



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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*A global network of community volunteers*

**8 April 2013**



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**GPO Box 2909  
Brisbane Qld 4001**

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
(Edinburgh Room)  
of the Brisbane Club  
Post Office Square  
241 Adelaide Street  
Brisbane

**MONDAYS**

**12.15 pm – 1.45 pm**

### OFFICERS

President	Alistair Smith
President Elect	Graeme Whitmore
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

This week's message is a real mixed bag, with some positive and I'm afraid to say, some very, very sad news.

For those of you present at the last meeting, you will know that Greg Sellars has been diagnosed with cancer. Unfortunately, having seen a specialist, the prognosis is not good, and as a result Greg has been advised he only has a few months left to live. Despite this, Greg is in good spirits and is currently finishing off at work, which I think speaks volumes about his selflessness, dedication and commitment, traits which have been ever present in Greg's involvement with Rotary. On behalf of the club, we have invited Greg and his wife Susan to come along for a meeting if they are able, so we can thank Greg for his years of service, but at this stage it looks unlikely he will be able to attend. Even so, I know Greg greatly values the phone calls and message of support from our members, so I would encourage members to keep in touch with Greg, and in the meantime, for those who feel minded our prayers for him would be appreciated.

Moving on to more positive news, Past President Mike Mauger passed on some information to me regarding Rocelyn Higana, a Rotary ROMAC patient from December 2007, who I understand was assisted in part by our club. The information included a recent photograph, taken towards the end of her graduating year at high school, showing the improvement since her original surgery. Rotary have kindly arranged to bring Rocelyn to Australia again when her schooling is fully complete, for some local bone grafting to rectify her slightly asymmetrical appearance.



## Date Claimer

**Wednesday  
5 June 2013**

Celebration of the  
**90th Anniversary  
of the Charter  
of the Rotary  
Club of Brisbane**

### 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)



At the last meeting we were also able to induct another new member, Dinah Zhang and a photo from the induction is below. We are also hoping to induct Kevin Cocks AO in the coming weeks, making this four new members for the year so far!



In other news, I will be attending the official unveiling of the city hall restoration honour board on Friday 5 April, at which our contribution to the fund will be acknowledged, as well as the official city hall re-dedication ceremony on Saturday 6 April. On Monday I will also be attending a reception at Government House to celebrate 80 years of service by Montrose Access supporting Old children and young adults with disabilities and their families.

On a final note, I would like to thank the helpers for the Twilight Running Festival. Our assistance was greatly appreciated by the organisers, even if the event ultimately had to be cancelled mid-way through due the storms (and not our parking expertise I'm pleased to say).

That is all for this week, and I look forward to joining you on Monday.

Yours in Rotary

President Alistair

## Rotary Meeting 25 March 2013

The Chairman of the day was our new member Tony McKinnon who handled the job very professionally.

He introduced P Alistair who apologised for not attending our meeting last week as he was giving a lecture at QUT. P Alistair welcomed visiting Rotarians Russell Postle, who has a 100% attendance for the Rotary year to date, and our now regular visitor Vlad Robu from Balmoral RC. P Alistair also welcomed as a guest Stuart Thompson from the Australian Tax Office. P Alistair thanked Wal Bishop, Chris Muir, Tony McKinnon and Don O'Donoghue who joined him as Traffic Marshals at the U of Q campus on Sunday morning prior to the Twilight Run on Sunday evening. Little did we know that the run would have to be abandoned due to a violent storm that struck St Lucia at dusk during the run, resulting in one unfortunate runner being very seriously injured by a falling tree behind St Leo's College. P Alistair made a last call for anyone interested in tickets for the Bolshoi Ballet on the night prior to our Anniversary Dinner in May to contact him. P Alistair informed the meeting that our long time member Greg Sellars has just been diagnosed with a serious lung cancer with secondaries in his brain. I spoke to Greg at home on the phone on Wednesday the 27th of March. He is currently having radiation treatment at the Wesley on an out-patient basis.

In Rotary Spots Graeme Whitmore said the bookings for the Golf Day on the 15th of May were going well. More sponsors would be welcome. Phil Little said that new member Tony McKinnon was a dark horse in the golfing stakes and would surprise everyone on the day.

### 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

**8 April 2013:**  
TBA

**15 April 2013:**  
Fellowship

**5 May 2013:**  
Golf Day

## Roster

### 8 April 2013:

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** P Anderson  
**Set Up/Away** C Shepherd  
**Raffle** J Worrell  
**Visitor Register** P Dawson  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
G Whitmore

### 15 April 2013:

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** C Muir  
**Set Up/Away** D Smith  
**Raffle** R Tamaschke  
**Visitor Register** C Shepherd  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
G Whitmore

### 22 April 2013:

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** P Little  
**Set Up/Away** M Kelly  
**Raffle** M Evans  
**Visitor Register** A Gillespie  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
G Whitmore

### 29 April 2013:

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** B Carss  
**Set Up/Away** C Muir  
**Raffle** M Kelly  
**Visitor Register** A McKinnon  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
G Whitmore

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*secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au*



Tony McKinnon reported that he had attended the last meeting of the Brisbane Probus Club on the 4th Thursday of the month and that he hoped to forge further links between Brisbane Probus and our Club. As there was no guest lecturer the main business of the meeting was to induct Diana Zhang as a new member of our Club. Diana is a Lawyer and has been a regular guest over many weeks and the addition of another female member was enthusiastically welcomed by the members.

SAA Cam Bishop welcomed our guests and our new member Diana. He cracked a terrible joke about road reports on the radio featuring the movements of cows on country roads for which he paid a fine. The raffle was won by Stan Francis. A total of 22 attended the lunch.

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**RI President's message - April, 2013**

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Rotary is an international organization, and when I travel for Rotary, I usually speak in English. But it has been a long time since my last English exam, and when I am working in Evanston, I always have a Japanese interpreter. It is important to understand every word of the meetings, and it is important as well that the staff understand what I am saying.

It was a new experience for me to speak Japanese to a group, and then hear my words spoken in English. Even now, I find it interesting. I hear new ways of expressing myself in English, and I also have a small glimpse of what it must be like not to speak Japanese.

But perhaps the most interesting moment came early on in my year as president-elect, when I was in a meeting with Rotary staff members. To be sure that we could communicate well, I had with me a Japanese interpreter. I spoke in Japanese, and she interpreted what I said into English. We had a pleasant and productive meeting.

After it was over, one member of the staff came up to me and asked, "There is one word I heard you use many times in Japanese. I would like to know what it means. What is the word ichiban?" I told her that ichiban in Japanese does not convey any philosophy or complicated thought. It simply means to be the best.

But it made me think. Of all the words I had used in Japanese, of all the words she had heard over and over, this was the word she had heard the most. I did not realize I had used it so often. But for me, that one word, ichiban, is essential to how I feel about my job as a Rotarian, and as president of RI.

For me, Rotary service means being ichiban. It means doing your best, and being the best you can be. It means working as hard as you can – not for yourself, but for others. It means achieving as much as you can, to make other people's lives better.

In the dictionary, ichiban means "best." But in Rotary, "best" means something different. It means bringing Service Above Self into all of your thinking. It means looking at your own effort, not in terms of what it costs you, but in terms of what it can give. In this way, we are inspired to do so much more. It is our job to see to it that our Rotary service is ichiban – so that we do the most we can to build Peace Through Service.

**Sakuji Tanaka**  
**RI President**

Source : Rotary International  
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**ADS**

Sign over a Gynaecologist's Office:  
"Dr. Jones, at your cervix."  
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In a Podiatrist's office:  
"Time wounds all heels."  
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On a Septic Tank Truck:  
Yesterday's Meals on Wheels  
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On a Plumber's truck:  
"We repair what your husband fixed."  
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On another Plumber's truck:  
"Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."  
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On a Church's Bill board:  
"7 days without God makes one weak."  
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At a Tyre Store  
"Invite us to your next blowout."  
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On an Electrician's truck:  
"Let us remove your shorts."  
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In a Non-smoking Area:  
"If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."  
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On a Maternity Room door:  
"Push. Push. Push."  
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At an Optometrist's Office:  
"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."  
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On a Taxidermist's window:  
"We really know our stuff."  
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On a Fence:  
"Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive!"  
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At a Car Dealership:  
"The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."  
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Outside a Car Exhaust Store:  
"No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."  
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In a Vets waiting room:  
"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"  
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In a Restaurant window:  
"Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up."  
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In the front yard of a Funeral Home:  
"Drive carefully. We'll wait."  
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And don't forget the sign at a RADIATOR SHOP:  
"Best place in town to take a leak."  
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Sign on the back of yet another Septic Tank Truck:  
"Caution - This Truck is full of Political Promises"

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