



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

2 March 2015



## The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

ABN 75 152 438 499

**GPO Box 2909  
Brisbane Qld 4001**

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
(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    | 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  
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor  
George Grant

Rotary International President  
Gary C K Huang

### President's Message

#### Welcome fellow Rotarians & Visitors

Brisbane was lucky again missing most of the damaging wind from cyclone Marcia to those Rotarians in the North and Central Queensland areas we wish you well in a speedy recovery and your life can get back to normal. For some of the drought stricken farmers they shared in the rain but to others on the fringes they missed out again.

The Rotary Club of Brisbane will continue its support to the farmers and business in the Longreach area with a payment of \$4000 that as been provided from the returns of a recent BBQ, a monetary donation from the "Gems", a ladies club with its roots embedded into our club, and a donation from our club funds

Our special feature last week was focused on Club business and included a presentation by VP K Watts on an upgraded version of our constitution, and R Tony McKinnon's suggestions on membership. This was followed up by PE Phil Gresham speaking on both membership and possible structural changes to our next year. Phil used as a Template a model developed by the Rotary club of Kenmore. Following discussion it was agreed that all matters discussed with the members today would be taken back to committees to be formed to review and report back. I personally thank the above Rotarians for their excellent contribution to- date.

Excellent speaker scheduled for today, Classic Car Restorer Wolf Grodd, having seen some of his restoration work this should be a great speaker and wet the whistle of any car enthusiast.



#### What's on? 2 March:

**Wolf Grodd**  
*Restoration of  
Classic Cars  
"Sleeping  
Beauties"*

#### Date Claimers

**16 March 2015:**  
Ross McKinnon AM  
*Retired after 42 years as  
Curator Mt Coot-ha  
Botanical Gardens*

#### 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

A new Rotaract Club has been formed in the city and it will be Jointly Chartered on Tues 31st March 2015, at SPRING (cnr of Felix & Eagle Street) 6pm for 6.30pm Cost of function in the order of \$70 per head ( two course and cash Bar) All members cordially invited.

Tony McKinnon is looking for member's involvement to assist with The ANZAC day Parade in the CBD on 25th April from approx. 8am till Noon some training will be required. Please advise Tony as soon as practical if you can help with this local community project. Applications for RYLA close 10th April, please see R John Smerdon urgently, we have had one Nomination from a club member so far.

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

Yours in Rotary

Remember: LIGHT UP ROTARY

President Graeme



### CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO

Brisbane  
Rotary Club

FOR RECOGNITION OF THEIR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND CONTINUAL SUPPORT TO

THE AGFORCE EVERY FAMILY NEED A FARMER DROUGHT APPEAL

Every Family Needs A Farmer



## Rotary Club of Taabinga Inc

PO Box 371, Kingaroy QLD 4610

President  
Rotary Club of Brisbane  
PO Box 687  
KENMORE QLD 4069

9 October 2014

Dear Graeme,

I refer to your club's recent contribution of \$5000 toward the drought relief appeal we are conducting in conjunction with AgForce. The cash donation was included in a presentation to AgForce in September during our book sale when we could attract media attention. This money has been converted into fuel and food vouchers redeemable in South Burnett stores and fuel outlets and given to needy farming families as identified by AgForce. As indicated in previous correspondence acknowledging your donations, in-kind items were delivered to the AgForce collection point during August and September and made up into individual packs for distribution to families.

On behalf of South Burnett farming families, AgForce and our club members, I would like to thank you for your contribution.

Yours sincerely,

Trevor Watkins  
Secretary

## Rotary Meeting 23 February 2015

The Chairman for the day was PP Keith Watts. 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.

This was a 'Fellowship' meeting. After a break for lunch there were presentations on two major issues.

First, PP Keith Watts outlined changes to RCOB's Constitution and By-Laws necessary to align the existing rules (last updated in 2013, see [www.brisbanerotary.org.au/club-rules.html](http://www.brisbanerotary.org.au/club-rules.html)) with recent changes from RI. He had sent a draft of the proposed changes to RCOB Board members for comment.

Second, President Elect Phil Gresham discussed future directions for the Club. He had visited RC Kenmore and reported on innovative changes undertaken there. He also briefly outlined aspects of RI's 2015-17 Pilot Guidelines aimed at fostering 'Innovative and Flexible' Rotary Clubs.



## Calendar

16 March 2015:

Ross McKinnon AM  
*Retired after 42 years as  
Curator Mt Coot-ha Botanical  
Gardens*

## Roster

2 March 2015:

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| President        | G Whitmore                |
| Chairperson      | K Watts                   |
| Set Up/Away      | J Ryder                   |
| Raffle           | A McKinnon                |
| Visitor Register | P Little                  |
| Attendance       | J Smerdon<br>D Schellbach |

9 March 2015:

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| President        | G Whitmore                |
| Chairperson      | W Bishop                  |
| Set Up/Away      | P Caragata                |
| Raffle           | W Walker                  |
| Visitor Register | S Dunlop                  |
| Attendance       | J Smerdon<br>D Schellbach |

16 March 2015:

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| President        | G Whitmore                |
| Chairperson      | M Evans                   |
| Set Up/Away      | P Ryan                    |
| Raffle           | M Winders                 |
| Visitor Register | J Ryder                   |
| Attendance       | J Smerdon<br>D Schellbach |

23 March 2015:

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| President        | G Whitmore                |
| Chairperson      | R Tamaschke               |
| Set Up/Away      | A McKinnon                |
| Raffle           | P Gresham                 |
| Visitor Register | D Henderson               |
| Attendance       | J Smerdon<br>D O'Donoghue |

*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 23 February 2015

These issues would be discussed further at today's RCOB Board meeting. (Note the detailed Pilot guidelines were published in today's RCOB Bulletin, copy available at: [www.brisbanerotary.org.au/bulletins.html](http://www.brisbanerotary.org.au/bulletins.html)).

SAA Cameron Bishop provided a shortened session. James Delahunty won the raffle but the joker is still in the pack...so the jackpot continues to grow and remains to be won (with the odds now about 1 in 20).

The meeting closed at 1.50pm.

### The amazing role of Australians in eradicating polio

By Susanne Rea, past president of the Rotary Club of Cairns Sunrise, Queensland, Australia  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

I was four-years-old when I contracted polio. I was fortunate to have made a complete recovery, but defeating polio has remained personal for me. I am also proud to be an Aussie. You can bet I was cheering loudly during the 2014 Rotary International Convention in Sydney when our Prime Minister, Tony Abbott, announced a pledge of \$100 million over five years to help eradicate polio.

On Australia Day (26 January), I reflected on the significant contribution Australians have had on polio eradication. Past RI President Clem Renouf (1978-79) had the vision to involve Rotary in ridding the world of this crippling disease. Rotary member Jenny Horton has spent her life on the front lines, immunizing children against polio in endemic countries.



I am trying to do my part. As my district's polio chair, I dreamed up the World's Greatest Meal. Partnering with my friend Mukesh Malhotra, a past district leader in the United Kingdom, we pulled together a team of talented individuals who have harnessed the power of social media to encourage clubs and individuals to hold their own meal events, and donate the proceeds to PolioPlus.

In 2014, Rotary members through the World's Greatest Meal raised enough money to vaccinate nearly four million children against polio. I have been moved by the variety and creativity of ideas, from a simple gathering of members over coffee to an amazing auction of Pele soccer memorabilia in Brazil.

I recently accepted an invitation to step out from behind Facebook into the real world, and promote our concept in person in India. In New Delhi, I found a cacophony of noise, but also serious young Rotary members excited by the opportunity to serve. In Mumbai, I met and enjoyed support from past RI President Kalyan Banerjee and past Rotary Foundation Trustee Ashok Mahajan. In District 2980, I toured 91 clubs, and that was just half the district!

I am now hooked. I am booked on an eight-country tour, which will see me returning to India in February, assisting with a Presidents Elect Training seminar in Dubai and Austria, floating down the Nile and visiting pyramids in Egypt, attending district conferences in the United States and Canada, and embarking on a magical mystery tour of England. All this is possible thanks to our wonderful team of 40 volunteers, six who work daily on the effort.

The beauty of our idea is its simplicity. Anyone and everyone can participate. Just plan an event and visit our website to register it with our Before Event form. Hold the event, take pictures, send the money to The Rotary Foundation for polio eradication, and return to our website and fill out the After Event form to add your results to our global tally. We even have a "how to" video that explains the whole process. You can follow us on Facebook or on Twitter at either @WGmeal or @wgmealsusanne.

Has the effort been scary and lonely? At times, yes. I am seriously out there. But this grandmother would not change a moment, and I consider myself one of the luckiest district polio chairs in the world.

### Discussing maternal health in Canada

By Douglas W. Vincent, Rotary Club of Woodstock-Oxford, Ontario, Canada  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

In January, the Rotary Club of Mississauga Meadowvale hosted a Rotary Day event exploring what we as Rotary members can do to improve the health of mothers and their children, through our club projects and working with the United Nations. Rotary has had a long-standing relationship with the UN dating all the way back to its formation, and improving maternal health and reducing child mortality are two of the UN Millennium Development Goals.

We invited a special guest, Lauren Harper, wife of Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, to address the topic. Nine Rotary clubs in Mississauga and members from the GTA and Oakville/Burlington area learned more about the challenges many parents and young children face in our troubled world. It was also an opportunity for members to invite friends and colleagues to learn more about what Rotary is doing through our projects and our global network on this issue.



Lauren Harper, wife of Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, addresses Rotary members in Canada during a recent Rotary Day.



---

## ***Discussing maternal health in Canada***

By Douglas W. Vincent, Rotary Club of Woodstock-Oxford, Ontario, Canada  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

Harper noted, "we spend thousands of dollars to save a child's life here in Canada but why then, do we allow children to die in other countries that could be saved by a few cents. Thanks to Rotary for doing a wonderful job and the success of your polio eradication campaign. For just a few cents, you change the life of a child."

Harper went on to comment on the difficulty of making a difference in countries where the cultural practices do not respect women. "In many countries females have few rights and girls don't even count. Often girls do not go to school and are not tracked in any way to generate statistics."

Harper encouraged the youth and Rotaractors at the event to take a cue from Rotary. "Youth are our future, both in Canada and the entire world. You are in a room full of role models, so learn from them. Learn from Rotary and other NGOs how to volunteer and help make a difference for a better world."

---