



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.  
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*A global network of community volunteers*

2 November 2015



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Brisbane Inc.  
ABN 75 152 438 499

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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 – 1.30 pm

### OFFICERS

President	Phil Gresham
President Elect	Tony McKinnon
Imm Past President	Graeme Whitmore
Vice President	Keith Watts
Secretary	Michael Stephens
Treasurer	Warren Walker
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cameron Bishop

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Club Admin	Rick Tamaschke
Membership	Tony McKinnon
Public Relations	Denise Schellbach
Rotary Foundation	Graeme Whitmore
Service Projects	Patrick Caragata

**District 9600**  
**Club Number 17787**  
**Founded 29 May 1923**

**District Governor**  
John Leddy

**Rotary International  
President**  
K.R. (Ravi) Ravindran

### President's Message

This week's speaker is our own member John Smerdon speaking on "From bank teller to..." I first met John when he was my bank manager at the CBA King George Square, huge changes have been made in banking and in John's working life since, don't miss this one.

By now you would be well aware of the opportunity that Wal has given the club in giving us prime retail space to promote both Shelterbox and our club. We are also taking the opportunity to involve the two Rotoract Clubs and the Mid – City club especially with manning the display. I urge you all to lend a hand by doing one or more shifts over the next two weeks that the project is running for.

Make sure that you have diarised our joint meeting on the 16 November - Dr Peter Catt, Dean of St John's Cathedral who will speak about the running of The Cathedral of Brisbane, the involvement and history of the Cathedral and the involvement the Cathedral has with the Brisbane City, the tourist attraction, the community, functions, concerts, recitals etc etc.

Yours in Rotary

*Phil Gresham*  
**President**

### WHAT'S ON?

2 November 2015  
Fellowship

### DATE CLAIMER

**16 November:**  
Dr Peter Catt, Dean of  
St John's Cathedral  
Restoration of St John's  
Cathedral

### 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 26 October 2015

Kevin Jenkins chaired the meeting. After Rotary Grace and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International he introduced President Phil Gresham. Phil's talk is provided elsewhere in the Bulletin.

After an article in Rotary Down Under on how the Rotary Club of Tumut displayed a Shelter Box in a shop front to raise funds, Wal Bishop has offered the short-term use of a shop to do the same thing and also to advertise the Brisbane Rotary club, which is a wonderful gesture on his part.

With spots Tony advised members that

- The wine sales were disappointing but completed and the focus now was on distributing the wine.
- A Christmas function was proposed for late November. Comments were sought on whether a seafood buffet with partners at a city restaurant would be welcome.
- New members' drinks nights were proposed on the last Friday of the month. This month it would be at the Tattersalls club this Friday 30 Oct between 5 and 7 PM

Denise advised that the meeting on 16 November would be a joint meeting with Mid-City where the Dean of the St John's Cathedral would give a talk and everyone was encouraged to come.

The presentation was given by Max Winters. He started with a flyover of his feedlot near Dalby. The feedlot has a capacity of 24,000 but currently has 14,000 livestock. As CSG providers such as Arrow Energy were water producers, the talk focused on how to get them to distribute this water to the higher value consumers in the immediate area such as coal mines, feedlots and intense irrigated agriculture that can afford to pay. The Bligh government in 2011 have a policy but the effectiveness of the management by the gas companies of their compliance with this policy was never reviewed or enforced. In 2012 the LMP announced a policy but again there was no effective action on the ground.

The concern is that gas companies take water from under the properties of individuals and the cost of collecting this and distributing it wisely is relatively low and similar to the royalties paid to the State Government at 0.64% of production costs. The community would be much better off if this process was managed better and the obligations of the miners enforced. A lot of the water is at present being lost in evaporation ponds.

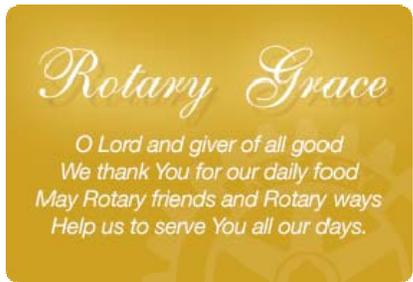
This is a problem that is easily fixed with government will and simple action and would benefit the wider community. The problem is that no party has the political will to do anything in this area, despite the Community benefit

The sergeant conducted the raffle and extracted the usual fines. He even managed to tell the longest joke possible! The Joker is still in the pack  
Pres Phil closed the meeting  
There were 15 members present (disappointing but a trend!!!).

*Summit in California unites young professionals*  
By Katie Coard  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

This summer in Berkeley, California, I joined a group of Rotary young professionals and district leaders from the western United States and Canada at a summit to discuss the future of Rotary. Reflecting one of Rotary's strengths, this event brought together many diverse perspectives to focus on what younger Rotarians are looking for in Rotary.

I've been a part of the Rotary family since joining Rotaract in 2010, and it has changed my life in many ways. I am a founder and co-president of a provisional Rotary club in my hometown of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.



## Calendar

**9 November:**  
To be confirmed

**16 November:**  
Dr Peter Catt, Dean of St John's Cathedral  
Restoration of St John's Cathedral

## Roster

### 2 November 2015:

<b>President</b>	P Gresham
<b>Chairperson</b>	M Winders
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	G Holtmann
<b>Raffle</b>	J Ryder
<b>Visitor Register</b>	G Whitmore
<b>Attendance</b>	J Smerdon D Schellbach

### 9 November 2015:

<b>President</b>	P Gresham
<b>Chairperson</b>	C Muir
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	C Shepherd
<b>Raffle</b>	W Walker
<b>Visitor Register</b>	A Smith
<b>Attendance</b>	D Schellbach D O'Donoghue

### 16 November 2015:

<b>President</b>	P Gresham
<b>Chairperson</b>	M Stephens
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	K Watts
<b>Raffle</b>	B Veal
<b>Visitor Register</b>	P Anderson
<b>Attendance</b>	D Schellbach J Smerdon

### 23 November 2015:

<b>President</b>	P Gresham
<b>Chairperson</b>	A Smith
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	P Ryan
<b>Raffle</b>	J Ryder
<b>Visitor Register</b>	M Winders
<b>Attendance</b>	J Smerdon D Schellbach

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Rotary taught me how to lead, engage, and manage groups of people, projects, and events. These are skills I use in my daily work.



Participants in the young professional summit held in Berkeley, California, USA.

When I talk to people about why they need to be part of Rotary, I emphasize how all-encompassing it is. Where else can you make lifelong friendships, network with professionals, learn life skills, volunteer, and make a difference in communities all over the world?

Every Rotary conference tries to think out of the box, but this was one of the best I've experienced. Organizers had designed a dynamic, interactive, and engaging program. Workshops led by the Haas School of Business at the University of California-Berkeley had us discussing, writing down, and illustrating our ideas and then presenting them to the larger group. Several themes emerged:

- We recognized that certain age stereotypes exist that can hold Rotary back. To put it simply, there is a stereotype, at least in a large part of North America, that Rotarians are "male, pale, and stale" and, unfortunately, this stereotype persists regardless of actual demographics. The district leaders were open to change, and we agreed that our perceptions of change will affect how Rotary will grow in the coming years.
- Young professionals don't always see the benefit of paying for meals at every meeting or singing the national anthem. Respecting tradition is important, but clubs have to think hard about what signals their meeting format is sending to potential members.
- Engagement is key. Young professionals want to be heard and make an impact. Clubs must reach out and understand what these members want in order for their membership to be rewarding.

- Young professionals want to network. And offering networking opportunities benefits a club as well. Some Rotarians feel that networking at meetings is taboo, but this is holding back Rotary's potential.
- Young professionals need flexibility. Rotary should fit into members' lives, not force members to change their lives to fit Rotary. This is especially true for those with young children.

I especially liked how the format allowed young professionals to share ideas with the district leaders. The opportunity to work with district leaders can be limited, and younger Rotarians can feel that their voice is not heard. This summit provided a microphone for that voice, and I can tell you, district leaders listened. All the district leaders in attendance walked away with an action plan to make their clubs more attractive to young professionals.

Perhaps the best thing about the summit was getting to meet Rotarians from all over the west coast of the United States and Canada. Forging friendships is truly one of the great things about Rotary. And these people, my friends, are taking action. I feel positive about the future of Rotary. Rotary will grow in relevance if, and only if, Rotarians of all ages are listening to one another and working together. Innovation and tradition go hand in hand because, ultimately, we are all Rotary.



**About the author:** Katie Coard is a co-president of the Rotary Club of Downtown Victoria in British Columbia, Canada, and a former member of the Rotaract Club of Victoria. She works as a project manager, Web content developer, and online content consultant focusing on helping nonprofits and small businesses build their brand. She posts weekly on her Rethink Rotary blog and tweets daily from @rethinkrotary about changes that Rotary clubs can make in order to broaden their appeal.

## *Taking the polio eradication effort to the streets*

By Norah Webster, Rotary staff  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

I love riding my bike. I don't own a car, so I ride for transportation. I also ride for exercise, to explore, and to spend time with friends. My bike has allowed me to see parts of Chicago and surrounding communities that people never see from the highway.

As long as I've been riding, I've been raising funds, too — from pedaling around my hometown of Galena, Illinois, for children's cancer research when I was 9, to raising \$2,500 by riding from Minneapolis to Chicago in the Heartland AIDS Ride. This year, I look forward to cycling for a new cause.

For 11 years, it's been part of my job to support Rotary's polio eradication efforts by supporting members at the Rotary International Convention and other events. I've been paid to be part of that enormous team — which also includes the World Health Organization, CDC, UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and our 1.3 million members.

Being on the Miles to End Polio team with colleagues and Rotary volunteers riding in El Tour de Tucson on 21 November gives me a chance to take the battle away from my desk. We're tasked with raising over \$3 million. Matched 2-to-1 by the Gates Foundation, that's more than \$9 million to spend on getting us much closer to ending this disease forever.

In the time that I've worked at Rotary, the number of polio-endemic countries has been cut in half. I'll admit that I've been discouraged at times. We've been This Close for so long, I've sometimes wondered if we'd ever get there.

But then India was declared polio-free after three years without a new case, and I knew it was within reach. Now it's been over a year since the last case in Nigeria, and I can actually believe that polio might be eradicated in the near future.

I can't even imagine how exciting that day will be, and I'm glad that I'm going to be here for it.