



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

A global network of community volunteers

19 September 2011



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23 Dean Road
Alexandra Hills Qld 4161

Meets 4th Floor
(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
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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
Kalyan Banerjee

President's Message

Welcome Rotarians and friends.

I am pleased to be able to report that Rotarians Brian Carss, Chris Muir, Greg Burnett, John Smerdon, Phil Little, Wal Bishop, Rick Tamaschke, Don ODonoghue Keith Hamburger and myself will be assisting with the Flood Fund Raiser Jazz Concert this weekend. Hopefully it will be a fun and successful event, which can help raise the profile of the club.

In related news, the PR committee met on Monday to continue discussions on the Club's PR Strategy. The focus of this meeting was to look at an overhaul to the bulletin, as well as considering updating the website. As part of this, we are preparing a survey that will be sent to members, seeking on their input on directions the updates should take, and the types of content that could be included.

Finally, thanks to our hard working Secretary Bob Aldred for putting together the membership directory. Hopefully this will prove to be a useful resource!

President Alistair

WHAT'S ON? 19th September:

TBA

Date Claimers

Date to be confirmed:
RCOB Pride of Workmanship
Awards
Lunch, Brisbane Club

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 Club of Brisbane meeting 12 September 2011

The Chairman of the meeting PP Bas Veal introduced President Alistair who reminded members of our Club's commitment to assist with the Jazz Concert at the Fig Tree Pocket State School next Saturday afternoon in aid of flood relief.

Our Guest Speaker was Phil Auckland and the topic of his talk was "Higher Consciousness in Business". Phil has had an interesting professional life. He was involved, as Chief Financial Officer, in the start up of what has since become the public company Pan Bio Pty. Ltd. It began in a small way, organised by a group of Doctors as a medical research organisation, with start-up capital of \$500,000. About a decade later when the organisation was floated as a public company it was valued at \$34M. Phil was involved in this explosive expansion and the public float.

In the past few years Phil has left his previous professional life behind and now uses his time to explore the emotional right hand side of his brain. When he asked our luncheon group who would regard themselves as being logical left brain people, the overwhelming majority put their hands up. Phil and his wife have been heavily influenced by the spiritual ideas of the shamans and medicine men of the American indigenous Indians. He believes strongly in the inter connection of all life and beings. He showed us how Native Americans used the talking stick to give the floor to someone who wanted to make a pronouncement. He asked us to become silent and to contemplate and reflect on someone who had made a positive contribution to our own life.

He spoke of reincarnation, with our present life being just one chapter out of a long book. Time was not linear. He spoke with admiration for the German - now Canadian - spiritual author Eckhart Tolle, author of the book "Power of Now". He supported Tolle's view that life was only the present moment, and that if you take your fears and worries about the past out of the present you will have a very happy life. Bad moments are an illusion.

Phil emphasised he was sincere and speaking from his heart. It was a very different "New Age" type of talk, certainly one that most members who heard it would remember. Whether or not they were convinced would be up to the listener.

Our SAA Cam Bishop returned to fine us and officially becomes a wine producer later in the week with the settlement on his vineyard near Mt. Tambourine.

21 attended the meeting.

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

19 September:
TBA

26 September:
TBA

Roster

19 September 2011

President A Smith
Chairman P Gresham
Set Up/Away G Cause
Raffle J Smerdon
Visitor Register M Evans
Attendance B Esler
G Whitmore

26 September 2011

President A Smith
Chairman W Bishop
Set Up/Away J Delahunty
Raffle L Spano
Visitor Register G Burnett
Attendance B Esler
G Whitmore

3 October 2011

President A Smith
Chairman K Jenkins
Set Up/Away R McCormack
Raffle L Stally
Visitor Register L Robinson
Attendance B Esler
G Whitmore

10 October 2011

President A Smith
Chairman S Francis
Set Up/Away H Monaghan
Raffle M Stephens
Visitor Register P Ryan
Attendance B Esler
G Whitmore

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