



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.
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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
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District Governor
John Leddy

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

President's Message

This week we will follow up on from the last couple of week's discussion on a major Project for the club to finish off this year and to take forward in to the next. One addition that was not put in the minutes was the potential of providing a mobile kitchen truck for the Salvation Army. The last the club provided was back in 2002, I am awaiting details from Neil Dickson from the Salvos who is also a member of the Mid-City Club. This week we will short list the project, if you want a say make sure that you attend the meeting!

The last roster for Eddies Van was on Thursday, the pupils from Terrace will take over the operation and we will be back in December. A huge thanks must go to Denise for organising the roster and to the club members and Denise's friends who helped in the mornings. Denise micro manages the catering, making sure that all the supplies are there and personally picking up items when deliveries do not happen. On Thursday it was interesting to see Orange Sky Laundry in action, I wonder how well that they are funded now or will be now that the two 21yo founders, ex Terrace students, were made Young Australian for 2016.

Tony discussed social activities, there WILL be three President's Choice events;

WHAT'S ON?

8 February 2016
Fellowship

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?





1. March when it is cooler Gathering in the Park to see the 1989 Rotary Club of Brisbane's Time Capsule location followed by lunch at Fix Restaurant & Wine Bar
2. May club visit to Kingaroy with a Saturday overnight, to meet up with the local Rotary clubs that we assisted with their drought appeal. Lunch Saturday at a vineyard, dinner with the clubs and maybe an organised or self-catered breakfast on the Sunday.
3. Vine Cellar 1 or 2, SAA Cam to be consulted.

Finally there still is some discussion on the lunch costs and venue, I will be sending out a separate survey on what the members want to do on venue and content of lunch.

Yours in Rotary

Phil Gresham
President

Rotary Meeting **1 February 2016**

Meeting started at 1246 hrs
Chairman: Patrick Caragata
No apologies

Spots: Denise Schellbach gave an Eddie's van update
Tony McKinnon outlined suggested social events for 2016 as follows:

March – "Back to the future" weekend lunch and visit to the Botanical Gardens time capsule

June – country excursion to a "great south east" venue

September – "President's At Home" function

December – Christmas function
President Phil:

1. Exhorted members to visit and use club website more often to keep up to date with what is happening and to acquaint themselves with club achievements from 1959.
2. Patrick Caragata is now responsible for club projects.

Forum: The Chairman invited suggestions for club projects. The following suggestions were made and discussed.

1. Supported accommodation for ex-servicemen and women recovering from PTSD and other mental and behavioural conditions – Tony McKinnon.
2. Young Care –accommodation and support for disaffected and at risk youth – Graeme Whitmore.
3. Club should link up and support needy charities – Michael Stephens.

Other projects discussed were

- a) A charity called "common ground";
- b) Shaftesbury Centre, Fortitude Valley;
- c) Hummingbird House;
- d) Nepal schools building project; and
- e) Providing scholarship to high school students for Rotary overseas study.

Sergeant: Cam Bishop returned from holiday and made up for lost time with a "blanket fine" of at least \$5.00 per person plus a "memorable joke" about shell fish.

Raffle: Stan Francis won but could only draw the 9 of diamonds.

Attendance: 18 members and one guest.

Close: National anthem at 1358 hrs.

What do we mean by vocation, anyway?

By Evan Burrell
Source: blog.rotary.org

The question we face almost from the time we are old enough to talk is "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

It's a question most often put to us by our parents, teachers, and friends. When we are young, we are content to keep our answers pretty vague or even whimsical. When I was 10, I wanted to be a Cowboy Astronaut Zookeeper!!



Calendar

15 February:
Mystery Event

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

Roster

8 February 2016:

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

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

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Sometimes I wish I was one, if only to see the look on the face of Rotarians who ask me what my vocation is.

The word "vocation" gets bandied about quite a lot in Rotary circles. I saw the word for the first time in some dusty old Rotary manual, I thought to myself "someone keeps misspelling vacation"!

Vocation really means "a calling," a strong desire to spend your life doing a certain kind of work or occupation.



Members of the Rotary Club of Greater Huntsville, Alabama, USA, use their vocational skills to build two wheelchair ramps for needy families in December.

Vacation and vocation don't have to be that far apart if you are doing what you love. Honestly, I think a lot of people confuse the word vocation with what we actually do to earn a buck. But vocation really means "a calling," a strong desire to spend your life doing a certain kind of work or occupation. In other words, spending your life doing what your mind and heart feel called to do.

When you've found your calling, you know it. You are driven by a passion that fills your life with fulfillment and satisfaction. And it's that kind of passion that drives Rotary members to celebrate serving through their vocation.

Someone who has a gift for fixing things and working with their hands might be passionate about building. They might use their vocation to build outdoor toilets to improve hygiene in a third world country with help from fellow Rotary members and a grant from the Rotary Foundation.

A person whose gifts are in entrepreneurship and who is passionate about working at home might use their vocation to develop web projects to assist disabled people in their local community.

Whatever your vocation or true calling is, Rotary can help you grow and develop as a person, and reach your full potential.

Your unique gifts and talents can be applied to Rotary service. And in Rotary, you can find opportunities that allow you to exercise your talents and use your capabilities to the fullest extent possible.

Ultimately, whatever your vocation or true calling is, Rotary can help you grow and develop as a person, and reach your full potential. And that is something we would all like to accomplish, isn't it?



About the author: Evan Burrell is a member of the Rotary Club of Turrumurra, New South Wales, Australia, and a former member of Rotaract. He has been involved with Rotary since he was 18 and served Rotaract in almost every capacity possible before joining Rotary. He currently manages social media for Rotary Down Under, the Rotary regional magazine of Australia.

WHO's new director of polio eradication: the end is in sight
Source: blog.rotary.org

In February, Michel Zaffran will take over as director of polio eradication for the World Health Organization (WHO). Most recently, Zaffran has served as coordinator of WHO's Expanded Programme on Immunization. He has also served as Deputy Executive Secretary of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations (GAVI), and represented WHO on the working group that designed and launched GAVI. We caught up with him recently to ask his thoughts about this new challenge:



I am extremely excited, but also emotionally very moved, to have been selected for this position. I started working for the World Health Organization in September of 1987 in the immunization program. A few months later in May the World Health Assembly endorsed the resolution to actually eradicate polio. I was just at a very junior level but remember seeing my bosses work on the resolution, and so I was there from the very beginning. So to actually toward the end of my career be coming back and heading the program for its last miles basically is very exciting and very moving.

My past experience has prepared me very well for this role. I have been working with all of the key partners for many years. And as the WHO's director of polio eradication, I will need to interact closely with the various stakeholders and ensure their contributions remain well coordinated.

Over the past three years, specifically as part of the Polio Eradication End Game Strategic Plan, I was the chair of the Immunization systems Management Group responsible for coordinating the efforts of partners to prepare for the withdrawal of type 2 oral polio vaccine (OPV) from 155 countries and for the introduction of the inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) into 126 countries. All of this work has been done very closely with Rotary, with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Gates Foundation, and UNICEF.

We have celebrated some very good milestones recently, but now is not the time to give up.



So let me talk a little about this important step. As you know, the OPV is a very efficient and very effective vaccine. But in some rare cases, it can actually cause the disease from the attenuated (weakened) live virus it contains. It can even return to being virulent, circulate, and cause outbreaks.

There are three strains of the polio virus. Last year, the Polio Eradication Global Certification Committee certified that no natural cases of type 2 have occurred since 1999 and that the virus had been eradicated. From a public health perspective, it is no longer acceptable to be causing the disease with the weakened form of type 2 when it no longer exists in nature. So during a two week period at the end of April, all countries that are currently using OPV either in routine programs or in campaigns — there are 155 such places — will switch from the trivalent OPV (which contains weakened forms of all three types) to a bivalent OPV (which only contains types 1 and 3).

At the same time, we are introducing the injectable inactivated polio virus vaccine (IPV), which contains all three types of the virus in a killed form, into routine immunization systems. This will ensure that people continue to have protection and immunity against type 2 in case an outbreak were to occur, either from vaccine not entirely removed or because of an accident at a laboratory or manufacturer.

What remains to be done

We have celebrated some very good milestones recently, but now is not the time to give up. The fact that we declared Nigeria no longer endemic, that cases are just restricted to Pakistan and Afghanistan, sends a signal — which of course is a very good signal — of positive results. But at the same time there is a danger it can obscure the fact that we need to continue for a period of time to have very good surveillance in Africa and continue immunizing children. There are countries in Africa that are at risk, should anything happen, like we have seen in the past where the virus is imported from endemic countries.



A child is immunized against polio in Nigeria.

Rotarians who have been so engaged and active in helping the program so far cannot let go. They need to continue to support the program and not only in Pakistan and Afghanistan, but in Africa where we need to ensure that there are the right campaigns conducted with high quality. What Rotarians should do is to continue to advocate that the job is not done yet.

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When we stop transmission in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and even after we have certification of global eradication, we will need to maintain high quality surveillance to ensure the virus is contained and not released into the environment.

And we need to make an effort — and Rotarians can contribute to this substantially — that the lessons learned through the polio eradication initiative, that the laboratories that we have established, that the skills that we have developed, that the staff we have trained, are not lost to public health. But that they are transitioned to new public health challenges. This is the fantastic broader legacy of the program.

I would like to recognize the unique role that Rotary and Rotarians have played in this fantastic adventure. You had the vision as early as 1979 that this should be done and you convinced the rest of the world to move ahead and do it. You have been there at the very beginning; you have been there all along. Don't give up now, we are so close, we've got the end in sight.

Eddie's Van

