



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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*A global network of community volunteers*

**8 July 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	Graeme Whitmore
President Elect	
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  
Dai Mason

Rotary International President  
Sakuji Tanaka

### President's Message

Welcome Rotarians and friends

This is my first "President's Message" for the new Rotary year. As incoming President I wish to thank all our members for selecting me as your new President, I trust I will achieve your expectations.

After two years of Past Presidents Alistair's reign, it will be a hard act to follow, and I thank Alistair for his kind words at Change over, and assistance in getting the club in fine heart ready for my year.

As I stated, this club is ready to take on the challenges required by Rotary International, and to continue with the projects that have commenced and are ongoing.

Due to the efforts in fund raising last year the club is in a great financial position to also take on some new projects, and these, while still subject to board approval, will include the re-ignition of our long ago efforts at "Montrose" home, and a review of our options with "Mantel Corporation" in their quest for independent living accommodation in pursuit of preventative mental health & care issues in our society

Our Hardy annual of Membership continues to be a pressing issue and my challenge to all our club members is to replace themselves by the introduction of a new member, thereby doubling our club numbers. In theory this should be easy, as each member is only required to bring one more person into the world of Rotary and service within our club.

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**What's On?  
8 July:**

**Dinah Zhang  
Job Talk**

### 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

My first formal duty was the induction of a PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP awarded to Past President Alistair for his Service and Commitment to our Club, Congratulations Alistair you definitely deserve it, a 'thanks' must also go to Alistair's partner Louise for her support of our Past President in the past 2 years.

Yours in Rotary and remember.  
ENGAGE ROTARY, CHANGE LIVES

Yours in Rotary

## President Graeme

### Rotary Meeting – 1 July 2013

As this was a special change over meeting to welcome the new President, the SAA Cam Bishop was the Chairman. He welcomed our outgoing P Alistair Smith. P Alistair welcomed our guests-Jayahre Thakur from San Ramon RC California, ADG Leisa Bateson from Fortitude Valley RC, and nearly forgot to introduce Alistair's partner Louise Grayson. ADG Leisa proposed a special toast to Rotary International.

In Rotary Spots Tony McKinnon reminded any member who had not yet completed his survey to see what wine they preferred, and at what price range they would buy, to contact him so they could progress the wine promotion.

PP Keith Watts advised members that they could access the new District Directory and read the Constitution on line. He advised members that Qantas currently had specials on premium economy tickets to Taiwan, and our Club members should seriously consider going to celebrate the 30th Anniversary Celebrations of our sister club of Taipei Tatung on the 10th of April 2014.

Phil Little spoke to remind us of the importance of the work done by Boystown and the Brisbane Youth Service in getting gainful employment for disadvantaged members of our society.

Chairman Cam then called on P Alistair to report on his year as President. P Alistair detailed some of the highlights of a successful year. The Club was in a strong financial position due to the success of the Brian Carss Grange wine raffle and the Golf Day. The Club accounts were nearly up to date. The Club's Benevolent Fund expected a refund from the Taxation department. We were able to contribute \$25,000 to the City Hall restoration fund and continue with our financial support of Brisbane Youth Service. The Club's Constitution will be updated by PP Keith Watts. With membership, while we have recently lost four members, we have had enough new members join to maintain about the same number as before. We must all work to encourage new members. Fellowship within the Club is strong with highlights during the year being our Club's trip to Sarabah Vineyard, hosted by SAA Cam and Toni Marie, our visit to the Bolshoi Ballet and the Lord Mayor's Reception for the RC of Taipei Tatung. P Alistair thanked all the members of the Board and singled out Michael Kelly and Keith Watts for their help with the visit of our sister Club from Taiwan, Brian Carss for his generosity with the Grange wine, Michael Stephens for his hard work as Secretary, and Dougal Henderson our Treasurer.

P Alistair then announced that the Club had honoured the following members with Paul Harris Fellowships – **Clive Mormon** - for his generosity and service and loyalty to the Club. Clive was unwell and unable to attend lunch and his award will be presented the next time he attends a meeting.

**SAA Cam Bishop** for his selfless promotion of Sarabah Vineyard, his generosity, and the great work he does, week after week, entertaining us in his difficult job as Sergeant at Arms.

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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

**15 July 2013:**  
TBA

**22 July 2013:**  
Fellowship

**29 July 2013:**  
Job Talk

## Roster

### 8 July 2013:

**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairman** C Shepherd  
**Set Up/Away** B Veal  
**Raffle** W Bishop  
**Visitor Register** H Dahles  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
J Charlton

### 15 July 2013:

**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairman** J Worrell  
**Set Up/Away** K Watts  
**Raffle** S Francis  
**Visitor Register** G Holtmann  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
T McKinnon

### 22 July 2013:

**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairman** P Anderson  
**Set Up/Away** C Shepherd  
**Raffle** P Gresham  
**Visitor Register** K Cocks  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
J Charlton

### 29 July 2013:

**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairman** R Tamaschke  
**Set Up/Away** M Evans  
**Raffle** P Little  
**Visitor Register** M Winders  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
T McKinnon

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*secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au*



**PP Wal Bishop** - for his generous support of all Club activities over a very long period.

**Don O'Donoghue** - for his work on our Club's weekly Bulletin.

**Stan Francis** - for being the first to volunteer for any practical job where the Club needs assistance.

**John Charlton** - for his back room job of doing the banking after each meeting for as long as anyone can remember.

**PP Brian Carss** for his long history of service in all areas of our Club's activities, and for his generosity in the highly successful Grange wine raffle.

**President Elect Graeme Whitmore** - for his long service on the front desk, his efforts in organising guest speakers, and his involvement in our Golf Days.

P Alistair then inducted Graeme Whitmore as President of the RC of Brisbane by handing over the Chain of Office. P Graeme said he joined Rotary in 2002 after meeting PP Keith Watts through business. Graeme is originally from New Zealand. As President he said he was very happy to take advice from members. Currently the Club has 41 members. Of these 3 are Honorary and 16 are Exempt from the attendance rules. Of our members about 22 do not attend regularly. It is difficult to do things with low membership numbers. He challenged each current member to introduce one new member during the coming year to double our membership. He thanked our current hard working Secretary Michael Stephens for all his efforts. He mentioned the good publicity generated by the South Toowoomba RC's involvement in the restoration of the old butter factory at Grantham that featured in the TV news last week end, and hoped we could get someone involved in PR for our Club. He mention that he intended to ask the Board to look at reconnecting with Montrose Access again after a separation of many years .He would like to get graduates of the Brisbane Youth Service scholarships to speak to our Club about their experience. He wanted our Club to offer support to Patrick Caragata's Emerging Leaders initiative in the coming year. The Club would also follow up the recent presentation we had from Prof. Ross Young from the organisation Mantle, to provide low cost housing for persons suffering from serious chronic mental illness.

He would also like to restart the programme we used to have of organising theatre nights and social gatherings involving partners outside Rotary meetings to improve fellowship. At the conclusion of his address P Graeme presented PP Alistair Smith with a Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of a job well done, particularly when PP Alistair had stepped in to take on a second year as President, on top of his already busy professional life. The presentation was followed by prolonged applause.

SAA Cam was in fine form with a joke about reducing the wealth of elderly men who may be tempted to seek younger partners. He fined all the newly appointed Paul Harris Fellows and PP Alistair for nearly forgetting to welcome Louise. He echoed everyone's sentiments in thanking PP Alistair for the outstanding job he did in his two years as President. The raffle was won by that serial raffle winner John Smerdon, but even John could not pull out the joker, and had to be content with the bottle of wine. The cash jackpot for the raffle now stands at \$514. A total of 25 enjoyed a busy and informative meeting.

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### Past Presidents Message

Welcome Rotarians and friends

I would like to take the opportunity of one last message to thank club members for their support over the last two years. Being President of the club has not only been a great honour, but has also been a pleasure and extremely rewarding experience.

As a club we have continued to contribute to the community, both financially through contributions to Brisbane Youth Service and the City Hall restoration fund, and with hands on support at events and Donations in Kind. This year fund raising through the golf day and wine raffle have raised about \$25,000, which leaves the club in a strong financial position, which I hope Graeme will be able to make use of during his tenure.

Thanks to the efforts of Keith and his committee, the Club constitution has been finalized and updated. Its great they did such a good job, as District have just released a new constitution, so they will be perfectly positioned to reconvene and go through the process again. On an International front, we were honoured by a visit from the Rotary Club of Taipei Tatung, and plans are already afoot for a return visit in proposed in April next year.

Membership continues to be an ongoing issue with number of people leaving the club, but four inductions in the last six months has been great for the club, and it would be fantastic if we could keep this momentum going during Graeme's term as President.

We have also had a number of fellowship events, including a visit to Sarabah estate, a trip to the ballet and of course the 90th Anniversary dinner, all of which were well attended and great social occasions.

I have yet to finalise my annual report which will include further details of the clubs operations (the trials and tribulations of the end of financial year have kept me otherwise engaged), but will circulate this in due course.

As my final act prior to handing over to Graeme as incoming President, I was pleased to be able to award Paul Harris Fellowships to Wal Bishop, Don O'Donoghue, Stan Francis, Graeme Whitmore, Cameron Bishop, John Charlton, Clive Morman and Brian Carss. Their help has been invaluable over the last two years, as has the ongoing support of all club members.

I look forward to my ongoing involvement with the club in my new role as immediate Past President and I wish Graeme all the best as he takes the helm.

Yours in Rotary

Past President Alistair



# PHOTOS





