



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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### MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

### OFFICERS

President	Bas Veal
President Elect	Alistair Smith
Imm Past President	Michael Mauger
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  
Chris Wood

Rotary International President  
Ray Klinginsmith

### President's Message

I would like to say a warm welcome and thank you to everyone for attending this change over lunch and would like to specifically thank ADG Alan Stephens, fellow Rotarians as well as the friends and family of Rotary.

As you all know, we were hoping to organise a change over dinner, however this was somewhat hampered by my overseas travel plans, and the subsequent clash with State of Origin. I doubt there is anyone in the club who will disagree with our decision to move the change over, and I can only hope that the recent sporting achievements of both Maroons and the Reds, bodes well for my forthcoming year.

Before outlining my plans for the current year, I thought it would be worth briefly relaying the story of how I became involved in Rotary, and in this regard we have Alan Gillespie to either thank or blame, depending on your point of view. I had met Alan a number of times prior to moving to Brisbane, so when I went to an event shortly after my arrival, and saw Alan, it was only natural that I would say hello. At the time, Alan was chatting with another Rotarian and discussing their respective clubs. I have to admit to thinking at the time that this was some sort of secret handshake society, aka the Monty Python Mason's sketch.

However, Alan suggested that I consider joining, so that night I went home and googled Rotary. I have to admit I was somewhat disappointed to find out that there was no secret handshake involved, but seeing the work Rotary has achieved, particularly in respect of the PolioPlus program, was phenomenal. I was immediately inspired and at the next opportunity, took Alan up on his invitation to attend a meeting. The rest, as they say is history.

Whilst I digress somewhat in this discourse, I think it is an important point to highlight that what attracted me to Rotary was the power of the organisation to harness the goodwill and generosity of our members to achieve goals which might otherwise be unobtainable to us as individuals.

### WHAT'S ON?

18<sup>th</sup> July

Fellowship  
Week



the heart of business  
GALA DINNER

15 September 2011

### 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?



### Presidents Message (continued)

I hope this is a feeling to which everyone in this room can relate.

So what does this mean moving forward? Well, I certainly enjoy our lunches and the fellowship this provides, so this is not an aspect of the club for which I envisage any great change. However, I believe that we as a club can achieve more, and indeed Past President Bas has shown the way in this regard, overseeing the generation of more revenue for the club in the last six months than I believe we have raised during my entire previous time at the club. I believe that this is something we now need to build on, using the contribution of each of us as individuals to move the club forward as a whole.

In order to more easily achieve this, I believe it would be beneficial to implement a more defined club structure, and as you know this is something that Wal has been working on in my absence over the past couple of weeks. I am hoping that this more formal structure can provide us with more focussed tasks so that we are not daunted by the jobs in hand, and yet as a coherent group we can achieve great outcomes, particularly with regard to fundraising.

The latest iteration of the club structure is available on your table, and I would appreciate any feedback you may have on this by Monday next week. If there is no feedback I will assume you are all happy with the jobs assigned, and we will proceed on that basis.

I appreciate that some of us, me included, may find the formal structure a challenge. To help assist with this, I have a number of manuals for chairs of the various committees and sub-committees, and I will try and hand these out before you leave today. No doubt however, there will still be plenty to discuss, and I would therefore propose that we hold a club assembly in just over two week's time.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with club assemblies, these are a forum for club members to discuss programs and activities in which the club is involved, as well as to educate members on rotary and the club in general. I would like to host this in addition to our normal meeting, so would welcome suggestions by next week as to whether members have any preference to where and when such assemblies are held.

However, at this stage, myself and the board are considering Wednesday early evening, and Wal has generously offered his premises in this regard.

As far as specific projects are concerned, I believe that the assistance we have been able to provide to disadvantaged younger people, through the Brisbane Youth Service, has been a highlight of my time here at the club. I am therefore very keen to maintain our involvement with Brisbane Youth Service during my time as president, and indeed have received confirmation from BYS that they would also like to maintain the relationship. On this basis, I intend to put to the board that we continue to sponsor another ten individuals in participation in ongoing education programs. I hope the board will agree that this is a worthwhile cause.

Of course, we cannot continue to provide assistance without funds, and I would therefore like my year as president to be one in which the club focuses on developing the fund raising activities initiated during Bas's term as president. This will therefore, hopefully, include another golf day as well as the proposed heart of business dinner. In this regard, we have sadly lost Mario Pennisi, who's contributions will be sorely missed, both in terms of the dinner and the other efforts he has made for the club. However, I am hoping that we are able to pick up where Mario left off, and introduce some new events, such as the vocation awards night, which Greg Burnett is leading, together with a Christmas Raffle, suggested by our absent Sergeant at Arms, Cam Bishop.

In addition to club projects, I would also like the Foundation committee to consider whether we can become involved in a Rotary Foundation project. I have a personal connection and therefore enthusiasm for the Kyeema Foundation, which some of you may recall was a talk we recently received from Celia Grenning. I would like the Foundation Committee to investigate this further, and assess whether this is a project for which Foundation involvement would be appropriate.

## Calendar

**18 July:**  
Fellowship and suggestions for improving the Club

**25 July:**  
Member Speaker  
Greg Holtman

## Date Claimers

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

**October 19, 2011**  
RCOB Pride of Workmanship  
Awards

## Roster

### 18 July 2011

<b>President</b>	A Smith
<b>Chairman</b>	P Dawson
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	P Anderson
<b>Raffle</b>	P Little
<b>Visitor Register</b>	R Tamaschke
<b>Attendance</b>	B Esler G Whitmore

### 25 July 2011

<b>President</b>	A Smith
<b>Chairman</b>	R Scanlan
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	G Sellers
<b>Raffle</b>	R McCormack
<b>Visitor Register</b>	S Francis
<b>Attendance</b>	B Esler G Whitmore

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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.

### *President's Message (continued)*

On the subject of Foundations, we also of course have the RCoB foundation. I think there is no doubt amongst members that this Foundation has been of immense benefit to the club. However, I am also aware that there has perhaps been confusion over how the funds should be used. I believe that some clarity on this issue would be beneficial to the club in helping us understand the funds we have available. As a newcomer, I also found the foundation terminology confusingly similar to the Rotary Foundation, whilst I feel this does little to acknowledge the immense foresight and generosity of its founder, Lionel Walpole. I understand from Brian Carss that formally renaming the foundation would be an onerous requirement. I would therefore like to propose that we colloquially refer to the RCoB Foundation internally within the club as the Lionel Walpole Memorial foundation, in recognition of Lionel's contribution. I would also like to propose that in future, any dividends from the foundation are split 50:50, with half being reinvested and the rest being used for a charitable project. I would appreciate any feedback club members may have on this proposal, with a view to taking a vote for approval at next week's meeting.

Another area in which I would like there to be a focus is continued club growth. I am fortunate that Bas has already commenced work in this area, forming the fellowship committee, which is currently looking at these issues. My understanding is that we should be seeing some concrete proposals from the committee in the next month and I would hope the committee are able to work closely with Michael Stephens to coordinate any outcomes with our membership drive.

From my own perspective, I think the club needs to have a degree of focus on what makes Rotary such an attractive proposition for business people in the modern era. I personally believe there are two main aspects, namely the ability to contribute to society in a meaningful way, as well as to provide a networking forum to allow us to form contacts with high level business leaders across a wide range of professions and disciplines.

As I've mentioned, I would like to keep meetings largely in their current format. However, I believe it would be beneficial to all of us to improve our networking.

For this reason, Bob is updating our member details, and I also believe we should consider providing biographies on our website, to allow other members to gain a greater insight into our professional lives. If this meets with approval, we can perhaps contemplate preparing a Rotary directory of our professional capacities, both at this and other clubs, to expand our networking capabilities. I would also like to consider running more social events for club members, as well as theirs friends and family, as it is important that our friends and family understand the nature of our contribution to Rotary and fully support this where possible. Any suggestions members have in this regard would be more than welcome.

Finally, whilst I would like to thank everyone for their assistance to date, there are a number of individuals that I believe deserve particular recognition. In particular, I would like to thank Wal and Keith for their guiding and mentoring to date, which has been invaluable in helping me reach my currently level of preparedness. I would also like to thank Dougal and Bob for their efforts in ensuring outstanding club matters are up to date, as well as Bas for handing over the club in a much improved position

Hopefully this outlines my major goals for the year and I believe that this can be summarised by saying I would like everyone involved in the club in some capacity to be able contribute by taking on small manageable roles, within the committee structure, which as a whole will allow the Brisbane Club to make a meaningful and positive impact.

### *President Alistair Smith*

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#### *Report on the Change Over Lunch of the Rotary Club of Brisbane 11-07-11*

The Chairman of the Day and Sergeant at Arms Tony Love opened the meeting and introduced visiting Rotarians Assistant District Governor Allan Stephens and Richard Hiang from the RC of Nara in Japan, and his son, who lives in Brisbane to the meeting.

### *Change Over Lunch (cont.)*

Tony then warmly welcomed the eight wives and partners of members – Janette Bishop, Margot Love, Louise Grayson, Alaine Veal, Christina Haltman, Janeen Hamgurger, Dorothy Watts and Carmel Delahunty – and introduced President Bas Veal. P Bas then presented a summary of his year in office – which has been circulated to members by e mail. In addition P.Bas thanked all those members of the Club who had helped him through the year and presented framed Certificates of Appreciation for services rendered to the Club to the following Rotarians – Wal Bishop, Bob Esler, Graeme Whitmore, Don O'Donoghue, Michael Stevens, Keith Watts, Bob Aldred, Dougal Henderson, Cam Bishop and Mario Pennisi. P Bas stressed the importance of our fund raising activities to the future of the Club. He also emphasised that the capital component of the money in the RCOB Benevolent Foundation was to be kept intact and only the interest was to be used to fund approved Club projects. He reported that notwithstanding a difficult year, with the Club unable to meet for many weeks because of the floods, he felt that the Club had now turned the corner. P Bas then invested our incoming President Alistair Smith with the Chain of Presidential Office.

Our new President Alistair then presented his initial report on his vision of where the RCOB is heading under his leadership and this appears elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Spots were presented by PP Wal Bishop who urged members to support the Club through renewed efforts through the five avenues of service, and PP Keith Watts reminded members that he still had 11 cases of 111 Associates shiraz on offer.

Sergeant at Arms Tony then congratulated James Delahunty on the occasion of his birthday , and fined members who had not brought their partners. Michael Stevens won the raffle.

The Change Over Lunch was a successful, happy occasion attended by 42 persons.