



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

15 August 2011



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

### MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

### OFFICERS

President	Alistair Smith
President Elect	
Imm Past President	Basil Veal
Vice President	Keith Watts
Secretary	Bob Aldred
Treasurer	Dougal Henderson
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cameron Bishop

District 9600  
Club Number 17787  
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District Governor  
Carolyn Krueger

Rotary International President  
Ray Klingensmith

### President's Message

*Welcome Rotarians and friends.*

In many respects it has been a tumultuous week, not only with ongoing uncertainty in the global stock markets, but with the recent rioting in England. I have watched with great sadness as places where I lived for many years turn into what resembles a war zone and as reports unfold in the media, it is disturbing to see that people from a range of different walks of life have participated in these activities. Despite this, it appears that the vast majority of individuals involved do come from socially disadvantaged backgrounds, and having spent time in some of what I would call the less desirable regions of London, I suspect that for many of these people they feel society has given up on them, and that they owe little if anything in return.

Events such as these should highlight to us the importance of engaging the community and assisting those who have grown up in difficult circumstances. It is for reasons like this that I think the club should be proud of its involvement with Brisbane Youth Service. BYS have a proven track record having helped a significant number of individuals turn their lives around, and anything we can do to assist must surely be a worthwhile contribution. With this in mind, Richard Langford from BYS is intending to visit the club on 22nd August and I hope as many members as possible are able to attend to show their support for this ongoing initiative.

On to other matters, as reported in last week's message and at Monday's meeting, Rotarian Brian King had been organising for Rotarians from the Solomon Islands to attend the upcoming Rypen camp, and the club agreed to contribute towards airfares and other expenses. Sadly, particularly given Brian's significant efforts, this has now fallen through. However, in the event that similar initiatives are undertaken in future, we will of course consider involvement where possible.

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### WHAT'S ON?

15<sup>th</sup> August:

Fellowship Meeting



the heart of business  
GALA DINNER

15 September 2011

### 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.

### 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)

Following Rob Byrne's recent visit, Rotarian Mike Kelly arrived at Monday's meeting with a collection of PolioPlus badges, which he then proceeded to sell to members to raise funds for PolioPlus. Great to see that Rob's message has not been lost on us, and that at least one club member has been happy to take the initiative to raise funds for this worthy cause.

In other news, a community Jazz concert is being organised to raise funds for Flood Relief. We have been asked if we would like to be involved, so I will be contacting the organiser shortly to discuss, but in any event, details of the event are set out below for members' interest.

*Jazz Concert: Flood Fund Raiser  
UQ Big Band, followed by Willy Qua and Friends Jazz Band  
(composed of members of Galapagos Duck) International Jazz Vocalist – Amanda Carr  
Saturday 17th September, 2011  
4pm – 6:30pm  
Fig Tree Pocket State School, Cubberla Street, Fig Tree Pocket, 4069  
\$10 per person or \$20 per family  
Bring a Rug, and Plenty of Friends!!  
Light Refreshments provided by FTP P&C.*

I am unfortunately unable to attend the club meeting on Monday due to work commitments and Past President Bas Veal has agreed to re-assume the mantle of President for the meeting. I will however be attending the Membership Seminar this weekend, and I provide an update on this in my message next week. In the meantime, I hope you all have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you all again at the meeting on the 22nd August.

## President Alistair

### Rotary Club of Brisbane meeting 8 August 2011

The chairman Patrick Caragata introduced P. Alistair who welcomed Tony Glass, a visiting Rotarian from Kamloops Canada. He also welcomed Carey Dobson who has visited us before, and is a prospective member of our Club.

Alistair apologised in advance for being unable to attend next week's meeting as he has a work commitment.

Spots were given by Michael Kelly who sold "End Polio Now badges" for \$5 to all members present to assist last week's speaker cyclist Rob Byrne to raise more money.

PP Bas Veal alerted members to a tour of the City Hall site for later in the afternoon. Bob Aldred appealed to all members to return their membership contact details urgently as he needs an up to date data base for efficient Club administration.

There was no scheduled speaker, but in response to an appeal by Michael Stevens to our Chairman Patrick Caragata for comment on the momentous changes that were currently occurring in the world's financial systems, Patrick gave a twenty minute analysis of the reasons for, and responses to the downgrading of the US credit rating, that once again showed that there exists within our club a wealth of expertise and experience, and the observation that some of our best talks are often given by our own members. The fact that Patrick's brilliant response was completely spontaneous and without any preparation was very impressive.

Sergeant at Arms Cam Bishop told jokes and fined members and revealed he has now bought a vineyard "Sarabar" on the western slopes of Mt. Tambourine.

A total of twenty three attended the meeting including one visiting Rotarian and one guest.



Wine-Tasting

There will be a wine-tasting on Monday of the 2011 SHW Pinot Gris. I'll be taking orders and payments for delivery to home addresses. Cash, cheques, credit card (Visa and Mastercard) accepted. Orders placed only after payment. We've been able to negotiate a bulk purchase price which is the same price as for the 2010 Pinot Gris, so there is a small profit for the club community and international service account on every purchase. Price is \$220 per case incl GST delivered to individual addresses.

The winemaker says it is better than the 2010 Pinot Gris which I have been enjoying this week. Tax invoices will be provided for anyone claiming the input tax credit.

**Rotarian Keith Watts**

## Calendar

**15 August:**  
Fellowship Meeting

**22 August:**  
TBA

**29 August:**  
Visit by District Governor, Carolyn Krueger

**5 September:**  
TBA

## Date Claimers

**August 14, 2011:**  
Membership Seminar

**August 31, 2011:**  
BYO BBQ, wine tasting and wine labelling working bee  
6:00pm - Wal Bishop's warehouse  
20 Austin St, Newstead

**September 15, 2011**  
Heart of Business Gala Dinner  
Sofitel

**October 19, 2011**  
RCOB Pride of Workmanship Awards  
Presentation Dinner, Brisbane Club

## Roster

### 15 August 2011

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** P Anderson  
**Set Up/Away** K Watts  
**Raffle** L Robinson  
**Visitor Register** P Dawson  
**Attendance** B Esler  
G Whitmore

### 22 August 2011

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** G Cause  
**Set Up/Away** M Winders  
**Raffle** P Ryan  
**Visitor Register** C Muir  
**Attendance** B Esler  
G Whitmore

### 29 August 2011

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** J Delahunty  
**Set Up/Away** J Worrell  
**Raffle** R Scanlon  
**Visitor Register** T Love  
**Attendance** B Esler  
G Whitmore

### 5 September 2011

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** H Milne  
**Set Up/Away** P Caragata  
**Raffle** G Sellers  
**Visitor Register** P Little  
**Attendance** B Esler  
G Whitmore

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