



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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(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
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District Governor
Dai Mason

Rotary International President
Ron Burton

President's Message

Greetings Fellow Rotarians and Friends & Visitors

Another quiet week in Rotary but let us look confidently into the future as we head towards summer, and greater club and social involvement.

Attendance this week reflected a 10% increase from last week although we had no visitors or members guests. A number of members sent an apology for non-attendance and I certainly appreciate their contact.

It was with pleasure that we saw the return of Clive Morman, and I was in a position to present Clive with his Paul Harris Fellowship Award, this award represent the continued effort and contribution that Clive has given to Rotary International , Rotary and in particular to our club. Congratulations and well deserved.

Last weekend reflected poorly on our sports teams with the Reds Rugby Team going down to the Crusaders In NZ, our Cricket team beaten in the second test, Adam Scott blew four shots in the last four holes to finish 3rd in British Open, and my final round in our club champs was not spectacular, but I was reminded that the Brisbane Lions and the Suns had wins.

The world continued to bump & grind with the Pacific Plate sending Shock waves through the capital of NZ (150 shakes up to 6.8 over a 10 hr. period) fortunately no casualties', and Quakes were recorded right round the perimeter of the Pacific plate. Rotary may require too provide some shelter boxes and aid if things don't settle down, with our aid programs recognised worldwide we must always be ready to assist.

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What's On?

29 July:

Job Talk

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

It is pleasing to note, (with the help of report from Rotarian Don O'Donoghue) that we have an interest from a member nominating to become a councillor for Inbound Peace Fellows in 2014, and I will keep you informed in due course.

I again personally appeal to all members to become regular attendees, and bring along a potential new member previously suggested.

The club also urgently needs a member to take over the duty of arranging our weekly speaker. We have scheduled a representative from Brookfield Multiplex to talk on the new Govt. Building a 1 Williams Street, and a district presentation on club membership, in the next couple of weeks.

Our club directors met following last week's meeting and discussed the budget for coming year, committee members, future projects and directions for the club. These deliberations will be presented to all members for ratification in the near future.

Remember this is YOUR club and can only be effectively run and managed if you want to attend and become actively involved.

Yours in Rotary

**REMEMBER: ENGAGE ROTARY
CHANGE LIVES**

President Graeme

Rotary Meeting – 22 July 2013

Today's meeting was chaired by Peter Anderson. Peter introduced P Graeme who welcomed all to the meeting. There were no visitors or guests. There was no speaker. P Graeme presented Clive Morman with his Paul Harris Fellowship for faithful service to the Rotary Club of Brisbane over many years, and for his generous contributions to the Club's finances.

Clive has not been well lately, and missed the Change-over meeting where his award was announced, and the other recipients received their awards. Today was his first attendance since the other awards were presented. The presentation was followed by prolonged applause. P Graeme reminded members that he would like our Club to be well represented at the anniversary celebrations of our sister Clubs in Hong Kong and Taiwan in April next year. Perhaps a trip combining these two celebrations and the football in Hong Kong could be combined in a package deal. PP Keith Watts has news of Qantas fare deals so contact Keith if you have an interest in attending. P Graeme is working on details for the District Governor's visit to our Club. The date is yet to be finalised, but at this stage it will probably involve a joint meeting with the Mid City RC, and be held on a Friday. P Graeme reminded anyone who might be interested to contact Don O'Donoghue if they wanted further information on the duties and responsibilities of taking on the role as Councillor to one of the incoming Rotary Peace Scholars for their time as students at the University of Queensland in the coming academic year. P Graeme then gave us a rundown on the current earthquakes in New Zealand. He also gave us a summary on the unusual success of U K athletes and sportsmen in a broad range of sports where Australia used to rule the roost.

There were no Rotary Spots. As there was no guest speaker the attendees enjoyed fellowship. SAA Cam Bishop congratulated Clive Morman on his Paul Harris Fellowship award. He entertained us with a joke about the Norwegian blonde and the ventriloquist, and another about the old lady who gets into the lift and a stunning young lady who emerges.

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

5 August 2013:
TBA

12 August 2013:
Fellowship

19 August 2013:
TBA

Roster

29 July 2013:

President G Whitmore
Chairman D Zhang
Set Up/Away M Evans
Raffle P Little
Visitor Register M Winders
Attendance J Smerdon
T McKinnon

5 August 2013:

President G Whitmore
Chairman M Kelly
Set Up/Away A McKinnon
Raffle A Gillespie
Visitor Register S Francis
Attendance J Smerdon
J Charlton

12 August 2013:

President G Whitmore
Chairman H Dahles
Set Up/Away C Muir
Raffle D Phillips
Visitor Register B Veal
Attendance J Smerdon
T McKinnon

19 August 2013:

President G Whitmore
Chairman P Caragata
Set Up/Away G Burnett
Raffle D Zhang
Visitor Register D Smith
Attendance J Smerdon
J Charlton

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The raffle was won fair and square by that persistent serial lucky man John Smerdon. The SAA somehow cancelled that result and in the redraw that other persistent winner Michael Stevens was victor. However he drew the 10 of diamonds so the cash prize jackpots. A total of 19 members attended the meeting.

As I will be away on Fraser Island for our annual tailor fishing trip next week, PP Brian Carss has kindly volunteered to report next week's meeting.

Life after becoming a Rotary Peace Fellow

By Anne Smiley, a 2012 graduate of the Rotary Peace Center in Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand



My only hesitation in jumping at the incredible opportunity to be a Rotary Peace Fellow was looking forward to retirement and not having to do anything! A dear friend of mine who took part in the program encouraged me, saying "It will change your life." Indeed, after the program, I could no longer come home and look the other way or not respond to issues that I care deeply about.

Imagine my dismay when we settled in Fayetteville, North Carolina, home of Fort Bragg, one of the biggest military meccas in the country. We knew this when we planned our retirement to a warmer climate some twenty years ago, but did not realize the extent of the ever-expanding fort. Our house is probably about five miles away from the base, but the constant drone of artillery and huge aircraft overhead never let me forget how huge the military war machine is.

Now, actively protesting in this community is probably not a good idea, nor is voicing my opinion of this terrible waste of resources. What should I do? In finding my grounding in physical and spiritual well-being I landed in a yoga group of very active women who were like-minded. The leader of our yoga group steered me to a place called the "Quaker House" with the motto of supporting soldiers but not war. I knew I had found a way to appease my need to respond in a way that was helpful, not hurtful.

Quaker House offers many kinds of support for soldiers ranging from qualifying for post-traumatic stress disorder, conscientious objections, and support for sexual assault victims to name just a few. The co-director became my new best friend, realizing we had taken the same trainings and wanted to offer the same kinds of programs: providing a children's peace group, facilitating discussions of growing peace, offering guidance to victims of sexual assault, and teaching conflict resolution and mediation.

I know that if I had not become a Rotary Peace Fellow, I might not have been driven to react to being in such a military community. I feel very good about how I am putting my old and new skills to use by invoking the term we try to live by as peacemakers, "Do No Harm!"
