



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

9 February 2015



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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

As I said last week I thought that our elections would be done and dusted but alas the results are still up in the air, one can only hope a positive outcome for one party will result, if we are to achieve a growth spurt for Queensland.

Great to see Stan Francis back today, he was welcomed back after a brief illness. Hopefully Bas Veal will be the next member to return from his recovery process.

We had the Lady Mayoress as our principle speaker last Monday, and she had a Team representing The Help Enterprise Group, a group that gained its initial start from the benefit of our Club back in 1968. This group is now a substantial profitable business that provides work opportunities for disabled person in a variety of its divisions.

It is indeed a pleasure to have this group attend our club and present on their growth and what they are currently achieving with the receipt of a substantial (\$250k) grant from the Lady Mayoress's Charitable Trust.

With this funding Help Enterprises have created a Foundation H(ope) and are currently constructing residences for disabled persons so that they can be self-sufficient as they age.

The Sundial works has finally been completed, and handed back to the School. My thanks go to Wal Bishop for providing new plaques, Rotary Symbols, & refurbished Sundial. Thanks goes also to all those who offered help and those who assisted in it relocation, without this help things do not happen.



#### What's on? 9 February:

**Dr John Arvier**  
Oral &  
Maxillofacial  
Surgery

### Date Claimers

**16 February 2015:**  
Matthew Condon  
Journalist Queensland  
Newspapers  
*(Three Crooked Kings)*

### 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

Denise has continued arranged a great line up of speakers Please check the bulletin listing and I would like to see your attendance each Monday if possible. We must support not only Denise but to the speakers who have given up their time to attend and talk to us.

Let Us continue to be a club that all members are welcome both as Rotarians and as common interest friends where we care and support one another.

Yours in Rotary

**Remember: LIGHT UP ROTARY**

## President Graeme

### Rotary Meeting 2 February 2015

The Chairman for the day was Patrick Caragata. 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, Denise Schellbach thanked members that had helped her with the Eddie's van initiative during the school holiday period. This was the eleventh year that she had stepped in to run the van during the holidays.

After a short period of Fellowship, Chairman Patrick introduced the Lady Mayoress Anne Quirk. Her presentation was about the activities of the Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust, which was established in the 1960s. In a nutshell, '... the Trust's fundraising efforts have improved the wellbeing of the most marginalised, vulnerable members of the Brisbane community. Uniquely, every dollar donated to the Trust is re-given to a wide variety of charities working hard to provide vital community services and to address pressing social needs.

The Trust supports charities through two annual grants rounds.' (see: [www.lmct.org.au](http://www.lmct.org.au)) Support provided includes a large donation to Help Enterprises' Foundation H (Help Homes Hope). Help Enterprises dates back to 1968 and was established with backing from RCOB.

Assisted by two excellent videos, Kerry Browne and Simon Wright from Help Enterprises provided details about the organisation's activities, including Foundation H. Foundation H is a '... dedicated social asset division, to further deliver on Help's mission of enhancing the independence and lifestyle of people living with disabilities. Our 'hands on' involvement in this sector gives us great insight into the real issues that face people with disabilities. But there's much more to be done. More barriers to break down. More practical solutions to complex social problems. More hope we can provide for families - hope that their loved ones who are living with disabilities will have a safe home where they are cared for in the future.'

(For further details see: [www.helpenterprises.com.au](http://www.helpenterprises.com.au))

This was a very informative and well-presented session. Questions and discussion followed. Finally, on behalf of all of the presenters, the Lady Mayoress accepted a memento of the occasion from Chairman Patrick (pictured).

SAA Cameron Bishop ran a lively and entertaining session, during which attendees had to 'dig deep'. One of our visitors won the raffle but, the joker is still in the deck...so the jackpot continues to grow and remains to be won.

The meeting closed on time at 1.55pm.



## Calendar

### 16 February 2015:

Matthew Condon Journalist  
Queensland Newspapers  
*(Three Crooked Kings)*

### 23 February 2015:

Wolf Grodd  
*Restoration of Classic Cars  
"Sleeping Beauties"*

### 16 March 2015:

Ross McKinnon AM  
*Retired after 42 years as  
Curator Mt Coot-ha Botanical  
Gardens*

## Roster

### 9 February 2015:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	A Gillespie
Set Up/Away	S Francis
Raffle	C Shepherd
Visitor Register	P Ryan
Attendance	J Smerdon D Schellbach

### 16 February 2015:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	D Henderson
Set Up/Away	P Gresham
Raffle	G Holtmann
Visitor Register	A Smith
Attendance	J Smerdon D Schellbach

### 23 February 2015:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	C Muir
Set Up/Away	P Little
Raffle	M Evans
Visitor Register	A Gillespie
Attendance	J Smerdon D Schellbach

### 2 March 2015:

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

*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*



Presentation 2 February 2015

### **RI President's Message - February 2015**



Gary Huang, RI President 2014 – 15

As president of Rotary, it's my job to encourage and inspire Rotarians wherever I meet them. It's also my job to listen to what they have to say. Whether it's a successful project or a challenge to overcome, a great Rotary Day or a new idea, I want to hear what Rotarians are thinking, doing, and planning. So whenever I travel, I ask my hosts to talk to me about their clubs. What's going well, where do they see a need to improve, and what can we at RI headquarters do to help?

The answers are always interesting and often surprising. Sometimes I have a suggestion or an idea to contribute; sometimes I am able to make a connection that will move a project forward. Often, I go back to Evanston with ideas and insights that help guide us in our decisions. But what I value most about these conversations are the stories I hear – the stories that, taken together, tell the story of Rotary.

In Atlanta, I attended a Rotary event honoring teachers and heard story after story about the gift of literacy and how it transforms lives. In Istanbul, I attended a wheelchair race and learned how Turkish Rotarians are working to improve the lives of people with disabilities. In Lima, Peru, I talked to a former Rotaractor who waited nearly 20 years to be invited to join a Rotary club, and heard about how returning to Rotary has transformed her life.

I've heard stories that have made me laugh, and stories that have moved me to tears. I've heard stories of how our service changes the lives of others, and how it changes us as Rotarians. When I hear these stories, I can't help but wonder: How many other lives could we change for the better by bringing more people into Rotary? And how many more people could we bring into Rotary simply by sharing our own Rotary stories?

In this Rotary year, I ask all of you to do just that: Share your Rotary stories. Tell them to your friends, on social media, and through Rotary.org. Our Rotary stories are what inspire us, and what encourage others to join us; they help light up our service, as we work to Light Up Rotary.

### **Trustee Chair's Message - February 2015**

Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. Birmingham, England. Bangkok, Thailand. São Paulo, Brazil!

Every three years, The Rotary Foundation sponsors a peace symposium as a pre-convention activity. The next peace symposium will be held in São Paulo, 4-5 June.



John Kenny, Trustee Chair 2014-15

The triennial peace symposium is the vehicle to showcase our Rotary Peace Fellows, who earn master's degrees and certificates through our Rotary Peace Centers; to educate Rotarians about this peace-related education and scholarship program; to introduce our donors and potential donors to the program; and to explore ways that Rotarians and peace fellows can collaborate in peace-building. Highlights of each symposium have included international speakers in the peace field, such as Nobel Peace Prize laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu; breakout sessions featuring peace fellows working on the front lines to build peace; and Rotarians active in the peace field.

This year, the first plenary session will feature 1987 Nobel Peace Prize laureate Oscar Arias Sánchez of Costa Rica. He is a two-time president of Costa Rica, 1986-90 and 2006-10. During his first presidential term, he engaged the nations of Central America in peace discussions that led to the signing of the Esquipulas II Accords, and ultimately to the end of the various armed conflicts in the region.

The plans of the São Paulo peace symposium committee are creative and exciting, with elements not offered at past symposia. They will involve the 80 Rotary Peace Centers alumni in attendance.

If you have never attended a peace symposium, this is a special opportunity that will inform and educate you on Rotary's service to promote peace. If you have attended any of the symposia in Salt Lake City, Birmingham, or Bangkok, you will especially appreciate this innovative program.

I look forward to seeing you there!