



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
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor
George Grant

Rotary International President
Gary C K Huang

President's Message

Welcome fellow Rotarians & Visitors

Today's speaker subject WW1 comes as a timely reminder that we should all value the freedoms that we enjoy as a benefit of the sacrifices that service personnel made 100yrs ago, on battle fields far from this great country.

We as Rotarians should also take a moment to remember the establishment of Rotary due to a Founder in the name of Paul Harris who was born 19th April 1868, some 147 years ago, without his vision Rotary may not have existed.

Today we also welcomed members of the Rotary Club of Brisbane Mid City in what I hope will become a regular interaction of our two clubs. I am sure the members of both clubs enjoyed the common fellowship.

On the medical front, it was pleasing to see Max Winders back after a short illness that required hospital treatment & Rotarian John Smerdon after his hospital visit. We also continue to wish Rotarian Peter Anderson a speedy recovery.

A few interesting matters that have come to light this week:

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE:

International house is celebrating its Golden Anniversary 29th to 30th Aug

This project was first started by RC of B and was described at that time as a "VISIONARY CONCEPT" and once complete, since that time has been home to 5500 residents.



**What's on?
27 April:**

**Michael
Solomon**
Angel Flight

Date Claimers

1-3 May 2015:
District 9600
Conference 2015

4 May 2015:
Queensland
Ombudsman

28 May 2015:
RCOB Charity Golf
Day at North Lakes

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

Given that our club was the instigator of INTERNATIONAL HOUSE I would propose that our club should revisit this past project and commit to two or three rooms in a show of support to this facility. I will be raising this issue at our next board meeting.

GOLF:

GOLF is on again for 28th May (Morning game with Breakfast roll, & lunch) more details later but put this in your diary or smart phone, as we want to get to the 100 players or more this year. Any Members who have access to sponsors and suitable prizes please contact Michael Stephens or myself as soon as possible.

We have been able to secure support from some of last year's sponsors and donations for prizes but more players and contributions are urgently required. "PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN". Call: Michael Stephens or myself. If each member brought along or obtained a team of 4 to represent the member, we could achieve a full field of 144 Plus

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

District Conference is on at Bribie Island from May 1st to 3rd with a social golf day the day before, any members wishing to attend contact Bribie Island Club. There is also a lunch cruise on Bribie passage on Friday and places are still available call Bribie Island Club

POLIO PLUS:

The Rotary flame left India and has arrived in Illinois USA on its way to Sao Palo for the Rotary International Conference. The flame is to celebrate 30 years since the start of the POLIO PLUS campaign. 99% of the world's population now live in Polio Free Countries.

YOUNG CARE, is currently attempting to get donations in kind of furnishings for their new building at Wooloowin, if we can help with their requests we should do so, to ensure that young disable persons (likely to be the result of an accident) live outside the current health policy of putting them in aged care facilities. **WORTHY OF CLUB CONSIDERATION** as a PROJECT.

Members your attendance and fellowship is appreciated

Remember: LIGHT UP ROTARY

President Graeme

Rotary Meeting – 20 April 2015

The Chairperson 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 elsewhere in the Bulletin.

Rotary Spots covered the 9600 District Conference and RCOB's Charity Golf Day (both are detailed in President Graeme's message). Conference speaker details may be found at: www.rotarydistrict9600conference2015.info/#!speakers/cfvq

After a short period of 'Fellowship' the Chair introduced Brigadier Ray McNab CSC RFD President of the United Services Club. He gave a detailed talk about the Australian battles on the Western Front of WW1 in chronological order. This was based on a tour of the battlefields that his Club conducted in 2013. It is frightening to think that of those who served overseas, 20% were killed and 50% wounded, many multiple times. In several battles up to 5000 Australians were killed in the one day. This was a huge loss of life given the small population of Australia at the time and far greater than subsequently in the Second World War and Vietnam. The impact on the Australian society was enormous and few families did not suffer some sort of loss.



Calendar

11 May 2015:
Fellowship

3 August 2015:
Denise and Bruce Morcombe
(Daniel Morcombe Foundation).

Roster

27 April 2015:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson P Caragata
Set Up/Away A Smith
Raffle A McKinnon
Visitor Register R Tamaschke
Attendance J Smerdon
D Schellbach

4 May 2015:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson P Ryan
Set Up/Away A Gillespie
Raffle W Walker
Visitor Register S Francis
Attendance J Smerdon
D O'Donoghue

11 May 2015:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson G Holtmann
Set Up/Away J Delahunty
Raffle S Dunlop
Visitor Register B Veal
Attendance J Smerdon
D Schellbach

18 May 2015:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson M Evans
Set Up/Away C Shepherd
Raffle D Henderson
Visitor Register K Watts
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 – 20 April 2015

This was a well-researched and documented presentation that was appreciated by all. With Anzac Day on the horizon, the talk was a timely reminder of the sacrifices our services personnel made to ensure we have the quality of life we benefit from in Australia and New Zealand today.

Following questions and discussion, Brigadier Ray McNab was presented with a memento of the occasion.

Finally, the Sergeant conducted three raffles and extracted the usual fines.

The meeting closed at 2pm.

Rotary torch keeps the flame burning for polio eradication in Afghanistan

By Luke Beer, president of the Rotary Club of Kabul City, Afghanistan
Source: Rotary International

As some of you know, a Rotary “flame” was launched in December in Chennai, India, to commemorate India becoming polio-free and to promote the need to go the last mile in the battle to eradicate this horrible crippling disease. The torch has made its way through several countries already, and will pass through all three polio endemic countries – Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria – before arriving at the 2015 Rotary Convention in São Paulo 6-9 June.

I want to share with you just how inspiring it was to be part of the flame’s journey. As an Afghan club, we are so grateful for the energy it has given us as a club to refocus our efforts on polio awareness, working alongside the Rotary Club of Jalalabad.



Mohammed Ishak, Rotary Club of Jalalabad, holds the torch during a joint event with the Rotary Club of Kabul City. Luke Beer, author of this post, is second from right in back.

We are not ignorant of the fact that Afghan organizations, clubs, and society have done a limited amount to raise funds for and truly engage the polio eradication effort. At first, we were confused by the utility of the torch. But I must say, it certainly has had a unifying effect. We’ve had two private organizations come forward with considerable donations as a result of the torch’s visit. It has also helped us as a young club explain to our members about Rotary’s international reach and fellowship.

Being involved with the torch has really helped me engage as a president. I look forward to reconnecting with the torch and its bearers in São Paulo!

Providing safe drinking water in rural Kenya

By Michiko Mitarai, Rotary Club of Tokyo Hiroo
Source: Rotary International

Rotary has changed my life in many ways. Through Rotary, I have discovered the world is a bigger place and I have been able to visit parts of it that I would never have been able to if I hadn’t joined.

As a member of the Rotary club of Tokyo Hiroo, I traveled to rural communities in Kenya with members of four different Rotary clubs. We visited 14 wells that our club supported. In Funyula, near the border of Uganda, we even stayed at the house of a member of the Rotary Club of Nairobi East, who was once a member of our club while he served as the Kenyan Ambassador to Japan.



Michiko Mitarai shows Kenyan villagers a Japanese method for drawing water from a well.

Our wells in Kenya are providing clean, safe water that is improving the quality of life for hundreds of villagers. Children under five are better protected from water-borne diseases. Women and children do not have to go to crocodile-infested rivers to fetch water. And since the children get sick less, and the girls do not have to help their mothers fetch water, they can spend more time in school.

When the women in the village told us their stories, and how grateful they were to Rotary, I felt such happiness at being a member. What one can do alone is limited, but what we can do together in Rotary is truly amazing, and changes the lives of others for the better.