



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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A global network of community volunteers

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MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Graeme Whitmore
President Elect	Phil Gresham
Imm Past President	Alistair Smith
Vice President	Keith Watts
Secretary	Michael Stephens
Treasurer	Warren Walker
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cameron Bishop

District 9600
Club Number 17787
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District Governor
George Grant

Rotary International President
Gary C K Huang

President's Message

Welcome fellow Rotarians & Visitors

Great effort by our Wallabies in holding the All Blacks to a draw in Sydney, both teams will just have to do a little more in Auckland if they want to retain or lift the Cup.

A small meeting today (14 plus 2 visitors) with quite a few apologies, those who did not attend missed an interesting Tag Team Talk from Drug Arm representatives Ray Crompton and Patrina Markland. Their talk centred not only drug related issues, but the setting up of a medical Health van in the city to assist in all issues related to homeless persons. This appears to be an extension of the food vans supported by our club.

Rtn Max Winders and I will be visiting Petrie State School this week to review the Sundial rectification and we will report back on what is required.

Rtn John Smerdon has donned the hat as Youth Director of our club, and I thank John for his acceptance of this position. There are many areas of Rotary that involve our youth, and hopefully will become the future members of our clubs in the district.

We have received an Important Notice from Donations in Kind this week, and it advises that some countries that receive our goods, are now changing the customs act and are strictly adhering to those countries enacted Legislation in respect to application for Exemption of Duty and GST. As a consequence, there is a list of goods that may no longer be processed by Donations in Kind. These include: Clothing of any sort, Secondary School Text Books, Office Furniture, Household furniture, Whitegoods or Kitchen utensils.



**What's on?
25 August**

Lisa Bateson
Assistant District Governor

Date Claimers

1 September:
John Dorie
Shen Yun Presentation

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

There are further restriction on Technical and Electronic Health Equipment.

As with all these Community Services there is a constant demand for Finance to pay for Shipping, and it has been suggested by DIK that each club in the Northern Region (9550, 9570, 9600, 9630, & 9640) contribute approx. \$700 per year.

DIK have estimated they would have sufficient funds if every club in the above districts was to sponsor one container over six years at the amount noted above.

As our Club was closely involved in DIK I would recommend we provide funds to ensure the DIK service continues. I will ask for this to be ratified by the board.

During the weekend we saw some welcoming rain that will I hope give some relief to the farming community, but more rain is required, with respect to our offer of help to the farmers of the Burnett Region, we still await a response from district on the availability of a matching grant, our contribution will be held over pending the answer. I will follow this up during the week.

On a financial note while we are revisiting our budget for the year, we have made a decision to hold the clubs dues to that of last year, and our Treasurer has sent out invoices for the period July to Dec, it would be appreciated if these invoices could be paid as soon as practical, as part of that invoice value must be sent on to RI and District.

Yours in Rotary

Remember: LIGHT UP ROTARY

President Graeme

Rotary Meeting 18 August 2014

The Chairman for the day was Michael Stephens. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International, he introduced President Graeme Whitmore. Graeme's message is reported in detail elsewhere in the Bulletin.

There were no Rotary Spots.

After a short period of Fellowship, Chairman Michael introduced the guest speakers from Drug ARM Queensland, Ray Crompton and Patrina Markland. (Drug ARM Queensland is part of Drug ARM Australasia.)

In a well-coordinated and interesting presentation (supported by PowerPoint slides and a brochure distributed to members), the speakers outlined Drug ARM's major activities. Drug ARM (Drug Awareness, Rehabilitation and Management) is a 'not-for-profit organisation founded upon Christian values and principles, committed to reducing harms associated with alcohol and other drug use'. Focussed on activities in Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia, the organisation provides a range of programs and services that include education, outreach, prevention and treatment. Drug ARM is a member of 'Healthy Options Australia' and works closely with the Mental Health Association of Queensland and the Australian College of Community Services.

Finally, Ray and Patrina were presented with a memento of the occasion. (Note: Interested members may obtain further details about the activities of Drug ARM at www.drugarm.com.au)

SAA Cam Bishop ran a short and lively session. Rick Tamaschke won the raffle...the Joker is still in the pack.



Calendar

8th September:
Geoff Wilson
Aquaponics

15th September:
Fellowship

22nd September:
Nigel Chamier - Chairman
Commonwealth Games Gold
Coast project

29th September:
Terry Tolhurst - First World War
commemoration project

Roster

25 August 2014:

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

1 September 2014:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson C Muir
Set Up/Away D Henderson
Raffle M Evans
Visitor Register A Gillespie
Attendance J Smerdon
D O'Donoghue

8 September 2014:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson W Bishop
Set Up/Away J Ryder
Raffle A McKinnon
Visitor Register P Little
Attendance J Smerdon
D O'Donoghue

15 September 2014:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson K Watts
Set Up/Away P Caragata
Raffle W Walker
Visitor Register S Dunlop
Attendance J Smerdon
D O'Donoghue

Please forward any dates or articles of interest that you would like to see included in future Bulletins to the Bulletin Editor at

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Rotary Meeting 18 August 2014

The meeting closed at 1.45pm

Sixteen members and two visitors were present.

Providing women the Right to Go in rural India

By Atul Bhide, immediate past president of the Rotary Club of Thane Hills, India
Source: blog.rotary.org



A woman stands in front of her toilet block in Sogav, India

Less than 80 kilometers (49.6 miles) from the urban centers of Mumbai and Thane, India, lies the village of Sogav in Shahapur Taluka. Here, like in many villages in India, women and girls face the daily indignity of having to walk miles in the early hours to find a safe and discreet place to relieve themselves.

A simple bodily need that many of us take for granted exposes these women and children to hygiene and safety risks every day. It is a difficult situation under normal circumstances, but when these women experience any kind of sickness or health concern, their experience becomes appalling. My Rotary club decided to do something to help, perhaps a baby step, but a step nevertheless. On 8 June, we dedicated our "Right to Go" project, which included the construction of 210 toilet blocks, at a cost of 18,000 Indian Rupees per toilet block (about US\$300) for an equal number of homes. We selected homes based on income level (those with the lowest income) and number of female members in the household. We were blessed to be supported on our project by the Rotary Club of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, USA, and a grant from The Rotary Foundation.

Dr. Renuka Desai, who was born in Mumbai and is now a member of the Cherry Hill club, visited Sogav village and volunteered her support to our project, and we are extremely grateful for her help.

We are remaining involved in the welfare of the village through the following programs. A Rotary Community Corps is serving as a catalyst between the villagers and Rotary. Members of our club will take part in ongoing hygiene awareness presentations to instruct villagers on the dangers of waterborne diseases and the importance of preventative health care. Local officials will conduct a hygiene edit and check sanitation levels periodically. And we are entering classrooms with our Win the Kids Over program to make sure they understand the importance of good hygiene.

The toilet blocks are environmental friendly Green Toilets. Each toilet is equipped with two soak-pits with special honey comb designed brick work inside. They are odor-free and do not require any drainage. The village has a water supply thanks to the Shai river next to their village. Households maintain their toilet block.

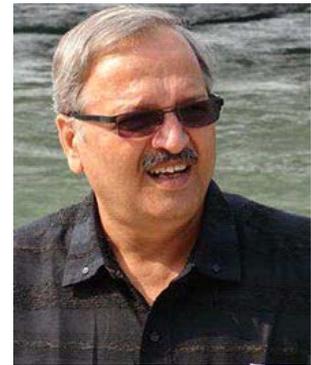
It touched all of our hearts when at the dedication, Kiran Khandagale, one of the villagers, said "the greatest ornament for a woman is her dignity, I thank Rotary for helping us to protect it."

As icing on the cake, the honorable Postmaster General for the Mumbai region, Department of Post, released a special postal cancellation paying tribute to our "Right to Go" project. We are thankful to the Rotary Foundation for the global grant that made this possible.

Touching the hearts of thousands through Rotary service

By Suman Ramesh, a member of the Rotary Club of Lago-Palm Grove Estate, Lagos, Nigeria
Source: blog.rotary.org

For several years, our club has had the privilege of being part of an eye camp that provides free surgeries to patients with limited access to care in Nigeria.



Viral Purohit

There is nothing quite like witnessing the joy on the face of a patient who arrives with limited vision, and leaves with the ability to see.

We team up with the medical staff from the Eye Institute in Navsari, India, to sponsor the camp, treating nearly a thousand patients in the Nigerian states of Lagos and Ogun spread over 10 days. Patients are screened and pre-surgery tests conducted for four to five weeks prior to the camp, drawing crowds of needy people, many of them suffering cataracts and similar eye conditions. It is very common for our club to receive calls from cataract patients inquiring about the dates of our camp.

Our club and district take great pride in this project, which has been guided by a special member of our club, Viral Purohit, for many years. A friend, a mentor, and a true leader in our club in many ways, Purohit left this world on the last day of the Rotary year in June. But the joy he brought to the hearts of thousands continues to keep his memory alive.

As a past president of our club, it was an honor and gift for me to serve alongside Purohit and observe the many ways he shared his passion for Rotary with others. Our club, and all the Rotary members in District 9110, bow to this Rotarian who bridged continents to touch others and show us all the impact we can have through Rotary.