.

The meeting closed at 1.45pm.

### A beautiful partnership of service through Rotary

Prafull Karnik, past president of the Rotary Club of Thane East, Maharashtra, India  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)



Students use the sound proof therapy room at the Kamalini school for children with hearing and speech impairments.

Our unique partnership with the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo in California, USA, began more than a decade ago when I was president and I was looking for a centennial project for our club. With other members of the club, I visited Nakhwa School in Thane, established in 1964 to provide education for children from low-income families, and was convinced this would be a great opportunity for us to serve.

On a visit to California, I met with the Mission Viejo club and discussed the project, and they were excited to partner with us on a Rotary Foundation grant. We were able to provide benches, electrical fans, glass boards, a water tank, science lab equipment, library books, and six computers with Internet access for the school of 600 plus students. We also purchased four tailoring machines to teach female students sewing and kits to teach electrical skills to male students. We completed the project in four months at a cost of \$14,000.

Members in both clubs were very much willing to continue the partnership, and so when a doctor from the Mission Viejo club proposed providing equipment to help a school for the deaf and mute in our area, we jumped at the chance. After a needs study, we combined to raise money and purchase audiometers and establish a sound proof room for speech therapy and audiometry so the school could monitor the progress of every child. The second project was finished in 2007.



One of the check dams the two clubs partnered to construct.

Our Rotary district has been involved with many sustainable water projects in the last couple decades, constructing check dams in rural areas. Our district's water management team assigned us to oversee the building of a check dam and four bore wells as part of a regional strategy. Once again, the members in Mission Viejo came to our help, and we partnered on a Foundation Grant to provide the improvements and give 600 people clean drinking water and a means to irrigate their fields. The project was completed in four months in 2009 at a cost of \$11,750. Two years later, we combined for another grant project that built three more check dams.



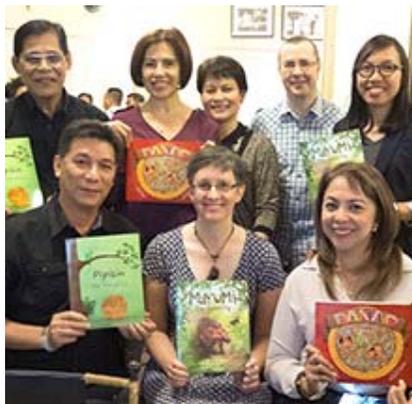
Last year, we combined with the Mission Viejo club on our very first global grant, constructing four check dams and digging four bore wells at a cost of \$33,500. The project is providing drinking water to more than 3,000 and allowing them to have sufficient irrigation to plant two crops a year.

It has been a beautiful partnership that has allowed Rotary members in both California and Maharashtra to work together to help people and improve our community. The connection continues this year with another global grant for five more check dams and bore wells that will benefit more than 4,300 people. We are determined to carry this partnership forward as far as we can, and show the world just what Rotary members can accomplish when we work together!

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### Rotary exchange inspires children's books about animals

By Rachel Shaw, honorary member of the Rotary Club of West Bay, Laguna, Philippines.  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)



Rachel Shaw (middle, first row) with Rotary members at a book launch in Manila.

Six years ago, I visited the Philippines as part of a Group Study Exchange team from Rotary District 1270 (Lincolnshire, England). The opportunity to visit one of the world's biodiversity hotspots as a professional wildlife conservationist became for me the start of a new writing and illustrating adventure.

Glimpsing just a little of the amazing diversity of animals sparked my imagination. The animals became characters in my mind and I started to write their stories. Three of those stories have just been published in the Philippines.

The animals featured in 'Danao the Parrot,' 'Mayumi the Forest Pig,' and 'Pipisin the Pangolin' are all endemic to the Philippines; they are found nowhere else in the world. The books are a celebration of the rich diversity of wildlife in the country with a strong educational element and conservation messages about the endangered animals. Two of the picture books were illustrated by Filipino artists Jonathan Ranola and Ingrid Tan, while the third I illustrated myself.

Witnessing the work of Rotary in the Philippines, particularly after Typhoon Ketsana hit just months after my exchange visit, left a deep impression on me. Since the exchange I have raised funds for Rotary projects and disaster relief including for ShelterBox. In writing the books, I discovered that I have something more that I can give: stories about the unique and special animals, and, my enthusiasm and passion for wildlife. I hope the children's books will prove to be a lasting and tangible contribution to a country that has given me so much.

I have strong memories from my exchange visit of going to schools adopted by their local Rotary clubs. These are the children I thought about while writing the stories. I would love to work with Rotary clubs to give the picture books to schools and children who can't afford the luxury of buying books.

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