



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

4 June 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
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

*Welcome Rotarians and friends.*

As you are all no doubt aware, this will be my last message for three weeks while I am overseas on annual leave. It has been a busy year both from a perspective of Rotary and work, so I am now more than ready for the break. I am sure that things will continue to run smoothly in my absence, however I can always be contacted on my work email address at [asmith@davies.com.au](mailto:asmith@davies.com.au) should the need arise.

I was hoping to make this week's message a summary of the last 12 months and set out my goals for next year, but there are quite a number of issues to cover off, so I will try putting some more thoughts down around these points in due course.

On Monday we celebrated the Club's 89th Anniversary and the combined efforts of Secretary Michael Stevens, and Rotarian Phil Gresham, have given us some photos which I am including below. Many thanks must go to the Brisbane Club for organising the cake on short notice.



## What's On? 4 June:

**Handmade Jewellery**  
Stephen Gibb

## 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?





Whilst this year's celebration has been relatively minor, we are hoping to make next year's event a more significant celebration involving at least one of our sister's clubs, so this is something for us to look forward to.

On Thursday there was a civic reception held by Lord Mayor Graham Quirk, to acknowledge contributors to the City Hall Restoration Fund. Our club was represented by myself and PP Bas Veal, with district being represented by District Governor Caroline Kruger, her husband Igon, and District Governor Elect, Dai Mason. The club was explicitly acknowledged for our contribution and it is apparent from fund organisers that the contribution from our club is extremely valued, ensuring we will be able to secure some media exposure in due course. PP Bas and I will of course keep you informed on progress in this regard. PP Bas is also going to be organising a dinner in City Hall once this is reopened, and I would appreciate some volunteers within the club to assist Bas with what will be a fairly major project for the club.

We have been contacted again by Mike O'Donnell who is participating in the Kilimanjaro Climb for Cancer. Mike has asked me to indicate that his team has currently raised \$147,000 but is seeking an additional \$100,000 with only three months to go. Any donations in this regard would be welcome and the link to donate to Mike's cause is below:

[http://www.everydayhero.com.au/michael\\_odonnell](http://www.everydayhero.com.au/michael_odonnell)

I have been notified about details of the District Changeover Dinner. The dinner will be held on Saturday 30 June 2012 at 6.30pm at the Kedron Wavell Services Club and the cost is \$55 per person.

A copy of the invitation for this is \*attached, together with a registration form. Registration is required by 22 June 2012 and as both Michael Stephens and I will be away during this time, can I please ask that you register individually for this event.

I received an indication from Ross Butterworth that a new Rotary Foundation run and Brandy Fruitcake Program has been started, so I would appreciate it if somebody within the club would consider taking orders and coordinating this.

We have received a request from a student at Brisbane Girls Grammar School who is applying for the National Youth Science Forum. This is a program I am very keen to support having a background in science myself and Brian Carss has generously offered to follow this up in my absence.

We have also been approached by Rotary Australia World Community Service asking if we would like to sponsor a school or provide a donation for an upcoming trip to the Solomon Islands where they are helping with providing drinking water and sanitation for remote schools. Details of the schools being assisted and costs involved are \*attached and I would appreciate feedback from club members whether they are entrusted in participating in this program.

Finally, Keith Watts has forwarded RI President Kalyan Banerjee's closing address from the Bangkok Convention and this will be included in the bulletin at some stage. I suggest that when it is included everybody read this as it is an incredibly considered and powerful message.

**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

**4 June:**  
Handmade Jewellery  
*Stephen Gibb*

**11 June:**  
NO MEETING

**18 June:**  
Fellowship

## Roster

### 4 June 2012:

<b>President</b>	A Smith
<b>Chairman</b>	K Hamburger
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	B Carss
<b>Raffle</b>	B Aldred
<b>Visitor Register</b>	M Evans
<b>Attendance</b>	B Esler G Whitmore

### 11 June 2012: NO MEETING

### 18 June 2012:

<b>President</b>	A Smith
<b>Chairman</b>	P Caragata
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	F Alpert
<b>Raffle</b>	C Morman
<b>Visitor Register</b>	M Stephens
<b>Attendance</b>	B Esler G Whitmore

### 25 June 2012:

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

*Please forward any dates or articles of interest that you would like to see included in future Bulletins to the Bulletin Editor at*

*secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au*



## President's Message (continued)

Looking back, it has been a busy and I hope productive year for the club. Highlights would have to include the Golf Day, the potential new members dinner and social events such as the Brewery Tour. I hope we can keep this momentum going for next year and I would also like to initiate new fund-raising activities and another project, such a future vision grant. I believe that the club is in a good position to do this, and look forward to working with you all to achieve these goals over the next 12 months.

In any event, I will sign off for now and I hope you have good meetings and fellowship in my absence.

Yours in Rotary

## President Alistair

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### Rotary Meeting – 28 May 2012

The Chairman Phil Gresham opened the meeting with the usual toasts to the Queen and Rotary International and added an extra toast to celebrate the 89th Anniversary of the Charter of the RCOB, which actually occurred the following day. We then all assembled around a special birthday cake made for the occasion, which was later served as dessert at the lunch, for a photo opportunity.

P Alistair reported that he had had a very busy Rotary week. He and about 250 others had attended the dinner to welcome the President of Rotary International to Brisbane. President Kalyan Banerjee had explained that although Polio Plus had had great success in most of the world there were still some countries such as Pakistan and Afghanistan where full cooperation and compliance were problematical. The theme for the coming year was "Peace Through Service". He thought that conflict often arises where people are struggling, and if Rotary could assist people to prosper then this could reduce friction and discord.

## Rotary Meeting (continued)

P Alistair and PP Keith Watts had attended the District Assembly and he reported on the results of the voting on the 4 resolutions discussed there.

P Alistair and PP Bas Veal had had discussions with BCC regarding our Club's contribution of \$25,000 towards the restoration of the City Hall which will be formally acknowledged and recognised. PP Bas will organise with the cooperation of the Lord Mayor a special dinner to celebrate the completion of the restoration sometime early in the New Year.

P Alistair announced that the Club would organise a raffle of the Brian Carrs Grange wine collection. PP Wal Bishop kindly offered to provide space to store the collection in the interim.

PP Keith Watts had a very successful day promoting the 2007 Sarabah Cabernet Sauvignon wine offer and announced that he had orders for 13 of the available 15 cases. Mel Evans announced that the date of the social event at Sarabah to label and collect our wine was to be Sunday the 8th of July.

There was no official guest lecturer but Treasurer Dougal Henderson gave us a most informative talk on his personal ideas on the current European financial situation. There was considerable intelligent discussion and valuable alternative views from Michael Stevens and Patrick Caragata on conclusion of Dougal's address. Dougal has kindly provided a brief summary of his talk which appears elsewhere in this Bulletin.

SAA Cam Bishop welcomed Peter Dawson back to regular attendance. We farewelled our new member Rohan Johnson who returns to Melbourne. Michael Stevens won the raffle yet again. A total of 19 members attended the meeting.

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## Responding to flooding in Peru

*By Derek Locke, member of the Rotary Club of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, USA, and a ShelterBox Response Team volunteer.*

I am currently on deployment in Iquitos, Peru, with ShelterBox, where area communities are suffering from the worst flood in 26 years. When I first arrived, the level of the Amazon River was still almost 1.5 meters above the normal flood level.

I've been struck by the natural beauty of the rain forests and the Amazon River and its tributaries, while also mindful of the tremendous force of these rivers when they are swollen by snow melt and heavy rainfall. Many communities are devastated and families displaced by their homes being inundated with water, or worse, completely swept away.

Since arriving, we have faced many logistical challenges, not the least of which is that Iquitos is completely inaccessible by road. All aid has to be delivered by slow boat up the river or by air. To date, we have provided vital shelter to 30 families with more aid in route.

Seeing the joy and relief on the faces of those families when we give them emergency shelter, a means to purify water, and other equipment reminds me why I became a Rotarian and why I am also now a volunteer ShelterBox response team member. It really is all about "Service Above Self."

As this is my first ShelterBox deployment, I will never forget the first family I helped moved into one of our tents. Their home was completely destroyed and all five family members, including three children, were living under one plastic sheet shared with their chickens. Their faces beamed with smiles and a sense of relief and joy as they moved into their new ShelterBox home.



A couple members of the Iquitos Rotary Club, including their president Hugo Chacaltana, accompanied me and shared in the excitement.

The recently announced project partnership between Rotary International and ShelterBox International could not be a better match. Members of the Rotary clubs of both Lima and Iquitos have been working tirelessly to assist us with logistical challenges, such as assessing the needs of communities in the area, translation service, customs clearance, transportation of both the team members, and coordination of aid deployment. While the help that Rotarians have given to our teams here is not unusual, it does underscore the importance of the ShelterBox and Rotary alliance. Thank you to all of the Rotarians who have helped on this and other ShelterBox missions by giving time, talent, or donations. Many times we, as is the case in Peru, could not do it without you.

Source:

<http://blog.rotary.org/2012/05/24/perufflooding/#more-961>

There are children in our world who are forgotten.  
Children whom no one wants to see.  
Children who have no chance of survival.  
We call them 'The Forgotten Children'  
**HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**Rotary Club of Woolloongabba  
Annual Charity Dinner  
Guest Speaker**

**Date:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2012 @6:30 pm

**Tickets:** \$65 each (includes two course meal and cash bar)

**Venue:** Function Centre - East's Leagues Club, Main Avenue, Coorparoo

**Attire:** Smart Casual/Business Attire

**RSVP: WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE 2012**  
Payment: prepaid ticket only  
Phone: Ros Kelly 0400 496 057

A gala fundraising event in Aid of ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children)  
<http://www.romac.org.au/what>

Evening includes:

- ❖ Guest Speaker
- ❖ Auction: Relaxing 7 day holiday at Samarinda Apartments Stradbroke Island overlooking Pt Lookout Surf Club – 3 b'room (6 adults) ferry transport
- ❖ Raffles – table prize
- ❖ String Quartet

So come along and enjoy a fantastic night out and support the amazing doctors at ROMAC as they continue to change the lives of children from all over the world.

If you are unable to attend donations would be gratefully received  
Bank details BSB 124 062 A/c 20428131