



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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(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	Graeme Whitmore
Imm Past President	Alistair Smith
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
Trevor Taylor

Rotary International President
Ron Burton

President's Message

This will be my last message for the year 2013, it has been a challenging year for our own club, and a year that Rotary worldwide has been under pressure to perform aid works on many fronts, including but not limited to natural disasters in Japan and more recently Typhoon Haiyan, and the man-made problems created by wars in Syrian and Africa.

As usual Rotary has come to the party and provided both speedy monetary aid and medical and resources on the ground without question in a timely fashion, and continues to do so.

You should all be proud of your continued commitment to Rotary and the beneficial results it brings to peoples of the world in need.

Our year has finished on a high with two new members being inducted over the last two weeks, and we hope this trend will continue in the New Year.

Unfortunately we sadly & reluctantly accepted the resignation of Brian Carss on Monday as Brian has elected to join another Rotary Club nearer his home in Redcliffe. It is proposed to have Brian back in the New Year for a farewell thankyou lunch, and we will advise the date later. Brian must be sincerely thanked for his efforts with the Benevolent Fund and his role as historian for our club and rotary in general, his presence each week will be missed.

Thank you Brian from your fellow Rotarians of our club

We advise that both Clive Morman and John Charlton are still in the recovery mode. Our thoughts and prayers go to both these long term club members and hope their recovery will again see their presence at our lunch meetings in the early part of 2014.



Date Claimers

10 April 2014
30th Charter
Anniversary of the RC of
Taipei Tatung
Hotel Taipei Regent
Details on their website
<http://www.regenttaipei.com>.

1-4 June 2014
Rotary International
Convention, Sydney

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

I also report that our DG Trevor Taylor still remains in critical care, and our thoughts and prayers go to Trevor his wife and family

Following our Lunch the AGM was held and I congratulate those who have taken up the challenge of officers of our club for years 2014/2015, I sure your input to our clubs affairs will be beneficial.

My Wife and I wish you all a Very Happy and Safe Xmas and all the best for 2014

The Club Activities recommences with Lunch meeting 20th January 2014

Yours in Rotary

**REMEMBER: ENGAGE ROTARY
CHANGE LIVES**

President Graeme

Rotary Meeting 16 December 2013

Treasurer Michael Stevens was the Chairman for today. He introduced P Graeme for his second meeting after his return from his overseas vacation. P Graeme introduced our frequent visitor Richard Langford from Brisbane Youth Services. Richard was the guest of Patrick Caragata who had strategic discussions with Richard prior to the lunch. P Graeme's report is featured elsewhere in this Bulletin. An important part of P Graeme's duty was to induct Warren Walker to membership of the RC of Brisbane. Warren had previously been a member of the Redland Bay RC. He works in the city of Brisbane and found our Club more convenient. Warren is the Chief Financial Officer for Premier Finance. He was introduced to the Club by PP Keith Watts. P Keith has already persuaded Warren to use his financial skills to benefit our Club, and Warren has been nominated to take over the Treasurer's job from Dougal Henderson in July 2014.

In Rotary Spots Denise Schellbach reported on her ROMAC charges. Apparently Denise was a Star on a Channel 7 news item during the past week, featuring the baby from East Timor who had just had successful open heart surgery, and who has now returned home. Denise has another week of work on Eddie's Van and then is off to London for Christmas to visit her son and newly arrived grandchild.

PP Alistair Smith reminded those who had not collected their cakes and puddings that they could be collected from Max Winder's office. Alistair reported that he had recently attended a talk from an expert from the World Health Organisation who warned that Type 3 polio was on the increase from 200 cases a year ago to over 600 cases this year. The infections are probably coming from Nigeria and spreading into Cameroon, the Horn of Africa and into Syria. It appears that the oral vaccine may not be as effective as it once was and that more expensive needle vaccination may be required to finally conquer its spread.

Rick Tamaschke reminded members that a lot of work had gone into updating the Club's web page. He asked members to put Club activities that they were involved in down in print and send them to him so that the community and prospective new members would know what good works we were doing simply by looking at our web page.

PP Brian Carrs reported on the Club's Benevolent Fund as the Chairman of the Trustees. It began with the Walpole Bequest by a former member of our Club of \$138,000 in 2001, when Brian was Treasurer of the RC of Brisbane.

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

27 January 2014:
Public Holiday

3 February 2014:
*Nev Ollis
Former newspaper editor*

Roster

20 January 2014:
President G Whitmore
Chairperson
Set Up/Away
Raffle
Visitor Register
Attendance

27 January 2014:
**NO MEETING
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

3 February 2014:
President G Whitmore
Chairperson
Set Up/Away
Raffle
Visitor Register
Attendance

10 February 2014:
President G Whitmore
Chairperson
Set Up/Away
Raffle
Visitor Register
Attendance

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.



Rotary Meeting Report (cont.) 16 December 2013

The Club wisely decided to form a tax exempt Charitable Trust with the Walpole seed money and added the \$200,000 profit from the 2003 Brisbane International Rotary Congress which this Club conducted, under Chairman John Puttick. The Club raised other funds and the money was invested in blue chip shares and securities. It was not until the capital sum reached \$500,000 that any of the interest was distributed to charities and good works. The capital amount is not touched and sufficient adjustment is allowed for the capital amount to grow with inflation. Only the interest and dividends are distributed. The capital sum now stands at \$710,000. Over the years a total of \$150,000 has been given to the Club for charitable purposes. As a second matter PP Brian announced that as he now lived in Redcliffe he had decided to transfer his Rotary membership and planned to join the Redcliffe –Sunrise RC in the New Year. Brian has had contact with Rotary since he met his wife Marjorie in September 1959 when Marjorie was a Rotary Foundation Fellow studying at the University of Illinois in Champagne-Urbana. They married and both returned to work at academic careers at the University of Queensland. PP Brian joined the RC of Brisbane in September 1978 and has been a most active and productive member of our Club for 35 years. His immense Rotary experience and enthusiasm will be missed. The Board plans a special lunch to honour Brian's service to our Club in the New Year.

Tony McKinnon reported that the members who had attended the Special Christmas function in the Club Cellar on the evening of Monday the 9th of December had a most enjoyable night. He planned to hold one such Special Event each Quarter. He reminded members that he still had 9 or 10 cases of wine to sell. He would even split a case in half for \$75.

Chairman Michael Stevens reminded members of all the good things our Club had done during the year and said we could puff out our chests and give ourselves a pat on the back. He backed up Rick Tamaschke's appeal to put our good works and activities on the website so our light was not hidden under a bushel.

PP Keith Watts reminded members who intended to attend the Rotary International Congress in Sydney on 1st to 4th June 2014 to register now. He also reminded members of the 30th Anniversary celebrations of our sister Club in Taipei Tating on the 10th of April next year.

As there was no guest speaker the main activity was the Annual General Meeting of the RC of Brisbane. The meeting was conducted by Vice-President Keith Watts. PP Keith presented the Auditor's Report and Financial Statements and moved that they be accepted and adopted. This motion was seconded by Rick Tamaschke. The motion was accepted unanimously. The Club has a total current equity of \$74,707. In the election that then occurred the Office Bearers were elected for the Rotary year beginning on the 1st of July 2014. These are published in full in a separate section of this Bulletin.

SAA Cam Bishop welcomed our new member Warren Walker to our Club. He presented a long joke about a bigoted Southern Society Matron who wanted four presentable young Naval Officers to accompany her young ladies to a ball. She had her racial prejudice exposed by the very smart Jewish Captain of the ship- and we all learned a valuable lesson in tolerance and acceptance of each other's differences. The raffle was won by Stan Francis. A total of 23 attended the final Christmas meeting of the 2013 calendar year. Our first meeting of the 2014 Rotary year will be on Monday the 20th of January 2014.



P Graeme Whitmore inducts new member Warren Walker.

The benefits of a Rotary Peace Fellowship

*By Julia Smith, Rotary Peace Fellow
Source: blog.rotary.org*



In 2008-09, I was lucky enough to be awarded a Rotary Peace Fellowship to complete my master's degree at the University of Bradford. Five years later, I continue to build on that remarkable learning experience.

The University of Bradford is famous for its conflict resolution expertise and I took full advantage of this by taking courses on African Approaches to Conflict Resolution and Applied Conflict Resolution. I used skills and knowledge from both when, following the peace fellowship, I went to work in Sierra Leone. In particular, I remember mediating a dispute between blacksmiths and farmers in a rural village still recovering from civil war. By drawing on indigenous practices and negotiation skills we were able to reach an agreement that resulted in improved food production, as well as community harmony.

The peace fellowship includes an applied field experience component, and I was placed at the Health Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division in South Africa. The research I conducted there informed my Master of Arts thesis and was published widely. From this formative experience I built networks and research expertise I continue to draw on.



For example, I recently conducted research to inform a program that aims to enhance the ability of citizens in Sub-Saharan Africa to hold their governments to account for how they spend HIV/AIDS resources.

One of the greatest benefits of the peace fellowship is the opportunity to study with people from around the world. Peace Studies at the University of Bradford has a remarkably diverse student body, and the skills that are developed by learning from other perspectives and working with people from around the world cannot be underestimated - I use them everyday.

I am now trying, in my own small way, to pass on some of what I learned as a peace fellow. This fall I had the opportunity to teach a course similar to one I took at Bradford - the Politics of International Peacekeeping - at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in Surrey, Canada. It's inspiring to be able to pass on some of the remarkable learning I was lucky enough to benefit from as a Rotary Peace Fellow.

**Details for Nev Ollis
Speaker for 3 February:**

A retired journalist, Nev Ollis said he wrote the book because "Aussies need to know what made them Aussies." He lived as a boy in Liverpool, New South Wales, the area where part of the book is set. At an early age he was twice a finalist in Australia's premier landscape painting award, the Wynne Prize. At age 40 he moved to Queensland where he pursued his journalist career as Editor of the Bundaberg Drum. He came to Brisbane for World Expo 88, formed and led the XXXX Jazz Band and has since followed a life in jazz music and, now, as an author.

**Current Trustees of the Benevolent Fund were -
PP Brian Carss---Chairman
Rotarian ---John Smerdon
Rotarian ---Dougal Henderson
Rotarian ---Don O'Donoghue.**

As PP Brian Carss resigned his Club membership on 20-12-2013 he is automatically no longer a Trustee, as all Trustees must be members of the Board. The Board will appoint a new Trustee and a new Chairman of Trustees in the New Year.

POSITION	INCUMBENT 2013/13	ELECTED 2014-15	NOMINATED BY
President	Graeme Whitmore		
President Elect (to be President 2014-15)	Graeme Whitmore	Already elected	
President-Nominee (to be President-elect in 2014-15 and President in 2015-16)		Phil Gresham	Keith Watts
Immediate Past President	Alistair Smith	Alistair Smith	Ex-officio
Vice President	Keith Watts	Keith Watts	Graeme Whitmore
Secretary	Michael Stephens	Michael Stephens	Keith Watts
Treasurer	Dougal Henderson	Warren Walker	Keith Watts
Sergeant at Arms	Cameron Bishop	Cameron Bishop	Keith Watts
Director	Rick Tamaschke	Rick Tamaschke	Keith Watts
	Michael Kelly		
	Phil Little	Phil Little	Patrick Caragata
	Patrick Caragata	Patrick Caragata	Keith Watts
	Gerald Holtmann	Gerald Holtmann	Keith Watts
	Brian Carss		
	Don O'Donoghue	Don O'Donoghue	Keith Watts
	John Smerdon	John Smerdon	Keith Watts
	Bas Veal	Bas Veal	Keith Watts
		Anthony McKinnon	Keith Watts
		Dougal Henderson	Keith Watts