



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

A global network of community volunteers

7 March 2016



The Rotary Club of
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
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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 we have District 9600 Chair: Cheryl McNaught (Husband Bruce) - Rotary Club of Albany Creek, Qld. speaking on "Organ and Tissue Donation"

Last week we had the last of our presentations on a major project, with PE Tony proposal for accommodation for homeless veterans. Unfortunately PP Graeme was unable to give a detailed presentation on Youngcare with his wife Doris going through a long series of medical tests, we wish Doris a speedy recovery. All of the proposed projects are now on our club website, <http://brisbanerotary.org.au/club-projects-current/> We should have the results using the club criteria test at the meeting, hopefully so we can get the project(s) into action. All members will be asked to assist, even those on "sick leave" there is a lot that can be done on the phone.

At last week's meeting we had a visiting Rotarian from Siegen in Germany, Volker Stein, it was interesting to hear that his club, which is as old as ours, now alternate their meetings between lunch and dinners. What has happened is that attendance at the original lunch meeting is now 50% of dinner meetings. The club growth is as a result of the night meeting option, food for thought?

Yours in Rotary

Phil Gresham
President

WHAT'S ON?

7 March 2016
Cherryl McNaught,
D9600
Organ and Tissue
Donation

DATE CLAIMER

19 March, 12pm:
1988 RCOB Time
Capsule Re Visited
Botanical Gardens
Edward & Alice Street
Entrance
Followed by lunch
details TBA

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 29 February 2016

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

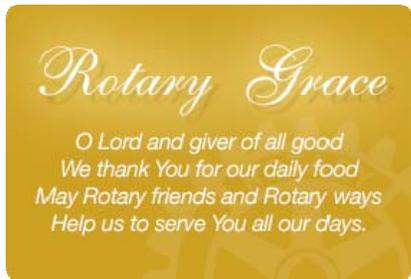
In Rotary Spots, PP Graeme Whitmore reported that his presentation on Youngcare scheduled for today would need to be postponed for family reasons. In his view Youngcare is a worthy cause and he looked forward to making his presentation as soon as possible.

Next, as the meeting met quorum requirements, members were asked to ratify changes to the operation of the Club's Benevolent Foundation, with consequent amendments to RCOB's By-Laws...as previously circulated.

The background and reasons for the changes were provided in the minutes of the 8th February meeting: '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.' The meeting unanimously supported these changes.

After a short period of Fellowship Patrick Caragata, RCOB Club Service Project Director, introduced President Elect Tony McKinnon to talk about his suggested Club Project 'Short-term Supported Accommodation for Homeless Ex-Service Personnel'. This was a very interesting presentation supported by PowerPoint slides. Key aspects of the presentation included:

- Homeless ex-service personnel (Vietnam, Iraq, Somalia, Afghanistan, Timor) totalled 3,000+ of which 600+ were in Queensland.
- More than one quarter of ex-service personnel who have seen active service on overseas deployments suffer physical, psychological or behavioural problems following their return, including PTSD.
- The impact of PTSD and its extent is unknown...effects may be progressive or acute with devastating results on self, family and friends. The height of the PTSD tsunami is still coming.
- Often returned service personnel are impacted by homelessness, loss of employment and career, loss of support structure, physical mental and behavioural problems.
- The aim of the proposed project is to assist with the provision of secure short-term accommodation as required that can be used as a base to undertake specialist treatment, and counselling. One suggestion was to build an alliance with the RSL.
- Further information will be sought on the cost implications to RCOB of this worthwhile project. Tony will report back once this information is known.



Calendar

14 March:
Project Presentations

21 March:
Fellowship

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

Roster

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

14 March 2016:

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

21 March 2016:

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

28 March 2016:
EASTER MONDAY
NO MEETING

Please forward any dates or articles of interest that you would like to see included in future Bulletins to the Bulletin Editor at: secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au



A number of questions and discussion followed after which Tony was thanked by acclamation.

This was followed by an 'exchange of banners ceremony' with visiting Rotarian Volker Stein from RC of Siegen in Germany.

SAA Cam Bishop ran an entertaining session during which he exacted the usual fines. Stan Francis won the raffle, but the joker is still in the pack and the jackpot (currently nearing \$900) remains to be won.

The meeting closed at 2pm.

Paul Harris on what Rotary will be in 100 years

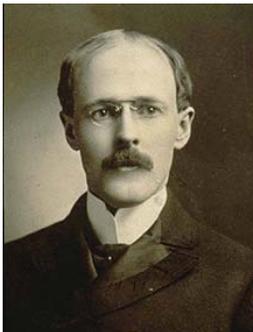
By Rotary Heritage Communications staff
Source: blog.rotary.org

Quote

"May our happiness increase with our usefulness. What Rotary will be one hundred years hence, none living can imagine."

Rotary founder Paul Harris was a semi-regular contributor to The Rotarian magazine, and the February issue often included an anniversary message from him.

In 1915, he wrote, "We are passing our tenth milestone now. May our happiness increase with our usefulness. What Rotary will be one hundred years hence, none living can imagine. There is nothing impossible to Rotary now."



Harris noted that Rotary had demonstrated its ability to "contribute toward the world's supply of happiness" in terms of promoting ethical business practices within vocations. He felt that same idea would extend beyond the walls of the offices and shops, and imagined Rotary as "the harbinger of a general world-wide philosophy of business and of life, with happiness as its goal."

While conceding that he couldn't see into the future, Harris did predict that Rotary would become increasingly necessary for its ability to make the impossible happen.

On its tenth anniversary, Rotary had been an international organization for almost three years. There were 141 clubs in only a few countries. Today, there are more than 35,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographic areas.

How do you imagine Rotary 100 years from now? What will we achieve?

Support Rotary through eBay Live Auctions

By Linda Campbell, eBay's Divisional Merchandising Manager for Live Auctions, Collectibles and Art.
Source: blog.rotary.org



Linda Campbell (first from the right) and the Live Auctions team at eBay headquarters.

For all of us at eBay Live Auctions, 2016 is shaping up to be a year of opportunities: a time to overcome old challenges, a time to set ambitious goals, and a time to try bold, new ventures. In that spirit, we are excited about the partnership between eBay Live Auctions and Rotary International.



What is Live Auctions?

When I talk about Live Auctions, people usually ask what it is and how the experience is different from regular eBay auctions. Live Auctions gives buyers the opportunity to participate in just that – live auctions – which are happening in real time all over the country in auction houses like Sotheby's, Swann's and Freeman's.

While others are raising their paddles in auction halls, you are bidding with the click of a mouse in the comfort of your own home or office. It is a completely different way to participate in auctions, whether you are a bidding novice or an aficionado.

It is our absolute honor to be able to donate a portion of Live Auctions proceeds to help Rotary International sustain its humanitarian efforts in communities all over the world.

Bidding through Live Auctions gives you an opportunity to "virtually" attend auctions that are too far or too inconvenient for your schedule. Not only that, but we bring together auction houses with diverse inventories that span everything from fine jewelry, to vintage toys, to art, coins and antiques. For pop culture lovers, we have hosted events with Elvis and Star Wars memorabilia!

Dozens of auctions happen every day, so make sure to check out our homepage and calendar often. You will also be able to find a curated list of the best Live Auctions events on Rotary social channels and emails. For instance, in the coming weeks we will be hosting two vintage photography auctions, one for fine jewelry and one that is offering a selection of vintage toys. Oh, and there will be another Star Wars memorabilia auction to close out the month.

Partners in Philanthropy

For two decades now, eBay has built a reputation of being a large company with a philanthropic mindset. We give our buyers and sellers a chance to donate to various causes and organizations through every transaction. For us, Rotary's century-long commitment to service on the local and global levels is both inspirational and aspirational. We see what an impact a group of passionate people can make when they come together over a common goal.

It is our absolute honor to be able to donate a portion of Live Auctions proceeds to help Rotary International sustain its humanitarian efforts in communities all over the world. We look forward to bringing you the best Live Auctions from around the country while also supporting Rotary's causes across the globe.