



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

14 March 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 – 1.45 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 is a planning session to make our nominated projects a reality. Now we have a goal we need to work on raising funds to complete the project(s). The major project is the purchase of a mobile kitchen, the Salvation Army Emergency Services (SAES)

We will need all hands on deck to get the project going and hopefully we will have most of the solutions identified and put into action by the end of the meeting. If you are planning to attend, excellent, if not we look forward to your ideas by email prior to Monday's meeting.

Yours in Rotary

*Phil Gresham*  
**President**



## WHAT'S ON?

14 March 2016  
Project  
presentations

## DATE CLAIMER

**19 March, 12pm:**

1988 RCOB Time Capsule Re  
Visited  
Botanical Gardens  
Followed by lunch -  
Pav Bar, Stamford Plaza Hotel

**13 April 2016**

RC Brisbane Hi Rise St Judes  
School Dinner  
6:00pm to 10pm AEST  
Brisbane Marriott Hotel

**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 7 March 2016

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

After a short period of Fellowship, President Phil introduced the guest speaker Cheryl McNaught whose topic was 'Organ and Tissue Donation.' Cheryl is Chair of Organ and Tissue Donation for District 9600 and also President Elect of the Rotary Club of Albany Creek.

Cheryl's talk was supported by a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation covered major aspects of organ and tissue donations. Issues raised include:

- This was a wonderful way of 'being a gift to the world'.
- We should all think seriously about donating and let family members know of our decision. Registration is a straightforward process and can be actioned over the web.
- Currently around 75 per cent of Australians are in favour of organ and tissue donation. But ultimately the decision to proceed requires the consent of the next of kin, where consent is only around 60 per cent.
- In 2015 some 435 donors gave 1241 Australians a new choice in life...this was a significant increase on previous years
- Further information may be obtained from the Australian Government Organ and Tissue Authority at: [www.donatelife.gov.au](http://www.donatelife.gov.au).

This was a polished and interesting presentation, providing much 'food for thought' for those present. Cheryl was thanked by acclamation.

In Rotary Spots, D9600 Assistant DG Bruce McNaught spoke in support of Rotary Global Awards of which he is coordinator for D9600. The scheme provides discounts for Rotarians when purchasing goods/services from participating businesses, and also raises funds for charity. Further details may be obtained from the D9600 website: [www.rotary9600.org](http://www.rotary9600.org).

President Phil was also Acting SAA and simply asked members to make a donation in lieu of fines. Peter Ryan won the raffle ...he drew the joker and won the jackpot. Congratulations Peter.

The meeting closed at 1.45pm.

### *If Paul Harris started Rotary today*

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

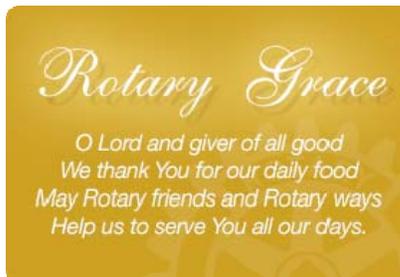
I wonder, as we approach yet another Rotary anniversary, what Paul Harris would think of the Rotary of today? Would he smile, or grimace? He probably didn't imagine how far his little idea would go when he sat down for that first meeting on 23 February a full 111 years ago.

As a fun exercise, I tried to imagine what it might be like if Paul Harris started Rotary today. To do this, I first imagined what a Gen Y Paul might be like.

I decided he'd be a social entrepreneur and blogger. His personal style is a touch metro, add some emo, and just a squeeze of hipster. He lives a healthy lifestyle, eats organic and gluten free. He is warm and welcoming, with a hearty laugh, and certainly doesn't need a copy of "How to Win Friends & Influence People." He has 500 plus connections on LinkedIn.



Evan Burrell, left, with other members of the Joint Committee on Alumni Relations during a visit to Room 711, a recreation of the room where Rotary began.



## Calendar

**21 March:**  
Fellowship

**28 March:**  
Easter Monday – no meeting

**4 April:**  
Mystery Event

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

## Roster

### 14 March 2016:

<b>President</b>	P Gresham
<b>Chairperson</b>	T Kung
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	J Delahunty
<b>Raffle</b>	K Jenkins
<b>Visitor Register</b>	A Gillespie
<b>Attendance</b>	D Schellbach J Smerdon

### 21 March 2016:

<b>President</b>	P Gresham
<b>Chairperson</b>	P Caragata
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	M Evans
<b>Raffle</b>	S Francis
<b>Visitor Register</b>	D Henderson
<b>Attendance</b>	D Schellbach J Smerdon

**28 March 2016:**  
EASTER MONDAY  
NO MEETING

### 4 April 2016:

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

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### What does his Rotary club look like?

The club is very inclusive with its membership. They work hard to attract individuals of all genders, races, beliefs, and backgrounds. They are very particular about not incorporating any practices that would be offensive to any particular group. They don't take political stands, but they are eager, collectively, to dive into action to better their community.

The club uses Facebook, LinkedIn, and social media a lot to connect, not only socially but for service projects. They use Kickstarter and GoFundMe to finance projects, and have developed some Rotary-specific tools (like our Rotary Ideas) to also achieve this goal.

### Club meetings

The club meets in person and online on a semi rotational basis, usually once or twice a month depending on the needs to be addressed. The club is more about how members can contribute their talents and take part in projects getting their "hands dirty," than how many times they show up for a meeting.

Members communicate almost daily through Facebook or Snapchat. Word about what they are doing seeps out through their social media network of friends, co-workers, and colleagues, spreading the excitement and attracting interest.

Their physical meeting locations vary, sometimes at a tavern, sometimes a coffee house. They are kept affordable so members can focus their resources and time on service. Meetings tend to be relaxed, and some people connect remotely via web technologies.

### Social hour

The club hosts regular social events to build stronger relationships between members. Members frequently invite friends with little pressure on the individual to join. Even service projects involve a good number of people who are not members, but share a common interest.

Although I've just been imagining, there are certainly clubs that do some of these things. Do you like my vision of what Paul Harris' club would look like today? What is yours?

Join a discussion on membership best practices

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. He currently manages social media for Rotary Down Under, the Rotary regional magazine of Australia. Follow Evan on Facebook.

### Rotary Peace Fellows unite in Oslo

By Lucienne Heyworth, a Rotary Peace Fellow at Uppsala, and Yuko Maeno, a Peace Fellow at University of Bradford  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)



Rotary Peace Fellows in front of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Oslo, Norway..

This year has been a momentous one for Rotary Peace Fellows at the Bradford and Uppsala Peace Centers. For the first time, 18 peace fellows met in the beautiful city of Oslo, Norway, for a three day program in January including action packed and 'peace centered' information and entertainment that left us enlightened. The purpose of this trip was to develop further collaboration between the two peace centers and to learn about Norway's peace-building efforts.

Joined by local Rotary members, we toured a city packed with a proud history of supporting peace. One of the best-known Swedes, an esteemed inventor and philanthropist, the legendary Alfred Nobel, was the focus of much of our time as we visited the distinguished Nobel Institute of Oslo and spent time in the Nobel Peace Center Museum. We learned of the intricate selection processes to determine Nobel Prize winners and the establishment of the Nobel Prize.

A visiting exhibit at the museum, 'Targets,' spurred interesting discussion of the use of targets in military training, with insightful first hand reflections from soldiers, snipers, and military personnel.



Personally, I (Yuko) was impressed by the photo exhibit. Herlinde Koelbl, the German photographer, visited military training camps in 27 countries. Her collection displayed the various targets which soldiers use to train for shooting. It included portraits of soldiers, who could possibly be a living target in the future. The exhibition gave me a chance to question why we still fight.

During a visit to Norway's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we had a chance to discuss the country's role in the ongoing peace process in Colombia. The deputy and assistant shared their experiences mediating several conflict resolution efforts in locations such as Sri Lanka and Colombia. Norway has a unique position in world politics, and it was impressing to learn about their contributions to peace, reconciliation, and development. We capped of our stay with informative talks about armed conflict, gender, and health at the Peace Research Institute Oslo.

The chance to exchange ideas with local Rotary members, who greeted us everywhere with hospitality and a keen interest in the Peace Fellow program, was priceless. It was also very fruitful to have the chance to interact with peace fellows from another center. Since we all have various working experiences and share a determination to contribute to world peace, we have a lot to learn from each other. I (Yuko) strongly wish this joint trip could be planned annually as it was one of the best experiences of the program so far.

We have sincere gratitude to all the Rotary members worldwide who support the Peace Center program and make opportunities like this possible.