



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

30 September 2013



## The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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(Edinburgh Room)  
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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  
Trevor Taylor

Rotary International President  
Ron Burton

### President's Message

*There is no President's Message this week*

### Rotary Meeting – 20 September 2013

This was a special meeting with Brisbane Mid City RC to meet the District Governor Trevor Taylor and his wife Robyn and was chaired by Paul Kennedy. He introduced Mid City President Brett Cribb who welcomed the DD and his wife and a visiting Rotarian, Colin Amor from the RC of Bewdley in the UK, who was visiting family in Brisbane. Banners were exchanged. P Brett also welcomed members of the RC of Brisbane. The Mid City Club had a couple of novel ideas that were interesting. They called for Good News stories – and one of their members got up and spoke of his 50th birthday party last weekend. They also had a Guess Who? section where details of a current member's professional and family life were read out and you had to guess his name. The Sergeant at Arms section was kept very short as there was a lot of business to conduct.

P Brett Cribb detailed a list of aims that his Club hoped to achieve in the next Rotary year:

They planned to raise \$5,000 to \$6,000 for the Salvation Army's accommodation for homeless women's shelter.

They had already provided money for a couple of Shelter Boxes and planned to donate several more.

P Brett himself had just completed an epic bike ride where BHP matched his funding dollar for dollar to result in a total of \$8,000 being available to his Club for their charities.



### Date Claimers

10 April 2014  
30th Charter  
Anniversary of the RC of  
Taipei Tatung  
Hotel Taipei Regent  
Details on their website  
<http://www.regenttaipei.com>

1-4 June 2014  
Rotary International  
Convention, Sydney

### 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?





## Rotary Meeting – 20 September 2013 (continued)

His Club is involved in manning car parks at the Brisbane Ekka to raise funds. Mid City contributes \$2,000 to the Rotary Foundation each year. They sponsor students to RYLA and the National Science Forum. They are rostered on to assist at DIK on the 5th of October.

PP Keith Watts stood in for P Graeme Whitmore, who was in New Zealand, to present a report on activities at the RC of Brisbane.

He reported on the induction of our two new members last week.

He spoke of our continued support for Brisbane Youth Services and their training programmes.

He spoke of our fundraising through our successful Golf Days, wine promotions, and sale of Christmas cakes and puddings. He spoke of the importance of our Benevolent Foundation's income to support our charitable work. He reported on our very active involvement with our Sister Clubs all over the world, and of the recent Civic Reception given by Lord Mayor Quinn for our sister club Taipei Tatung when they visited us for our 90th Anniversary Celebration on the 5th of June this year.

A group from our Club plan to visit them to celebrate their 30th Anniversary on the 10th of May 2014.

PP Keith spoke of the upgrade of our web site.

The main business of the meeting was the address from DD Trevor Taylor. Trevor began his association with Rotary when he worked as a Real Estate Agent on the Gold Coast, and joined the RC of Surfers Paradise in 1989. In 1999 he had a change of careers and moved to a stud cattle property at Peachester and joined the RC of Glasshouse Mountains. Trevor has occupied all official positions in his Club, and was President in 2004-5. DD Trevor spoke of his excitement of being involved in Rotary where there was a chance that this year the world could be polio free. He reminded us of the Rotary World Convention in Sydney on the last four days of June in 2014 and urged us all to attend. He also invited us to the District Conference in the Maroochydoore RSL on the last weekend in March of 2014.

He spoke of his future vision- to do the most with what we have. With this in mind he urged members to become more involved with retaining the existing members we already have, to get individual members more involved, and to let them have more say in Club affairs. Leaders must take note of what members say and need. New members are the life blood of the Clubs. New Clubs are needed in rapidly expanding communities. He spoke of the exciting new concept of Satellite Clubs consisting of perhaps a younger age group that might not feel comfortable in existing Clubs, with elderly members, that could form a separate committee and do their own thing without interfering with the older group, but rely on the older group for advice and support. There were endless possibilities for these Satellite Clubs to eventually hive- off and found a new Club or perhaps be absorbed into an existing Club. These new concepts provided a challenge for existing members to get more involved and to help Rotary expand.

He reminded members of the challenge to "Engage Rotary – Change Lives". He indicated that those with the most money were often not the most happy. Happiness was more associated with having friends and satisfying work and personal relationships, and being able to help others. He reminded us of the privilege we have through Rotary of being able to assist others, and urged all existing members to become more involved.

In the discussion that followed DD Trevor's address we learnt that there were no age limits on members in Satellite Clubs. We also found out that there were no Rotoract Clubs in our District at present so that young people were not currently being exposed to the Rotary ethos.

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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

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

**7 October 2013:**  
TBA

**14 October 2013:**  
TBA

## Roster

### 30 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

### 7 October 2013:

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

### 14 October 2013:

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

### 21 October 2013:

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

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*secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au*



## Rotary Meeting – 20 September 2013 (continued)

We learnt that after the run of disasters in recent years it had become more difficult to raise funds for disaster relief. DD Trevor and his wife Robyn both have mothers who are suffering from Alzheimer's disease and research into this terrible affliction is close to their hearts. As a special personal project they are raising funds for Alzheimer's Australia.

DD Trevor's talk was well received and would have inspired all who heard it to increase their personal commitment to Rotary. The meeting was closed by our own PP Keith Watts who thanked the DD and Robyn for attending. A total of 32 attended the meeting of whom 9 were from our Club.

### The day we became a real Rotary club

*By Adrian Nelson, past president of the Rotary Club of Glen Eira, Australia  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)*

Last year, the wife of our district governor told me during their visit to our club that we had the best chips out of the whole district. She meant it as a compliment!

I've been a member of the Rotary Club of Glen Eira for ten years. In the past year, we have celebrated our 25th anniversary with video messages from past youth exchange students and scholars and a look back at how we sent medical equipment to a needy hospital in rural Peru and set up computers for poor students in Brazil. A contingent from our friendship club, the Rotary Club of Ogaki West, Japan, even came over to my home for an Aussie barbecue, meeting my sons, age 5 and 7. We keep busy!

### When it became real

But for all that, it wasn't until this year that we really experienced our "light bulb" moment, and finally became a "real" Rotary club.

The sun was shining and there was not a cloud in the sky as our members began showing up at 7:30 a.m. for our inaugural Caulfield Racecourse Run. By the end of the day, 525 runners had made their way around the racecourse and we had raised over \$46,000 for local community groups.



Why was it special? For once, our members all had a job to do. Some issued race numbers, others served as marshals helping the runners to and from the track. One of us even had a license to shoot the starting pistol!

We also did what smart Rotary clubs do, we sought help. Members of the Rotary Club of Caulfield parked cars, the Rotaract Club of Monash University (Caulfield) provided young legs and energy, and we engaged local scouts to hand out drinks and keep runners hydrated.

### DJ comes on board

Our local member of parliament encouraged community organizations to field teams and lined up the Minister to present the winners' trophy. The Melbourne Racing Club let us use their fantastic facilities.

In the weeks leading up to the run, a young woman who recently moved to our area began attending club meetings, and offered her DJ services for the race. Like most clubs, we have our requisite number of real estate agents, funeral directors, and doctors. But to have a young female DJ involved and active, now that's a positive change.

Local schools, churches, and charities sponsored teams and raised funds for their needs. All of this resulted in the single biggest fundraising day in our club's history and we were energized to help the community even more.

Our club has had some great moments over the years. But this event took us to a whole new level. We now look forward to becoming the best Rotary club we can be.



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**Advance Notice**  
**Great Wine Sale**

**About the Wine**



**Belgravia**  
**2010 Syrah**  
Crackn Review

"I have got a little crush on Orange Shiraz. It is not the biggest or baddest Shiraz with more elegance than your everyday South Australian example but it delivers loads of spicy, earthy personality. If you like Shiraz with subtlety and character then this is most certainly your man."

**Price Point: \$16—\$18**

**Winemaker's Notes**

Region: Orange, NSW.

**Winemaking:** Low cropped Shiraz fruit was blended with a tiny parcel of Viognier and naturally fermented with wild yeasts.

**Colour:** Purply red.

**Aroma:** Black cherry and a violet perfume with white pepper.

**Palate:** A delicate texture with powerful spice and aniseed flavours that weave into a black fruit core and finishes with gripping tannins.

**Vintage:** A combination of a cool vintage and the warmer mesoclimatic of our vineyard resulted in ripe, mellow fruit.

**Peak Drinking:** 2012 to 2017.

**Food Matches:** Barbequed scotch fillet, roast beef for aged cheddar.

**Awards & Accolades**

- Gold medal in the Orange Wine Show, 2012.
- \*\*\*Winevite: "A voluptuous and lively and that's loaded with dark berry elements"
- 91 points by James Halliday