



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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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
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District Governor
Trevor Taylor

Rotary International President
Ron Burton

President's Message

Welcome back from your Xmas vacation to all Rotarians

This is my first message for the year 2014, and we all look forward to the year of continued Rotary achievements both locally, nationally and internationally.

I am sure our club will respond to all the challenges that lie in wait for us, as the world continues to throw up natural disasters, as we have seen in the USA and Europe, and humanitarian requirements for aid in the Middle East and continued aid to the Philippines.

As usual Rotary will respond with a variety of aid on the ground at short notice.

As we start the year, we reflect on our own Rotarians in need of medical care and our thoughts and prayers go out to Greg Sellers, John Charlton, Clive Morman and to Don O'Donoghue who will be going to hospital for an operation this week. We all wish them a speedy and successful recovery.

Over the Xmas break we were advised that Clive Shepherd has retired and has resigned from our club as he relocated to the Sunshine coast to take care of his wife and daughter, while it is sad to lose a member we wish Clive all the best in his continued role as carer.

We have also been notified that due to work commitments both locally and internationally Rotarian Heidi Dahles has tendered her resignation; we appreciate Heidi's work commitment and wish her every success.



What's On?

3 February:

Nev Ollis
*Former
Newspaper
Editor*

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?





President's Message

I also report that our DG Trevor Taylor is slowly recovering in Melany Hospital and rehabilitation centre. Our thoughts and prayers go to Trevor, his wife and family

On the Horizon for this year.

- Taiwan Rotary Birthday Visit Interested persons please see PP Keith Watts
- Sydney Conference
- Annual Golf Day to be held at North Lakes Resort Golf Course: (date to be advised)

NO ROTARY MEETING NEXT MONDAY 27th January as we celebrate Australia Day

Yours in Rotary

**REMEMBER: ENGAGE ROTARY
CHANGE LIVES**

President Graeme

Rotary Meeting 20 January 2014

Chairman for the day Chris Muir welcomed members to the first meeting for 2014. 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 this Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, John Smerdon provided an update on the activities of the Benevolent Fund, of which he is a Trustee. He also reported that he had consulted with Brian Carss, who has resigned from the Club and therefore also as a Trustee of the Fund. He had visited the Carss at their new home, and was happy to report that PP Marjory Carss' health had improved.

PP Bas Veal reported that he had been successful in recruiting lunchtime speakers and that the program was almost full until the end of March. There was widespread appreciation for his efforts as coordinator of the Speaker Program.

PP Keith Watts urged members to give serious consideration to attending the birthday celebrations of the Rotary Club of Taipei Tatung and the Sydney Convention later this year. As the former convenor of RCOB's Wine Committee, Keith was also happy to report that the 3 Associates wine he sourced for the Club had aged well.

Next, as there was no guest speaker, members enjoyed a period of Fellowship.

Following Fellowship, SAA Cam Bishop was in his usual good form. As it was the first meeting of the year, members were 'taxed' lightly, but he promised harsher treatment next time.

The meeting closed at 1.50pm. 16 members were present and there were no visitors.

My Rotary hat is the ultimate travel accessory

By Kate McKenzie, a member of the Rotary Club of Randwick, New South Wales, Australia

Source: blog.rotary.org



Since joining Rotary, I have discovered the ultimate travel accessory, my Rotary hat. Not only does it keep the sun off my Celtic skin, but it advertises my connection to Rotary

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

3 February 2014:

*Nev Ollis
Former newspaper editor*

10 February 2014:

To be advised

17 February 2014:

To be advised

Roster

3 February 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	P Gresham
Set Up/Away	C Muir
Raffle	R Tamaschke
Visitor Register	A McKinnon
Attendance	J Smerdon Jarrod Ryder

10 February 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	S Francis
Set Up/Away	M Mauger
Raffle	P Little
Visitor Register	P Caragata
Attendance	J Smerdon W Walker

17 February 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	Phil Little
Set Up/Away	G Holtmann
Raffle	W Bishop
Visitor Register	A Gillespie
Attendance	J Smerdon Jarrod Ryder

24 February 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	A Smith
Set Up/Away	M Kelly
Raffle	S Francis
Visitor Register	G Holtmann
Attendance	J Smerdon W Walker

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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I currently live in Sydney with my husband, but grew up on a farm in the southern part of Western Australia. It's one of the most isolated and beautiful parts of the world, but it's also what inspired me to be interested in other cultures and what led me to Rotary.

Our farm borders a national park, with flat farmland stretching for miles in front of a range of blue mountains. In the '70s, my uncle and dad decided to set up a business accommodating tourists. International visitors often arrived in the evening without food not realizing the nearest shops are a half hour away. "No worries," my dad would say, "We've got lamb roast back at our place." Our house was always full of new friends from different parts of the world. These experiences made me curious about the places our visitors came from and led me to study languages.

The year I turned 13, I went away to boarding school in Perth and had the opportunity to start learning Japanese and French. At 15, I spent 10 months in Japan on an exchange with our sister school. When I applied for Rotary Youth Exchange, I wrote on the form that I would go anywhere where they didn't speak English, and thus celebrated my 18th birthday in Argentina. One more sojourn in Japan brought my exchange total to three.

I visited several Rotary clubs over the years but at 35, when I finished my postgrad studies, I finally joined Rotary as I had always intended. A little over two years later and I am loving it!

I have always been interested in meeting new people. This is something I inherited from my dad, who could talk to anyone, in car parks, cafes, on walking paths, anywhere. Now, whenever I travel, my Rotary hat goes with me. On a recent trip to Melbourne, I ran into three Rotarians from different clubs — instant new friends!

So my challenge to you is to wear the Rotary logo big and bold whenever you go for a walk, or to the gym, or down the beach, or out and about. Wear your Rotary pin to work every day. You never know when you might run into another Rotarian or a former exchange student or youth program participant that you can invite to visit your club. Share your pictures on social media and show just how much fun you can have making friends in Rotary. And one day we may meet and I can invite you over for lamb roast.

Your entire family will enjoy Sydney Olympic Park

By Mark Maloney, chair of the Sydney Convention Committee and a member of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, USA

Source: blog.rotary.org

As chair of the Sydney Convention Committee, I am enjoying the opportunity to share the many wonderful opportunities that await Rotarians and their families in Sydney. Sydney Olympic Park may well be the best venue for a Rotary International Convention ever.



In addition to offering world-class convention and meeting facilities, Sydney Olympic Park is a holiday destination in its own right! A vast array of family-oriented activities can be found just steps from the Convention plenary hall in Allphones Arena and the Billabong House of Friendship at the Sydney Showground.

Many of these activities are free. For families with younger children, playgrounds are dotted throughout Sydney Olympic Park. There's a great one just outside the Billabong House of Friendship in Cathy Freeman Park.

The convention facilities are surrounded by 640 hectares (1,580 acres) of parklands. These natural areas offer more than 35 kilometers of bicycle trails and walking paths. One of my favorites is the Brickpit Ring Walk, an elevated 550-meter walk overlooking the habitat of the endangered Green and Golden Bell Frog. In earlier days, the brickpit was the source of the millions of clay bricks used to build Sydney. Other trails take you through wetlands and woodlands where you can view more than 180 species of birds. You can even view a shipwreck from a special platform!

Having hosted the 2000 Olympic Games, you would expect Sydney Olympic Park to offer excellent sporting and athletic facilities. And you will not be disappointed. You can play tennis on the same courts and swim in the same pools Olympic athletes competed in. The Aquatic Centre offers an indoor water park and a fully-equipped health club. You can rent a bicycle seven days a week at Bicentennial Park.

If you're feeling adventurous, sign up for a gantry tour of ANZ Stadium that takes you "above-the-scenes" along a steel mesh walkway 45 meters above the stadium turf. You can try out your skateboarding skills at the Monster Skatepark, or sign up for a Segway tour at the Newington Armory.

Australia and New South Wales offer many tourism opportunities, but you would not have to venture outside the Olympic Park to enjoy a complete family-friendly holiday. Please join me and your fellow Rotarians from around the world in Sydney as we Engage Rotary, Change Lives.
