



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

**2 September 2013**



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

District Governor  
Dai Mason

Rotary International President  
Ron Burton

## President's Message

*Fellow Rotarians*

*It is with sadness that I must report the recent passing of Rotarian Clarrie Manning OB in his 96th year. Clarrie joined our club on 2nd March 1981, after, I understand 30 years as a Rotarian in the Mackay Club.*

*In addition to his OBE, Clarrie was also a Past President of the Rotary Club of Mackay, and a Director of that club. He was recognised as Paul Harris Fellow for his significant work to Rotary.*

*All Rotarians will I am sure join me in recognising Clarrie's contribution to the World of Rotary, and we pass on our condolences to his family.*

It is also unfortunate that our Rugby Trophy Cupboard will remain without the Bledislow Cup for another 12mths, as predicted the game result was closer, and with a better outcome on some of the referee's decisions, our Wallabies may have made the grade. We now have to wait until Oct for the third game to be held in Dunedin (NZ)

This week was for Club Fellowship, and we received a short report on the running of the Fortitude Valley Club from Rotarian Philip Pickersgill, and their activities. Philip has invited any members who wish to complete a makeup or just visit F.V.Club, they meet on a Thursday evening at Alan Border Field.

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## Date Claimers

**20 September:**  
*Rotary Lunch  
Combined DG Visit with  
Brisbane Mid City  
Brisbane Club*

## 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

Member numbers about average, and again we welcomed Visiting Rotarian Denise Schellbach, and the Immediate Past President from the Rotary Club of Wedel in Germany, I am sure Wolfgang Koerner enjoyed his lunch with us, and invited those persons travelling to Germany to visit his club. It was good to see our PP Alistair Smith back on deck.

As we press on with finalisation of our budget for the year, I can advise that our annual subscription will remain unchanged,

Our projects for the year will be the continuation of some projects for Brisbane Youth Services, and it is my intention to put to our members that we re-establish our links with Montrose Home, and other welfare packaging projects. These projects will be reviewed with the directors and put to members for acceptance.

**As A Date Claimer:** We will have a joint Lunch Meeting with Brisbane Mid City on Friday 20th September at which time a presentation will be made by District Governor Trevor Taylor, could all members take note of this Extra Lunch Meeting.

Yours in Rotary

**REMEMBER: ENGAGE ROTARY  
CHANGE LIVES**

## President Graeme

### Rotary Meeting – 26 August 2013

The Chairman of the day Tony McKinnon introduced P Graeme who welcomed Wolfgang Koerner, a PP of the RC of Wedel in Germany. Wolfgang is now retired, but was the Headmaster of a high school in Germany. He has been on a holiday touring Australia for the past couple of months. He is then off to New Zealand, followed by Singapore before returning home. He invited us to visit his Club if we were ever visiting Wedel. P Graeme also welcomed Denise Schellbach, a regular visitor from the Planetarium RC. P Graeme also made welcome Philip Pickersgill from Fortitude Valley RC, whose classification is Medical Scientific Equipment.

P Graeme also informed the members of the death of Clarrie Manning OBE PHF whose classification was Newspaper Publishing. Clarrie originally hailed from Mackay where he ran the local paper for 30 years. He was a Paul Harris Fellow and a PP of the RC of Mackay. He was a longstanding member of the RC of Brisbane. He was a regular attender until just a few years ago. He was 96 when he died. A funeral service for Clarrie was held at Emmanuel College at the University of Queensland on Friday. Clarrie was remembered by those members who knew him as a dignified true gentleman of the old school.

There was no guest speaker but our visitor Philip Pickersgill gave us a short address on the way they do things in the Fortitude Valley RC. Philip has been a member of the Club for 20 years and has seen a lot of changes in that time. His Club currently has 56 members, 7 of whom are ladies. They now check in members on an iPad and use all the latest technology. He was disparaging of members who ran successful and large business who had not accepted and embraced this technology. He personally had problems with his Club's current practice of toasting the Queen and reciting grace before the Rotary lunch, even though he had been active in the Anglican Church. He had difficulties with his Club raising \$12,000 for good works in Mozambique for a project run by QUT that were not explained to his satisfaction. He disputed Rotary funds going to any projects in Brunei, which had huge oil resources, as he felt that the money should have been diverted to more needy recipients. He was supportive of women's involvement in Rotary as he felt they had better management and personnel skills.

### 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

**9 September 2013:**  
Job Talk – TBA

**16 September 2013:**  
External – TBA

**23 September 2013:**  
Fellowship

## Roster

### 2 September 2013:

**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** C Muir  
**Set Up/Away** P Gresham  
**Raffle** R Tamaschke  
**Visitor Register** C Shepherd  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
J Charlton

### 9 September 2013:

**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** D Zhang  
**Set Up/Away** M Kelly  
**Raffle** M Evans  
**Visitor Register** A Gillespie  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
T McKinnon

### 16 September 2013:

**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** B Carss  
**Set Up/Away** M Winders  
**Raffle** M Kelly  
**Visitor Register** A McKinnon  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
J Charlton

### 23 September 2013:

**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** M Evans  
**Set Up/Away** D ODonoghue  
**Raffle** P Gresham  
**Visitor Register** R Tamaschke  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
T McKinnon

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*secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au*



He was sorry to see that the formerly active Rotary- Annes in his Club were lost to active participation in Rotary affairs once grand –children entered the equation. He felt that each Club had to tread its own path and work out what their members wanted from membership in that Club. He wanted to ensure that each Club’s fundraising efforts got maximum bang for their bucks. In the questions and discussion that followed it was obvious that some members agreed with Philip, and some had reservations.

SAA Cam Bishop returned to duty after an absence of several weeks. He welcomed our three guests and proceeded to fine those who had not:-

- Bought a German car- in respect for Wolfgang our visitor from Germany.
- Had a helicopter ride at the week-end.
- Shot clay pigeons.
- Visited a children’s animal zoo.
- Had lunch in a vineyard.

It turned out that this, except for the German car reference, was another blatant commercial plug for the first Open Day at the Sarabah Winery. Cam fined his father Wal for his birthday on the 14th of August. Cam himself was looking very fit and trim as he has had an alcohol free month for the whole of August.

The raffle was won by Phil Gresham, who missed out on the Joker, so the cash jackpots again.

A total of 21 attended an enjoyable lunch.

### Using Facebook to promote Rotary

By Erin Wagner, a member of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis South, Minnesota, USA  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

I am a product of Rotary’s youth programs, which taught me some amazing lessons. For example:

#### Open-Mindedness

A farm girl from Idaho, my youth exchange to France (2001-02) and the associated culture shock taught me to be aware of and question my assumptions, and to recognize that people are people all over the world.

#### Unity

Delegation did not come naturally to me. Fortunately, within the framework of Rotaract, I got to take part in projects I simply could not pull off alone. In my inadequacy, I learned a fundamental appreciation for the skills and efforts of every contributor.

#### Responsibility

When my Rotary district hosted the international convention in 2007, I was hired to serve as the secretary to the host organization committee. Still in college, I had the privilege of learning basic skills (like preparing financial documents, writing grants, and participating effectively in meetings) from experts in banking, fundraising, and management. Conscious of how much I had to learn, they nevertheless expected a level of professionalism commensurate with the opportunity, and held my hand as I found my way.

#### Gratitude

One Rotarian surprised the Rotaractors by cashing in his frequent flyer miles so that we could visit the Chilean school for which we were fundraising. We learned a lot from seeing first-hand the impact of our efforts, but what has touched me the most is his motive. He saw value in our education and development as humanitarians, an education we could not have accessed without his assistance.

Tying these lessons together, I have learned that the essence of gratitude is the impulse to share the goodness with others.

Now a college graduate and small business owner, I was able to use my expertise in social media to pay forward that gratitude in three ways through a 2012-13 Public Image Grant. By using paid promotion on Facebook to draw the public’s attention to the District 5950 (Minnesota, USA) Facebook page, we were able to:

- Educate people in the community about the opportunities for service, fellowship, and learning available through Rotary,
- Help local clubs make the public aware of their mission and attract new members,
- Share what we learned and document our strategy online at <http://houseandhoffman.com/facebook-for-rotary>.

But even so, service is a funny thing. This attempt to repay my debt of gratitude has only left me richer as it has deepened my connections throughout the community, in my district, and around the world. In the end, doing justice to the kindnesses shown to me will require a lifetime of service.



Erin Wagner as a Rotary Youth Exchange student in Paris, France.