



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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of the Brisbane Club
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MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Alistair Smith
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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

As promised, this week we have some photos from the 90th Anniversary dinner. As you can see a great time was had by all. Phil Gresham has kindly put together a couple of CDs of photos, I will send one to our friends at Taipei Tatung, and if anyone would like to borrow the other, please let me know.

Just a reminder that the 1st July will be change over, so it would be good if we could get some good attendance to welcome Graeme to the roll. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you all this week, when Richard Langford from Brisbane Youth Service will be attending to receive our final contribution for the year.

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?





Rotary Meeting – 17 June 2013

Our Chairman Stan Francis opened the meeting and introduced P Alistair. P Alistair welcomed our regular guest Rotarian from the R C of Balmoral Vlad Robu, and our guest speaker Professor Ross Young. P Alistair congratulated all concerned with the 90th Anniversary Dinner celebration for the success of the function. In particular he thanked PP Michael Kelly for his organisational ability in putting the function together, and Michael Stephens, Graeme Whitmore, and Keith Watts in assisting Michael. Phil Gresham kindly supplied the banners. SAA Cam Bishop did an outstanding job in keeping the whole show entertaining, but dignified. Modestly, P Alistair did not mention his own interesting speech which detailed the achievements of the RC of Brisbane over the 90 years since the Club was founded in an informative yet quirky format. It is available in full in last week's Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots PP Michael Kelly thanked members for their participation and assistance on the big night. He reminded us that our sister Club of Taipei Tatung will celebrate its 30 Anniversary on the 10th of April 2014, and that President Elect Younger extended a warm welcome to our members to join them in their celebrations. Hopefully a delegation from our Club will attend this event.

PP Brian Carss presented a report on the Last Salvo in the Polio wars, and this report is available in full elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Tony McKinnon reminded members that he has taken on the role of wine promotion in our Club. He will be assisted by SAA Cam Bishop from a well-known local vineyard. They will come up with an offer in the near future.

PP Mel Evans reported that he had represented our Club at an impressive gathering at The Spirit of Australia Foundation and Churchie Monash Commemorative Service at the Anglican Church Grammar school on the 4th of June. It appears our Club was invited as the RC of Melbourne was associated with setting up the sponsoring organisation. There are plans for this function to be an ongoing event.

Our Guest speaker was Professor Ross Young, Executive Dean of the Faculty of Health at QUT. Ross is a Clinical Psychologist. The aim of this talk was to make us aware of the housing problems faced by patients suffering from serious chronic mental illness, particularly those with schizophrenia. He detailed the definitions and diagnosis of mental illness. He spoke of the high social cost of mental illness to the community. The total cost to the community for treating afflicted patients was greater than the total treatment costs for all cancer patients combined. About 1% of the population were afflicted, but up to 4% showed some symptoms at some times. With the onset of the illness occurring in late adolescences for men, and slightly later for women, this early onset meant it affected the population at the beginning of what should have been their most productive years.

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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

1 July 2013:
Changeover

8 July 2013:
Dinah Zang
Job Talk

15 July 2013:
TBA

Roster

24 June 2013:

President A Smith
Chairman P Little
Set Up/Away B Carss
Raffle M Stephens
Visitor Register M Evans
Attendance J Smerdon
 J Charlton

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

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The condition was highly heritable with twin studies showing up to 80% correlation. The DRD2 gene seemed to be implicated. First degree relatives often evidenced symptoms of cognitive defects and abnormal brain MRIs. Ross mentioned that cannabis use could lead to symptoms in perhaps up to 14% of cases.

The main thrust of the remainder of Russ' talk was to alert us to the tremendous problem faced by the parents and family of patients afflicted by serious chronic mental illness of finding a safe and secure place of these people to live, particularly as parents aged and died. In the past serious chronic mental illness was treated by locking people in secure institutions. Italy started the move to de-institutionalise mental patients and the rest of the first world quickly followed their lead. The big advantage for the patients was that they were given back their autonomy, and could live close to their family and friends. The downside was that often this meant social isolation in cheap boarding houses, where they could be exploited, inactivity, and poor living conditions, unless they were living with parents or a caring family. The main concern for parents caring for these patients is what is going to happen to our loved ones when we die. Ross is the Chairman of the Board of Mantle Housing Ltd.-an organisation developing community based living for people with chronic mental illness. There are some parallels between the aims of his group, and the already established organisation Young Care. His organisation has received a grant of \$1.5 million from the Wesley Mission, and with a low interest rate loan from another organisation, they propose to buy land and have Architect's plans for a 14 unit live- in facility to house these people. To make it viable Mantle must raise \$100,000 per annum, and the residents will pay rent. Selection of residents will be strict - over 25, persistent and enduring mental illness, with schizophrenia the initial focus, desire to live in, agree to take medication, no drugs etc. Mantle is in the process of buying a suitable site. I am sure members will wish Ross and Mantle every success in getting a much needed and very essential project off the ground. The lecture was followed by several probing and intelligent questions from our members.

SAA Cam Bishop welcomed our visitors and also thanked those hardworking members who made the 90th Anniversary Dinner such a great success. He fined those present who sported a Julia Gillard blue tie. He advertised the Sarabah Winery's Open Day on the 25th August, and reminded members of our own Club's pending wine offer. P Alistair won the first draw of the raffle, but the Cam reclaimed the prize, which was won by Phil Little on the second draw.



Polio: The Last Salvo

A new global assault on polio will involve the biggest roll-out of a vaccine ever attempted.



Until now, the World Health Organisation's eradication drive has used a vaccine made from the weakened live virus. It is cheap and effective, but the virus in it can sometimes revert to causing the disease, and then spread. Circulating vaccine-derived polio viruses now cause more outbreaks than the wild polio virus.



The original plan was for every country to stop using live vaccine when the wild virus disappeared, and then switch to a killed vaccine that would protect children as the vaccine-derived polio viruses died out. But if either virus returns after that, live vaccine will be needed to contain it. By then of course, firms will no longer be making it.



The new plan, which was launched in mid-May, is for the 140 countries most at risk of polio resurgence, to start giving killed vaccine once the wild variety is largely gone. They will use live vaccine which is effective against two of the three wild strains. Virtually all of Type 2 strain was eliminated in 1999. By using the live vaccine made with Types 1 & 3 strains, countries can maintain immunity while cutting off Type 2.



All 140 countries will have to switch to vaccines at the same time, something that has never happened like this before.

