



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

7 April 2014



**The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.**

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Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
(Edinburgh Room)  
of the Brisbane Club  
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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

Your Wounded Warrior has returned and hopefully the last of my absences until the end of my Presidency. I would like again to thank VP Keith Watts for standing in for me during my absence, and keeping the ship on a straight and narrow path. Well done Keith.

I thank the members for attending today and great to see Don O'Donoghue back today, and while the numbers were not particularly high given that we had scheduled a membership discussion, it is appreciated that five of our regulars remain in recovery mode or had business commitments and lodged apologies.

A special mention must go to the continuing great work that Denise Schellbach undertakes with and for ROMAC. In the past 7 days has seen Denise send a recovering young boy back overseas, and receive two more small children from Nauru, one for a heart operation and one for additional medical treatment, and is awaiting advice on the pending arrival from Africa. Denise should be commended for her undying love and attention to these children in.

The Clubs visit to Taipei Tatung is closing in and we have a group of six including partners attending the 30th Anniversary Dinner representing our club.

District conference was held last weekend and 3 members attended, and a report is noted I the meeting minutes.

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## 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

I have raised the issue recently on the new Privacy laws that came into effect 12th March 2014, in particular to our member's personal data held on club records and distributed to members. As our current data was pre March, I requested discussion and resolution on our compliance. The Outcome of this review is contained in the meeting minutes.

Computers4kids has recommenced operation at Ernshaw College, Tufnel Rd. Banyo on the 3rd April. Phone 0414 792 251. For those businesses contemplating replacing computers at the end of the financial year, do not just throw them out, give them to COMPUTER4KIDS, They will clean out hard drives and other data that you may have left inside before repairs and sending on to children in need.

**Finally GOLF DAY 9th May 2014, Urgently need names of players and their entry forms AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to confirm numbers to Golf Club.**

**WE also need sponsorship and or goods for the daily prizes and for Multi draw Raffle table.**

**If each member arranged one team of 4 payers we would have 160 players, that would be great, but Michael Stephens and I will settle for 100**

**PLEASE DO YOUR BIT FOR THE CLUB AS THIS IS ONE OF OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISERS**

Yours in Rotary

President Graeme

## Rotary Meeting 31 March 2014

Chairman for the day Michael Stephens welcomed members to the meeting. 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 the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, Rick Tamaschke detailed new editorial arrangements for RCOB's weekly Bulletin. He was happy to do the editing but asked for volunteers to help with taking RCOB meeting minutes on a rotating basis. Clive Shepherd and Max Winders agreed to help. Also, as Tony McKinnon had done an excellent job of minute taking during Rick's recent absence, it was hoped that he would join the team. If necessary, this arrangement would enable the editing to be performed remotely, as had been demonstrated with all of the March issues.

Phil Gresham reported on the District Conference that was held last weekend. Phil and PP Keith Watts had been nominated as RCOB's electors, and they were joined by Tony McKinnon. In Phil's opinion the Conference was 'great'...very good speakers mainly on community issues. There was also some emphasis on re-invigorating Rotary membership. He thanked PP Keith for 'showing the way'. Overall a very worthwhile experience and he encouraged other members to consider attending next year.

There was no guest speaker this week and the focus of the remainder of the meeting was on membership and on freedom of information issues. Chairman Michael led the discussions.

On membership, concern was expressed that a number of members appear not to have paid their dues. As RI was charging fees for all members 'on the books' (financial and non-financial), potentially non-financial members were costing RCOB a good number of dollars a year. Treasurer Dougal Henderson promised to provide precise numbers on non-financial members at the next meeting.

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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

**14 April 2014:**  
*Fellowship*

**21 April 2014:**  
*Job Talk*

## Roster

**7 April 2014:**

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

**14 April 2014:**

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

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



**28 April 2014:**

<b>President</b>	G Whitmore
<b>Chairperson</b>	W Bishop
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	J Ryder
<b>Raffle</b>	A McKinnon
<b>Visitor Register</b>	D Schelbach
<b>Attendance</b>	J Smerdon J Charlton

*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*



Pages 11-12 of RCOB's Constitution and By-Laws are quite clear on what procedures should be followed for non-financial members (see the 'Club Rules' menu of RCOB's webpage) and the mood of the meeting was to enforce these procedures after first contacting the persons involved by telephone. PP Wal. Bishop and Secretary Michael Stephens volunteered to make the phone calls. In the final analysis, if a membership was terminated the person concerned could plead a case to have the membership re-instated once all dues had been paid.

On freedom of information, there was wide ranging discussion on the amount of detail that should be provided in RCOB's Book of Members. There was some support for a 'minimalist approach' (name, picture, email, phone number and classification). Others suggested that much more detail should be provided. As a result of the discussion, Secretary Michael Stephens agreed to send a spreadsheet to members and leave it to each member to decide how much information to include beyond the requirements of the 'minimalist approach'. The resultant information should be readily available to members...ideally on the RCOB website with password protected access.

SAA Cameron Bishop again provided a lively session. He had recently crossed paths with RCOB's former SAA Tony Love. Tony was of the view that fines should average about \$5 per member at each meeting, and Cam fined accordingly. Rick Tamaschke won the raffle...but the joker is still in the pack.

The meeting formally closed at 2pm. 18 members and one guest were present.

After the meeting, members posed for a photograph to be presented at the Taipei Tatung 30th Anniversary celebrations.

### Explore Sydney, New South Wales with free transit pass

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

Source: Extract from [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)



One of the unique benefits for the Sydney Convention is the free transit pass offered to each convention registrant by the New South Wales Government. This pass will permit convention attendees to travel throughout most of the State of New South Wales without cost.

The New South Wales Government wants convention attendees to fully explore all that New South Wales has to offer. This complimentary transit pass provides all Rotarians with the opportunity to see as much as they wish to see. Take advantage of this tremendous convention benefit and join your fellow Rotarians from around the world in Sydney as we Engage Rotary, Change Lives.

### You are never too young to change the world

By RI Director Celia Elena Cruz De Giay, Rotary Club of Arrecifes, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

When RI President Ron Burton asked me to convene one of his five Presidential New Generations Conferences, I was thrilled with the idea. I know firsthand the potential our youth represent, especially after accompanying my husband, Luis Vicente, as President of Rotary International in 1996-97, as we took part in 21 Presidential Conferences for New Generations around the world that year. Luis' vision for youth set the stage for Rotary International's support of

New Generations and the creation of Rotary clubs composed of young people.

So, I accepted the responsibility, appointed a dedicated group of Rotarians from District 4940 to organize the event, and we worked intensely for a year to plan the conference for 15 March in Rosario, Argentina. When the day arrived, our dream became reality as more than 1,600 new generations representatives from 29 different countries attended.

President Ron met with many young people as he presided over the conference, exchanging ideas and sharing his experiences and asking about theirs. Many Rotary members also shared, and we were all inspired by what we heard.



RI Director Celia Elena Cruz De Giay (left) and RI President Ron Burton recognize Lucia Gomez Garcia during the Presidential New Generations Conference in Rosario, Argentina.

One young speaker in particular stood out. Lucia Gomez Garcia, only 9 years old, shared this with us:

*"Many people may think that kids our age are too young to change the world. Then I ask: At what age should we start? School has not taught that to me. Should we be more than 30 years old? Maybe people aged 18 to 30 could do it? Perhaps adolescents between 12 and 17 could do it?"*



*Let's have a look at the example of Malala Yuosafzay. She was only 13 when she claimed freedom of education for women in Pakistan. Last year, speaking at the United Nations she said: 'A child, a teacher, a pencil and a book can change the world.'*

*My idea to CHANGE THE WORLD is that Rotary increasingly continues to support New Generations. We are kids, do small things, but working with other kids our age, we can generate similar ideas in other people and achieve results that will allow us to realize that IT IS POSSIBLE to change the world for the better.*

*If you remember, when you were kids and you were asked what you wanted to be when older, you said: firefighter, police officer, doctor, teacher. You naturally chose service-oriented professions. So, young people and Rotary leaders, you have the keys in your hands, so that when you ask a child what he or she wants to be when they grow up, they can answer: "I want to be a Rotarian."*

Speeches like this touched our hearts and made us more aware of why we need to give prominence to youth in Rotary. Our Presidential New Generations Conference will be remembered as an excellent opportunity to strengthen the bonds between Rotary and young people and to share with them a common aspiration to work for a better world.

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