



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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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
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District Governor
Trevor Taylor

Rotary International President
Ron Burton

President's Message

Welcome fellow Rotarians

Welcome to our speaker today LT Colonel Miles Farmer who spoke about the history of the Australian Light Horse Brigade, this was a fitting talk given the upcoming (now past) Anzac Day Celebrations. The Anzac tradition appears to be gaining strength with the younger set and that is very important.

Our Numbers were very low this week, as PP Bas Veal is bringing interesting speakers and your attendance would be appreciated. On a good news front, we have gained another new member Jan Cap, who will join us for lunch next week.

My notes on the "Little Red Hen" in reference to the Rotary involvement must have been heard by RI who put out a memo that indicated all the News channels of the World that had reference to Rotary's involvement. This is very pleasing to note that our PR machine has been effective.

We are all invited to the District Change over Dinner on 28th June at Bribie Island. Please advise if you are attending.

We will be meeting BYS this week (WED) to meet some of the new scholarship awardees, please confirm if you wish to attend with Wal Bishop and myself.

The secretary has sent an email to all club members for personal details that they would like or be prepared to share with our members.

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What's on?

28 April:

To be advised

Date Claimers

9 May 2014
Rotary Golf Day

1-4 June 2014
Rotary International
Convention, Sydney

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

I ask that you complete the information and return to our Club Secretary R. Michael Stephens so that our retained & distributed data complies with the latest privacy laws, for those who have responded thank you for those yet to respond please do so today

Finally **GOLF DAY 9th May 2014**, we urgently need the names of players and their entry form, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to confirm numbers to Golf Club.

We also need sponsorship and or goods for the daily prizes and for Multi draw Raffle table.

If each member arranged one team of 4 payers we would have 160 players, that would be great, but Michael Stephens and I will settle for 100 and we are well on the way to achieve this but please do not become complacent. It is your club.

PLEASE DO YOUR BIT FOR THE CLUB AS THIS IS ONE OF OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISERS

Yours in Rotary

Remember: ENGAGE ROTARY CHANGE LIVES

President Graeme

Rotary Meeting 14 April 2014

Chairman for the day Jim Delahunty welcomed members to the meeting. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia, Rotary International and the Rotary Club of Taipei Tatung, he introduced President Graeme Whitmore. Graeme's message is reported in detail elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, Secretary Michael Stephens reported on RC Taipei Tatung 30th Anniversary celebrations that he had attended. In his opinion it was a great occasion. Some 350 were present at the dinner. Besides RCOB, six clubs from Japan and one from Sweden were represented.

Hospitality was 'embarrassingly good', delegates had been looked after extremely well and 'no stones were left unturned'. Compared to the size of the RC Taipei Tatung contingent at RCOB's 90th Anniversary celebrations in 2013, we were under-represented at TT function.

After a short period of fellowship PP Bas Veal introduced the guest speaker, Lt Colonel Miles Farmer formerly of the 2/14 Light Horse Regiment (Queensland Mounted Infantry).

Miles' talk provided an overview of the history of the 2nd/14th Light Horse (QMI), whose origins can be traced back to the formation of Queensland Mounted Rifles in 1860. Some emphasis was given to deployments during the Shearers Strike in 1891, the Boer War 1899-1902, and during World War I (with distinguished service on Gallipoli, then in the Sinai, Palestine and in the Syrian campaign). Members enjoyed a very interesting presentation and a number of questions followed. Chairman Jim presented Miles with a memento of the occasion.

(Note: A detailed history of the 2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment (QMI) may be found at: www.wikipedia.org/wiki/2nd/14th_Light_Horse_Regiment.)

Next, Chairman Jim introduced SAA Cam Bishop to 'pick the pockets' of members. Don O'Donoghue won the raffle, but the joker is still in the pack.

The meeting closed at 1.55pm. 13 members and one guest were present.

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

Roster

28 April 2014:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson W Bishop
Set Up/Away J Ryder
Raffle A McKinnon
Visitor Register D Schelbach
Attendance J Smerdon
J Charlton

5 May 2014:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson G Burnett
Set Up/Away D Zhang
Raffle W Walker
Visitor Register S Dunlop
Attendance J Smerdon
J Charlton

12 May 2014:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson M Evans
Set Up/Away W Walker
Raffle M Winders
Visitor Register W Walker
Attendance J Smerdon
J Charlton

19 May 2014:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson M Mauger
Set Up/Away A McKinnon
Raffle J Ryder
Visitor Register G Holtmann
Attendance J Smerdon
J Charlton

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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Photos from Taipei





How South East Asia became polio free

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) today will declare the South-East Asia region of the World Health Organization as polio-free, an important milestone in the worldwide effort to eradicate polio. The 11 countries in the region — Bangladesh, Bhutan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Timor-Leste — are home to 1.8 billion people and represent the fourth of six regions worldwide to be officially certified polio-free.

This landmark didn't just happen on its own, but embodies a lot of hard work by many dedicated volunteers. We recently contacted chairs of National PolioPlus Committees in the region to learn how their countries became polio-free and how Rotary took part in the process. The results were enlightening.



Sri Lanka

In Sri Lanka, N. R. Gajendran shared how a cease fire was negotiated in the Sri Lankan Civil War, called "the days of tranquility," so that immunizations could be carried out across the country. The government had planned to do a National Immunization Day (NID) only in areas not impacted by the war, which meant about a third of the country's children would not be vaccinated.

But after consulting with UNICEF, Rotary leaders and UNICEF established contact with the rebel party, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, who still controlled some areas of the country, to pursue a cease fire. The rebel leader responded that if Rotary and UNICEF could persuade

the government to stop the war for two days, they would be willing to lay down their guns too. "Our war is not with the children," a letter from the rebel leader stated. Consequently, the immunization efforts reached approximately 95 percent of the country, and were conducted in about 5,000 midwife areas and 10,000 centers.

Subsequent NIDs became days of tranquility. Colombo proved to be the most challenging area, but with Rotary's support, children typically not accessible to government care workers were reached. The last confirmed case of polio in Sri Lanka was in 1993.

Bangladesh

Salim Reza, who had been on the Bangladesh Rotary Polio Committee for 20 years, said the biggest challenge to his country becoming polio-free was ignorance, a lack of education, and poverty. Awareness programs supported by Rotary, WHO, and UNICEF led to a greater awareness of polio eradication and a much increased participation in National Immunization Days. The most recent immunization day had a 99 percent rate of coverage.

Most Rotarians actively participate in the Immunization Days, and the national committee has worked together with the government since the start of the program, along with WHO and UNICEF. Through TV and radio, efforts are made to reach out to children who need to be immunized. Seminars are also arranged in different parts of Bangladesh.

Nepal

Ratna Man Sakya shared how in Nepal, mobilizing health workers, securing commitments from political leaders, and organizing volunteers all over the country helped combat significant challenges. These included the rugged geographic terrain, a shortage of manpower, and a large reservoir of wild polio virus across the border in India. Nepal held its first National Immunization Days in 1996. The last indigenous case of wild polio virus was detected in 2000. Sakya noted the biggest success story is how Rotary, the Government of Nepal, WHO, UNICEF and other supporting agencies have been working hand in hand to eradicate polio in the country and keep it polio-free.