



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

**22 July 2013**



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**GPO Box 2909  
Brisbane Qld 4001**

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> 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	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  
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor  
Dai Mason

Rotary International President  
Ron Burton

### President's Message

Greetings Fellow Rotarians and Friends & Visitors

I thank all our members who made the effort to attend this week, it is appreciated that this is winter and given our present cold weather some members may be reluctant to come and join in our clubs fellowship. I again welcome to visiting Rotarian Denise Schellbach who has been a regular visiting Rotarian over a long period, and I wish Denise a safe trip to Africa next week.

Today's meeting was scheduled for a "Fellowship" day, and I am sure we all had an opportunity to discuss a number of worldly issues. I wish to acknowledge the massive efforts made by DIK, as our scribe has noted, the value to the receiver is in the order of \$44million. It should be remembered that our club, through one of our previous members Ron Barnwell, was a major contributor to DIK.

Our club is not scheduled to help in this worthy cause until the new years at which time I will request some voluntary help.

Member attendance was again very low for the day, I again personally appeal to all members to become regular attendees, and bring along a potential new member previously suggested.

For those members that have not attended today, if there is a reason why you have not attended?, and or have any worthwhile suggestions that will help to regenerate interest in the club, and our meetings, please contact me by email ASAP.

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### 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 - continued

The club also urgently needs a member to take over the duty of arranging speakers.

Our club directors meet today to discuss the annual budget, committee members, future projects and directions for the club. These deliberations will be presented to all members for ratification in the near future.

Remember this is YOUR club and can only be effectively run and managed if you want to attend and become actively involved

Yours in Rotary

**REMEMBER: ENGAGE ROTARY  
CHANGE LIVES**

## President Graeme

### Rotary Meeting – 8 July 2013

Tony McKinnon was the Chairman of the day and he opened the meeting and introduced P Graeme for his second meeting as President. P Graeme introduced our sole visitor, Denise Schellbach from Brisbane Planetarium RC, who makes up at our Club on a regular basis. P Graeme urged members to bring along another friend as a prospective member, as we needed to grow our membership if we wanted to attract good speakers. He needs a volunteer to take on the important job of finding guest speakers for our regular meetings.

He encouraged our Club's continuing support for Donations in Kind which has sent over \$44 million worth of goods to our neighbours in Papua – New Guinea and the Pacific Islands since its inception. He advised members of upcoming Golf days being promoted by various Rotary Clubs. He asked for a volunteer to act as a Councillor for an inbound Peace Fellow while they completed their studies at the University of Queensland. I could recommend this as a very personally fulfilling and rewarding experience for any Rotarian. I acted as Councillor for Sophia Ledberg from Sweden in 2002-3.

We have kept in touch with Sophia since she returned home to take up a teaching position at Uppsala University in Stockholm. We visited her and her husband Sven and their three boys when we were in Sweden in May. If anyone is interested in accepting this offer please contact Don O'Donoghue to find out just what is entailed.

P Graeme called on our members to support him in moving our Club forward, and by participating in our Club's activities, and offering suggestions and advice.

Chairman Tony called for Spots. There were none, so he reminded members that he was now Bacchus and Social Director any asked members to see him with their preferences for other social outings beside theatre nights.

There was no guest speaker so members enjoyed fellowship.

SAA Cam Bishop welcomed Denise Schellbach, and fined everyone who had not kissed our visitor on arrival. He also fined all who had shoes with shoelaces. He delivered quite a few jokes that were well received. In the absence of PP Brian Carss he was free to promote Sarabah Estate without restraint. New Paul Harris Fellow Stan Francis did a great job selling the raffle tickets and did even better by winning the bottle of Sarabah Merlot. However he drew out the 6 of hearts, so the cash prize jackpots. A total of 17 attended lunch.

## 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

**29 July 2013:**  
Job Talk

**5 August 2013:**  
TBA

**12 August 2013:**  
Fellowship

## Roster

### 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

### 29 July 2013:

**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairman** R Tamaschke  
**Set Up/Away** M Evans  
**Raffle** P Little  
**Visitor Register** M Winders  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
T McKinnon

### 5 August 2013:

**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairman** M Kelly  
**Set Up/Away** A McKinnon  
**Raffle** A Gillespie  
**Visitor Register** S Francis  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
J Charlton

### 12 August 2013:

**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairman** H Dahles  
**Set Up/Away** C Muir  
**Raffle** D Phillips  
**Visitor Register** B Veal  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
T McKinnon

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*secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au*



Dinah's talk demonstrated yet again the wealth of talent and expertise that exists in the combined experience of the members of our Club.

SAA Cam Bishop welcomed our visitor Denise Schellbach. He complained of saddle soreness after a full day on horseback on Saturday with his two young nieces. He told us of his new Belgian under and over 12 gauge Browning shotgun that he uses for skeet shooting. He got in his usual plug in for Sarabah Vineyard with the story of the prospective bride called Sarah who was only too happy to pay the booking fee for her wedding at the Vineyard because the venue had "Sara" in its name. Stan Francis won the raffle.

A total of only 17 members enjoyed the meeting. It would be a good show of support for P Graeme if we could get more members to attend regularly.

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**Here is something to share with you all from Pablo Ruiz, RPI Coordinator at Spain:**

*Rotary Dear friends:*

"An easy way to attract new members to Rotary"

We must bear in mind that one of the objectives of Rotary Clubs is to increase their membership.

But how can we do this?

There is a very easy way to do this and it is the following: Last year I was invited to speak at Rotary District 2202, more specifically at the Rotary Club Imperial Tarraco in Tarragona (Spain), (<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryTarragona>)

I was surprised when I was told that many distinguished personalities of the city belonged to the club and that they had a waiting list to enter in this Rotary club.

Of course it caught my attention because in addition to being a very large club they have many people who want to enter and have a waiting list.

Tarragona is a city with 134,000 people and this Rotary Club is after Madrid Serrano the largest one we have in Spain!

What is the secret of this club? Very simple. They explained that they invite the highest authorities of the city to give a lecture at club meetings and also make it public in the press, radio and television, which the city finds that:

1. There is a club where there are people who are called Rotarians
2. They explain what we are, caring professionals who volunteer to help in their community, among other things, etc.
3. The VIP guest personality also has the opportunity to meet and visit Rotary and we certainly increase our prestige of our organization.

In short if you want to increase the membership of your Club invite people from your city to give a lecture and see how soon increase the number of QUALITY members of your club.

Now in our Club in Jerez, our President Luis Marcos is very aware of it and its program this year have followed their goals inviting to speak our Bishop, a Military General, the Mayor, the most famous journalist in local television, among others.

Here I send the invitation where the Mayor of our city will come to speak to us on Tuesday January 22. We already have set radio, television, press and internet journalist to spread the word.

Naturally you are all invited to come!

If you have something you have done in the past as an example or would like to spread the word of an incoming event you are preparing or simply you would like to comment something in particular please feel free to contact me!

Thank you very much for everything I hope you have found this information to your liking!

Warmest regards,  
Pablo Ruiz

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## Imponderables

Ponder on these imponderables for a minute:-

1. If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?
2. If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
3. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
4. If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?
5. If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
6. Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
7. When cheese gets its picture taken, what does it say?
8. Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person who drives a racing car not called a racist?
9. Why are a wise man and a wise guy opposites?
10. Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things?
11. Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety one?
12. 'I am' is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that 'I do' is the longest sentence?
13. If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?



14. What hair colour do they put on the driver's licences of bald men?
15. I thought about how mothers feed their babies with tiny little spoons and forks so I wondered what do Chinese mothers use? Toothpicks?
16. Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the postmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?
17. You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.
18. No one ever says, 'It's only a game' when their team is winning.
19. Ever wonder about those people who spend £1.50 apiece on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards: NAIVE
20. Isn't making a smoking section in a restaurant like making a peeing section in a swimming pool?
21. If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhoea, does that mean that one enjoys it?
22. Why if you send something by road it is called a shipment, but when you send it by sea it is called cargo?
23. If a convenience store is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, why are there locks on the door?

I have to admit, during my first year as a Rotarian, I almost missed the magic of Rotary. I didn't always care for the food and programs at the weekly club meetings, and I thought I had better ways to spend my time. But then my club president asked me to chair the Rotary Foundation committee. Rotary started changing for me after that. I found that the more engaged I became in Rotary and the work of The Rotary Foundation, the more I saw the magic of Rotary and how it changed lives.

That magic may be a little bit different for each one of us, but it's there for all of us when we really put our hearts into some aspect of Rotary service. For me, my heart is in the Foundation. I feel that every time you donate to the Foundation you're saying, "It's my resource, as a Rotarian; and it's my responsibility."

Your new governors already have joined me in this and led by example, with 100 percent of them donating to the Foundation. I thank them for their commitment to Rotary, which they've shown through their donations as well as facing the challenge of inspiring new members to get more involved and learn about the true meaning of Rotary.

When we really engage Rotary, that's when lives change. And, at the end of the day, no matter how many lives you reach out to change, the life that will change the most will be your own.

That's what our theme for 2013-2014 is all about. Engage Rotary, Change Lives.

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### RI President Ron Burton: Engage Rotary, Change Lives

By RI President Ron Burton

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<http://blog.rotary.org/2013/07/01/burton/>

I'm looking forward to the 2013-14 Rotary year and the immense and humbling privilege of serving as your Rotary International president. During my presidential year, I'll let you know on the Rotary International president's Facebook page and in blog posts about some of my travels. I hope this will help you experience some of the magic of Rotary.

