



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

25 June 2012



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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	Michael Stephens
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

Please note there is no President's Message for this week.

### Rotary Meeting – 18 June 2012

The Chairman Chris Muir began the meeting on a sad note by asking for a minutes silence as a mark of respect for our late member Bob Esler. Bob was not at his customary place besides Graeme Whitmore collecting the money as we entered the meeting, Graeme remarked that it was most unusual for Bob not to let him know that he would be absent, as he always rang to let Graeme know if he was not coming. Graeme intended to phone him after the meeting to make sure all was well with Bob. A couple of minutes later Bas Veal arrived to tell the members that one of Bob's sons had phoned him to let him know that Bob had died in hospital on Sunday, having been admitted earlier with a viral infection.

In the absence of P Alistair, who is away on vacation, PP Bas Veal acted as President. As it was a fellowship day Chairman Chris asked for spots.

PP Wal Bishop circulated two applications for grants to students for Brisbane Youth Services Scholarships. These were both for \$1,500 for specific courses. Wal spoke of the importance of this scheme in helping youth with problems to better their lives. Phil Little supported Wal, and brought members attention to the wide range of other services provided by Richard Langford and his support staff at Brisbane Youth Services, to assist disadvantaged youth in Brisbane.

### What's On? 25 June:

Holly Woocroft  
*Red Earth  
Connections*

### Date Claimers

#### 8<sup>th</sup> July

Wine labelling and Delivery Social at Sarabah Vineyard

#### 9<sup>th</sup> July:

Visit by incoming District Governor Dai Mason

### 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 (continued)

SAA Cam Bishop welcomed our new member David Smith, and also John Smerdon on his return from his trip to Spain. He reminded members that Secretary Michael Stephens was also on vacation. In the absence of Keith Watts he reminded members that there were only 3 cases of Cabernet Sauvignon left, and to remember to keep Sunday the 8th of July available to attend the social event at Sarabah Vineyard. A total of 21 attended the rather sombre meeting.

## Rotary Segment – 4 June 2012 The '70s By Brian Carss

For this part of the Club's history, I am indebted to PP Graham Wilson who undertook the task of compiling the history from 1973 to 2003 as part of our 80th anniversary celebrations. It is not my intention to report on each year, but rather to highlight particular events and years. Let's begin with 1973/74 when the Club was meeting in the Canberra Hotel where it also rented rooms as an office and as a meeting place for our club as well as other clubs in the District. We also had a salaried person who acted as a receptionist.

Declining membership and the profit from lunches meant that we faced financial difficulties. The District came to our aid by contributing \$2000 and as a result our rooms became the Rotary Information Office. This arrangement continued for some years.

In the following year, the major project was to raise funds to replace the Salvation Army's Mobile Canteen. It was clearly time to plan for a replacement. You will recall that we designed and built the first mobile canteen, but it was not until the 2001 year that its replacement actually happened and then as a result of our club joining in with other clubs to stage the Rotary Art Spectacular.

An interesting project of the 1974 year arose from the Stamp Committee, which had operated for a number of years collecting used postage stamps for sale and routinely raising \$350. This was donated to Help Industries and thereby getting a Commonwealth Government 4:1 subsidy making the contribution up to \$1750. Maybe we should continue to look for other such opportunities to gain leverage of our fundraising activities in this way.

The President in 1975 took up the RI theme "Dignify the Human Being" as his inspiration for the year's project. The project took the form of adopting the Petrie Terrace State School. Club members worked with the School's P&C to run a fete which contributed funds as well as boosting self-confidence in the P&C. The funds that were raised, plus Government subsidy provided amenities, uniforms for the sporting teams, as well as student visits to industrial and cultural activities.

As a PS to this year, the Club awarded its first Paul Harris Fellowship to PDG and PP Carl Bishop. When was the last time that we did such a thing?

When Wal Bishop was President in 1977, he decided that we should establish a Foundation to support the Queensland Surf Life Saving Association. In so doing the Foundation would provide a sound financial basis, with sufficient capital so that it could provide a regular income. The Foundation began with \$107,000. This amount was made up of a combination of a public appeal (\$28,450); a motor Car Art Union (\$8,221) and a generous support from the State Government of 75 cents for every dollar raised.

### 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

**25 June:**  
Holly Woocroft  
*Red Earth Connections*

**2 July:**  
Peter Dawson  
*Club Talk*

**9 July:**  
DG Dai Mason

## Roster

### 25 June 2012:

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** B Aldred  
**Set Up/Away** P Little  
**Raffle** C Muir  
**Visitor Register** W Bishop  
**Attendance** G Whitmore

### 2 July 2012:

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** R Tamaschke  
**Set Up/Away** K Watts  
**Raffle** K Hamburger  
**Visitor Register** J Smerdon  
**Attendance** G Whitmore

### 9 July 2012:

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** C Morman  
**Set Up/Away** C Shepherd  
**Raffle** P Anderson  
**Visitor Register** G Holtmann  
**Attendance** G Whitmore

### 16 July 2012:

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** P Ryan  
**Set Up/Away** M Evans  
**Raffle** G Sellers  
**Visitor Register** P Little  
**Attendance** G Whitmore

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## **Rotary Segment – 4 June 2012 The '70s (continued)**

Les Padman in his year as President directed his attention to children with behavioural problems. The Early Childhood Drama Program, pioneered by the Brisbane Repertory Theatre, was chosen as the means by which the Club provided TV equipment to enable this program to be extended to schools for the handicapped as well as country and remote schools throughout Queensland.

In this year too, some of our members undertook to take young men into their businesses for training. Thanks to John Woodhead, who was very active in the Vocational area, the Brisbane branch of the National Association of Disabled Office Workers (NADOW) was established. This link was further strengthened when John Woodhead became President in 1986.

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## **Rotary Segment – 18 June 2012 The '80s and '90s By Brian Carrs**

1985 was the year in which our "home, the Canberra Hotel" was sold and became the Capital Hotel. It was earmarked as a redevelopment site which came as a warning to us to start and look for an alternative site and at the same time to protect our financial interests.

Thanks to President Stan Jolly, after tense negotiations over the loss of our Capital Hotel lease, we came out of it well with a sum of about \$65,000. He said that the windfall "put the Club on a sound financial basis for many years to come" but this was not the case as the cost of establishing an office in our new home at Lennons Hotel was \$57,620.

The major project for the year was the upgrading of the walking trails through Mt. Coot-tha Reserve and in particular the development of one through to Gap Creek Rd. The work was carried out via the Commonwealth Community Employment Program along with substantial support from the Brisbane City Council. In all it employed 15 young workers and is estimated to have cost \$235,000.

Bridging the Gap was now well underway with a full time coordinator and had dealt with some 820 applications. Bridging the Gap – Job Help program was introduced from Melbourne.

However, Bridging the Gap was going on apace, having interviewed 1700 people and helped 750 find full-time employments. In this year also PP Ian A Wilson became District Governor and our Club became incorporated.

A review of income in 1988 showed that administrative costs were rising rapidly enough to show that our financial cushion from the Capital Hotel would disappear in a few years. Our Office which served the District and Rotary generally was costing about \$20,000 and yet we were only recovering \$8,000. A decision was made to retain the Centre and to increase our annual dues and ask District for a greater contribution. This saga continued on until 1994 when the office was closed and our assets worth \$16,000 were transferred to Bridging the Gap Information Office.

During the years, 1990 through 1999, the Club did some serious fund-raising. In total at least \$200,000 was raised through a whole range of activities such as Golf Days; Weekly Raffles (\$15,000/year); Xmas Art Union in the Myer Centre (anywhere from \$13,00 to \$30,00); Garage Sales, the opening of the Wacol Remand Centre and the Gateway Bridge.

The Xmas Art Union was a raffle of a Xmas Stocking filled with donated goods and located just outside of Phil Gresham's Fotofast shop. Club members were rostered on duty to sell tickets and when there was a gap the selling of tickets was handed over to the Salvation Army on a commission. The garage sale was held on the site of a disused petrol station on the corner of Ipswich Rd and Coonan St. The proceeds went specifically to Vision Queensland.

The Antique Fair was staged in the City Hall and our Club's involvement was supplying manpower to sell entry tickets and raffle tickets as well as circulate with drinks and snacks. It involved more than half of our Club members each time and was a good money spinner as was the Xmas Art Union.

We were equally generous by donating of the order of \$150,000 to support a number of projects such as the provision of a Caretaker's house/ Reception for the Shaftesbury Citizenship Centre (\$25,000); Red Hill School (\$20,000); Polio Plus (\$22,000); Drug Arm (\$15,800); Teen Challenge (\$16,000); Wesley Rotary Lodge (\$7,000); Abused Child Trust (\$3,000); People Helping People (\$10,000); Diabetes Foundation (\$14,000) and various international projects (\$7,600).

It is important to note that all of these projects are ongoing, which must be seen as a true use of our money and our fund-raising efforts.