



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

**24 September 2012**



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Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
(Edinburgh Room)  
of the Brisbane Club  
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**MONDAYS**

**12.15 pm – 1.45 pm**

### OFFICERS

President	Alistair Smith
President Elect	
Imm Past President	Basil Veal
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  
Sakuji Tanaka

### President's Message

#### Welcome Rotarians and friends,

Having been absent last week, I have a few things to catch up on, but will try and be brief.

Firstly, thanks to all those who assisted with the Sausage Sizzle at the Child Protection Week Family Fun Day, as well as to Stan Francis and his helpers for their efforts in collecting desks from the Mabel Park State School. I believe that due to the opening hours of Donations In Kind, Stan and his helpers were unable to clear all desks, so a second run is likely to happen in the next couple of weeks for those who are able to assist.

Secondly, we had a cluster meeting in early September, and during this ongoing collaboration between the cluster clubs was discussed at some length. It was suggested that as a start we should hold a joint meeting, such as an evening drinks function, as a way of getting to know members of the other clubs. From there we will look at the possibility of joint meetings and possibly joint projects. In this regard, Mid-City have indicated they would be happy to host us at their Friday lunches when we have a public holiday coincide with our Monday meetings, whilst High Rise have indicated they are keen to join us in celebrating the anniversaries of both of our clubs next year.

On Monday we had a board meeting. During the meeting, the draft Club Constitution and ByLaws document prepared by Keith Watts and his committee was approved subject to a minor amendment. This will be circulated to the club membership to vote upon at a General Meeting of the club in due course.



### 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 raffle of the wines kindly sold to the club by Brian Carss was discussed, and we are going to confirm with the Office of Fair Trading about the level of income that can be raised. Once this is confirmed, we will seek any necessary approvals before commencing sale of tickets in around February 2013, with a view to the raffle being drawn to coincide with the 90th anniversary of the club and the visit/dinner of Taipei Tatung RC in early June 2013.

Treasurer Dougal Henderson submitted a report on the current club finances, and a draft budget for the current financial year was put forward and approved. This indicates that the club should be able to operate in surplus assuming we are able to raise funds from the Golf Day and Wine Raffle. Despite that we should continue to consider additional fund raising events as this will allow us to increase our assistance to external charitable organisations. Finally, in this regard, I would appreciate it if anyone could provide ideas as to how Maddie Conwell (our National Youth Science Forum attendee) could work with us to raise funds towards her attendance at the forum.

Finally, for anyone interested, there is a breakfast on Wednesday 26 September, relating to Project NOW (Nurturing Our Women) run by the Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium in conjunction with the Salvation Army to providing assistance to women recovering from various addictions. There is no cost for attending the breakfast, but attendees will be inviting people at the breakfast to make a donation (they are seeking to raise the remaining \$270K required to build this facility). Details are on the attached flyer.

Yours in Rotary

**President Alistair**

## Rotary Meeting – 17 September 2012

Chairman Patrick Caragata welcomed our P Alistair home from his trip to China. P Alistair welcomed our guest, Dr Dennis Young and his colleague Kimberly Bennett from the Drug Awareness and Relief Foundation {Australia} - DARFA. This organisation is the result of an amalgamation between Drug Arm, The Mental Health Association {Qld}, and the Australian College of Community Services. P Alistair spoke of his interesting week in China with its contrasts between luxury and want in close proximity. He offered to expand this into a guest speaker's role at a future meeting. He thanked members who had assisted in the Anglicare sausage sizzle at New Farm Park in his absence.

In Rotary Spots Stan Francis called for volunteers to assist in moving desks and tables from the Slacks Creek School to the Donations in Kind depot in Durack on this coming Thursday. PP Michael Kelly, PP Wal Bishop, Graeme Whitmore, Michael Stevens and P Alistair all put their hands up to offer assistance.

Patrick Caragata brought to our attention an offer from a Cleveland property developer who had made an offer of furniture that had previously been designated for donation to Africa, that was, due to a change of circumstances, now available to go to Papua-New Guinea if anyone was interested.

PP Keith Watts made a final call for any members who wished to avail themselves of a case of Southern Highlands pinot gris at \$230 a case to contact him soon as he wants to finalise orders.

Our guest Speaker Dennis Young had started his career with 17 years' service in the police force. He had also been a member of State Parliament before assuming his current role as Executive Director and Superintendent of DARFA. He spoke of the origins of the current organisation in the Temperance movement sponsored by several Christian Churches in the 1930's.

A number of these Church groups remain sponsors to this day. With the evolution of our society the organisation has expanded its work to include drugs in addition to alcohol, and mental health issues. Their services and programmes include:-

- Community awareness to prevent or delay the uptake of, or harms associated with, alcohol and other drug use.
- Education and training programmes to meet community needs in these areas.
- Workplace programmes to address problems with drug use on the job.
- School education programmes tailored to meet the needs of students, teachers and parents in alcohol, drug and mental health issues.

DARFA offer accredited training programmes to nearly 300 people enrolled in courses to obtain qualifications in Community Service Advocacy, Mental Health, and telephone counselling skills.

Dennis outlined the immense social and economic harm associated with the use of the legal drugs – tobacco and alcohol. These problems were exacerbated by the rise in binge drinking and the popularity of alcopops and drinks deliberately targeted to young people. These problems were compounded when alcohol was combined with illicit drugs of unknown origin and potency

### ROTARY GRACE

○ 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.



## Rotary Meeting – 17 September 2012 (continued)

Often combined with these drug problems there were complex associated mental health issues

Dennis Young provided a take away folder for all those at the lunch outlining the scope of and the need for the services provided by agencies such as DARFA, and soliciting our individual and Club support for his most admirable organisation. He remarked that all NGO's were doing it tough in the current economic climate.

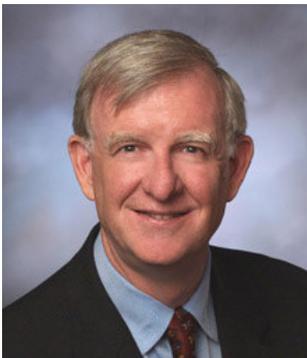
SAA Cam Bishop paid a fine for his Sarabah advertisement advising us that the next time we lunched at Moo Moo's restaurant we should order the Sarabah wines on their menu. John Smerdon won the wine raffle. A total of 24 attended the lunch including our two guests from DARFA.

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### We must all take action-oriented steps for peace

*By Al Jubitz, a member of the Arch C. Klumph Society and major supporter of the Rotary Peace Program*

Every year, Rotary clubs around the world are asked to support peace-related activities leading up to 21 September, International Day of Peace (Peace Day). By engaging in practical acts of peace, we show our desire that there be peace among all the people of the world.



**Al Jubitz**

As I think about Peace Day, I think about the saying "peace begins with me." I also think about the words of Mahatma Gandhi, "You must be the change you want to see in the world." Personal behavior and attitudes are key elements of living a good and purposeful life.

I consider the work of retired U.S. Ambassador John W. McDonald, a diplomat for more than 40 years, who was instrumental in getting Peace Day on the calendar. In 1981, McDonald was approached by a senior Costa Rican diplomat, who told McDonald the Costa Rican president wanted the UN to designate an international year of peace. McDonald discovered that the next few years were already designated for other goals, so he suggested requesting an annual day of peace instead. Ultimately, the UN established an International Day of Peace to begin in 1982, and named 1986 as the International Year of Peace.

At the age of 70, McDonald also founded the Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy to focus on ethnic and religious conflicts and peace-building.

I also consider the peacemaking efforts of university professor and Rotarian Harry Anastasiou, who witnessed firsthand the ethnic violence in Cyprus in the 1960s and 1970s that divided the island into Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots. Harry didn't wait for someone else to reconcile the conflict. He and his friend and Rotarian Birol Yesilada, a fellow professor at Portland State University in Oregon, USA, set out to create peace through action, research, and teaching. Today they are considered the fathers of the peace movement on Cyprus. They exemplify citizen-led peace-building, and are helping inform governmental leaders how to resolve the conflict.

We can all take action-oriented steps toward peace. It begins in our minds and in our hearts. We don't need to wait for direction, or instruction. We must act on our own initiative, without fear of failure or desire for glory.

Why? Because it is the right thing to do.

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DATE	PRESIDENT	CHAIRPERSON	SETUP/ PUT AWAY	RAFFLE	VISITOR REG	ATTENDANCE	SPEAKER	TYPE	TOPIC
17 Sep	A. Smith	K. Hamburger	B. Carss	M. Stephens	M. Evans	J. Smerdon G. Whitmore	Kim Bennett	External	Drug Arm
24 Sep	A. Smith	Max Winders	D. Smith	P. Caragata	M. Stephens	J. Smerdon G. Whitmore	Fellowship	Fellowship	Brisbane Youth Service
<b>01 Oct QUEENSLAND PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>									
08 Oct	A. Smith	J. Worrell	K. Watts	K. Hamburger	G. Holtman	J. Smerdon Alternative	Peter Dawson	Club Talk PT2	Business in China
15 Oct	A. Smith	D. Phillips	C. Shepherd	P. Anderson	J. Delahunty	J. Smerdon Alternative	K. Watts	Club Talk	Consitution & Bylaws
22 Oct	A. Smith	K. Hamburger	M. Evans	P. Little	P. Little	J. Smerdon Alternative		External	
29 Oct	A. Smith	M. Kelly	L. Stalley	P. Cluff	S. Francis	J. Smerdon G. Whitmore	D. Prangley	External	
05 Nov	A. Smith	G. Burnett	H. Milne	D. Phillips	B. Veal	J. Smerdon G. Whitmore	Fellowship	Fellowship	
12 Nov	A. Smith	P. Caragata	G. Sellers	C. Morman	M. Stephens	J. Smerdon Alternative	Michael Knox	External	My Father & Admiral Nimtz
19 Nov	A. Smith	P. Anderson	C. Shepherd	J. Worrell	P. Dawson	J. Smerdon Alternative			
26 Nov	A. Smith	C. Muir	C. Muir	R. Tamaschke	C. Shepherd	J. Smerdon Alternative			
03 Dec	A. Smith	H. Monaghan	P. Little	M. Evans	A. Gillespie	J. Smerdon Alternative			
10 Dec	A. Smith	C. Shepherd	B. Carss	M. Kelly	C. Morman	J. Smerdon G. Whitmore			
17 Dec	A. Smith	P. Gresham	H. Milne	B. Veal	P. Caragata	J. Smerdon	<b>XMAS CLOSING DAY</b> 		