



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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A global network of community volunteers

4 November 2013



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(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
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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

Apology – Due to a computer glitch the attachment containing the report of the meeting on 21-10-2013 could not be opened while I was off-line helping my son with the wheat harvest on our farm at Goondiwindi. Consequently this Bulletin has two meeting reports, thanks to the generosity of PP Alistair Smith who kindly reported on the meeting on 28-10-2013, in my absence.

Don O'Donoghue

Rotary Meeting Report 21 October 2013

Today's Chairman was Phil Gresham who introduced our Acting President PP Keith Watts. PP Keith then welcomed his guest Warren Walker. Warren is an accountant and a past member of the Redlands Bayside RC. Warren intends to become a member of our Club, and has signed part B of the membership application and PP Keith has already informed the Club membership. PP Keith also welcomed Rotarian Garry Lillcrap from the Hamilton RC, and Jerred Ryder, a Manager with St George Bank, who was a guest of Phil Gresham, and Maria Laros, who has just arrived in Brisbane from Holland, who was a guest of Michael Stevens.

In Rotary Spots PP Keith Watts asked members to vote on whether the Club wanted to run a Melbourne Cup sweep again this year. The almost universal opinion was negative so there will be no Melbourne Cup sweepstakes next month. PP Keith also spoke at length on the Rotary World Congress in Sydney from 29th of May to the 4th of June, and his report is presented in detail as the Acting President's report elsewhere in this Bulletin.



What's On?

4 November:

Job Talk

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 Report (cont.) 21 October 2013

Rotarian Gerald Holtmann presented a banner from the RC of Essen Ruhr where he made up on a recent flying visit to Germany. Gerald was impressed by the Club raising 20,000 Euros at the dinner to assist in a humanitarian relief scheme in Bhutan.

Treasurer Dougal Henderson asked members to make a special effort to attend next week's meeting as the Club's Auditor would attend to explain the Club's financial statements for the past couple of financial years as these had to be submitted to the Office of Fair Trading for approval before the 30th of October.

Dr Garry Lillicrap is member of the Hamilton RC and his classification is Medical- Ophthalmology. Garry made us aware that Rotary Polio Plus Day is celebrated this week. Polio has not yet been eliminated with over 200 new cases this year in Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan. The authorities are worried that vaccinated people can still act as carriers of the virus from places such as Israel, where the virus is still around, and bring it back to western countries. He advised members to consult with their GPs and to seriously consider having a booster shot if their immunisation was done many years ago. The main purpose of his visit was to persuade each Rotarian to make a personal contribution as a sponsor of participant in a Swimathon to be held by his Club next Saturday. Dr David Thiele was going to participate. Garry passed around a sheet for members to make a tax deductible donation and members supported it generously.

PP Wal Bishop advised members of the Rotary Christmas Cake and Pudding promotion and issued each attendee with an order form and a request to have their orders in before the end of October for delivery prior to Christmas. He also reminded members he still had 24 cases of wine to sell in the wine promotion.

There was no guest speaker this week so members then engaged in fellowship.

The SAA Cam Bishop welcomed our guests and fined those who had not kissed our lady visitor.

He fined his father Wal for not wearing his hearing aid to Rotary. Gerald Holtmann was fined for not seeking the Sergeant's permission prior to travelling home to Germany. Secretary Michael Stevens was fined for his high- end and colourful new wrist pedometer. Gerald Holtmann also admitted to having one- but Gerald's is a more sombre black version. SAA Cam informed the retailers that there were only 64 days left to Christmas. In the absence of PP Brian Carrs SAA Cam was free to extol the wonders of the well- known Sarabah Estate vineyard which currently has a resident two metre taipan. He had a wonderful petrol-head weekend as the host of both the Historic Military Vehicle Club with their old Jeeps on Saturday, and the MG Car Club on Sunday.

The raffle was won by our Rotarian visitor Garry Lillicrap, but his luck ran out when he choose the king of spades, so the jackpot is now well north of \$800. A total of 20 persons enjoyed the lunch.

Rotary Meeting Report 28 October 2013

Today's Chairman was Peter Anderson who introduced our Acting President PP Bas Veal, who stood-in for P Graeme Whitmore who is still overseas. PP Bas welcomed our guest Warren Walker, thanked Denise for her assistance with the sisters, and reminded members about the RI World Convention in Sydney next year and the 30th charter anniversary celebrations for Taipei Tatung RC, to be held in Taipei in April 2014.

After lunch, Chairman Peter called for spots. Wal protested he still had a mouthful of food, so Peter went on complement Secretary Michael for wearing a pink shirt, presumably in recognition of breast cancer awareness.

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

4 November 2013:

Job Talk - TBA

11 November 2013:

External speaker - TBA

18 November 2013:

Fellowship

Roster

4 November 2013:

President	B Carrs
Chairperson	R Tamaschke
Set Up/Away	M Evans
Raffle	P Little
Visitor Register	M Winders
Attendance	J Smerdon J Charlton

11 November 2013:

President	W Bishop
Chairperson	M Kelly
Set Up/Away	A McKinnon
Raffle	A Gillespie
Visitor Register	S Francis
Attendance	J Smerdon J Charlton

18 November 2013:

President	K Watts
Chairperson	S Dunlop
Set Up/Away	C Muir
Raffle	D Schelbach
Visitor Register	B Carrs
Attendance	J Smerdon J Charlton

25 November 2013:

President	B Veal
Chairperson	P Caragata
Set Up/Away	G Burnett
Raffle	D Zhang
Visitor Register	P Anderson
Attendance	J Smerdon J Charlton

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Rotary Meeting Report (cont.) 28 October 2013

Denise then spoke about the sisters, who have just had their 53rd operation each. They are hoping to be able come to the meeting, but in the meantime, if anyone wants to meet them or has presents, they would be appreciated. Also confessed to having sneaked off overseas where she had attended Kowloon rotary club, presenting the club with a banner to prove her attendance.

Wal then came to the lectern with bad news, that the Rotary club selling puddings had stopped, but good news that his assistant Anna had done some research and arranged orders direct from manufacturer. We need more orders for this to work, and Wal reminded us there is also wine that needs collecting. There are also 20 cases left to sell and those who have purchased a case at \$204 can order more for the bargain price of \$150 each.

Phil Little then spoke about setting up a new chapter for solar housing, before Bas went on to discuss organising speakers for the club. He mentioned that there are difficulties, so if members have any suggestions, that would be appreciated, but despite this he has lined up a few over the next couple of weeks including Warren Walker speaking about the project in PNG, Tony South who will be speaking on 11th November and Vicki Howard who will be speaking on behalf of Lord Mayor Cnr Graham Quirk. PP Alistair briefly then spoke to thank Wal Bishop for engraving the name tags for the chain of office.

Next up was Treasurer Dougal, who assured us he had five words to say about the accounts, which constituted an apology for them not being ready. Dougal promptly had to eat his words as the auditor walked in, accounts in hand, as Dougal was speaking. At this point, Dougal handed over to Phil Fitzgerald who presented a summary of the accounts.

In summary, the financials were about three years behind and in bringing these up to date, some minor issues have been identified. However, these are nothing to be concerned about and involve some adjustments on assets that may have existed. These have now been removed from the balance sheet, which is now largely cash assets. A GST refund has been received, but this may need to be adjusted depending on the GST calculation. Despite that, this should still leave an additional surplus for the club. Moving forward the GST registration has now been cancelled, so further BAS statements are no longer required.

The audit needs to be completed, but in the meantime, the financial year 11/12 statements will be provided to the office of fair trading. The accounts will then need to be voted on in an AGM, and then signed off by the board. Secretary Michael asked members to vote to accept the report and accounts as presented, and members voted unanimously in favour.

At this point the author would like to apologise as his rather limited amount of financial knowledge meant that despite Phil speaking in a clear and eloquent manner, all he heard was blah, blah, blah, blah.... Consequently any inaccuracies in the reporting above are entirely the responsibility of the author.

Treasurer Dougal asked for vote of thanks to Phil, and indicated that the club financials will be in a much cleaner state moving forward. Chair Peter then called for a vote of thanks for Dougal for his efforts.

The report and rounds of thanks left very little time for the Sergeant, who quickly thanked Warren for coming to the meeting and Phil for taking up his time. The Sergeant referred to the bikies still causing trouble, going on to fine all those driving a car. He then mentioned that as it was the V8s on the Gold Coast at the weekend, there would also be a fine for anyone driving a V8 or above, including Wal's V12.

After the usual smattering of appalling jokes, Peter Anderson won the raffle, but as Cam didn't have the cards, no joker was drawn and Peter was left with a bottle of Sarabah estate wine for consolation. Sergeant Cam highlighted Denise's efforts with the twins and suggested members contribute for food or toys.

PP Bas then closed the meeting, which was attended by fifteen members, one guest and an accountant.
