



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

*A global network of community volunteers*

15 February 2016



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

**GPO Box 2909  
Brisbane Qld 4001**

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

This week's meeting we will have 4 club presenters on the projects that the club has identified as finalists, at the end of the meeting we will have clear direction in our future as to projects.

The speakers will have just 5 minutes to sell their project, these are;

**Tony McKinnon - Accommodation for homeless ex-service personnel.**

**Max Winders - Shaftesbury Centre  
Graeme Whitmore - Youngcare  
Accommodation.**

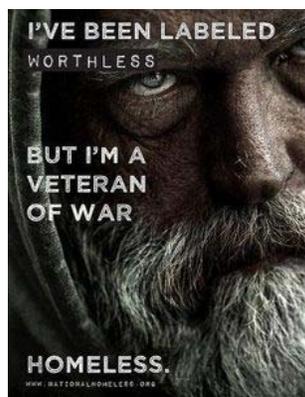
**Phil Gresham - Salvation Army Mobile  
Kitchens**

I urge all members to do whatever they can to make this meeting, remember great projects engage members and grow membership.

In the meantime I will be on my bike!

Yours in Rotary

*Phil Gresham*  
**President**



### WHAT'S ON?

15 February 2016  
Project  
Presentations

### DATE CLAIMER

**February 22:**  
Bruce McNaught,  
Assistant Governor  
D9600: Membership

**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?





### Rotary Meeting 8 February 2016

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

In Rotary Spots, President Phil drew attention to an article in Rotary Down Under about the Morecombe's visit to the Club in 2015, complete with a picture featuring RCOB's banner. The highly successful meeting had been organised by Denise Schellbach who featured in the photos. Phil also flagged a function being organised by Brisbane High Rise for 13 April at the Marriott Hotel.

Denise Schellbach thanked those members who had helped her staff the 'Eddie's Van Initiative' over the school holidays. A vote of thanks was moved from the floor for Denise's efforts in organising the initiative and thereby publicising the efforts of RCOB. The motion was carried by acclamation.

Tony McKinnon indicated that there would be a 'Back to the Future' Sunday Lunch on 20 March. The aim would be to inspect RCOB's time capsule in the Botanical Gardens followed by lunch.

John Smerdon reported on RCOB's Benevolent Foundation which was set up in 1999 and has been working well. John is a Trustee (along with Dougal Henderson, Don O'Donoghue and Alistair Smith). Following recent legal developments, it was now necessary to make the old trust deed obsolete and establish a 'Public Ancillary Fund' (PAF). It is proposed that RCOB Inc. will be the Corporate Trustee of the new PAF and that existing investments will be transferred to the new PAF. The required legal work is currently under way.

After a short period of Fellowship, Patrick Caragata, as Club Service Project Director, chaired and led discussions on the next instalment in the development of RCOB's project nomination and selection process. A number of potential projects had been nominated during the last two meetings (refer to the minutes of the 25 January and 1 February meetings published in this and the previous the Bulletin). Patrick now presented a table that enabled the projects to be ranked against the preferences of each RCOB member. The idea was to obtain a short list. Each potential project on the shortlist would be assigned 'a champion' who would make a case to RCOB members for selection. These presentations would begin at the 15 February meeting. This was a productive and well organised session with lots of participation from members.

Patrick Caragata was also Acting SAA and ran a short but entering session backed by some good jokes. President Phil won the raffle but the joker is still in the pack and the jackpot remains to be won.

The meeting closed at 2pm.



## Calendar

### 22 February:

Bruce McNaught, Assistant Governor D9600: Membership

### 29 February:

Project Presentations

### 7 March:

Cherryl McNaught, D9600 – Organ and Tissue Donation

### April 29 to May 1, 2016:

District 9600 Conference'

## Roster

### 15 February 2016:

**President** P Gresham  
**Chairperson** T McKinnon  
**Set Up/Away** S Dunlop  
**Raffle** P Little  
**Visitor Register** P Ryan  
**Attendance** D Schellbach  
J Smerdon

### 22 February 2016:

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

### 29 February 2016:

**President** P Gresham  
**Chairperson** K Watts  
**Set Up/Away** C Shepherd  
**Raffle** C Muir  
**Visitor Register** P Anderson  
**Attendance** J Smerdon  
D Schellbach

### 7 March 2016:

**President** P Gresham  
**Chairperson** W Walker  
**Set Up/Away** R Tamaschke  
**Raffle** W Bishop  
**Visitor Register** M Stephens  
**Attendance** D Schellbach  
J Smerdon



## A South African's Youth Exchange to Denmark

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

I had just arrived in Denmark after a 13-hour flight from South Africa, tired, but not exhausted. I was excited and ready to face a year of surprises and challenges as a Rotary Youth Exchange student from District 9400. It was not until I moved into my new home where I would spend the first five months of my exchange that it fully hit me – I was not in Johannesburg anymore, or anywhere familiar.

My school class was wonderful and greeted me with open arms and warm enthusiasm. You have to understand I was the first, and most likely only, exchange student they have ever had. Nevertheless, I settled in like a Lego piece, snug in its place. (See what I did there: Lego is from Denmark!)



Rotary Youth Exchange student Ronan Morgan holds up the South African flag

I had so many wonderful experiences. My first host mother spent considerable time showing me many points of interest in Denmark. I was overwhelmed by how kind everyone was to me and how many different things I was able to do. I had never tried handball before, but joined my local team and made goal keeper. Lots of training and games later and we were off to the Holstebro Cup, the biggest tournament for Danish juniors and other European teams. After a week of competition, we placed second and each got medals. Handball has definitely been one of my favorite experiences on my exchange.

When it came time to move in with my second host family, I was a bit scared at the prospect of moving on, but excited too. I had become so used to the first family. But once there, I settled in very easily, and the family once again welcomed me with open arms like one of their own.



Ronan Morgan with other youth exchange students at an intro camp

Euro Tour was the greatest event that has ever happened to me. Now I know being stuck on a bus with 75 other exchange students, traveling around Europe, may not sound ideal to everyone. But we were all one big family and had a blast. I built memories and friendships that will stay with me forever. Our last night in Paris we all decided to meet at the Eiffel Tower and hang out there until the subway closed down. In Germany, we sat in the lobby watching the Champions League Final, and in Italy we spent time on the beach relaxing and unwinding. Every city was special to us and every one a unique memory.

Back in Denmark and school, I received many requests for presentations on South Africa. I did presentations for old classes and young classes and am still being asked to talk about South Africa. I love that I can teach people things they don't know about my country.

My third move in Denmark was from the Danish equivalent of a primary school to a high school, which they call "gymnasiums" in Denmark. Part of the introduction for first-year students includes coming up with a war cry and learning the school's "frog dance" song.

*I love that I can teach people things they don't know about my country, and that I can share what my experience is living in a different country.*

My class also had to sing another scripted song with a live band in front of all the other first-year students. Our class won, largely because we did it in rap and the girls killed it. All this is to say that the school is very open to new ideas. Everyone is given liberty to do their own thing and it is easy to be yourself without worrying about the way others are acting.

There were so many other great opportunities. Shortly after settling in to my new school, I was asked if I would like to join a class trip to New York City with classmates from my first school. Jet lag, immigration forms, and lost luggage aside, it was a great experience. Then came a trip to Legoland Billund, a popular amusement park in Denmark, with my third, and final host family. I got to see lots of very impressive Lego buildings, including the world's largest Lego Sculpture, with 5.5 million Lego pieces.

The year so far has truly been an unforgettable experience, and one I will never forget. Thank you Rotary.

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## How to be a global Rotarian in a few easy steps

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

You've heard that Rotary is a global organization. You've probably even had a visiting Rotarian or spouse attend your club. Isn't it exciting to know that we can share experiences and ideas with others outside our own club?

If you travel for vacation or business to another country, you probably also know you can visit any Rotary club, exchange club flags, and be treated with hospitality. That's been our experience, whether we are within our own country or any other country with a Rotary club. This is our "Family of Rotary." But did you know there's another way to experience the global reach of Rotary?

Rotary Fellowships are independent groups that share common interests. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends all over the world, and:

- Share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies, or professions
- Further vocational development with others in the same profession or field
- Enhance your Rotary experience by exploring new opportunities and making connections around the world



Members of the Rotary Global History Fellowship meet up during the 2014 Rotary Convention.

Each fellowship functions independently of Rotary International – establishing its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure. Membership is open to Rotarians, their family members, as well as participants and alumni of all other Rotary and Foundation programs. This now means that Interactors, Rotaractors, as well as Youth Exchange students, are eligible along with anyone who has participated in a Rotary-sponsored program.

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Fellowships must have an international scope, with active members in at least three countries. You can find a list of fellowships on [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org).

You will be amazed at the diversity. Rotary Global History Fellowship (for example) connects us with Rotary Leaders around the world. Rotarians on the Internet Fellowship started with the Internet, and the "Beginning of the New Age of Communications." Currently we are connecting with thousands of members in "real time" via What'sApp and Telegram.



**About the author:** Marilyn Axler is a member of the Rotary E-Club of South Jersey, New Jersey, USA, and public relations chair for District 7640 which covers New Jersey. She serves on the boards of both the Rotary Global History Fellowship and Rotarians on the Internet Fellowship, and is a committee member for the Rotarian Action Group for Peace.