



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

28 October 2013



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Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
(Edinburgh Room)  
of the Brisbane Club  
Post Office Square  
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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  
Trevor Taylor

Rotary International President  
Ron Burton

## Acting President's Message

*Welcome Rotarians and Friends*

President Graeme has sent the final figures for the proposed budget for this year, and this has been sent to the Board for comment. Next step will be adoption. Congratulations to Treasurer Dougal for getting the financial reports to the stage where the auditor will present his report to the club next week, and Treas Dougal will move the adoption of the financial statements. That's important to get our annual financial statements lodged with the Office of Fair Trading.

The RI World Convention will be in Sydney next year 1-4 June 2014 and promises to be as good as Brisbane in 2003. It's G'day in Sydney this time. The early bird registration until 15 December is only \$310 per person, so it's a good idea to get in quick. Dorothy and I will be attending, and I commend it to all members. Don has a URL for the conference newsletter and will include this in the bulletin.

PP Keith also referred to the 30th charter anniversary celebrations for Taipei Tatung RC, to be held in Taipei 10 April 2014. He is the committee chair to organize our contingent. He and Dorothy have already booked their flights to attend. It's a bottler, and it seems quite a few members are interested.

As regards membership, we follow the RI standard procedure for new members, and the forms for this can be downloaded from the internet, and have already been e-mailed to everyone. The first step if you know someone who would make a good Rotarian is to submit his or her name to the Board using Part A of the standard form.



**What's On?**  
28 October:  
**Fellowship**

### Date Claimers

10 April 2014  
30th Charter  
Anniversary of the RC of  
Taipei Tatung  
Hotel Taipei Regent  
Details on their website  
<http://www.regenttaipei.com>.

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?





Secretary Michael will get Board approval via a flying minute, and then the prospective member can be approached with a firm invitation to submit his or her name to the club for membership. It's as simple as that. And quick too.

Yours in Rotary

PP Keith Watts

### Rotary Meeting – 21 October 2013

REPORT NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME – A REVISED EDITION OF THIS BULLETIN (WITH THE INCLUSION OF THE MEETING REPORT) WILL BE SENT IN DUE COURSE. APOLOGIES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE

### Sydney Rotary International Convention

All members are strongly urged to visit the website of the Sydney Rotary International Convention:

<http://rotary2014.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Corroboree-Edition-2.pdf>

to be held in Sydney from Sunday the 1st of June to Wednesday the 4th of June 2014.

This will give you all the information you need to make your early bird bookings and to see the programme.

PP Keith Watts has already booked and he recommends the special Concert at the Sydney Opera House at 8 PM on Monday the 2nd. of June featuring the Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

### No child should ever go to bed hungry

Source: Rotary International  
Courtesy: [www.eflashonline.org](http://www.eflashonline.org)

Remember this simple truth: No child – anywhere in the world – should ever go to bed hungry - John Hewko, General Secretary, Rotary International

Hunger touches every community, nation, and region of the world. It is a problem without a simple solution. At Rotary, we are committed to using the vast resources of our diverse membership and our partnership with organizations like the Global Food Banking Network to seek fresh insights and pursue innovative answers. In the following letter for the official World Food Day website, Rotary's General Secretary John Hewko explains why Rotary is so motivated to help:

Hunger. Famine. Starvation. Malnutrition. Indeed, as World Food Day (16 October) reminds us, there is no easy way to describe the grim fact that nearly 870 million people on our planet are chronically undernourished. And sadly, so many of those affected are children, whose minds and bodies are denied the sustenance needed to grow into healthy, productive adults.

It is a truly global problem, plaguing communities throughout the developing world and even in developed countries where surprisingly high numbers of families struggle daily to put food on the table.

My organization, Rotary, a global network of volunteer leaders committed to finding solutions to the world's most serious challenges, is well aware of the problem — and well positioned to do something about it. With more than 1.2 million members belonging to 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and regions, Rotary has "boots on the ground" where the need is high and also in communities with the capacity to help.

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### 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

**28 October 2013:**

*Fellowship*

**4 November 2013:**

*Job Talk - TBA*

**11 November 2013:**

*External speaker - TBA*

## Roster

**28 October 2013:**

<b>President</b>	B Veal
<b>Chairperson</b>	P Anderson
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	C Shepherd
<b>Raffle</b>	P Gresham
<b>Visitor Register</b>	K Cocks
<b>Attendance</b>	J Smerdon J Charlton

**4 November 2013:**

<b>President</b>	B Carss
<b>Chairperson</b>	R Tamaschke
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	M Evans
<b>Raffle</b>	P Little
<b>Visitor Register</b>	M Winders
<b>Attendance</b>	J Smerdon J Charlton

**11 November 2013:**

<b>President</b>	W Bishop
<b>Chairperson</b>	M Kelly
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	A McKinnon
<b>Raffle</b>	A Gillespie
<b>Visitor Register</b>	S Francis
<b>Attendance</b>	J Smerdon J Charlton

**18 November 2013:**

<b>President</b>	K Watts
<b>Chairperson</b>	S Dunlop
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	C Muir
<b>Raffle</b>	D Schelbach
<b>Visitor Register</b>	B Carss
<b>Attendance</b>	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*

*secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au*



## No child should ever go to bed hungry (continued)

On their own initiative, Rotary members concerned about food insecurity have formed two very active international groups: the Rotarian Action Group for the Alleviation of Hunger & Malnutrition, and the Food Plant Solutions Rotarian Action Group. These action groups serve as resources, assisting Rotary clubs worldwide to collaborate and undertake effective, sustainable approaches to the hunger issue.

Recognizing the value of leveraging resources through partnerships with top-tier organizations with proven track records, Rotary in 2012 also became a service partner with the Global Food Banking Network to combat jointly the issues of hunger and food insecurity through food banking.

Rotary First Harvest, a Rotary club supported charity in Seattle, Wash., USA, has developed a unique and effective way to support the food banking concept. Working in cooperation with growers and processors, Rotary First Harvest each year gathers more than nine million pounds of fresh, nourishing produce that would otherwise be wasted, and then helps deliver it to local food banks and food distribution programs serving families in need.

Other examples of Rotary clubs in action against hunger:

- In Florida, USA, the Flagler Beach Rotary Club co-founded the Family Food Co-op to provide food to needy rural families identified by local schools. A \$30 donation can feed a family of four for a week, and recipients are encouraged to volunteer their own time to help their neighbors.
- In Australia, the Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary launched the Beef Bank in 2007 to provide fresh meat to organizations working to feed local families. One beef cow can yield 500 pounds of meat, enough for 1,000 servings.

- Since 1998, the Rotary Club of Madrid, Spain, has worked with local hotels to collect surplus meals for distribution to food programs serving families in need. Trucking and transportation companies donate delivery vehicles.
- Rotary clubs in Ecuador are partnering with Banco de Alimentos Diakonia (Diakonia Food Bank) to provide equipment, expertise and volunteers to reach low-income families in Guayaquil, the nation's largest city

Of course, there is no single answer to the daunting challenge of hunger and food insecurity. Starving people must be fed on an ongoing basis, as long-term solutions are developed and implemented. Meanwhile, we must lay the groundwork needed to generate the kind of steady, sustainable, economic development that lifts communities out of poverty, which is inexorably linked to the food issue and other problems, including illiteracy, disease prevalence, and violence.

This is what Rotary does. And Rotary clubs will continue to work at the grassroots level to identify community needs and to develop workable, sustainable, culturally appropriate solutions. If you would like to be a part of this effort, visit [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) and contact a Rotary club in your area. Learn what your area clubs are doing to alleviate hunger locally or internationally. Donate to or volunteer for a club-supported food project. Get involved.

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**John Hewko, General Secretary,  
Rotary International**

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