



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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A global network of community volunteers

24 March 2014



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(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
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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
Trevor Taylor

Rotary International President
Ron Burton

President's Message

Welcome fellow Rotarians

Congratulations from DG Trevor Taylor – District numbers are up – from 1519 members at 1st July 2013, to 1533 as of 28th February 2014.

Taipei Tatung RC's 30th anniversary

- So far we have confirmed Keith and Dorothy Watts and Warren and Trish Walker, Michael Stephens and Denise Schellbach. I need travel and accommodation details (flights and arrival and departure times) to send to Taipei Tatung RC. Warren Hampton can't attend because of family issues. Bas Veal is considering attending. Are there any others?

District Conference 29th March, Maroochydore RSL

- We have three registered so far. Phil Gresham and I have registered for the Saturday and Phil is the driver. Tony Mckinnon has also registered. Are any others registered? Registrations involving catering close this Friday 21st March
- List sent by Secretary Michael Stephens (hand-out). To date registrations total 170 Delegate 1 and 40 Delegate 2, with 51 + 1(NZ) clubs attending.

RI Convention Sydney 4th June – register now.

Reminder Golf Day 9th May. Secretary Michael has sent the registration form – President Graeme asks all to please register now and chase up other players. \$150 per player. Entries close May 2.



What's on?

24 March:

**Canine Helpers
speaker**

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>.

9 May 2014
Rotary Golf Day

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

Reminder District Awards – we should nominate for the Best Bulletin award. Any others?

Reminder Board meeting today.

Did anyone attend the International Women's Day event last Wednesday at International House? Can anyone give a report? It was a combined event from our District and D 9630.

Apologies: President Graeme (everything is going OK, hopes to be back next week), Don O'Donoghue, John Charlton, Mike Kelly, Clive Morman, Stan Francis, Rick Tamaschke, Dinah Zhang.

Yours in Rotary

Acting President Keith Watts

Rotary Meeting 17 March 2014

Chairman for the day Bas Veal welcomed attendees to the meeting. After Rotary Grace and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International he introduced Acting President Keith Watts (in the absence of President Graeme Whitmore). PP Keith's message is detailed elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots Denise Schellbach advised that five children will soon be arriving for surgery under the ROMAC program.

Tony McKinnon, as "Club Baccus", advised members that:

- (1) There will only be two cases of wine left after today's raffle;
- (2) He is planning a Sunday luncheon at which members can enjoy relaxed, quality time with family and friends at a suburban bistro, café or restaurant. The fare to be either a la carte or a reasonably priced, two-course set menu.

After a short period of fellowship Chairman Bas introduced the guest speaker Dean Prangley, Vice President, Royal Historical Society of Queensland. Dean's topic was the "Naughty Ladies of Brisbane Town - Convict Women in Queensland from 1824 to 1857". He made the following points:

- The women were not as bad as they were painted by the contemporary press;
- 13,000 convict women were transported to New South Wales following their conviction for minor property offences.
- Only recidivist convicts (convicted in Britain and later in New South Wales) were sent to Queensland.
- All convicts first housed on present day Redcliffe before Brisbane discovered by Captain Henry Miller.
- First male convict barracks built on the present day site of Myer Store in Queen Street, Brisbane.
- The 11 first convict women were housed in a factory/barracks building on the G.P.O. site.
- Early years particularly hard with Captain Patrick Logan (murdered 1830) regularly dispensing harsh punishment of about 200 lashes per session.
- As women were only 19% of the colonial population the convict women were "very popular" with the colonial military and administrative officers.
- When the Governor, Captain Fynas tired of the administration caused by the repeated "dalliances" between his officers and the convict women, the women were moved to a 700 acre prison farm at Eagle farm. The soldiers then repeated swam Breakfast Creek to have liaisons with the women in the tall grass.
- All women prisoners were returned to Sydney in 1857.

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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

24 March 2014:

Canine Helpers

31 March 2014:

TBA

Roster

24 March 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	S Dunlop
Set Up/Away	W Walker
Raffle	D Schelbach
Visitor Register	P Little
Attendance	J Smerdon W Walker

31 March 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	P Caragata
Set Up/Away	G Burnett
Raffle	D Zhang
Visitor Register	P Anderson
Attendance	J Smerdon W Walker

7 April 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	A Gillespie
Set Up/Away	S Francis
Raffle	M Winders
Visitor Register	P Ryan
Attendance	J Smerdon J Ryder

14 April 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	D Henderson
Set Up/Away	P Gresham
Raffle	G Holtmann
Visitor Register	A Smith
Attendance	J Smerdon W Walker

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



Finally SAA Rotarian Cam Bishop conducted a lively session.

Raffles

Club – Michael Stevens (in Max Winders' absence) could only draw the 2 of hearts.

Wine – Phil Gresham won the dozen bottles of Belgravia Estate Shiraz.

Attendance: 16 members, 2 visitors and 1 Club guest

Meeting closed at 2.00pm.

Twenty years of fighting polio in India

By former Foundation Trustee Ashok Mahajan

Source: blog.rotary.org

Since 1993, I have been deeply involved in the polio eradication program, Rotary's top priority, both as a member of Rotary and in various leadership positions. I have many strong memories of the challenges, triumphs and setbacks we've faced along the way as we pursued ending this crippling disease in my country.



Shri K. Sankaranarayanan, governor of Maharashtra, India, administers the polio vaccine to a child being held by former Trustee Ashok Mahajan. Looking on is the governor's wife (left) and Rajashree Birla, who has contributed more than US\$7 million for polio eradication.

One thing I will always remember is the extensive efforts we made to build goodwill and acceptance of polio immunization in the Muslim community and among religious leaders.

My first extensive involvement with the campaign came in 1997, as I worked on polio immunizations in Bhiwandi, a community rampant with polio cases. I was tasked with working with the Muslim population to gain their acceptance and we were able to proceed with immunizations.

Next, I began to work in Mumbai to increase acceptance of the polio vaccine among Muslims there. I visited the Baba Makhdoom Shah Baba Dargah temple and through repeated meetings convinced the imam to issue his support for polio eradication. The imam agreed to announce our activities after the weekly Friday prayers, and educate people about our intentions, which convinced many people to have their children immunized against polio. As people began to accept the vaccine, resistance dropped in the Muslim community, and in due course, Mumbai became polio-free.

When Uttar Pradesh in northern India became notorious as the epicenter for the virus, I was able to use my experience in Mumbai to make a difference. In 2006, Rotary's National Committee came up with the idea of reaching out to imams, ulemas and other Muslim religious leaders to tackle resistance in the community. An initial meeting drew more than 90 religious leaders from all over Uttar Pradesh and we were able to convince them that polio immunizations are a common good for children of all religions, castes, races, and creeds.

The ulemas suggested forming a committee dedicated to convincing the Muslim community to take part in immunizations. Meeting in various locales, they gained promising results. I and many other Rotary members, especially from clubs in Uttar Pradesh, traveled extensively to all the districts in the state. Our continuous efforts to involve the Muslim community in convincing their own to be immunized proved pivotal. The Ulema Committee played a key role in making National Immunization Days and Subnational Immunization Days successful in Uttar Pradesh, reducing polio rates in high-risk communities.

We have come a long way from the early years when India reported cases every day. India has now gone three years without a reported case. I personally feel the journey has been an overwhelming experience.

I've benefited from the camaraderie and strength of Rotarians, and through the process discovered a greater resiliency and resolve than I've ever known before. We kept our hope as we struggled through lows, fought to overcome increasing case counts, and persevered against all odds to make India polio-free.