



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

4 May 2015



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Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
(Edinburgh Room)  
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**MONDAYS**

**12.15 pm – 1.45 pm**

### OFFICERS

President	Graeme Whitmore
President Elect	Phil Gresham
Imm Past President	Alistair Smith
Vice President	Keith Watts
Secretary	Michael Stephens
Treasurer	Warren Walker
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cameron Bishop

District 9600  
Club Number 17787  
Founded 29 May 1923

**District Governor**  
George Grant

**Rotary International President**  
Gary C K Huang

### President's Message

Welcome fellow Rotarians & Visitors

#### Speaker Comments

We had a special person speak to us today Angel Flight Pilot Michael Solomon, this organisation which is funded only by the generosity of private people making monetary contributions. No Government funding is provided, the pilots give of their time and in many cases are also the owners of the planes which they fly to help reduce the travel time of outback patients to get treatment in many cases over a long period for repeat treatment.

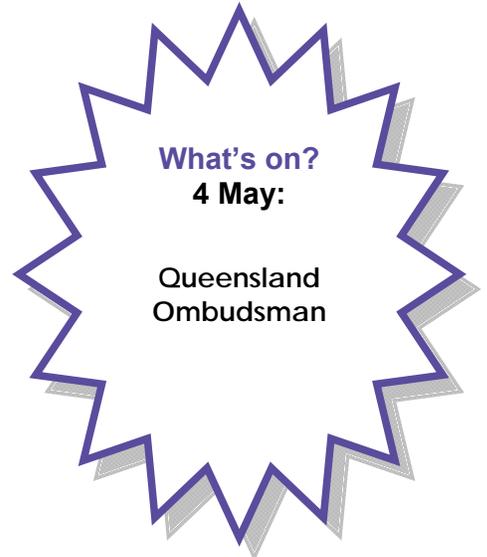
They are also supported by "Earth Angels", again persons who provide free transport from airport to the place of treatment and then return them to the airport for their return flight home. Both Angel Flight and Earth Angels representatives should be commended.

On the medical front, President Elect Phil Gresham was in hospital this week for a Hip Replacement, we wish Phil a speedy recovery. Rotarian John Smerdon returns to hospital this week for a follow up after his recent melanoma removal. We also continue to wish Rotarian Peter Anderson a speedy recovery.

A few interesting matters that have come to light this week:

#### GOLF:

GOLF is on again for 28th May (Morning game with Breakfast roll, & lunch) more details later but put this in your diary or smart phone, as we want to get to the 100 players or more this year.



**What's on?  
4 May:**

**Queensland  
Ombudsman**

### Date Claimers

**18 May 2015:**  
Steven Burroughs  
Rotoract

**28 May 2015:**  
RCOB Charity Golf  
Day at North Lakes

### 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

Any Members who have access to sponsors and suitable prizes please contact Michael Stephens or myself as soon as possible.

Some of our cash sponsors are not able to assist us this year due to the uncertainty in the market place and they have reported to me that the construction industry has seen approx. \$80 billion worth of work been deferred or put on the back burner since the elections, most professional consultants do not believe that these projects will proceed in the foreseeable future. Alternative cash sponsors are being sort at present, but if any member knows of a company or business that can help please let us know so that we can follow them up.

We have been able to secure support from some of last year's sponsors and donations for prizes but more players and contributions are urgently required. "PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN". Call: Michael Stephens or myself. If each member brought along or obtained a team of 4 to represent the member, we could achieve a full field of 144 Plus.

### Nepal Earthquake Appeal

An appeal has been lodged via RAWCS to assist with the recovery process of the recent Nepal Earthquake that has devastated the country with substantial loss of life, I will be recommending to the board and members that we make a cash contribution through District.

### Suggested Joint Meeting

On 10th July Brisbane Mid City (Friday Lunch at Brisbane Club) has a speaker from the Brisbane Airport Corporation speaking on the second runway expansion. BMC have extended an invitation to have a joint meeting and I have on behalf of our members accepted the suggestion, any member who is not happy with the arrangements, please contact me.

I thank Members for your attendance and open fellowship is appreciated

Remember: LIGHT UP ROTARY

President Graeme

## Rotary Meeting – 27 April 2015

The Chairperson for the day was Patrick Caragata. After Rotary Grace and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International, he introduced President Graeme Whitmore. Graeme's message is reported elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, Tony McKinnon thanked those RCOB members who had participated as ANZAC Day Marshals.

He also advised that Cab Sav wine will be available for tasting at the next meeting and that a social excursion could be held on the weekend of 30 – 31 May 2015....details to follow.

VP Keith Watts sought participants for the Rotary District 9600 Conference.

Phil Little mentioned a possible horticultural project.

After a short period of Fellowship, the Chair introduced the guest speaker, Michael Solomon from Angel Flight, who spoke on what the charity does and why it exists. His short talk was supported by a video and PowerPoint slides. He has flown 83 care flights to transport needy rural patients for non-emergency, chronic medical care. Angel Flight does not charge for its services and receives no government funding. 85% of donations and bequests are spent on aviation fuel, operational and maintenance expenses and 15% on administration costs. Over 18 thousand flights have been made since Phillip Brisdoe launched Angel Flight in Australia.

Following questions and discussion, Michael was presented with a memento of the occasion.

SAA Cam Bishop did not develop a theme but contented himself with numerous "dagnet" fines on the assembled gathering to expand the Club coffers.



## Calendar

**11 May 2015:**  
Fellowship

**18 May 2015:**  
*Steven Burroughs*  
Rotoract

**25 May 2015:**  
*Peter Sullivan (Rotarian)*  
Organ & Tissue Donation

**3 August 2015:**  
*Denise and Bruce Morcombe*  
Daniel Morcombe Foundation

## Roster

**4 May 2015:**  
**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** P Ryan  
**Set Up/Away** A Gillespie  
**Raffle** W Walker  
**Visitor Register** S Francis  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
D O'Donoghue

**11 May 2015:**  
**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** G Holtmann  
**Set Up/Away** J Delahunty  
**Raffle** S Dunlop  
**Visitor Register** B Veal  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
D Schellbach

**18 May 2015:**  
**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** M Evans  
**Set Up/Away** C Shepherd  
**Raffle** D Henderson  
**Visitor Register** K Watts  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
D O'Donoghue

**25 May 2015:**  
**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** A McKinnon  
**Set Up/Away** G Holtmann  
**Raffle** B Veal  
**Visitor Register** A Smith  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
D Schellbach

*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*



## Rotary Meeting – 27 April 2015

In the raffle, Keith Watts cracked “the double” with ticket D80 and the Joker. Congratulations Keith.

The meeting closed at 1.55pm

### Two of the most exciting words in Rotary

By Kenneth Solow, incoming governor of District 7620 (Maryland, USA)  
Source: Rotary International



Can you picture Dr. John Sever, member of the Rotary Club of Potomac, Maryland, asking Rotary’s 1979-1980 Board, at the request of RI President Clem Renouf, to imagine “what if” Rotary adopted the goal of a polio-free world?” The rest is history.

Recently the Zone 33-34 class of incoming district governors asked a different “what if” question. What if the Rotary districts in Zone 33-34 combined to fund an international project using a global grant from the Rotary Foundation? If they could pull it off, the financial contribution from each district would be relatively small, but the impact of their combined effort would be gigantic. The result of asking that “what if” question is the unprecedented cooperation of twenty-two districts to fund a Rotary Family Health Day in the country of Ghana in Africa next year.



Volunteers provide counseling and share information about breast cancer at a booth in Zandspruit, South Africa. Photo by Anna J Nel

With contribution from so many districts, and a grant from the Rotary Foundation, it looks like 100 percent of the \$109,000 project will be funded through the generosity of thousands of Rotary members throughout the East Coast of the United States.

Rotary Family Health Days is the brainchild of Atlanta Rotary member Marion Bunch, who has created a Rotarian Action Group called, Rotarians for Family Health and AIDS Prevention (RFHA). The group has successfully planned and carried out Family Health Days for the past five years in South Africa, Ghana, Uganda, and Nigeria. The 2015-16 Ghana project will serve an estimated 40,000 men, women, and children in urban and semi-urban areas in 40 different communities across the country. It is managed by RFHA, in partnership with 25 Ghana Rotary clubs, the Ghana Health Service, USAID, and country NGOs.

Each and every Rotarian who contributes to The Rotary Foundation in the participating districts can legitimately say they are supporting Ghana’s Rotary Family Health Day. What a great example of how districts can work together to Do Good in the World. And what a great example of what can happen when Rotarians think big, AND ask, “what if?”

### Rotary Day at UNESCO

By Kristin Brown, manager of Rotary Service Connections  
Source: Rotary International

I like to say I have one of the best jobs at Rotary because in Rotary Service Connections we are responsible for many of the programs and activities that help Rotarians connect, partner and serve to make the world a better place.

Last Saturday found me in Paris where, as part of UNESCO’s 70th anniversary celebration, the organization welcomed 400-plus Rotarians and Rotaractors from more than 20 countries for Rotary Day UNESCO. The conference highlighted Rotary’s history with UNESCO and ongoing work for peace, with particular emphasis on the role of intercountry committees (ICCs).

ICCs are cooperative relationships established between districts in two countries to promote bi-lateral communication and cooperation between Rotarians, leading to greater understanding and peace between peoples.

Eva Roehrig, a German student at Science Po in Paris, spoke movingly about her involvement since 2012 with the “Youth Parliament” sponsored by the Germany-Poland Intercountry Committee and the relationships formed between German and Polish youth at the annual event. The group recently expanded to include French youth in what Roehrig referred to as “a new Weimar triangle” that hopes to do something impactful.

Building peace through intercultural dialogue was a theme addressed by UNESCO representatives, Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary program alumni alike. Eric Falt, Assistant Director General for External Relations and Public Information, was the first of several UNESCO staff to quote the organization’s motto, “since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed.”

Andreza Zeitone came to UNESCO after completing a program as a Rotary Peace Fellow. “Changing the world is a bit difficult, but we’re on the right path,” she said, pointing out that of 889 Peace Fellow alumni, 120 are in government, 69 are professors, 64 in research and 49, including her, work for the UN.

Monique Mujawamariya, a Canadian originally from Rwanda, was particularly poignant when she pointed out that she had 10 minutes to speak about the rights of women in countries in armed conflict. She said she didn’t need ten minutes because, “in countries in armed conflict, there are no rights. Period.” She got us all on our feet when she called for everyone to “stand up against arms proliferation.”



The conference ended with the presentation of a declaration approved by RI President Gary Huang: *On this day, 4 April 2015, at Maison de l'Unesco in Paris, France, Rotarians reaffirm their commitment to sustain civil peace through Rotary's culture. This encourages loyal and fair behaviors, the respect of human rights, mutual understanding, sustainable social and economic progress, and ethical governance. All these elements help build the social cohesiveness of a country, which is a prerequisite to peace.*



RI President Gary C.K. Huang (middle) with young participants of the Rotary Day UNESCO in Paris.