



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

A global network of community volunteers

26 August 2013



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GPO Box 2909
Brisbane Qld 4001

Meets 4th 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

Fellow Rotarians

While I will not dwell on last Saturday's Rugby match in Sydney, is safe to say that on the night our Wallabies were unfortunately not in the game, but I am sure the match in Wellington will be much closer.

For those Rugby followers, Brisbane Mid City is Hosting Ex Wallaby Nathan Sharp for a lunch meeting at Brisbane Club on 30th Aug. Reservations are required to be made by Monday 26th, **See Me if interested** Cost \$42 and surplus funds go to Shelter Boxes

This week we had a good speaker on the history of the Brisbane Club, and while I only came to Brisbane in 1987, some of the old buildings shown reflected the history of the city and Australia's key milestone dates were very interesting.

Member numbers were slightly down, and four apologies were received, great to see PP Wal Bishop back to his usual active self, and again we welcomed Visiting Rotarian Denise Schellbach.

Our Club membership has received a boost with four new potential members making contact, and these proposed members will be advised to all members for acceptance in accordance with our constitution in due course, As these will come in the "active" classification this will assist with the clubs overall growth.

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Date Claimers

20 September:
*Rotary Lunch
Combined DG Visit with
Brisbane Mid City
Brisbane Club*

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

As A Date Claimer: We will have a joint Lunch Meeting with Brisbane Mid City on Friday 20th September at which time a presentation will be made by District Governor Trevor Taylor, could all members take note of this Extra Lunch Meeting, as we do not want to be out numbered by Mid City!!! VENUE Brisbane Club.

Note also that we will have our usual meeting on Monday 16th Sep, Special Lunch 20th, and no meeting will be held on the following Monday 23rd

The annual report for DIK was received this week and it reflects a continuing effort by the support teams from Rotary club members: **Key points:**

- For year 2012-2013 Estimated value of goods sent overseas \$1.41m
- 33 Container loads of goods shipped
- 12 Countries in our region received these donations
- Rotary 9600 contributed \$34,119.00 to assist in the administration of DIK

Another magnificent effort by Australian Rotarians

Yours in Rotary

REMEMBER: ENGAGE ROTARY CHANGE LIVES

President Graeme

Rotary Meeting – 19 August 2013

The Chairperson of the day Patrick Caragata introduced P Graeme, who welcomed our Guest Speaker Terry Tolhurst, and our now regular visiting Rotarian Denise Schellbach from Brisbane Planetarium RC. P Graeme announced apologies from PP Alistair Smith, PP Michael Kelly, Kevin Cox, Heidi Dahles and Diana Zhang. P Graeme commented on the New Zealand football results and announced coming events, details of which are given in his report elsewhere in this Bulletin. He thanked Rick Tamaschke for his valuable work in bringing our website up to date.

In Rotary Spots PP Bas Veal said that he had spoken to our member Greg Sellars on the phone. Greg's chemotherapy and medication has improved his quality of life, and he hoped that he would be well enough to get back to a Rotary meeting at some time in the future.

Our Guest Speaker Terry Tolhurst, the Archivist for The Brisbane Club, was introduced by PP Bas Veal, who is also a long-time member of The Brisbane Club. PP Bas started the Heritage Committee within the Club in 1992. Terry gave an illustrated Power-point presentation that showed photos of the buildings in Brisbane that had been home to the Club, and then gave examples of other historical events that had occurred at about the same time to give them some relevance.

The Brisbane Club was founded in 1903 in Selbourne Chambers in Adelaide St. This building still exists, albeit with major alterations to the façade. In 1903 the Wright brothers made their first flight. Bread was 3 pence a loaf and milk 4 pence a quart. Edmund Barton was the Prime Minister, who later resigned. Harley Davidson sold their first motor bike. The designation of MV was given to MV Vandal, the first motor ship powered by a diesel motor.

A woman invented the windscreen wiper. The ECG machine was invented. Henry Royce made his first car, before Charles Rolls entered the partnership. The first President of the Club was a prominent Brisbane banker, Edward Denny Day.

In 1906 the Club moved to new premises in Queen St., near the present McArthur Chambers. The basic wage was then two guineas a week. In 1916 they moved again, to a building on our current site. Billie Hughes was the war time Prime Minister.

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

2 September 2013:
Fellowship

9 September 2013:
Job Talk – TBA

16 September 2013:
External - TBA

Roster

26 August 2013:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	A Gillespie
Set Up/Away	S Francis
Raffle	S Francis
Visitor Register	D Zhang
Attendance	J Smerdon T McKinnon

2 September 2013:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	C Muir
Set Up/Away	P Gresham
Raffle	R Tamaschke
Visitor Register	C Shepherd
Attendance	J Smerdon J Charlton

9 September 2013:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	D Zhang
Set Up/Away	M Kelly
Raffle	M Evans
Visitor Register	A Gillespie
Attendance	J Smerdon T McKinnon

16 September 2013:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	B Carss
Set Up/Away	M Winders
Raffle	M Kelly
Visitor Register	A McKinnon
Attendance	J Smerdon J Charlton

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On the 19th of July 1916 over 2,000 Australian troops were killed in one of the worst days of WW1 at the battle of Fromelles. The Club remained in this building until in 1988, when they shifted to temporary premises in the NAB building where they occupied a whole floor for two years. The reason for the move was that the Club had entered into a commercial arrangement whereby a development company, headed by Sir John Pigeon, demolished the existing Club building and built a commercial office tower on the site. The Club still owns the land and the ownership of the building reverts back to the Club after 75 years. In the meantime the company leased back the space the Club occupies at a pepper-corn rental, and leased out the rest on a commercial basis to tenants. In 1988 the current Club premises were handed to the Club, and the new building was officially opened by the Duke of Edinburgh, who was in Brisbane for the Commonwealth Games. Terry spoke of the large number of prominent men who have had great influence on the commercial and professional development of our great city, and who were also members of the Brisbane Club. He also stressed the importance of good staff to the commercial success of the Club. He also spoke of the brave move by Dean Prangle, who was President of the Club in 1998, to introduce ladies to full membership. Today the situation is that the current President is Bronwyn Morris, the first lady to occupy the position. Terry informed members that the Club intended to produce an Honour Board to acknowledge those who had an affiliation with the Club, who had served the country in any of the Services. If you know of anyone who fits this criteria please contact the Club.

In questions after the talk John Smerdon alerted members to a site on Facebook called "Lost Brisbane", that was full of interesting photos of historical buildings in Brisbane. Terry's talk was well received and made us appreciate the heritage and history behind the building where we meet each week.

As SAA Cam Bishop was unable to be present Acting SAA Phil Gresham again filled the position. He welcomed Wal Bishop, who has been recuperating after heart surgery, to his first meeting after his hospital stay.

Phil spoke of his appreciation of the history behind the early members of the Rotary Club of Brisbane, following his research into the early days of our Club, required to produce the banners for the World Congress. Members of the RC of Brisbane had their names on the facades of all sorts of commercial and retail premises all over the inner city, and were prominent in the commercial and business history of Queensland in the 20th Century. Phil again had a list of fines to part us from our money efficiently. Members lost money if they:-

- Were members of a political party.
- Watched the football in New Zealand.
- Had not read the Bulletin.

Chairman Patrick Caragata won the raffle and a bottle of Sarabah Estate wine, but drew the 5 of clubs, so again the cash prize jackpots. The attendance was an improvement with a total of 21 present.



Opening doors to service for those with special needs

By Kam Breitenbach, a member of the Rotary Club of Parker, Colorado, USA, and advisor to the Parker Rotary Community Corps
Source: blog.rotary.org

I have had the privilege to get to know and help support a terrific group of individuals who belong to the Parker Rotary Community Corps (RCC). The RCC, patterned after and sponsored by our club, provides an amazing growth and enrichment experience for teens and adults with special needs.

Through RCC and Rotary, these special individuals are learning about service, growing, and making friends. Here are just a few of their stories, taken from a book we recently put together about the program:

"I am 26 years old and joined RCC because I like being involved with my friends and community. I have ADHD, schizoaffective and I don't learn as fast on spelling or reading and sometimes I write big or small and forget to put punctuation marks in my sentences and paragraphs. Even with these obstacles, RCC has made me proud to be alive. RCC has made me feel more involved with the people around me and my community"
Caroline

"I am 21 years old, and I have Autism. It is a total drag, but some of my coolest friends have autism too and we have fun! I'm new to Colorado and wanted to join the Rotary Community Corps to meet other people and join a fun group. Through RCC I have met all kinds of people. Some are like me and some are very different. I have been to a few of the dances and Prom-Us. I'm not really a dance kinda guy, but they were ok. I would really like to do the Police Academy someday! When I first got here from California I missed all my old friends. I didn't know anybody here yet. Now I have this big group of people and I'm not so lonely anymore." Kevin



Members of the Parker Rotary Community Corps



"I'm 27 years old and have cerebral palsy. I drive a power wheelchair. I talk with an augmentative icator called an ECO. I also have vocabulary on my iPad and iPhone. I joined RCC because I like being with all my friends. The people at Village Inn, where we meet, are really nice. I like the speakers too. I really like using my talker to say the Pledge of Allegiance at the meetings. I am really accepted at the meeting and I like to help however I can to serve the community. RCC has changed me in that instead of being helped, I learned that there's a lot that I can do myself for others. RCC has made me proud and give me confidence in myself."
Amy

Amy's parents note "I am amazed and so proud by how far these wonderful young adults have come and what they have done in RCC. I can't wait to see what the future holds. It has been an amazing adventure for all of us."

The club began in January 2010 and now has 40 members from Parker and surrounding communities. Members recently assembled 1,000 toys for a local charity, take part in Adopt a Family at Christmas, and do other community service projects throughout the year. Thank you for your support of Rotary, which makes great programs like this one possible! For more information about the program, email me at kamieb1234@gmail.com
