



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	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

Welcome fellow Rotarians

Membership Development

See the membership development plan on each table. Look around. Who's not here today out of our current membership? How can we double our attendance and our membership? That's what we need to do.

President Graeme will be back next week, and wants a full attendance so we can discuss all these matters and also have a group photo with a toast to Taipei Tatung Rotary club to send to them.

Taipei Tatung RC's 30th Anniversary

So far we have confirmed Keith and Dorothy Watts, Warren and Trish Walker, Michael Stephens and Denise Schellbach. I need travel and accommodation details (flights and Arrival and departure times) to send to Taipei

The Board agreed last week that our club would contribute A\$5,000 from the service fund for a joint international service project chosen by Taipei Tatung Rotary Club to mark its 30th anniversary. Phil Gresham will prepare a presentation cheque for the ceremony.

District Conference Saturday 29th March, Maroochydore RSL

- We have 3 registered so far. Phil Gresham, Tony McKinnon and Keith Watts have registered for the Saturday and Phil is the driver. Any others registered?
- The Board has nominated 2 electors for the AGM, Keith and Phil
- Agenda for the district AGM –



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>

9 May 2014
Rotary Golf Day

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?





President's Message

- o Selection of 2016 council of Legislation D 9600 rep (4 candidates PDGs John Ker, Dai Mason, Eric Wood, Rob Wylie).
- o PDG Bill Dethlefs is the D 9600 nomination for a place on the nominating committee for RI Director
- o Amendments to the District Constitution

RI Convention Sydney 4th June – register now.

Reminder Golf Day 9th.May

Secretary Michael Stephens sent the registration forms – Pres. Graeme asks all to please register now and chase up other players. \$150 per player. Entries close 2nd May.

Reminder District Awards – We should nominate for the Best Bulletin award. Any others?

Apologies: Pres. Graeme, Wal Bishop, John Charlton, Don O'Donoghue, Stan Francis, Clive Morman, Rick Tamaschke and Dinah Zhang,

Attendance 17 members and 3 club guests (Peter and Carmen Aebersold and his canine helper).

Yours in Rotary

Acting President Keith Watts

Rotary Meeting 24 March 2014

Chairman for the day PP Alistair Smith welcomed attendees to the meeting. After Rotary Grace and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International he introduced Acting President Keith Watts (in the absence of President Graeme Whitmore). PP Keith's remarks are detailed elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots:

- Rotarian Denise Schellbach advised that Opera in the Gardens was held last weekend

- Rotarian Tony McKinnon, as "Club Baccus", suggested that "bare foot bowls" plus BBQ at New Farm Bowling Club, or other suitable venue, could be an alternative to Sunday luncheon at a suburban bistro, café or restaurant. He suggested that a Sunday afternoon event to be held in mid-April. Straw poll to be taken at next week's meeting.

After a short period of Fellowship Chairman Alistair introduced the guest speaker, Peter Ingersoll, Director, K9 Helpers.

Peter spoke on the operations of the K9 Helpers organisation. He made the following points:

- He had a long association extending back to his army days;
- K9 Helpers became "factionalised" with arguments over how the group was to function;
- Rationalisation has taken place about the dogs that K9 Helpers will work with – less puppies and now mostly 18 month old dogs;
- Dogs are trained to meet particular needs to the people they are placed with – e.g., engaging street crossings and pulling people in wheelchairs up ramps;
- Cost of training a dog is between \$18,000 to \$22,000;
- Three dogs are trained at any one time;
- Four ex-servicemen with PTSD have joined so that their dogs can be certified as "PTSD dogs";
- "PTSD dogs" can have very positive effects on PTSD sufferers;
- K9 Helpers only uses "gun dogs" – golden retrievers, Labradors and spaniels – soft mouths and gentle demeanours;
- golden retrievers are good therapy dogs;

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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

7 April 2014:
TBA

14 April 2014:
TBA

Roster

31 March 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	P Caragata
Set Up/Away	G Burnett
Raffle	D Zhang
Visitor Register	P Anderson
Attendance	J Smerdon W Walker

7 April 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	A Gillespie
Set Up/Away	S Francis
Raffle	M Winders
Visitor Register	P Ryan
Attendance	J Smerdon J Ryder

14 April 2014:

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

**21 April 2014:
NO MEETING
EASTER MONDAY**



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



- “public access training” very important given current state of legislation and public policy.

Finally SAA Cam Bishop conducted a lively session with a rerun of the “shaggy dog” joke.

Raffles

Club – Michael Stevens (again – second week in a row) could only draw the 6 of clubs.

No wine raffle of a dozen bottles of Belgravia Estate Shiraz this week. Wine raffle will be back next week.

Attendance: 17 members, 2 visitors and 3 Club guests – Peter, Carmen and “Harley” Ingersoll

The meeting closed at 2.00pm.

Transforming lives in Ghana

By Walter Hughes, a member of the Rotary Club of Rocky Mount, Virginia, USA
Source: blog.rotary.org

What is it like taking a large team to Africa? It has probably been one of the most rewarding experiences in my life.



Women weave baskets at a center in Bolgatanga, Ghana. Photo courtesy of Walter Hughes

In mid February, I began leading Rotary members from all over the East Coast of the United States through Ghana. I’ve tried to give the team a warm Ghanaian welcome like I’ve received on my earlier trips. A large trip is a real blessing because each person on the team sees Ghana and our work in a different way. It is like having eighteen different eyes in which to see our work.

A highlight for the team was greeting the chief of Sagadugu. The team got excited about buying goats and food for children in the villages where I support eight churches. It was good to see the pastors of most of the eight churches, and I had to explain that we were just passing through on our way to Bolgatanga.

The vastness of the work that Rotary has done in Ghana is almost beyond imagination. We are transforming lives and making a difference. We have friendships that will last a lifetime.

We drilled two boreholes in Bolgatanga in the Upper East Region with a grant led by Past District Governor Ben Coe and Sam Purington of Watertown, New York, and funded by the Davidson County Community College Rotaract Club in North Carolina and Chatham and Rocky Mount Rotary clubs in Virginia.

We have a grant for over \$115,000 that we need funded for new and repaired boreholes near Techiman, Ghana. We also want to improve the Holy Family Hospital that services this region. We also want to continue our work to help people with Buruli Ulcer, a flesh eating disease. The Techiman Rotary Club was chartered in May 2013, but they already have a huge list of new projects.

What do you say about a journey that has changed your life? I was touched by the speech from a woman at a basket weaving center near Bolgatanga. She passionately told us that because Rotary located a well near the basket weaving center in 2009, 600 girls have the opportunity to go to school. The mothers use the income from the basket weaving to fund their daughters to go to school. I never understood that clean water could lead to a better education for girls. The woman’s speech will remain in my heart for a very long time.
