



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

8 December 2014



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

**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

Bas Veal: no further comments from Bas but all members wish him a speedy recovery.

Don O'Donoghue was back at Rotary today but must keep out of the sun for a while, great to see you back Don.

Stan Francis: Stan rang me to say that he was back in hospital with a few hopefully minor problems; he sounded his usual outgoing attitude. Members wished Stan also a speedy recovery as we approach the festive season.

Our Speaker today, was Dick Cjiffers, from Journeys worldwide, very interesting range of travel options.

Again just a friendly reminder that members should read the bulletin and attend where the roster has given them a job for the day!!!

The following general business items were referred today:

- The BBQ at BP Refinery was held on Tues 2nd Dec, and thanks goes to Clive Keith Denise and Max for their assistance in making this a rewarding club event, thanks must also go to Jarrod Ryder from St George Bank for arranging the BBQ trailer at short notice.
- Xmas Cakes & pudding orders are currently being taken by Rtn Dougal Henderson get your order in now, as the club and the Rotary Foundation receives cash benefits.
- Our turn to help load containers for DIK was scheduled for Sat 6th Dec and thank you for the eight members that indicated their attendance on Monday last.



**What's on?  
8 December:**

**The Hon. Teresa  
Gambaro**  
*Federal Member  
for Brisbane*

### Date Claimers

**8th December:  
RCOB Annual General  
Meeting'**

### 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

- A final report was received during the week from The Drought Relief Campaign, the district clubs contributed a total of \$26,818 cash which was turned into vouchers for the farmers to be used in the local business community, a Win Win situation. Goods and clothing from clubs and other was also acknowledged and have been distributed on an as needs basis. Our contribution was clearly identified and recognised.
- We have received two further requests for scholarship monies for two students through Brisbane youth Service, and these will be processed in the immediate future.
- AGM scheduled for inclusion with lunch meeting Monday 8th December 2014. All members are requested to attend on that day and vote as required.
- **This week's speaker is The Hon Teresa Gambaro, Federal Member for Brisbane, separate notice also sent out. Please attend this meeting**

Yours in Rotary

**Remember: LIGHT UP ROTARY**

**President Graeme**

## Rotary Meeting – 1 December

Chairman for the day was Clive Shepherd. After Rotary Grace and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International, he introduced President Graeme Whitmore. Graeme's message is included elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, Dougal Henderson reminded members of the Xmas cakes and puddings and that payment is now required.

Denise Schellbach reminded members that she was doing Eddie's Van from 15 December to end of January and would appreciate assistance. Further information is attached.

After a short period of Fellowship the Chair introduced the guest speaker, Dick Cijffers from Journeys Worldwide.

Dick has been in the travel industry for some 40 years and gave an entertaining talk on some of his experiences. Among other matters, he mentioned that Michael Palin was due to visit next year, that electronic visas were now available to the USA, India and Sri Lanka, that frequent flyer points were often hard to utilise, and that a major focus of his business was on specialty tours, such as to areas where there was a total eclipse of the Sun. These tours were of interest to astronomers and general tourists. Finally Dick was presented with a memento of the occasion. (Note: Interested members may find Dick at 333 Adelaide Street on the 7th floor.)

The Sergeant extracted his usual dues despite a terrible joke. James Delahunty won the raffle but the Joker is still in the pack...an additional incentive for attending next week's meeting.

The meeting closed at 2pm.

## Information for Members Who Have Volunteered to Help Staff Eddie's Van

By Brian Carss

EDDIE'S VAN IS A VAN BELONGING TO ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE GREGORY TERRACE (the school is affectionately known as 'TERRACE').

I/we drive each morning to Albert Park on Wickham Terrace and prepare a barbecue a breakfast for the people in need in our local area, who are less fortunate than ourselves. We offer friendship and fellowship as well as breakfast and provide donated clothing and miscellaneous items etc. etc.



## Calendar

**19 January 2015:**

BJ from Nepal

**2 February 2015:**

Lady Mayoress Anne Quirk  
*Speaking about Foundation H (Hope)*

**9 February 2015:**

Dr John Arvier  
*Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery*

## Roster

**8 December 2014:**

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	K Watts
Set Up/Away	J Ryder
Raffle	A McKinnon
Visitor Register	P Little
Attendance	J Smerdon D O'Donoghue

**15 December 2014:**

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	W Bishop
Set Up/Away	P Caragata
Raffle	W Walker
Visitor Register	S Dunlop
Attendance	J Smerdon D O'Donoghue

**22 December 2014:**



**19 January 2015:**

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	TBA
Set Up/Away	TBA
Raffle	TBA
Visitor Register	TBA
Attendance	J Smerdon D O'Donoghue

*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*



This is my eleventh year of being involved and I know many of the 'regular' customers, especially as I live at Spring Hill.

I sincerely thank all friends who are able to assist me with this community project.

The Van is housed at -

**Waterford Place  
Corner Water & Quarry Streets  
Spring Hill**

Entrance is at the roller-door facing Water Street.  
Free parking in side streets is not a problem at this time of day.

**Starting time is 0615 at latest and finishing time approximately 0815.**

We prepare all necessary equipment at Waterford Place before driving to Wickham Terrace.

After we finish at Albert Park we return to Waterford Place and wash and clean up and then I organise everything for the following morning.

**The Van leaves Waterford Place promptly at 0630.**

The Van unfortunately cannot wait for latecomers because of time restraints.

Four (4) people is normally enough but the Van can accommodate six (6) people.

If any person is wanting to change or cancel their place on the roster, **please note it is ESSENTIAL to notify me prior to the day on 3832-0767 or mobile 0417 632-052** so as I can make alternative arrangements.

Please contact me on email dschellbach@bigpond.com or phone on 3832-0767, mobile 0417 632-052 to include you on the roster.

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**Climbing Mount Olympus to eradicate polio**

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

In September, I joined two fellow Rotary members in Greece, Vassilis Papagiannis and Spyros Gravellas, in climbing Mount Olympus to raise money and awareness for polio eradication.

Almost three-decades ago, Rotary promised to eradicate polio, and we intend to keep our promise. Even though Greece has been polio-free for more than two decades, I still remember close family friends who were disabled by polio. I have four children, and I know that until polio is eradicated from the world, it remains a threat to children everywhere. So offering our children a polio-free world is the least we can do.



Clubs throughout northern Greece helped publicize our climb and collect donations, which totalled more than \$4,000 for PolioPlus. We reached Olympus' highest peak, Mytikas, at 2,919 meters (9,570 feet) on 20 September following seven hard hours of mountain trekking. We celebrated by raising banners and the flags of clubs who had helped us. After spending the night at Christos Kakalos, the highest refuge on the mountain, we returned to our base camp at Litochoro, having covered 27 kilometers (16.77 miles) on the "Mountain of Gods" in just two days.

For my fellow climbers and I, it was an incomparable experience. We thank everyone who helped our effort. But you don't have to climb a mountain to help us end polio. Please consider one of the many ways you can join our fight to rid the world of this crippling disease, and keep our promise to the world.

**About the author:** Kostas Karvounis is governor of Rotary District 2484, which includes Northern Greece. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Corfu International.

**No better place to be nurtured than the family of Rotary**

By Ahmed Yusuf Omer, immediate past president of the Rotaract Club of Habesha, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

There is an Ethiopian saying, "50 lemons are heavy for one man but are a treat for 50 men."

Dissatisfied with the opportunities I saw around me to give back to my community and repay the debt I felt I owed for the blessings I had received, I joined the Rotaract Club of Habesha in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The club was chartered in 2007, and like all Rotaract Clubs, gives members an opportunity to lead and support service projects, while building their personal and professional skills.

Young leaders are ideally suited to come up with ground-breaking, unconventional and revolutionary ideas that can solve some of our society's longstanding problems. Of course, these ideas must be balanced by the experience of those who have gone before. I find this balance wonderfully achieved in the relationship between Rotaract clubs and their sponsoring Rotary Club. As Rotaractors, we have always received advice and support from our sponsoring Rotary Club of Addis Ababa East. We in turn support them with fresh and innovative ideas and approaches. The relationship is two way, with a common objective, to put Service Above Self.

My club has provided scholastic material to more than 500 children for the past six years under the project name "Equip a Child." Children are our future, and lack of proper education material is among the five leading causes of school dropout in my country, according to a UNICEF report. As always, we received advice and support from our mother club.

We have turned this idea around to provide mentoring for youth in the dynamic Interact Club of Nativity Girls School. They have surprised us with their eagerness and determination. The current president has established a public library through her own initiative. One Rotarian noted at the dedication of the library in July of 2013, "My daughter has done what I was planning to do for a long time."



The Rotary family is the best place to grow and be nurtured. I earnestly advise any youth around the world and in my home country of Ethiopia who genuinely wants to change his or her community to find the nearest Rotary family and join now. May peace be upon you.



Dedication of a new library in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.