



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

16 November 2015



The Rotary Club of  
Brisbane Inc.  
ABN 75 152 438 499

**GPO Box 2909  
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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
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Vice President	Keith Watts
Secretary	Michael Stephens
Treasurer	Warren Walker
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cameron Bishop

## Directors, Main Committees

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

Today's meeting is a joint meeting with the Mid-City club please make sure that you attend and make them welcome. We need a good attendance to hear our speaker Dr Peter Catt the Dean of St John's Cathedral talk on the restoration project that our club and many of our members have supported.

This week has been very busy for the club with the manning of the Shelterbox display that Wal Bishop so kindly made available for the last two weeks. Many of our members lent a hand along with members of Brisbane Mid-City, Rotoract Rivercity and Brisbane Highrise. There were a number on donations along with a \$1000 cheque that will go to assist Shelterbox.

At last week's meeting we had nominations for board positions for next year, if you want to be on the board please let Secretary Michael know. Please note the club AGM will be on Monday the 14th December our last meeting before the Christmas break.

Yours in Rotary

*Phil Gresham*  
**President**



President Phil with club member Denise, speaker for last week.

## WHAT'S ON?

**16 November 2015**  
Dr Peter Catt, Dean of  
St John's Cathedral  
Restoration of St  
John's Cathedral

## DATE CLAIMER

**20 November:**  
RCoB Christmas  
Function

## 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?





**Shelterbox helpers**  
Members from the Rivercity Rotaract, Brisbane Highrise & Brisbane clubs all assisting with the Shelterbox display.

### Rotary Meeting 9 November 2015

Chairman for the day was Michael Stephens. After Rotary Grace and toasts to the Queen of Australia, he introduced President Phil Gresham.

President Phil welcomed members and mentioned:

1. Shelter Box – Shelter box is the biggest Rotary International project of all time and a very big success. Our two-week shop front has worked well and a big thank you to all concerned in making this happen. A special thank you to the RiverCity and Mid-City Clubs and to Wal Bishop. The YouTube video on this is very informative and is recommended for members who have not seen it. More recently Nepal has been a good example where money is not getting through to the outlying areas and the shelter boxes have been absolutely essential in maintaining life. There are several versions of a shelter box and the one delivered at Nepal contained insulation and other things to keep people warm in the winter.
2. Thank you for those that have agreed to mentor Rotaract people. Last Saturday's session was not possible as a number of mentors could not attend and it is hoped that the program will simply be rolled out without that training in the future.
3. Christmas carols in the park will occur on Sunday 6 December and volunteers will be needed to man the barbecue facilities to be provided by St George.

In Rotary Spots:

- Tony advised members that the Christmas party is going ahead on 20 November at the Stamford Plaza hotel. Members wishing to attend can either pay at the next meeting on Monday or by telegraphic transfer with reference to their name and the word Christmas

Denise advised that

- She will be out of action for a few months for medical reasons.
- She was planning to do Eddie's Van again starting from 18 January and would be requesting volunteer assistance in mid-January.
- The meeting on 16 November would be a joint meeting with Mid-City when the Dean of the St John's Cathedral would give a talk.

Clive gave a very short talk on his activities in mentoring the BestLife charity. The key issues were:

- Visited the day program on Saturday last at McKenzie State and Special school site at Vivaldi Place. The program is for Moderate to Severely disabled children.
- Income needs to be increased from grant funding, parental contributions, parental respite allowances from the government and child sponsorship. Several grants are currently being applied for and a plan has been drawn up to increase parental contributions and child sponsorships.
- The annual costs per child per activity are Sleepovers \$560 and Day program \$211. 82% of cost structure is teacher's salaries. Rent of special school 3%, admin 9%. The best options to reduce costs is to use a volunteer parent or trainee teacher, but a minimum of two trained teachers or teacher's aides will still be required and this cost cannot be reduced.



## Calendar

**23 November:**  
Mystery Event

## Roster

### 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

### 30 November 2015:

<b>President</b>	P Gresham
<b>Chairperson</b>	J Delahunty
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	K Jenkins
<b>Raffle</b>	W Bishop
<b>Visitor Register</b>	P Caragata
<b>Attendance</b>	J Smerdon D Schellbach

### 7 December 2015:

<b>President</b>	P Gresham
<b>Chairperson</b>	S Francis
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	M Evans
<b>Raffle</b>	D Henderson
<b>Visitor Register</b>	A Gillespie
<b>Attendance</b>	D Schellbach J Smerdon

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- The key risk is the dependence on a few key individuals, especially Kath Coory.
- Competing charities have been reviewed to see if any learnings be obtained from that.
- Planning a pathway to NDIS funding is underway and offers the prospect of sustainable funding however there is a lot of uncertainty within the sector and around the timing and what the NDIS will eventually look like. Not all families may receive packages, probably income driven.

Denise gave a wonderful talk about her life including such things as:

- Being a court reporter.
- Running a 21 room boarding house in Redhill.
- Her experience when she and her sons took 12 months off to backpack around the globe
- Her time working in London and Israel.
- When a friend passed away she took in her three children for five years, which expanded her family of four children to seven.
- Her charity work.
- The award she has established in the name of the late Son for an epilepsy charity.

The sergeant conducted the raffle and extracted the usual fines. He even managed to tell a joke judged to be the worst yet! Don won the raffle and the Joker is still in the pack

Secretary Michael ran through the 2016 Board positions, which need to be finalised shortly.

Pres Phil closed the meeting.

### *Rotary taught me how to be a socially conscious entrepreneur*

By Cynthia Salim  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

At the age of 21, I was a fervent student activist at Loyola Marymount University, walking picket lines to advocate for a living wage in Los Angeles, California, USA. I never would have imagined that at 28 I'd be starting a fashion label in New York City and doing social change work through a lifestyle brand.

That's the power of the Rotary experience — it widens perspectives and inspires change from every industry.

In my twenties, I went from thinking I would never work in the private sector to becoming an impact entrepreneur, spending my days finding responsible factories to work with and talking to photographers about how to thoughtfully portray women in advertising campaigns for Citizen's Mark, a line of high-quality blazers I started for a generation of socially conscious and empowered women on the rise.



Cynthia Salim models her brand of socially responsible professional wear for women in New York City. Photo by Monika Lozinska/Rotary International

When I was selected for a Rotary Scholarship in 2009, I was introduced to the concept of vocational service. This is the second object of Rotary: "High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society."

I met dozens of Rotarians in my district who had found opportunities to serve society through their occupations, from film and finance to education and transportation.

I went on to complete a Master of Arts in Human Values and Contemporary Global Ethics at King's College London as a Rotary Scholar and eventually worked in Geneva, Switzerland, in policy advocacy and management consulting. It was in building my wardrobe for these jobs that I discovered a niche. There was a dearth of professional wear for women on the rise — that space between newly minted professional and seasoned executive. There were few options at all, and even fewer from brands committed to responsible sourcing, production, and branding.

I started to build what would become Citizen's Mark using the perspective I had gained from my master's degree and the insightful conversations I had with Rotarians. The relationships I built in Europe were instrumental to my ability to build Citizen's Mark's responsible supply chain. I visited wool mills in Italy and learned about water purification after the fabric dyeing process. I talked to German wool under-collar suppliers about clean production methods. I drove into small towns in Portugal with a local friend and asked suit factory owners about — you guessed it — living wages.

Rotary truly changed the trajectory of my career. From meeting Rotarians in so many industries and countries to getting a solid academic foundation, Rotary was for me, and is for many, instrumental in transforming careers into opportunities for high-impact work that serves society.



#### *About the author:*

*Cynthia Salim is the founder of Citizen's Mark and a 2009 Rotary Scholar sponsored by District 5280 (California, USA) and hosted by District 1120 (England).*

#### *Voices of polio survivors*

By Rotary Voices staff  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

Stories from polio survivors remind us why we have spent three decades committed to the pursuit of wiping this crippling disease from the face of the earth. Below is a brief summary and a link to a few of those stories shared on Rotary Voices and elsewhere. Also watch our World Polio Day global update to see how close we are to ending polio.

Ann Lee Hussey contracted polio when she was 17 months old. A member of the Rotary Club of Portland Sunrise, Maine, USA, she has taken part in countless National Immunization Day trips to immunize children with the drops of oral polio vaccine. She first shared her story on our blog in this post from October 2013.



Kerry Jacobson contracted bulb-polio at the age of seven, in 1952. He spent several weeks in a hospital ward with other children, some in iron lungs, before being released and undergoing rehab. He still suffers from Post-Polio Syndrome, and donates proceeds from his memoir to support the PolioPlus effort.

Peter Kavanagh was infected at the height of polio season in August 1953, just around the time Jonas Salk began performing trials on his polio vaccine. Kavanagh's whole family was quarantined for a time, and he spent a year isolated in the hospital. The full account is captured in his book, "The Man Who Learned to Walk Three Times."

Linda Christianson was stricken with polio at the age of seven months. It took many years of corrective surgery before she could move about brace and crutch-free. She spends many World Polio Days telling her story to classrooms of children.

Ayuba Burki Gufwan is a member of Rotary and polio survivor in Nigeria, who founded Beautiful Gate to turn bicycle parts into wheelchairs for Nigerian polio survivors.

Patrick J. Bird contracted polio at the age of four during the epidemic of 1940, and spent 19 months away from his family in a reconstruction home. He shares his story, presented mainly from the child's point of view, in "A Rough Road."

Paul Alexander has been in an iron lung since he was six years old in the late 1950s. By forcing air into his lungs, he is able to manage short periods outside his device. About a year ago, he had a business meeting with a Rotary member, and learned all Rotary has been doing to end polio. He is now a member of the Rotary E-Club of District 5810 and a sought-after speaker.

Grant Wilkins, a past RI director and member of the Rotary Club of Denver, Colorado, contracted Bulbar Polio as a young father of three. His first wife also contracted the disease, and spent two and a half years in an iron lung before a chest respirator helped her breathe and allowed her to come home. He first shared his story in a post for our blog in October 2013.



Ann Lee Hussey administers polio drops to a child in Chad in 2014