



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Alistair Smith
President Elect	Graeme Whitmore
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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
Sakuji Tanaka

President's Message

Firstly, apologies for there not being a message last week, I was in the process of moving house and unfortunately the chaos of boxes, moving furniture and settling in the dog, prevented me from being able to prepare anything. However, Louise, Lucy (our dog) and I are now safely installed in our new home, and to date Lucy has not found a way into the neighbour's chicken coup, so all is going well. As I write this we are now in the Hunter Valley preparing for a friend's wedding tomorrow so it has been a hectic couple of weeks (and sorry Cam I'm not trying to be unfaithful to Sarabah Estate, but with so many vineyards here, it is tough).

On to matters Rotary, we had a great meeting on Monday, with a number of guests attending from High Rise and Amsterdam International. It was fantastic to see some of our fellow Rotarians from other clubs, and a shame we could only muster a limited number ourselves. I do appreciate that time and financial commitments make it difficult to attend on a weekly basis, and I for one am not keen on enforcing attendance requirements. Despite that, meeting numbers have been down significantly in recent weeks, so I would encourage as many of you to attend as possible over the next couple of months. If you have any suggestions as to measures to spice up meetings, that would also be appreciated.

We had a request from Patrick Caragata in Monday's meeting for some suggestions of charities we could approach for involvement in our mentoring program, and thanks to Brian Carss and Dave Smith for their suggestions. Any further ideas would, I'm sure, be greatly received.

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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

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In this regard, we have received details of that a School for Social Entrepreneurs have introduced an accelerator program in Brisbane and they will be holding an information night on Monday 29th of October at The Bleeding Heart Gallery and details of the program can be found in the attached flyer. This should be an interesting event, and those wishing to attend are encouraged to do so.

On the subject of information nights, two weeks ago I attended the National Youth Science Forum introduction evening with Maddie Conwell, her mother, and teacher Mrs Urry. It was a very informative evening and it was fantastic to see so many students with such enthusiasm for the program, something which would not be possible without the involvement of Rotary. A good reminder of the assistance we are able to provide in educating our next generation!

In other news, there is a fund raising high tea for the Starlight Children's foundation and an invite is attached for those interested. We have also received details of a request for volunteers for the upcoming City2South (a sister run to Sydney's City2Surf), which will be held on June 16, 2013. Organisations such as ours will receive a donation for assistance, so even though this is a long way off, please put this in our diaries.

It looks as though June next year will actually be a busy month, as Medicare of the Rotary Club of Taipei Tatung has confirmed that they will be organizing a delegation led by President Ron Hung to attend our anniversary celebrations on 5th June 2013. Make sure you keep the date free! Medicare also confirmed that a number of their members recently attended a welcome dinner for a delegation of the Lord Mayor Brisbane, and mentioned that they would be visiting in June next year, so hopefully we can involve the Mayor in our celebrations in some way.

In the meantime, we have also been asked to assist Donations in Kind on Saturday 1 December. From recollection, these sessions usually start at about 8am and typically finish by 10:30 - 11, depending on numbers, so again keep this free if you can.

Finally, I would also like to remind you that tickets for the Melbourne Cup have been circulated, and it would be good if we could get some decent sales as this will all contribute to club funds.

In the meantime, I hope you all have a good weekend, and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Yours in Rotary

President Alistair

Rotary Meeting – 22 October

The Chairman of the day PP Bas Veal introduced P Alistair, who apologised for not contributing a President's message to last week's Bulletin due to his moving house. P Alistair welcomed our guests, Malcolm Campbell and Heidi Dahies who are both members of Amsterdam International RC, and Jane Smeeton, Angela Tillmans and Ron Mullins who were visitors from Brisbane Highrise Rotary Club.

P Alistair asked us to keep Saturday the 1st. of December free so that we could help load containers for Donations In Kind. He also reminded us of a fundraising event to raise money for the Starlight Foundation on the 10th. of November. He had also been contacted by Fairfax Events to provide volunteers to help with the "City to South Fun Run" on the 16th of June 2013.

In Rotary Spots Greg Sellars called for members to return the proceeds from the sale of their allocated 50 tickets in the Melbourne Cup Trifecta by Monday the 5th of November at the latest.

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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

5 November:

Fellowship

12 November:

Michael Knox
My Father and Admiral Nimitz

19 November:

TBA

Roster

29 October 2012:

President A Smith
Chairman M Kelly
Set Up/Away L Stalley
Raffle P Cluff
Visitor Register S Francis
Attendance J Smerdon
G Whitmore

5 November 2012:

President A Smith
Chairman G Burnett
Set Up/Away H Milne
Raffle D Phillips
Visitor Register B Veal
Attendance J Smerdon
G Whitmore

12 November 2012:

President A Smith
Chairman P Caragata
Set Up/Away G Sellers
Raffle C Morman
Visitor Register M Stephens
Attendance J Smerdon
G Whitmore

19 November 2012:

President A Smith
Chairman P Anderson
Set Up/Away C Shepherd
Raffle J Worrell
Visitor Register P Dawson
Attendance J Smerdon

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



Rotary Meeting – 22 October

Patrick Caragata asked members to nominate which charities we thought our Club should support as part of our proposed mentoring programme for young potential leaders in our community. The aim was to get them involved with charity and philanthropy as part of a mentoring programme with members of our Club. Please get back to Patrick with your suggestions. Patrick also reminded us that we are to have a special guest as a speaker on Monday the 12th. of November in Michael Knox whose father knew Admiral Nimitz. Patrick recommended that we should invite guests for this talk.

There was no guest speaker but both our guests from Amsterdam International RC addressed us. Heidi Dahies is an Academic who has worked in Asia for 20 years. In Indonesia she was involved in the study of ethnic Chinese business in Cambodia, Indo- China and China itself. She has accepted a position as Professor of International Business and Asian Studies at Griffith University commencing in January. She hopes to join our Club as a member.

Malcolm Campbell is a frequent visitor and well known to our Club as a PP of Amsterdam International RC, one of our Sister Clubs. Malcolm told us of his weekend visit to his friend Bill Mayne a PP of the Gatton Rotary Club. He and Bill are both active members of ROAR – the Rotary Special Interest Group for Ham Radio Operators. Bill has a farm in the Lockyer Valley and is setting up a Bed and Breakfast type operation where people with an interest in ham radio can stay and transmit messages all over the world. Malcolm recommended Bill as an interesting prospective guest speaker for our Club.

SAA Cam Bishop welcomed all our guests. He fined Phil Little whose phone rang at a most inappropriate time. The raffle was won by P Alistair who can use it as a toast in his new house warming party. We had 14 of our own members plus our 5 guests for a total of 19 members.

A polio survivor's "aha" moment

By John Nanni, a member of the Rotary Club of Hamilton Township, New Jersey, USA

As a polio survivor who was paralyzed from my neck down for six months, and as a Rotarian, I had the honor of being a part of the Rotary PolioPlus delegation to the UN General Assembly special session to "Unite Against Polio" on 27 September.

My day started early – I was so excited and nervous I couldn't sleep. I was worried about being a good representative of our club and of the more than 20 million polio survivors.

I met so many people from different organizations: I was introduced to Peter Salk, Jonas Salk's son who discovered the original polio vaccine. We had a great conversation about his work preserving his dad's legacy at the Jonas Salk Legacy Foundation.

I met representatives from Global Poverty Project, Lions Clubs International, WHO, UNICEF, Bill Gates of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, top executives from Rotary International, and Canadian Rotarian Ramesh Ferris, a polio survivor, who hand-cycled 7,140 kilometers across Canada for polio eradication. I met three wonderful Rotarians from Ossining, New York; one polio survivor who has been a Rotarian for 46 years and two past district governors.

Hundreds of world leaders from all walks of life gathered to show their continued and renewed commitment to "End Polio Now." It was amazing to see the presidents of Pakistan and Afghanistan sit next to each other for the entire event. That in itself was a true sign of unity against polio.

For me, one of the special moments of this event was when the Prime Minister of Australia, Julia Gillard spoke of Sister Elizabeth Kenny, an Australian trained in nursing, and her methods of treating polio victims with physical therapy in the 1940s and 50s.



Tears came to my eyes because my mom performed Kenny's therapy on me and I consider that the only reason why I was able to walk, play sports, and be "normal."

Over all, it was one of the defining moments in the past decades to unite world leaders through UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's dedication to make polio eradication his major effort during his term. It was one of my "aha" and "wow" Rotary moments!

- In celebration of World Polio Day 24 October, you can be part of the effort to make the World's Biggest Commercial. Find out more
- Learn more about how you can help at www.endpolionow.org
- Purchase End Polio Now, an album of songs performed by Rotary polio ambassadors, to be released on World Polio Day. The album will be available as a digital download through iTunes, and soon as a CD from shop.rotary.org.
- Contribute now to end polio.
- Read more stories from polio survivors

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