



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

23 January 2012



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Meets 4<sup>th</sup> 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
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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  
Kalyan Banerjee

## President's Message

*Welcome Rotarians and friends.*

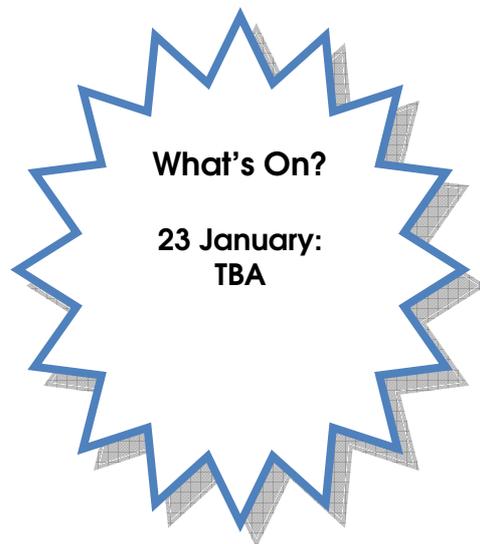
I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year. As you know, Monday was the first meeting of the year, and it was a great opportunity to catch up with members, particularly given that we had a decent turn out. For those of you unable to make it, hopefully we will see you over the coming weeks.

I'm actually on holiday on the northern NSW coast this week (my Christmas break having been somewhat shortened by a combination of some urgent work and an ill dog), and as the rain seems to have finally abated, I will have to apologise for this being a somewhat shorter message, normal service will be resumed next week.

In the meantime however, I just wanted to mention I haven't been completely idle over the break and I have now completed the preliminary analysis of the survey carried out before Christmas. I am aiming to discuss these results at Monday's meeting, with a follow-up in my message next week. If anyone else wishes to submit survey responses though, please feel free to do so and I will try and incorporate these into the analysis.

Yours in Rotary

*President Alistair*



**What's On?**

**23 January:  
TBA**

## Date Claimers

**3 March 2012:**  
PP Mel Evans  
*Tour of the XXXX Brewery at 2pm*

## 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 Meeting 16 January 2012

Chairman of the Day, **Michael Stephens** opened the meeting with the normal formalities and invited **President Alistair** to give a report on happenings. He welcomed 2 visitors from the Rotary Club Preston, Lancashire, UK., who circulated a Scroll of Friendship for all members to sign to convey their wishes to the Preston Club.

As this is the first meeting of the year there was little to remind members about other than the up-coming Brewery visit.

On the Call for Spots,

**Keith Watts** advised members of the availability of a very good Cabernet Sauvignon that was here now and called for expressions of interest.

**Brian Carss** reported on developments in the Eradication of Polio effort from a source outside of Rotary. His report follows:

Today (16th Jan 2012) 34 countries represented on WHO will be asked to ditch the vaccine that has cut polio cases since 1988 and is now only endemic in South Asia and Nigeria. The aim is to prevent the vaccine itself from defeating the whole effort. Scientists have been fighting the disease with weakened strains of each of the 3 viruses' strains. A vaccine called IPV made of dead viruses exists, but it is too expensive for poor countries which routinely use the trivalent vaccine.

Three research programs are underway to completely change the endgame.

The first is better diagnostic tests, which have revealed that nearly all of the vaccine derived polio viruses in circulation are of type 2. The Wild type 2 disappeared in 1999 and the trivalent vaccine is the only source of it.

The second, a new bivalent vaccine containing only types 1 & 3 was developed because children were developing an immune response, mainly to type 2. This strategy cut India's polio cases from 42 to 1 in 2010. Its use will stop any type 2 from getting loose.

The third research project involves how the vaccines are administered. The IPV vaccine will be administered by injection into the skin.

**Cam Bishop**, as Sergeant at Arms, in his inimitable way brought us up to date with his family's celebrations over the Christmas break and then proceeded to fine any one that was still left standing. Stan Francis won the Raffle of a bottle of Club wine – well invested Stan.

The meeting actually closed on time today. Well done everyone!

## Calendar

## Roster

### 23 January 2012:

<b>President</b>	TBA
<b>Chairman</b>	TBA
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	TBA
<b>Raffle</b>	TBA
<b>Visitor Register</b>	TBA
<b>Attendance</b>	B Esler G Whitmore

### 30 January 2012:

<b>President</b>	TBA
<b>Chairman</b>	TBA
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	TBA
<b>Raffle</b>	TBA
<b>Visitor Register</b>	TBA
<b>Attendance</b>	B Esler G Whitmore

### 6 February 2012:

<b>President</b>	TBA
<b>Chairman</b>	TBA
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	TBA
<b>Raffle</b>	TBA
<b>Visitor Register</b>	TBA
<b>Attendance</b>	B Esler G Whitmore

### 13 February 2012:

<b>President</b>	TBA
<b>Chairman</b>	TBA
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	TBA
<b>Raffle</b>	TBA
<b>Visitor Register</b>	TBA
<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.



## ***Polio survivor inspires support for ending the disease***

Ten days before his 21st birthday, David Goldstone lay in a hospital bed near Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, his arms and legs paralysed by polio, his body gripped by fever and in terrible pain. His hospital admission form read, "Life expectancy: 24 hours."

Six days later, Goldstone emerged from a semi coma and was moved out of isolation into a children's ward; adult polio victims were and still are relatively rare. "You will probably never walk again," the hospital's chief medical officer told him.

"I will," Goldstone replied.

### *His story*

That was 55 years ago. Now 76 and a member of the Rotary Club of Crawley, Western Australia, Goldstone recounted his battle with polio at an October meeting of nearly 600 Rotarians gathered in support of polio eradication. He had never shared his story in public because of the emotional trauma it would have caused him. But fellow club member Michael Sheldrick, manager of the Global Poverty Project's polio eradication campaign, had persuaded him to talk about his experience.

Throughout most of the story, Goldstone referred to himself as "John," a friend, revealing only at the end that the story was about him.

"For days, John's arms and legs were covered with sandbags to stop any deformity from occurring, (then) they were placed in splints," Goldstone told his listeners. "Then, John was placed in a half-body plaster cast to stop his limbs from changing shape, and was administered injections of morphine every four hours to help the pain. After six weeks, he became immune to the morphine and lived with the pain."

John was fortunate to receive physical therapy, Goldstone said. First, he learned to bend a knuckle, then to regain use of his left hand, to bend an arm, and to feed himself. Several weeks later, he sat in a wheelchair. From there, he learned to walk all over again, "just like a baby."

"Near the entrance to the ward were three iron lungs, always occupied with children," Goldstone continued. "John still has nightmares of the ghostly sound of the bellows pumping air. Whenever the level of sound changed, he knew another child had passed away."

Goldstone finished by saying, "There is no friend John. This is my story, and I do not want one more person in this world to suffer as I have suffered." He said that Rotary must keep the promise it made to the world's children 25 years ago to eradicate polio.

### *Pennies for Polio*

For many years, Goldstone has worked extensively with children crippled by polio, inspiring them with the simple message: "If I can do it, you can do it." And for 10 years, he chaired the polio eradication committee of District 9450 (now 9455). A signature accomplishment was the Pennies for Polio project, which he initiated in 1999. A partnership with the Perth Mint, the effort made available as collector's items 100,000 Australian pennies produced before 1964. Sales of the near-mint-condition coins raised more than A\$84,000 for PolioPlus.

Goldstone now has post polio syndrome, enduring fatigue, muscle and joint pain, and respiratory problems. Yet he continues to help young people with disabilities and disadvantaged youth by generating support for projects like CanTeen, Camp for Kids, Teen Challenge, and the St. John of God Horizon Program for the homeless. All told, he has raised \$11 million for charity.

Goldstone has also been a leader in expanding the Crawley club, which now has a membership of more than 100, with an average age of 42 and with several corporate members. Recently, the club raised \$20,000 for PolioPlus through an online petition drive in support of polio eradication, sponsored by Australian Rotarians and the Global Poverty Project. The club contributed \$1 for each supporter's signature.

"If I have helped save a life or made someone's dream of a better life come true, then that is why I am proud to be called a Rotarian," Goldstone says.

*Source : Dan Nixon, Rotary International News*

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