



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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*A global network of community volunteers*

14 December 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  
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241 Adelaide Street  
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**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

This Monday is our AGM, it will be short and sweet! Please make sure you come as this is our last meeting for the year, come and share Christmas fellowship.

Last Friday we catered for 100 staff from Urban Utilities at Roma Street Parklands using the St George BBQ trailer, it was very successful with help from Clive, Isabelle and Frank from Rotary Cologne Ambassador with 2yo daughter Louisa the official sausage tester. Urban Utilities staff donated a huge bunch of children's Christmas presents, these have been donated to the Anglicare Domestic Violence Safety House, a New Farm Rotary project. Virginia Bishop, Wal's daughter had offered to help but called me as she was unwell, that was an understatement, she was admitted to hospital over the weekend with a blood clot and placed in critical care, the good news is that she is on the mend.

Sunday we attended the New Farm Park carols assisting the Rotary Club of New Farm with a sausage sizzle and drinks. Thanks to all of our members that assisted, especially to Mel who was less than two weeks out of hospital after a serious but successful operation, you can't keep a good man down! Profits from the event are going to the Western Drought Appeal.

I called Stan Francis on Thursday he is in hospital with serious asthma he is also on the mend. I trust that all of our members have a healthy and happy Christmas, our first meeting for 2016 will be on Monday 18th see you then.

Yours in Rotary

*Phil Gresham*  
**President**

### WHAT'S ON?

**14 December 2015**  
RCOB Annual General  
Meeting



### DATE CLAIMER

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

**January 18 2016:**  
RCOB participation in  
the 'Eddie's Van  
Initiative' begins

### 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 in action catering in the Roma Street Parklands



Busy night with The Rotary Club of New Farm at their Carols in New Farm Park



## Rotary Meeting 7 December 2015

Chairperson for the day was Tony McKinnon. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International, he introduced President Phil Gresham, who welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. Phil's message is presented in detail elsewhere in the Bulletin.

There were no Rotary Spots.

After a period of Fellowship, Tony introduced the Guest Speaker, RCOB member Clive Shepherd, who spoke on the topic 'Three government policies that went wrong' His talk focussed on three examples of what he considered very poor government policy, namely the car industry, the renewable energy surcharge and the mining tax. His interests in the car industry began long ago, in his student days in economics, and his interests in energy and mining were shaped by his extensive experience as a senior manager with Rio Tinto.

This was an excellent and informative presentation, with lots of participation from the audience. Finally, Clive was thanked by acclamation.

In the absence of an SAA session, members each contributed \$5 in lieu of the usual fines. President Phil won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck...one last chance remains to win the jackpot in 2015.

The meeting closed at 1.40pm.

## 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

18 January:  
Fellowship

## Roster



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



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## Rotary Scholar runs for clean water

By Hai-Ryung Sung  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)



A team of walkers carry a ladder rigged up with water jugs to simulate the burden that women and children in some parts of the world must bear to fetch water

Access to clean drinking water and proper sanitation should be a right for all people. Unfortunately, this is not the case. Many people still suffer and die from waterborne diseases they contract because of an inadequate supply of water, lack of sanitation, or poor hygiene. In many developing countries, women and children are forced to carry heavy bottles of water for many miles.

As a Rotary Scholar, I had the pleasure of taking part in the GlobalRun4Water recently in North Carolina, USA, raising awareness and money for water- and sanitation-related projects. My scholarship was funded by a global grant sponsored by Districts 3640 (Korea) and 7710 (North Carolina), my host district, which also organized the run. Scott Rossi, a member of the Cary-Kildaire Rotary Club, came up with the idea for the event, and has earned the affectionate nickname, the "Water Guy of District 7710."

Each year, the event has grown. During the first three years, Rotary members raised more than \$40,000 through sponsorships and community support. Funds have been used to support water projects in the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Lebanon, Bolivia, Uganda, and Guatemala. This year, almost 300 runners turned out on a rainy day for the 5k race. Others chose to carry heavy bottles along a one-mile course to experience a taste of what women and children in other parts of the world have to go through daily to fetch water.

My doctoral studies touch upon the field of water, sanitation, and hygiene. As a member of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group, I started a project involving Rotary clubs in the United States, Korea, and Cambodia to improve maternal and child health through better water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities. The initiative also seeks to change hygiene habits of villagers and improve the delivery of health care.

I hope this effort reduces the morbidity and mortality rate among mothers and children in rural areas of Cambodia. I am thankful for the opportunity my scholarship has given me to take actions like these to improve the quality of life in these villages.



**About the author:** Hai-Ryung Sung is a 2013-15 alum of the Rotary Peace Center at Duke University/University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, as well as a Rotary Scholar whose studies are funded by a global grant. She is pursuing a doctorate in environmental sciences and engineering at the University of North Carolina, and hopes to use her degree to improve health through better water, sanitation, and hygiene practices.

## Rotary Club Central helps you lead your club

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

In 2014-15, I served as president of the Rotary Club of Plympton, Devon, England. For many years, we have had a fairly steady program of activities. But with some of our more-established members leaving or taking on fewer roles, I knew I had to look at my year as a way of pushing the club forward through the newer members. Awareness of The Rotary Foundation and our areas of focus had been declining. And within the club itself, there was no "one-stop" port of call to get a full picture of the club's activities.



The Rotary Club of Plympton hosted a Young Chef competition as a new event during Hands' year as president.

Before our club assembly — and before I was aware of Rotary Club Central — the club council (executive board) had already determined the events and projects we wished to pursue and our other aims for the year.

It would be fair to say that, without Rotary Club Central, these plans and goals would still have been followed, but they would have been documented fragmentally. For example, the youth services chair would have known what his or her committee's plans were, but apart from being told at our club assembly, no one else would have had an idea. The same could be said about the other service areas. Discovering Rotary Club Central allowed me to document all of our goals in one place.

I also wanted our members to try some new ideas, so I challenged each service chair to try at least one new event during the year. Rotary Club Central allowed me to see at a glance how we were doing, rather than keep a separate list that would need constant updating. Our council generally just reports on current activities and not those past or yet to start.

Being a supporter of the Foundation, I also knew that, with our club membership at its lowest in years, it would be easy to achieve a goal of \$100 a member for Foundation giving. We'd had quite a debate earlier in the year about our club's Foundation giving which had led to reassessing how our club made donations. Rotary Club Central came in handy for following up on those discussions.



I distributed the reports that I generated to club members each month so they could see how close we were to our target. I think it really helped to keep members motivated and focused.

I'm not sure how much of an impact using the tool had on our service projects' success – although recording the man-hours and funds raised was certainly an eye opener for my club and me. But Rotary Club Central was very useful in other areas, enabling me to monitor our progress toward our goals.

A club president is not just a figurehead; he or she needs to lead club members and, if necessary, apply a little prod in the right direction if certain areas are moving too slowly. Rotary Club Central arms you with information to do that. If you haven't discovered it yet, I strongly encourage you to do so.

**About the author:** Darren Hands is past president of the Rotary Club of Plympton, Devon, England, and an assistant Rotary public image coordinator.

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