



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
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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
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District Governor
George Grant

Rotary International President
Gary C K Huang

President's Message

Welcome fellow Rotarians & Visitors

Good morning members, I hope you have all taken the time to attend the Change Over today and welcome in our new President for year 2015/2016 Rtn Phil Gresham.

This will be my last note in the bulletin and I would like to thank all those who have personally supported me in my time as President.

I will present at the change over a report for the year, and I offer my congratulations to Phil and wish him every success in the new Rotary year.

Please come along today and hear what the incoming President is proposing for the invigoration and direction of the club in his year.

For me the time as President has been both a learning process and a rewarding one and is pleasing to note that our core members have provided and continue to be the strength of our club.

Over my time as President sadly we have lost through death a number of our long term members, but I guess as we age as a club these losses are inevitable. It is worth noting also that a number of our exempt members, retired from active business life, no longer see the CBD as a place of regular visitation, and thus have resigned or do not come to our weekly meetings. The loss of this fellowship with these members is of concern to me and the club.



What's on?

29 June:

Changeover
Lunch Meeting

Date Claimers

10 July 2015:

RC Brisbane Mid-City
Lunchtime Meeting.
RCOB members are
urged to attend

1 August 2015:

Help required for
Donations in Kind

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

As a point of interest our club has a two or three new members in the wings, and also pleasing to note that one is a returning ex member. These new members will get incoming President off to a flying start in his membership drive.

I have, over my period, used the Cluster Group of other clubs, as a means of trying to get our city based clubs to work more closely together, and finally I see some light at the end of the tunnel with a joint meeting been held recently with Mid City, the agreement of the cluster clubs to jointly sponsor CBD Rotaract club formation, one chartered and a second one scheduled for late July. These young persons should be fostered as they will become the new foundations for CBD Rotary clubs.

Rotaract CBD members are enthusiastic and want to make a difference in our world, therefore, they must be encouraged to work with our Cluster Rotary Clubs, and to this end I have advised the Rotaract CBD club that we offer a mentoring service, if they require some help, and invited them to attend some of our club meetings.

President Elect for Year 2016/2017

Correction to my text,

I had omitted to acknowledge that Rtn Tony McKinnon was in fact nominated by Vice President Keith Watts for the president, and was duly elected.

Joint meeting Reminder:

No meeting on Monday 6th July as this meeting will now be held as a joint meeting with Mid City on Friday 10th July. Same Venue and time Brisbane Club

Speaker: From Brisbane Airports Corporation on Second Runway expansion plans.

I again thank Members for your attendance & fellowship over the past year.

Signing off as your President,
Best regards,
President Graeme

Remember: **LIGHT UP ROTARY**

Rotary Meeting – 22 June 2015

The Chairperson for the day was Mel Evans. 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.

In Rotary Spots, Chris Muir reported that he had spent the weekend in Adelaide at the biennial meeting of the 'Knights of Malta', of which he is a member. The meeting was addressed by the South Australian Governor, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AO, who had fled Vietnam as a refugee and arrived in Darwin on a small boat he had navigated across the seas in 1977. Chris provided a brief outline of the Governor's background, which suggests that some 'boat people' can make very valuable contributions to Australian society.

PE Phil Gresham discussed plans for the 'Changeover' scheduled for 29th June. This would be a lunch time meeting at the normal venue and time. He urged members to attend...with partners if possible.

Denise Schellbach strongly supported cooperation (meetings and projects) between RCOB, RC Brisbane Mid-City and Brisbane High Rise. All three Clubs were now scheduled to meet at the Brisbane Club, but at different times. She urged RCOB members to attend the Mid-City meeting on 10 July.

VP Keith Watts outlined a three-step strategy he had been trialling to recruit new members (right of approach, telephone contact followed by written communication). This looked promising and he would keep members informed of developments.



Calendar

6 July 2015 – No Meeting
Members are urged to attend the RC Brisbane Mid City meeting on 10 July instead

13 July 2015:
Fellowship

20 July 2015:
Dr Michael Carroll
Principal St Joseph's College
(Gregory Terrace)

3 August 2015:
Denise and Bruce Morcombe
Daniel Morcombe Foundation

Roster

29 June 2015:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	P Anderson
Set Up/Away	P Ryan
Raffle	M Stephens
Visitor Register	J Ryder
Attendance	J Smerdon D O'Donoghue

6 July 2015:
NO MEETING

13 July 2015:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	TBA
Set Up/Away	TBA
Raffle	TBA
Visitor Register	TBA
Attendance	TBA

20 July 2015:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	TBA
Set Up/Away	TBA
Raffle	TBA
Visitor Register	TBA
Attendance	TBA

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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This was a 'Fellowship' meeting and members had the opportunity to discuss a variety of issues (including projects and structures for Rotary 2015/16).

SAA Cam Bishop ran an entertaining session and exacted the usual fines.

Chris Muir won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck.

The meeting closed at 1.55pm.

India eye surgeons share skills with peers in Ethiopia

By Suhas B. Naik-Satam, past president of the Rotary Club of Bombay Chembur West, Maharashtra, India
Source: blog.rotary.org

In March, during our silver jubilee year, my Rotary club sponsored a vocational training team of ophthalmologists to Ethiopia to improve the abilities and skills of eye surgeons at various medical centers there.



Members of the vocational training team of eye specialists from India perform an eye surgery in Ethiopia. Photo courtesy Rotary District 3140

Under the direction of club president S.R. Balasubramanian and led by Dr. Haresh Asnani, a past president of our club, the team of three super specialists included a vitreoretinal surgeon, a pediatric ophthalmologist/squint specialist, and an oculoplastic surgeon/ocular oncologist. Our club partnered with Beyond Eye Care, an organization that manages the India Eye Center in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital.

The team conducted medical education programs and clinic workshops on topics including common retinal disorders, diabetic retinopathy, common eyelid disorders, and squint problems. Members conducted classroom lectures and a few practical workshops on pediatric eye disease examination that doesn't require expensive equipment. They also stressed the importance of timely intervention in childhood squints, eye tumors, and cataracts.

The program benefited around 14 ophthalmologists, 25 postgraduate students, 40 optometrists, and 20 ophthalmic nurses over five teaching sessions, five surgical workshops, and six clinical demonstration sessions.

One of the team members noted the amount of expensive equipment that had been donated but that was just lying around unused because doctors and paramedical staff had not been trained in its use or maintenance. The team spent time teaching them the proper handling of these.

Dr. Akshay Nair, the youngest member of the team, said the whole experience was extremely rewarding. We were able to demonstrate many different surgical procedures as well as have fruitful clinical sessions that involved video-assisted skill-transfer sessions. The demand and need for ocular oncology and oculoplastic specialists is high in Ethiopia, and the next step is to arrange training opportunities in India for Ethiopian ophthalmologists.

The team had discussions with the respective hospital managements to draw up strategy to sustain the benefits of this program, especially at St. Paul's and ALERT Hospitals and Hawassa University, by facilitating fellowship programs for their doctors and providing technical support for their surgical equipment.

Skin donation in short supply in India

By Rajesh Kumar Modi, Rotary Club of Mumbai Borivali East, Maharashtra, India
Source: blog.rotary.org

In Mumbai, our deputy fire chief recently died after suffering major burns rescuing people from a residential building fire.

Two other officers also died in the fire. The media covered the tragedy, and how a shortage of natural skin in our skin banks complicates the efforts to save brave individuals like these.

Throughout India, there is a shortage of skin largely because people are not aware of the concept of skin donation. Skin can be used to aid the healing process for severe burn victims. Donated skin grafts protect recipients from infection while promoting regeneration of their own skin.

According to the World Health Organization, more than one million people are moderately or severely burnt every year in India, and burns are among the leading cause of shortened life span from disabilities. Burns most often occur from contact with electricity, chemicals, radiation, or from kitchen accidents.

We launched our project as a collaborative effort to involve the community, doctors, and non-governmental organizations. We have held several camps, inviting speakers, including individuals who have benefited from skin grafts, to share their story and spread the word. We also held a walkathon in Sanjay Gandhi National Park to raise funds and awareness in partnership with the National Burn Center, the township of Navi Mumbai, and the residential community of Airoli.

We invite other clubs in India to work with us to elevate awareness of skin donation and how it can save lives. We believe we can have a big impact, because Rotary is all about making a difference.



Club members get ready for a walkathon in Sanjay Gandhi National Park to raise awareness for the need for skin donations.