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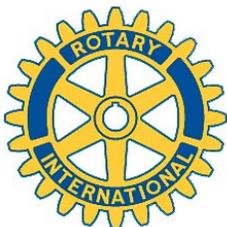
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# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

9 December 2013



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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

There is no message this week

### Philippines recovery will take time

By Monty Audenart, aide to Rotary President  
Ron Burton and a Rotary Foundation Trustee

If there is one thing that's evident in the Philippines, it's that the people are resilient. When disasters like Typhoon Haiyan strike, there is grief, but then they get down to surviving.

As a Rotary Foundation Trustee, I was invited to take part in six district recognition celebrations for The Rotary Foundation in the Philippines involving ten Rotary districts. The events were planned months in advance and just happened to involve District 3860, hit hard by the typhoon. In attendance at the recognition celebration in Cebu was a past governor and his spouse from Tacloban, who had lost everything in the storm, but still came to the event to support the Foundation. During my stay, I took time to visit damaged areas in northern Cebu with District Governor Ed Chiongbian, RI Director-elect Guiller Tumangan, and local Rotary members, helping deliver water, food and medical supplies to those in need.

When I returned to Manila, I also had the opportunity to serve as a dental volunteer on a medical project, working alongside local dentists in Las Pinas.

It was heart-warming just seeing the response of so many people on the ground in the Philippines. Many trees have been removed, and the efforts to provide shelter have been amazing. Many hands are there helping. But there is so much area to cover.

It will be a long recovery process. Clubs in Rotary District 3860 have created a relief fund for victims.



### What's On?

9 December:

Fellowship

### Date Claimers

10 April 2014

30<sup>th</sup> 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 2 December 2013

Rotarian Phil Gresham was today's Chairman. He introduced PP Bas Veal who again stood in for P Graeme Whitmore, who is back in Brisbane, but was an apology as he is ill with the traveller's flu. P Graeme hopes to be with us next week. PP Bas also apologised for PPs Wal Bishop and Keith Watts. PP Bas welcomed our Guest Speaker Professor John McArthur and our prospective new member Jarrad Ryder.

In Rotary Spots Secretary Michael Stephens advised members that PP Wal Bishop had the Christmas cakes and puddings in his shed at 20 Austin St. Newstead, and that PP Wal would be there to give them out from 4pm today.

Max Winders said that if it was difficult for members to collect their own cakes from Wal's shed they could contact him. He had a grandson, who owed him a few favours, and for a small donation to Rotary he could arrange for a member's cakes to be delivered to their door, or they could be collected from his office.

Tony McKinnon gave us the good news that the special Christmas Dinner on next Monday night in the Cellar at the Brisbane Club was now definitely on, as he now had 18 persons booked. He could still accommodate another few couples, provided they contacted him prior to this coming Friday. He reminded us that he still had 8 more cases of wine, at the bargain rate of \$150 per case that he wanted us to take off his hands.

Stan Francis reminded our members that Clive Morman was recovering in the Greenslopes Hospital from a five hour operation to remove a lump on his neck last Thursday. On Monday afternoon Clive had to be admitted to the Intensive Care ward suffering from a complicating bout of pneumonia.

Don O'Donoghue informed members that John Charlton was also recovering at home from surgery performed over a week ago. John was unlikely to be able to join us at Rotary meetings until well into the New Year, as he had to have follow-up radiation therapy.

Today's speaker Professor John MacArthur is from the Architecture Faculty at the University of Queensland, where he is the Director of the Research Centre for Architectural Theory, Criticism and History, and where he also teaches Architectural Design. He titled his Power Point presentation – "Visions for Brisbane – Squares and Cars". As an Architectural Historian he lamented the poor recording of our own Architectural history in Brisbane. He has received a grant and with this money he has attempted to remedy this lamentable state of affairs by recording an oral history with interviews with about 70 of our local architects, one of whom is our own PP Bas Veal. These interviews with most of the prominent Queensland Architects of the second half of the 20th Century are available on line if you Google - Qldarch.net- and are well worth a view. John then showed a short TV segment that was shown on local TV in 1967, when the City Hall tower was the tallest structure in Brisbane. This showed the beginning of the realisation that Brisbane had to plan for spectacular population growth and increase in car ownership and the corresponding traffic problems.

The original layout of Brisbane was as a convict settlement, so a compact city was planned that could be easily defended. This was complicated by a river that cut the city in two. As late as 1925 there was a local law that allowed the city cross river bridges to be closed to normal traffic for several hours at night to permit herds of stock and geese to be driven across the bridges. In the early part of the 20th Century William Earle planned a ring road around Brisbane but it was never built.

### 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

**9 December 2013:**  
*Fellowship*

**16 December 2013:**  
*Job Talk - TBA*

## Roster

**9 December 2013:**  
**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** D Henderson  
**Set Up/Away** P Gresham  
**Raffle** G Holtmann  
**Visitor Register** C Shepherd  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
J Charlton

**16 December 2013:**  
**President** K Watts  
**Chairperson** D Zhang  
**Set Up/Away** M Kelly  
**Raffle** M Evans  
**Visitor Register** A Gillespie  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
J Charlton

**23 December 2013:**  
**NO MEETING**

**30 December 2013:**  
**NO MEETING**



*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*

## Rotary Meeting Report (cont.) 2 December 2013

At the end of World War 2 traffic congestion was becoming a problem and in 1964-5 the Wilbur Smith Transportation Study recommended the construction on an inner city ring road and a freeway through New Farm. This study also recognised that transport congestion and car parking were going to become major problems. Because Brisbane was planned on a grid system, with no provision for major squares and public places, it was difficult to make them as private land holdings had to be consolidated and resumed. As early as 1915 moves were in hand to make a Memorial Park in front of the Central Railway Station and in 1923-5 this eventually became Anzac Park. In 1928 this became a Memorial to the Veterans of WW1. Further moves had been proposed to make a public square in front of the General Post Office and in 1934 there was a proposal to knock down the Post Office building. The advent of WW2 put a stop to this proposal. There was a strong move to create a Public Square in front of the GPO. In 1969 Bas Veal's firm was involved in a proposal to rebuild Post Office Square under the auspices of a combination of National Mutual and CML financing the proposed changes. However the big Insurance Firms lost interest and this proposal did not progress. Eventually Robin Gibson was the Architect responsible for the current amalgamation of Post Office and Anzac Squares and the way they appear today. John gave a most interesting talk and hinted at the behind the scenes political and financial manoeuvring and wheeling and dealing that must have gone on behind closed doors to get these deals over the line. It is a good thing that we have historians and researchers like John and his colleagues who are recording these facts and history before they are lost.

SAA Cam Bishop welcomed our Guest Speaker and our prospective new member Jarred Ryder. He thanked Denise Schellbach for her work with ROMAC and Eddie's Van. He told a joke about Dry Cleaners and cheap clothes. He reminded members to pick up their cakes and puddings at Wal's shed at 4pm today.

He gave only a very short plug for the renowned Sarabah Vineyard. Secretary Michael Stephens won the raffle. A total of 18 attended a very enlightening lunch.

### Why I'm looking forward to Sydney!

By Mark Maloney, chair of the 2014 Sydney Convention Committee, and a member of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, USA  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

I am looking forward to the 2014 Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Australia, for many different reasons. Conventions are a wonderful opportunity to make and renew friendships with Rotary members from around the world, a chance I've had many times. And it never really grows old. But also, Sydney is a stunningly beautiful city. The venue, Sydney Olympic Park, is clearly one of the world's best facilities for a convention of 20,000 or more attendees. Developed for the 2000 Olympic Games, it is exciting and unique.



Convention plenary sessions and some breakout sessions will be conducted in Allphones Arena. Allphones Arena hosted gymnastic and basketball events during the Olympic Games. The arena is an ideal plenary hall with tiered, stadium seating providing excellent sight lines to the stage from any location in the hall. The facility also provides easy access with ramps and escalators available to the upper levels.

All convention registrants, even those with mobility challenges, will find Allphones Arena easy to navigate.

The hub of Convention fellowship will be the "Billabong" House of Friendship in the Dome and Exhibition Halls of Sydney Showground. Sydney Showground is the home of the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales and its Royal Easter Show. The Billabong will include more than 21,000 square meters of exhibition space for Rotary and commercial booths, entertainment, and international food and beverage outlets.

A brand new exhibition hall in the Sydney Showground immediately adjacent to the Billabong will be the location of convention registration and RI ticketed luncheons. All Sydney Showground facilities are directly across Olympic Boulevard from Allphones Arena.

Best of all, Sydney Olympic Park is easily accessed from throughout the Sydney metropolitan area. Dedicated trains for the event will run from Sydney Central Station to Sydney Olympic Park Station, which is adjacent to the Billabong House of Friendship. Rotary shuttle buses will run from hotels in the Sydney Central Business District, Parramatta, and Rosehill with disembarkation on Olympic Boulevard outside of Allphones Arena.

Sydney Olympic Park may well be the best venue for a Rotary International Convention ever. Please join your fellow Rotary members from around the world in Sydney as we Engage Rotary, Change Lives.

