



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

23 November 2015



The Rotary Club of  
 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

**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 Speaker is Dr Thomas Gleeson on "Rural GP Training in Endoscopy" He will talk about his experience and the potential role that GP training could play in relation to services needed for rural patients. There is a potential here for Rotary to be involved here and Gerald will give us more information on this.

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December we have been asked to cater for 100 staff of Urban Utilities at the Roma Street Parklands, we have use of the St George BBQ trailer for this, we will need help! Following on from that catering for a BBQ/Sausage Sizzle on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December Bands and Carols in the New Farm Park from 4-7. This is in conjunction with the New Farm club who expect 2000+ to attend, once again we need club members to assist. More details to follow.

On a sad note, long time club member Bas Veale passed away peacefully early Thursday morning, our thoughts are with Alaine and their family at this time. Funeral arrangements will be advised as soon as they are known.

Yours in Rotary

*Phil Gresham*  
**President**



Induction of Terry Kung into the club

**WHAT'S ON?**

**23 November 2015**  
 Dr Thomas Gleeson  
 Rural GP Training in  
 Endoscopy

**DATE CLAIMER**

**April 29 to May 1, 2016 -  
 District 9600  
 Conference'**

**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?





Phil with the President of Longreach David Phelps the chair of the Western Queensland Drought Appeal



Denise, Dr Peter Catt, Phil



LR - PP Graeme Mid-City, Denise, President Bruce Mid-City, Dr Peter Catt, Phil

### Rotary Meeting 16 November 2015

This was a joint meeting of RCOB and RCOBM-C. Chairperson for the day was RCOB PP Keith Watts. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International, he introduced RCOB president Phil Gresham, who welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. Phil's message is presented in detail elsewhere in the Bulletin. Phil's comments were supported by RCOBM-C President Bruce Clarke.

This was followed by the induction of new RCOB member Terry Kung. At the end of the induction, Terry was welcomed by acclamation.

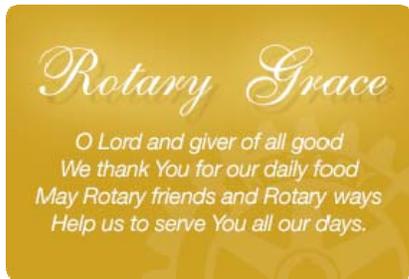
In Rotary Spots, Denise Schellbach asked for help with the Eddie's Van initiative and circulated a proposed roster. This was well supported by members.

Tony McKinnon reminded members of the RCOB Christmas Function scheduled for 20 November. He also provided information about the delivery of the latest wine offer and of the 'last Friday of the month' social function for members and potential new members (Tattersall's Club, between 5 and 7pm on Friday 27 November).

Mel Evans provided a progress report on activities with the Aunties and Uncles Charity (which he is mentoring with Dougal Henderson). His report focussed on fund raising, which is a major task in a competitive environment.

After a short period of Fellowship, the Chair introduced the guest speaker, Dr Peter Catt, Dean of St John's Cathedral Brisbane. His talk centred on the 'Completion of St John's Cathedral' ... at the beginning of the meeting he had also led in a prayer for the victims of the recent Paris terrorism tragedy.

This was an excellent presentation enjoyed by attendees. Among other matters, Peter emphasised that the project had taken some 100 years and had been completed in three stages for financial reasons. The final stage cost some \$40 million funded by public donations, grants from the various level of government and bequests. The completed Cathedral was officially reconsecrated in October 2009, more than 100 years after the laying of the foundation stone.



## Calendar

**30 November:**  
Fellowship

**4 December:**  
BBQ catering for Urban Utilities

**6 December:**  
BBQ catering for Carols in the New Farm Park

## Roster

### 23 November 2015:

President	P Gresham
Chairperson	A Smith
Set Up/Away	P Ryan
Raffle	J Ryder
Visitor Register	M Winders
Attendance	J Smerdon D O'Donoghue

### 30 November 2015:

President	P Gresham
Chairperson	J Delahunty
Set Up/Away	K Jenkins
Raffle	W Bishop
Visitor Register	P Caragata
Attendance	J Smerdon D O'Donoghue

### 7 December 2015:

President	P Gresham
Chairperson	S Francis
Set Up/Away	M Evans
Raffle	D Henderson
Visitor Register	A Gillespie
Attendance	D O'Donoghue J Smerdon



### 14 December 2015:

President	P Gresham
Chairperson	T McKinnon
Set Up/Away	R Tamaschke
Raffle	P Little
Visitor Register	S Dunlop
Attendance	D O'Donoghue J Smerdon



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](mailto:secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au)



(Interested members may obtain further details about the Cathedral and its construction at:

[www.stjohnscathedral.com.au](http://www.stjohnscathedral.com.au)

and

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St\\_John%27s\\_Cathedral\\_\(Brisbane\)#History](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_John%27s_Cathedral_(Brisbane)#History)). After some questions and discussion Peter was presented with a memento of the occasion.

RCOB SAA Cam Bishop ran an entertaining session and exacted the usual fines. The raffle was won by Clive Shepherd but the joker is still in the deck and remains to be drawn.

The joint meeting was closed by Presidents Phil and Bruce and finished at 2pm.

### *Rotary Day of Dialogue – Initiating Change*

By Chris Offer

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

I have had the opportunity to help design an imaginative Rotary event. The Rotary Day of Dialogue in Vancouver, British Columbia, on 21 November, will give voice to Rotary members' ideas on how to transform Rotary.

John Anderson, governor of District 5040 (British Columbia) conceived the idea as an opportunity for Rotarians to exchange thoughts on what they want Rotary to look like now and in the future. It is a day to share ideas on how to mend broken Rotary clubs, grow membership, expand service, and invite young leaders into Rotary.

The day is built around a group of 10 initiators — not discussion leaders or presenters or lecturers. Each initiator will speak for only five minutes, to engage and challenge the audience on topics such as: characteristics of an effective Rotary club, Rotary's new voice, ways to attract young professionals, and attributes of a good Rotarian. Each theme will be followed by 30 minutes of dialogue under the guidance of a moderator.

Vancouver has a unique venue for the Rotary Day of Dialogue. Simon Fraser University's Wosk Centre is an inspiring space, designed for dialogue and interaction.

Five concentric tiers provide desk seating for 154 participants, with microphones at every seat. Each Rotary participant will have an opportunity to discuss, listen, learn, and take action.

The venue selection is a key element in this approach to Rotary learning and discussion. Traditional conference sites and ballrooms will work if appropriately set up. But the use of a roaming or floor microphone will not encourage discussion; it is essential to have as many microphones as possible to foster dialogue.

The moderator needs the skills to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to speak and that no one dominates the discussion. He or she must also be able to probe in order to nurture the discussion and help participants articulate their thoughts. In Vancouver, we have a Rotarian who has worked in radio and as a TV news anchor.

Each Rotary member will be asked to set personal and club goals. The lists of goals won't be collected, but the moderator will ask that some of them be shared. And the district leaders are committed to reviewing the district strategic plan to ensure that it reflects the day's discussion.

The success of the event will be gauged by what action is taken in the weeks and months after the event.



The unique design of the Wosk Centre encourages dialogue and interaction.



*About the author:* Chris Offer, a member of the Rotary Club of Ladner in British Columbia, is a past governor of District 5040 and serves on the Rotary International Membership Committee. He and his wife, Penny, are Major Donors and Arch Klumph Society members.

### *Rotary made me feel right at home in Scotland*

By Ally Vincent

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

Although I am just 23, I already have nine years' experience with Rotary. I joined the Interact Club at Crystal River High School in Florida when I was 14. When I began pursuing an undergraduate degree at Saint Leo University, I felt a bit lost, and I missed the connection I had to Rotary. So I became involved in chartering a Rotaract Club on campus, eventually becoming club president in 2013-14. I saw Rotary's good work both on a local and international scale through projects we worked on with the Rotary Club of Belize Sunrise, in Belize, and the Rotaract Club of Islamabad Green City, in Punjab, Pakistan.

Less than a month after I graduated from Saint Leo University, I received an email saying that I had been awarded a global grant funded Rotary scholarship to pursue my master's degree at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, in inclusive and special education. I had worked closely with the Rotary Club of San Antonio, in Florida, during my year as president of my Rotaract Club, and — as the members were experienced with the paperwork — the club became my main sponsor, with nine other clubs in Florida helping. The Rotary Club of Portobello, Lothian, Scotland, and District 1020 served as my hosts.



Ally Vincent, center, with her Scottish hosts.

From the start, the experience was both daunting and thrilling. It was daunting because it was my first experience with Rotary members outside Florida. But it was thrilling because it was a whole new start and my first time ever in the United Kingdom.



From the moment I arrived in Edinburgh, Rotarians made me feel at home. My host counselor, Stuart, walked me around town and showed me the university and shops. He took me for a pint at a pub, in true Scottish fashion. Some club members described Stuart and me as "two peas in a pod." He was someone with whom I could joke or have a serious conversation. He was there to offer advice and guidance if I was upset about something at the university, and he helped me see Scottish culture in a way that I otherwise would not have experienced it.

The entire Rotary Club of Portobello and, indeed, Rotary members from throughout District 1020 helped me survive my year in Scotland. The Portobello club welcomed me to its weekly meetings and other events, ensuring that I had a ride. I looked forward to seeing the members each week, as it was a welcome break from my studies. Some club members would even invite me over for dinner or take me on a day trip.

When I faced roadblocks in my research, Rotary members from throughout the district were there to help. They would meet me at the train station, drive me to the school, wait for me to finish my work, my business, take me out for coffee, then return me to the station. They helped me complete my research when the university was less than helpful.

Now that I've completed my scholarship, I know I have forever friends in Scotland. My passion for Rotary grows every day. It warms my heart knowing there are still so many helpful souls in this world. Thanks, Rotary International, Rotary Club of Portobello, District 1020, District 6950, and the Rotary Club of San Antonio for your support and encouragement. I don't know where I would be without you all.

My journey with Rotary is not over. I continue to visit clubs in my district to share my experiences, and will speak at our district conference. And once I have an established career, I am sure I will find a Rotary club to join.