



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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A global network of community volunteers

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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

Australia Day has now passed and we all get back to a regular schedule which I hope will include all members attending our weekly meetings.

By the time this is printed we will have completed our State Elections and again hopefully all things will be back to normal and our State will continue to perform for the benefit of everybody.

We had BJ our regular visitor from Nepal give us a presentation on Nepal and both his and Rotaries involvement in Nepal. Some very interesting projects on water and power developments and the creation of some sustainable food lots. In a country where there are few roads, very rough and challenging terrain, any projects that are undertaken by locals and Rotarians, would certainly need some good planning. It was clear that Rotary is a good contributor and performer in Nepal, and may be worthy of our international involvement in the area of schools, water and sanitation.

Getting our Sundial works completed is proving to be a trying issue, we have all the gear, and J Smerdon and I were to do last Friday but, with 100 mm of rain over a couple of days, not good for painting or drilling fixing holes using electricity. We will not give up and try again this week.

Denise has arranged a great line up of speakers for the next few weeks, starting with the Lady Mayoress Anne Quirk next week it would be appreciated if members can make an effort to attend & show the Lady Mayoress that Rotary is alive and supportive in the CBD.



What's on?
2 February:

**Lady Mayoress
Anne Quirk**
*Speaking about
Foundation H
(Hope)*

Date Claimers

9 February 2015:
Dr John Arvier
*Oral & Maxillofacial
Surgery*

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

For those members just back from vacation, I repeat my comments of running our meetings on schedule that I referred to last week.

"It has been brought to my notice that our meetings are running over time and for those members with business commitments it may be a deterrent to attending, I hope this is not the case. So as of today we will start sharp on our scheduled start time, No waiting for stragglers (late arrivals will help Sargent Cams Collection Tin) We will run to our schedule Time table (Chair Persons Responsibility)

Spots will be limited to 1 minute each except for fellowship days where we will deal with club business.

As a consequence of the above we will be able to give our speakers the correct allocated time, and still wrap up the meeting at 1.45pm. Individual Fellowship can follow the meeting.

Let Us continue to be a club that all members are welcome both as Rotarians and as common interest friends where we care for one another.

Yours in Rotary

Remember: LIGHT UP ROTARY

President Graeme

Rotary Meeting 19 January 2015

The Chairman for the day was Max Winders. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International, he introduced President Graeme Whitmore. Graeme's message is reported in detail elsewhere in the Bulletin.

Following the time-saving format outlined by President Graeme, in Rotary Spots, Michael Stephens reported that Bas Veal was doing well and would be returning to RCOB meetings next month.

Max Winders reported that some Christmas cakes and puddings remained to be collected.

President Graeme discussed the need for cooperation between Rotary Clubs to ensure good attendances for prominent guest speakers.

Max Winders spoke about the potential contributions of Drones to the community, for example in the agricultural sector.

After a short period of Fellowship, Chairman Max introduced the guest speaker Bijaya Raj Khahal. His talk focussed on his native Nepal, Rotary in Nepal and some projects under the auspices of Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS). He is currently undertaking postgraduate studies in Brisbane. Among other matters we learned Rotary District 3292 (Nepal and Bhutan) has some 92 Rotary Clubs and 120 Rotaract Clubs. In Nepal RAWCS has been involved in some significant projects, including support for orphaned children, eye care, rural transportation, rain water harvesting, solar energy and hydroelectricity. This was a very informative and interesting talk amply supported by PowerPoint slides.

A number of questions and discussion followed. Finally, Bijaya was presented with a memento of the occasion by President Graeme and Chairman Max (pictured).

Acting SAA Phil Gresham ran an entertaining session. To streamline proceedings he suggested that members each contribute \$5 in lieu of fines. Chris Muir won the raffle, but, the joker is still in the deck...so the jackpot continues to grow and remains to be won.

The meeting closed on time at 1.45pm.



Calendar

9 February 2015:

Dr John Arvier
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

16 February 2015:

Matthew Condon Journalist
Queensland Newspapers
(Three Crooked Kings)

23 February 2015:

Wolf Grodd
Restoration of Classic Cars
"Sleeping Beauties"

Roster

2 February 2015:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson P Caragata
Set Up/Away R Tamaschke
Raffle J Delahunty
Visitor Register P Anderson
Attendance J Smerdon
D Schellbach

9 February 2015:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson A Gillespie
Set Up/Away S Francis
Raffle C Shepherd
Visitor Register P Ryan
Attendance J Smerdon
D Schellbach

16 February 2015:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson D Henderson
Set Up/Away P Gresham
Raffle G Holtmann
Visitor Register A Smith
Attendance J Smerdon
D Schellbach

23 February 2015:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson C Muir
Set Up/Away P Little
Raffle M Evans
Visitor Register A Gillespie
Attendance J Smerdon
D Schellbach

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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Guest speaker 19 January 2015

RCOB members assist the Eddies Morning Van Initiative



John Smerdon,
Denise Schellbach, Phil Little



Denise Schellbach and John Smerdon

Celebrating 20 years of service by Rotaractors in Lithuania

By Laurynas Suodaitis, chair of the council of Rotaract clubs for District 1462
Source: blog.rotary.org

This past year, 2014, was special to us because not only did it mark 80 years of Rotary in Lithuania, but 20 years of Rotaract in the country. The first Rotaract Club was chartered in Kaunas. There are now eight active Rotaract clubs in Lithuania, drawing together nearly 200 young leaders eager to make a positive change in society.

Our clubs have a history of service to our communities, including the annual rubber duck race sponsored by the Rotaract Club of Vilnius and the Rotary Academy created as a country-wide project by six different Rotaract clubs to provide screening for tuberculosis and distribute prevention information. Serving society motivates us.

We encourage our members to participate in various Rotary events abroad. And in a few years we look forward to hosting one of Rotaract's European meetings where we will be able to show off our beautiful country.



Motorcycle rally targets illiteracy in India

By Bhavnesh Mehta, past president of the Rotary Club of Bhavnagar Royal
Source: blog.rotary.org

Our team of seven Rotary riders crossed India and Nepal in December on a motorcycle rally to support education and raise awareness of efforts to combat illiteracy in India.

Leaders in District 3060 (India) came up with the idea following last year's rally, a grand success, which celebrated Rotary's triumph over polio. After the eradication of polio, Rotary members in India are most keen to see illiteracy eliminated. The Rotary India Literacy Mission, chaired by past RI Director Shekhar Mehta, has a clear objective of making India 100 percent literate by 2017 through the TEACH program: offering teacher support, e-learning, adult literacy, child development, and the formation of happy schools.



Our team included Chirag Gandhi, president of the Rotary Club of Surat; Ann Heena Gandhi; Manish Padaya; Gaurav Rathod; Devendra Khatana; Pranavrajsinh Yadav; and myself. For 16 days, we covered 3,060 kilometers from Darjeeling in northeast India to Shirdi in western India. We visited seven Rotary districts throughout India and Nepal, making stops at more than 90 Rotary clubs, 70 Inner Wheel clubs, and 50 Rotaract and Interact clubs. We also promoted the importance of reading to more than 120 schools. A total of 53,600 students took the pledge for literacy.

We had a unique opportunity to meet RI President Gary C.K. Huang, as he was attending a district event along our route. President Gary flagged us on during a special pit stop. We are also grateful to our district governor Ashish Ajmera and our literacy chair and past governor Mayur Vyas, who offered us considerable encouragement along the way.



RI President Gary C.K. Huang (left) waves the flag for the rally to proceed.