



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.
Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

A global network of community volunteers

9 November 2015



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Brisbane Inc.
ABN 75 152 438 499

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Brisbane Qld 4001**

Meets 4th 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
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District Governor
John Leddy

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

President's Message

This week we are so lucky to have club diva and dynamo Denise as our guest speaker, awhile back she spoke on Mental Health and her involvement in her working and personal life, this week will be more of a job talk, don't miss it.

At short notice Wal gave us, the club, the opportunity to use a tenancy that was between tenants, if you have read my spam this week you will see the results. To be honest I knew little about Shelterbox but in the last week have realised that this is the largest ever Rotary project. Polio Plus is undoubtedly huge but Shelterbox is bigger. It won't be long before half a million units have been delivered. Rotary volunteers are there from packing to placing. We still need your help an hour or two to man the display it will make a difference.

Coming up it is vital that you support the club especially with the joint meeting next Monday with the guest speaker Dr Peter Catt the Dean of St John's. In this bulletin you will also see an invitation to support the Brisbane Rotoract CBD club at a Fijian hangi.

Yours in Rotary

Phil Gresham
President

Rotary visitors from Saratoga California



WHAT'S ON?

9 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 2 November 2015

Chairman: Michael Stevens

Meeting commenced at 1247

No apologies made. Guests were Rotarian Bruce and his wife Connie from Saratoga RC, California and Peter, guest of James Delahunty.

A very warm welcome was given to PP Alistair Smith who returned to a club meeting after an extended absence due to work pressures. Welcome back Alistair!

President:

1. Shelterbox Promotion at Wal Bishop's shop front, 101 Adelaide Street, City. President Phil called for volunteers to man the display for two weeks and thanked those fellows who had assisted with setting up the display. The club may have a prospective member from those people who have visited the promotion to date.

2. Phil gave a date claimer for a community event in New Farm Park on 6 December 2015. The club will use the St George catering van to cook food which we will sell and thereby raise funds for the club's projects.

Spots: Denise Schellbach advised that she will have to take leave till early December so that she can undergo a medical procedure and recuperate from its effects.

Tony McKinnon (1) promoted the club's Christmas function to be held at the Marriot Hotel on 20 November 2015 from 7.00pm. The cost per head of \$100.00 will entitle members and guests to a sumptuous seafood/roast buffet plus a limited bar tab. Members are requested to advise attendance by 6 November to confirm the booking and are asked to pay the cost of the evening by 16 November at a club meeting or to the club's bank account by direct credit. (2) reported on first membership evening drinks at Tattersalls Club Members' bar.

Good time had by all with one prospective member.

Guest Speaker: John Smerdon (Burrell Stockbrokers) gave some background comments about his early years on the North Coast and in the hinterland around Cooroy, his time undertaking Outback Service (an alternative to National Service) in Papua New Guinea as a bank teller.

John also commented on his lengthy career of 40 years with the Commonwealth Bank in the areas of financial services and general banking as well as 10 years financial planning, estate and succession planning and superannuation advice to individual managed portfolio clients and non-for-profit clients with Burrell Stockbrokers.

He also made some observations about the Rotary Club's Benevolent Fund which has substantial funds under managed investment that are owned by the club. He concluded by highlighting that the Fund directors and the Fund is covered by insurance.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Cam Bishop extracted funds from the members in his own inimitable style.

Raffle: Stan Francis won the raffle but could only draw the 6 of clubs.

Meeting Closed: 1350.

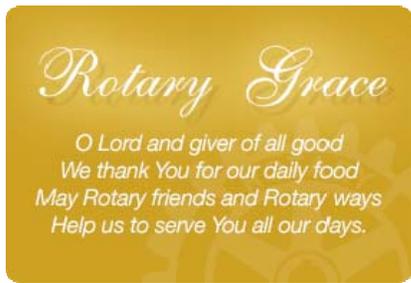
Enhance your next school water project

By Sandy Forster

Source: blog.rotary.org

The young girl shyly held my hand as she took me on a tour of her school — similar, yet strikingly different, from the schools I knew at home, half a world away. The students were eager to have a visitor and excited to show me their work. Since supplies were limited, I could see many students sharing paper, short nubby pencils, and schoolbooks.

I noticed that in the upper primary school grades, four through eight, the classrooms had fewer students, especially girls. The headmaster explained that many children, girls especially, drop out of school to help their mothers bring water from creeks or rivers or when the girls reach the age when their menstrual cycles begin because they don't have access to bathrooms.



Calendar

16 November:

Dr Peter Catt, Dean of St John's Cathedral
Restoration of St John's Cathedral

Roster

9 November 2015:

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

16 November 2015:

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

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 Schellbach

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 Schellbach

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He said this particular school didn't have a water source, nor toilets or even latrines for the students to use.



Students at a school recently equipped with toilets. Water projects in schools lower dropout rates and prevent the spread of disease.

This first experience visiting a Rotarian-led water and sanitation project site has stayed with me throughout the years. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) in School programs are vital for community development and growth. Because of these programs, we are able to see positive changes for families, villages, and nations. School dropout rates decline, health improves as fewer diseases spread, and economic growth accelerates.

In the years following my first WASH trip, I made several more trips to this village. The homes and the school now have easy access to clean water. Toilet blocks have been built at the school and homes have added latrines with toilets. All grades are full with both boys and girls learning, and the dropout rates have declined. Children became 'teachers' to parents and grandparents about sanitation and hygiene. Small businesses have grown. And it all began with water.

Now as a member of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (WASRAG), I have the opportunity to help other clubs and districts with their WASH projects. The action group has teamed up with Rotary to offer a three-part webinar series to assist clubs and districts with their WASH in Schools projects. The series will feature ideas and best practices from experts in the field to help you start or expand your projects.

Join us by reserving a spot in the first webinar 15 October to learn how you can make a bigger impact in your community through WASH in Schools.



About the author: Sandy Forster is a past governor of District 5810 (Texas, USA) and a member of the Board of Directors of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group.

Riding for my cousins, who perished from polio

By Naish Shah
Source: blog.rotary.org

My two cousins had polio, and they passed away before they reached adulthood. My brother, my sister, and I were fortunate to have been born here in Chicago, so we received the polio vaccine that my cousins in India never got. This has made me passionate about doing whatever I can to help eradicate this horrible disease.

I rode with the Miles to End Polio team last year. My fellow members of the Rotary Club of Naperville Downtown, Illinois, USA, and I raised more than \$8,000 for the cause. Easily, the Miles to End Polio effort last year was the most memorable experience of the two years I've worked at Rotary International. It really provided a tangible way to contribute toward Rotary's mission and live the motto of Service Above Self.

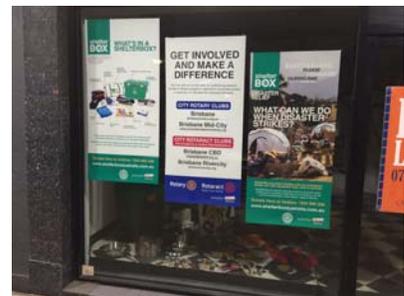


I also felt blessed to be able to train and ride with the team last year. I had never ridden more than 104 miles before. I could not have done it without the tips, support, and encouragement of the team. We truly built goodwill and friendship. It was a great experience, and I thank all my teammates for their support.

We also received wonderful hospitality and support from the Rotary members in Tucson who organize Rotary's participation in El Tour de Tucson. Their passion, dedication, and hard work are the keys to the success of Miles to End Polio. I am so excited to be a part of this year's team, and I look forward to being pushed to my limits for this great cause.

Naish Shah is manager of Rotary's Member Benefits program. He is one of several Rotary staff members who will join General Secretary John Hewko in biking El Tour de Tucson in Arizona to raise money for polio eradication.

Shelterbox





5 December - You're Invited!



Books for Somosomo

By Rotaract Brisbane CBD

Join us for a traditional Fijian meal (a Lovo), to aid our club in providing books, shelving and other literacy resources to the Somosomo District School on Taveuni Island, Fiji.

When: 5 December 6pm - 10 pm

Where: Stephens Fijian Uniting Church
29 Cracknell Road, Annerley

Tickets: early \$45 / regular \$49
tix.yt/books-for-somosomo

RSVP: early 15 November 2015 /
regular 22 November 2015

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