



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

**27 August 2012**



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**GPO Box 2909  
Brisbane Qld 4001**

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
(Edinburgh Room)  
of the Brisbane Club  
Post Office Square  
241 Adelaide Street  
Brisbane

**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

Unavailable this week

### Rotary Meeting 20 August 2012

The Chairman of the day was Rick Tamashke who introduced P Alistair. Our President introduced our guests. The first visiting Rotarian was Penny Coles, a Brewer from Wrexham in Wales. The second was Gail Noonan , a retired Real Estate agent from Nelson in New Zealand. The third was Shane Gardner, a Law Enforcement Officer from Vancouver, Washington , USA. P Alistair exchanged banners with Shane. Shane brought as his guest a Queensland police officer Michael Ackerie. Our fifth guest was our speaker Graham Blackman from Brisbane Airport Rotary Club. P Alistair reminded Board members that a board meeting would follow.

Our guest speaker Rotarian Graham Blackman is currently a Director of The Charterhouse Group who specialise in Business Analysis and Risk Management. His early career was with the Royal Australian Navy as a Submariner. On retiring from the Navy Graham was bitten by the flying bug and learnt to fly an aircraft. To keep his pilot's licence current he is obliged to keep his skills by flying a minimum number of hours per annum.

In 2001 he got CASA qualifications to fly . He has upgraded his skills and qualifications since then to enable him to fly with instruments and at night. The existence of Angel Flight was brought to his attention in 2007. This organisation was founded by Bill Bristow. Up to March of 2012 it had flown 12,000 missions.



### What's On? 27 August:

**Dr Mark Wallace**  
*Metro Recovery &  
Resilience Team*

### Date Claimers

#### 8<sup>th</sup> September:

Sausage Sizzle  
Child Protection Week Family Fun  
Day, New Farm Park

#### 9<sup>th</sup> September:

Public Relations and Media  
Training Seminar

### 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?





## Rotary Meeting - continued

The aim of Angel Flight is to coordinate non-emergency flights for financially and medically needy people to medical facilities from and to anywhere in Australia. All flights are free to the patient. The aircraft do not carry any medical staff or equipment. They are not an alternative to the Royal Flying Doctor service or to Care Flight. They provide a flexible transport service particularly to patients in isolated and remote areas that are not well serviced by commercial airlines.

Graham provided practical examples of some of the people he had helped, ranging from an eighty year old man who needed cardiac surgery, to an eighteen month old baby who needed treatment for cerebral palsy. He told us of a diabetic patient from Charleville, who had to be transported to the Prince Charles hospital as an emergency.

Graham does not own his own aircraft but belongs to a flying group who supplies the aircraft. Graham does about six Angel Flights a year himself. There is currently an oversupply of volunteers in Queensland and an undersupply in NSW. He has to pay an hourly rate to hire the aircraft and the operating costs. It costs about \$175 per hour to hire a single engine fixed wing aircraft, and up to \$500 for a twin engine aircraft or helicopter. All the Angel Flight pilots are volunteers. There are no Government grants or funding. All fundraising is due to their own efforts. The monthly fuel account for Angel Flight is approximately \$50,000. Pilots pay for their own fuel. They do have Mobil as a sponsor, but at isolated airfields often there is often only one fuel supply available. Graham concluded his interesting power point presentation with an appeal for support of an organisation that exemplified the Rotary motto of "Service above self".

SAA Cam Bishop welcomed our large number of visitors, and fined and entertained us with jokes. Graeme Whitmore won the raffle. A total of 23 attended the lunch including our 5 visitors.

## Less meeting, more doing

*By Stephen To, a member of the Rotary Club of Metro New York City, New York, USA*

It's a Wednesday night at Dopo Teatro Trattoria, as theater goers around Times Square dine at the restaurant before taking in a show. Amid the bustle of activity, a group of young professionals arrive for a totally different reason, to attend a meeting of the Rotary Club of Metro New York City.

On any given night, a special guest is giving a presentation about their organization's efforts to help those in need, from children in South Africa to victims of sexual exploitation.

The club is part of the Meeting Frequency pilot that allows clubs to meet twice a month instead of weekly. Members are mainly young professionals in their 30s and 40s, many former Rotaractors. They work at pharmaceutical companies, in finance, at the UN, and in academia.

Their main service activities include a coat drive, an annual toy collection and Christmas party for children at St. Francis Xavier church, and monthly participation in the church's soup kitchen. In addition, the club participates in fall and spring activities to clean up city parks and schools, and raises funds for a variety of local and international service projects. The club has raised \$3,000 for art and computer supplies for a local high school.

For several years in a row, the club has received recognition for every member donating at least US\$100 toward The Rotary Foundation. It is the recipient of several other awards for polio eradication fundraising and membership growth.

### 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

### 3 September:

Eric Wood  
*Foundation Grant Program*

### 10 September:

Fellowship

### 17 September:

Dean Prangley

## Roster

### 27 August 2012:

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** H Monaghan  
**Set Up/Away** P Little  
**Raffle** M Evans  
**Visitor Register** A Gillespie  
**Attendance** G Whitmore

### 3 September 2012:

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** S Dunlop  
**Set Up/Away** B Carss  
**Raffle** B Aldred  
**Visitor Register** C Morman  
**Attendance** G Whitmore

### 10 September 2012:

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** P Gresham  
**Set Up/Away** G Sellers  
**Raffle** B Veal  
**Visitor Register** P Caragata  
**Attendance** G Whitmore

### 17 September 2012:

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** TBA  
**Set Up/Away** TBA  
**Raffle** TBA  
**Visitor Register** TBA  
**Attendance** TBA

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## Less meeting, more doing



Members meet at the Brooklyn Brewery for a social event. Photo courtesy Stephen To

A tradition we call Fellowship at the Bar invites members to retire after the regular meeting to the bar area to visit with members, guests, and prospective members. We also visit as many other Rotary clubs as possible to learn and share. You should see our collection of club banners!

It is inspiring to observe a club grow from less than ten members to almost 30 members in ten years, with an even longer list of achievements and activities. Oh, and the full course Italian dinner is not bad.

Less meeting and more doing should be the club's motto.



A member of the club participates in a National Immunization Day event in India. Photo courtesy Stephen To

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## RI President visits Ghana, breaks ground on vaccine cold room

By Eric Xavier Amedzo, past president of the Rotary Club of Accra Ridge, Ghana

In early July, Ghana was blessed with our second visit by an RI president in a year, as President Sakuji Tanaka took part in breaking ground on a vaccine cold room in Accra.

This was quite an unprecedented event, coming so soon after past RI President Kalyan Banerjee's visit in November. I guess Ghana is now a hotbed of Rotary action, and everyone wants to come and see for themselves!

The Greater Accra region is the only one of ten in Ghana to lack a cold storage facility. Transporting vaccines to remote areas is no easy task. From the time they leave the manufacturer until they reach recipients, vaccines must be kept between 2 and 8 degrees Celsius. Variances of even a few degrees could spoil an entire shipment, leaving children without the protection they need.

On 16 July, President Tanaka and Sam Okudzeto, past RI director and member of the Rotary Club of Accra, joined officials in launching the US\$140,000 project to build a new cold room, an initiative of the Ghana National Polio-Plus Committee. President Tanaka noted how important vaccines are in the treatment of childhood diseases, and how crucial it is to keep Ghana polio-free. Ghana hasn't reported a case of polio since November 2008.

The next morning, President Tanaka visited an early learning center at La Wireless School in Accra, a project of the Rotary Club of Accra North, donating books and learning materials. We watched with smiles as he joined school children in a dance, accompanied by drumming, to commemorate the occasion.

Later that day, the president had the pleasure of presenting a charter to the 24th and newest club in Ghana, the Rotary Club of Spintex, and welcome the first female charter club president in Ghana history. Several donors to The Rotary Foundation received their recognition pins from the president during a joyous and memorable ceremony.

We were happy to be able to show the president, before he departed for a zone institute in Zambia, that Rotary is alive and well in Ghana, and that Ghanaian Rotarians are fostering Peace Through Service.



RI President Sakuji Tanaka joins children in a dance while visiting a literacy project in Accra, Ghana. Photo courtesy of Rotary Club of Accra Ridge

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