



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

**3 September 2012**



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**GPO Box 2909  
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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	Alistair Smith
President Elect	
Imm Past President	Basil Veal
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  
Sakuji Tanaka

### President's Message

Welcome Rotarians and friends,

Firstly, many apologies for the lack of a president's message last week, I had some meetings in Melbourne that turned out to be far more extensive than originally planned. Sergeant-At-Arms Cam Bishop fined me suitably in Monday's meeting for the transgression and whilst I would like to say it won't happen again, as I will be in China on business from 8th-15th September, I'm envisaging another imminent fine. Still, in the short time available before I go I will be heeding the advice from Peter Dawson's talks on China and making sure I am versed in the ways of Taoism.

On to other matters, Madalyn Conwell, who you will recall was successful in her application to the National Youth Science Foundation, has asked for some financial assistance in attending. I understand that the total cost of the program is \$2395, but we are not necessarily expected to contribute all the funds. In addition, Maddie has offered to assist in fund raising, which is certainly something we should consider. I would appreciate any feedback members have on this, as well as suggestions for what fund raising we could perform in conjunction with Maddie. I think this is something that we could use as good PR for the club, particularly if we can be shown involving youngsters in fundraising and assisting in their education.

As previously mentioned, we have been asked to help out with a Sausage Sizzle on 8th September for the Child Protection Week Family Fun Day, which will be held at New Farm Park.

### What's On? 3 September:

**Eric Wood**  
Foundation Grant  
Program

### Date Claimers

#### 8<sup>th</sup> September:

Sausage Sizzle  
Child Protection Week Family Fun  
Day, New Farm Park

#### 9<sup>th</sup> September:

Public Relations and Media  
Training Seminar

### 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

The organisers have secured the snags for us to cook, and Mike Kelly is on the case with the barbeques. This leaves us needing volunteers for the day. I am currently booked on a 2pm flight out of Brisbane that day, so may not be able to attend, but I am trying to re-organise this and will keep members informed. In any event, please put this in your diary and let me know if you will be able to assist.

We have also been offered a collection of desks and chairs from the Mabel Park State School. We will be able to supply these to donations in kind as long as we can arrange transport. As no members have so far volunteered, I have approached mid-city as they have a man with a van, but we are having some trouble coordinating a suitable time, so if anyone can assist please let me know.

We have received a request from Juliette Carli, daughter of Lionel Carli a French Rotarian in Granville France seeking assistance in securing a six month internship starting in January 2013. Her covering letter is attached and I can supply Juliette's CV on request. If anyone can make any suggestions, please let me know.

Over the last two weeks, we have had great talks from Graham Blackman speaking about the Angel Flight program and Dr Mark Wallace discussing the Metro Recovery and Resilience Team. Despite this attendance has been disappointing, so I would appreciate it if we could put on a strong showing from Monday's meeting when Eric Wood will be speaking about the Rotary International Foundation Grant Program. In the meantime, if anyone wishes to make a contribution to the Angel Flight program you can do this directly via the website (<http://www.angelflight.org.au/>), or alternatively, please feel free to make a contribution to the Benevolent Fund, which we can then on give.

Keith Watts and myself have been working on the budget for the next 12 months, and a draft of this will be supplied to the board shortly for consideration.

Last, but by no means least, Patrick Caragata continues to work on the Young Leaders Development Program (many thanks Patrick) and a group of us will be meeting on Monday to discuss this further.

That is all for now, and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Yours in Rotary

President Alistair

## Rotary Meeting – 27 August 2012

Chairmen Mel Evans opened proceedings with the usual toasts and introduced President Alistair who welcomed members and our Guest Speaker Dr Mark Wallace. There were no other guests or visiting Rotarians.

As attendance numbers were down a little, Alistair encouraged all members present to remain in contact with absent members with a view to keeping them abreast of current projects and improving attendance numbers. Mel then called for spots – Phil Little spoke in support of the Young Leaders Development Program being development by Patrick Caragata and there was a general call for volunteers to form a team to bring this project to fruition. Lunch and fellowship followed.

Chairman Mel introduced guest speaker Dr Mark Wallace who spoke about The Centre for Trauma, Loss and Disaster Recovery within Queensland Health Department which was established in June 2011 as a jointly funded Federal and State Government response to recent natural disasters in Queensland. The service has been developed to support individuals and communities to recover from traumatic events such as floods, cyclones, severe storms and bushfires.

### ROTARY GRACE

○ 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

**10 September:**  
Fellowship

**17 September:**  
Dean Prangley

**24 September:**  
TBA

## Roster

### 3 September 2012:

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** S Dunlop  
**Set Up/Away** B Carss  
**Raffle** B Aldred  
**Visitor Register** C Morman  
**Attendance** G Whitmore

### 10 September 2012:

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** P Gresham  
**Set Up/Away** G Sellers  
**Raffle** B Veal  
**Visitor Register** P Caragata  
**Attendance** G Whitmore

### 17 September 2012:

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** TBA  
**Set Up/Away** TBA  
**Raffle** TBA  
**Visitor Register** TBA  
**Attendance** TBA

### 24 September 2012:

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** TBA  
**Set Up/Away** TBA  
**Raffle** TBA  
**Visitor Register** TBA  
**Attendance** TBA

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*secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au*



## Rotary Meeting – 27 August 2012 (continued)

It has widespread application and was designed to assist people personally, or help support their family members, friends or other people identified as not be coping well after a traumatic event.

More information can be found on the following website:

[www.health.qld.gov/recovery\\_resources/default.asp](http://www.health.qld.gov/recovery_resources/default.asp)

Sergeant at Arms Cameron Bishop extracted an appropriate level of fines from all present. Clive Mormon had the winning raffle ticket.

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### How do you decide whom to marry?

*(written by kids)*

-You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming.

-- Alan, age 10

-No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.

-- Kristen, age 10

### 2. WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then.

-- Camille, age 10

### 3. HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.

-- Derrick, age 8

### 4. WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

Both don't want any more kids.

-- Lori, age 8

### 5. WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

-Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.

-- Lynnette, age 8 (isn't she a treasure)

-On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.

-- Martin, age 10

### 6. WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

-When they're rich.

-- Pam, age 7

-The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that.

-- Curt, age 7

-The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do.

-- Howard, age 8

### 7. IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.

-- Anita, age 9 (bless you child)

### 8. HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?

-- Kelvin, age 8

### And the #1 Favorite is.....

### 9. HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck.

-- Ricky, age 10



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### My Rotary moment

*By Nick Phillips, Rotary Coordinator for Zone 20A South and a member of the Rotary Club of Eshowe, South Africa.*

RI President Sakuji Tanaka, in his August message, encourages Rotarians to share those special experiences that stand out as their "Rotary Moment." Sharing these personal stories can go much farther, sometimes, than facts and figures in attracting prospective members.

This is my Rotary moment. It is a love story as well as a Rotary success story. It describes how I was transformed from being a member of a Rotary club into being a Rotarian, a transition that has changed my life.

By 2006, I had been in Rotary for 29 years, and had served as club president, district treasurer, district governor, and district Rotary Foundation chair. During this period, I had also concentrated on developing my business and raising two beautiful daughters. But there were also painful times, including a divorce. I had been too preoccupied to get involved in hands-on community service. I was tired, under pressure, and thinking seriously about shedding extra responsibilities like Rotary.

In late August of that year, I was sitting in my office trying to catch up on work when the phone rang. The caller identified herself as Silvia, a representative of an NGO working with orphans and vulnerable children in our district. They needed help, and she asked if Rotary could meet with them. Reluctantly, I agreed, and accompanied by my club president, kept the appointment.

Silvia introduced herself and her colleagues and proceeded to tell us a bitter sweet story about working with underprivileged communities in Zululand, with fewer resources than they needed, but brimming with energy and hope. I was moved beyond words, not only by the nobility and importance of their cause but also by the charming and sincere presence of the young lady telling the story.

As the weeks went by, my Rotary club friends and I worked tirelessly to identify needs and negotiate Matching Grants to assist the project. Hours were spent talking to community members, negotiating with overseas sponsors, planning and executing the project.

And, of course, during all this time Silvia and I were working, shoulder to shoulder, to make the project a success.

As you can imagine, one thing led to another and now, I am proud to say that the project has been successfully completed — and Silvia is my wife.

So I have to say, without a shadow of a doubt, that when my telephone rang on that fateful August day, it was the start of my Rotary transformation, and remains my quintessential Rotary moment.

Source: <http://blog.rotary.org>