



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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of the Brisbane Club
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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
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District Governor
Carolyn Krueger

Rotary International President
Ray Klinginsmith

President's Message

Welcome Rotarians and friends.

This week a number of events have reminded me of the benefits of Rotary and the fellowship it provides. Firstly, I have been enjoying the pleasure of guest speaker Rob Byrne's company whilst he spends some time in Brisbane before continuing his journey north. Despite having not previously met Rob, we have instantly been able to get along, having Rotary and many of the values it instills in common. Sadly for Rob though his time with me has come at a price, with a broken wheel and subsequent poor show of the local bike shop meaning his departure has been delayed. For me though this has been a boon, with Rob culinary skills making up for my usual poor show in the cooking department.

On Wednesday I happened to attend a lunch on the Gold Coast, where I bumped into past member Mario Pennisi. It was good to catch up and we had an interesting discussion about areas where our work overlaps and how this could assist clients. Shortly after, another Rotarian came and introduced himself having seen my Rotary badge. The individual, who shall remain nameless (having forgotten their own badge), is also involved in commercialisation and is therefore likely to be another useful contact for me.

Reflecting on this, I realise how many other people I have met through Rotary despite being a member for only a few years. Through Rotary networks we have access to individuals we may otherwise never meet, giving great opportunity to develop friendships and business contacts. Surely this alone should be encouragement enough for anyone thinking of getting involved in Rotary, and perhaps this is not aspect of Rotary we highlight enough.

With that in mind perhaps we could get a few anecdotal stories from members regarding how Rotary has improved their lives, whether through fellowship, networking or through charitable work.

President Alistair

WHAT'S ON?

1st August:

Gerald Holtman

Member Speaker



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?



Rotary Club of Brisbane meeting 25 July 2011

Chairman Robert Scanlon opened the meeting and introduced President Alistair. President Alistair welcomed two guests to the meeting. The first was a visiting Rotarian Andy Mills from the Trivillage Rotary Club of Upper Arlington, Grandview, and Marble Cliff, Ohio (<http://trivillagerotary.org/index.htm>). The second was the guest speaker Rotarian Rob Byrne of the Grafton Rotary Club. President Alistair went on to clarify who had minutes from a previous special meeting, before reminding club members that a club assembly is to be scheduled for the following week. It was noted that this coincided with a visit from John Puffick, who was to be recognised for his contribution to Rotary. Rotarian Phil Little had provided some questions regarding the committee structure and President Alistair provided some further clarification, describing that he is hoping each subcommittee can come up with one or two ideas as to what they are hoping to achieve the following year. Finally it was noted that a membership seminar is coming up in mid August and that anyone interested in attending should notify President Alistair.

Chairman Robert then opened the floor to spots. Past President Bas Veal presented a certificate to Sergeant Cam Bishop for his assistance during the previous twelve months. Rotarian Keith Watts confirmed a letter had been received from Kobe East, thanking us for our concern, and indicating how donation could be submitted. The letter is to be provided to the board for consideration. Keith also reminded members of the extraordinarily good value of the wine, confirming 9 cases of Red are still available and that cases of Southern Highlands Wine 2010 Pinot Gris is also available for order at \$220 per case. Members were also reminded that the bottling BBQ would be held at Wal's shed on 31 August 2011.

Rotarian Phil Little took stage to suggest that we have an award for the best bottler, it was suggested that this might go to the bottler that dropped or drank the least bottles. Phil also updated members as to progress of the fellowship committee and raised Rotarian Patrick

Caragata's suggestion that we send an email out to potential members inviting them to an event such as the bottling.

Following spots, guest speaker, Rotarian Rob Byrne was invited to speak, updating members as to the progress of PolioPlus and the polio eradication program. Rob highlighted the severe nature of the disease, and highlighted that whilst current funds were helping keep Polio in check, there were recent outbreaks that raised cause for concern. Most worryingly, there is a real chance that if Polio is not eradicated completely, the disease could once again reach pre-vaccination program levels. Consequently the program is at a crossroads, with extra effort and funding promising complete eradication and complacency leading to a return to epidemic levels. The goal is to raise funding from a current \$550 million per annum to \$750 million per annum, and to help with this Rob is cycling from Grafton to Cairns, stopping off at Rotary Clubs along the way to try and raise awareness and funds, as well as to encourage direct action, such as participation in vaccination programs, where possible.

Sergeant Cam Bishop was then introduced, who after giving thanks for the certificate went on to extract fines from Brisbane Club members, for a variety of reasons including a win in the four clubs tennis tournament for the Brisbane club, and from cyclists. Cam suggested that in future a test might be held on the committee structure to extract further fines. A moment of humour was enjoyed by all when Cam reprimanded Rotarian Greg from a fine for not answering his phone, only to have his own for ring shortly after, allegedly as result of a water encounter during a fishing trip. The meeting was attended by twenty two including two guests.

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

1 August:
Gerald Holtman
Member Speaker

8 August:
TBA

15 August:
Fellowship

Date Claimers

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

1 August 2011

President	A Smith
Chairman	K Hamburger
Set Up/Away	R Tamaschke
Raffle	H Monaghan
Visitor Register	J Burton
Attendance	B Esler G Whitmore

8 August 2011

President	A Smith
Chairman	P Caragata
Set Up/Away	B Veal
Raffle	L Jacobson
Visitor Register	C Morman
Attendance	B Esler G Whitmore

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

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