



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

22 August 2011



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Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
(Edinburgh Room)  
of the Brisbane Club  
Post Office Square  
241 Adelaide Street  
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  
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor  
Carolyn Krueger

Rotary International President  
Ray Klinginsmith

### President's Message

*Welcome Rotarians and friends.*

I was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting on Monday due to work commitments. However, I was present at the membership seminar held on Sunday 14th August, which was an interesting event covering many aspects of membership, including how to retain members and attract new members.

One particular issue that was raised was the so-called ritualism of club meetings and how some aspects of this, such as saying Rotary Grace, toasting, and singing of national anthems, can be a detractor for potential new members. Experiences of one local club have shown that altering the meeting format has helped them gain new members, but unfortunately this has been at the expense of a drop in existing membership. Obviously the extent to which club meetings could or should be changed is difficult to assess.

It was suggested as part of this that we might light to consider surveying members to assess their views on changing the meeting format, and I started the week with the intention of having such a survey ready for distribution with this bulletin. Sadly a number of urgent matters at work have diverted my attention, and I have been unable to prepare this in time. However, if any members have any suggestions as to matters that could be included in such a survey, these would be greatly appreciated.

As previously mentioned, I have been contacted by Joanne Bullock-Saxton who is helping to organise a fund raising event for victims of the Brisbane floods. Having discussed the matter with Joanne, it is evident she is seeking assistance in two main areas, the first being bodies to help on the day and the second in securing grant funding from the Brisbane City Council. I have suggested that we would in principal be interested in assisting and have asked Joanne to attend our meeting on Monday so we can discuss this further.

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**WHAT'S ON?**  
22<sup>nd</sup> August:

**Fellowship Meeting**



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?



## President's Message (continued)

I was also today contacted by DG Carolyn Krueger who is seeking a donation of \$100 from each of the Rotary Clubs in our District towards PolioPlus as part of a gift for Glen Kinross (well at least I hope that is who the gift is for, although unfortunately I was caught on a busy street at the time so could only hear part of the call). Anyway, I of course confirmed we would be happy to participate in this regard.

I think that is all for this week and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Monday's meeting.

## President Alistair

### Rotary Club of Brisbane meeting 15 August 2011

The Chairman Peter Anderson introduced PP Bas Veal who was standing in for P Alistair Smith who had to attend another engagement at QUT. PP Bas introduced a visiting Rotarian, Tony Glass from Kamloops Rotary Club in Canada, who was visiting us for the second time. Tony plans to return to live in Australia. Our second visitor was Gerardo Alonso, who was originally from Mexico, but has lived in the USA for some time. Gerardo now lives in Brisbane, and is a prospective member of our Club. PP Bas reported on his inspection of the City Hall restoration and the huge hole in the ground under the auditorium which is now down to bedrock. This will eventually house storage and a commercial kitchen. Bas spoke of the possibility of a dedicated Rotary Room in the new remodelled building.

Spots were given by PP Mike Kelly who urged any members who had not done so to purchase an "End Polio Now" badge. Keith Watts had organised a wine tasting of a SWH Pinot Gris prior to the meeting and was taking orders for \$220 per dozen delivered to your door. He reminded members of the BYO BBQ and wine labelling night at Wal Bishop's warehouse at 6pm on the 31st of August. Greg Burnett announced that he had received another nomination for the Club's Pride of Workmanship Awards Dinner on the 19th of October and asked members for more nominations.

The day was nominated as a Fellowship Day and Chairman Peter Anderson read a long, interesting and nostalgic reminiscence of how wonderful, and different, things were in the good old days. Then our own member Chris Muir gave us a fifteen minute summary of his very recent holiday rafting down a wild river in the Yukon. Chris and his son joined a group of a dozen tourists who travelled about 250 km downstream in three inflatable rubber rafts each manned by a professional guide over a ten day period. Chris was most impressed by the professionalism of the guides and their love and care of the environment. They camped in tents by the river at night. The whole trip was very environmentally friendly. All human waste was carried out in sealed toilets. When campfires were lit they were made on steel plates so that when the tour had moved on there was no sign that they had ever been there. They were impressed by sightings of eagles, mountain goats, and grizzly and brown bears. The water was not translucent and visibility through the water was limited to only a few inches due to the glacial flour suspended in the fast flowing stream. Everyone was impressed by Chris' talk and envied his sense of adventure and fitness in undertaking such a different holiday.

Sergeant at Arms Cam Bishop fined those who had not worn some red in support of the Daniel Morcombe Trust. He congratulated his father Wal on his 77th birthday on the previous day. The raffle was won by John Smerdon. The meeting attendance was a total of 21 – including one visiting Rotarian and one guest.

## 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

**22 August:**  
TBA

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

**5 September:**  
TBA

**12 September:**  
Fellowship Meeting

## 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

### 22 August 2011

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

### 29 August 2011

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

### 5 September 2011

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

### 12 September 2011

<b>President</b>	A Smith
<b>Chairman</b>	A Gillespie
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	P Anderson
<b>Raffle</b>	C Shepherd
<b>Visitor Register</b>	M Kelly
<b>Attendance</b>	B Esler G Whitmore

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