



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.  
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*A global network of community volunteers*

20 June 2016



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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  
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 will be focused on membership, VP Keith is heading up Membership for the next Rotary year and has an able committee that will ensure our goal of 50 members by June 30th 2016. The club survey will be made available to all members at the meeting and the results will be taken to the board for careful consideration, with changes being made that will have a very positive impact on the club in the future.

I contacted past Sergeant At Arms Cam Bishop during the week unfortunately we will not be seeing him back at the club, he does intend joining a Rotary club nearer to home soon.

Congratulations go to VP Keith's wife Dorothy on being awarded an AM in the Queen's Birthday honours list, for significant service to tertiary education, particularly the study of ancient history, as an administrator, academic and author.

Finally the golf day this week has 70 starters, we hope for more at the last minute, our thanks go to PP Graeme for the huge amount of work he has put into this project.

Yours in Rotary

*Phil Gresham*  
**President**

## WHAT'S ON?

**20 June 2016:**  
Ms Christy Frank  
Motivational  
Speaker

## DATE CLAIMER

**June 23 2016**  
RCOB Charity Golf Day

**August 31 2016**  
Wal Bishop Testimonial  
Dinner

## 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 13 June 2016

Chairperson for the day was Clive Shepherd. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International he welcomed President Phil Gresham. Phil's message focussed on the D9600 Training Day held on Sunday 12 June and is provided in detail elsewhere in the Bulletin. His comments were supplemented by fellow attendee Jacqui Page. She focussed on the International Service (RAWCS, RAMS and ROMAC) and the Rotary Foundation presentations she had attended. Jacqui is D9600 Chair of ROMAC.

In Rotary Spots, PP Graeme Whitmore reminded members of RCOB's Charity Golf Day scheduled for 23 June at North Lakes. Even though registrations had now formally closed he was still hoping for more players, with a target near 100.

Jacqui Page provided a progress report on arrangements for the Wal Bishop Testimonial Dinner which is scheduled for 31 August. An excellent looking invitation for the event had been printed and had begun to be circulated. Members were asked to help with the publicity. President Phil would be MC for the event.

A lengthy period of Fellowship followed.

Michael Stephens was Acting SAA and ran an entertaining session during which he exacted the usual fines.

The meeting closed at 1.45pm.

### 16 ideas for breathing life into your club

By Anabella Q. Bonfa, District 5320 membership chair  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

How do you breathe new life into your Rotary club? We held a young professional summit recently in southern California, USA, attended by 52 members of Rotary and Rotaract — some new and some with many years of experience — who came together for half a day to share their thoughts. Everyone had fun, and many creative ideas surfaced. Here are just a few:

Plan events that are family-friendly to engage members with young children.

- Plan your events in locations where kids are welcome. A few examples would be a clean-up day at the beach or park. Or hold a picnic followed by dessert at a nearby restaurant
- Give children of members duties to do at club events like collecting money or arranging cans at a food drive
- Reward children for taking part in your community service work. A little recognition now may plant the seed for a life-long love of service

### Share the value of Rotary. "What's in it for me?"

- Explain how Rotary offers a chance to make new friends
- Prompt club meetings as an opportunity to spend time with nice people who share a similar mindset and a desire to serve
- Show how your members can make a difference and have a direct impact on your community
- Explain how members build business connections that grow their careers.
- Advertise the opportunities to develop leadership skills

### Come up with ways to decrease the cost for emerging young leaders

- Offer sliding scale meals.
- Consider options of meetings without food, coffee, or dessert
- Offer corporate memberships
- Subsidize young leaders by pairing them with more established members who can pay part of their costs for a period of time

### Allow, don't discourage, members to promote their professional life

- Schedule minute-long vocational talks for members to share about their business during a meeting
- Invite speakers to talk about innovations in business and technology
- Hold club networking events
- Encourage newer members to share trends in their line of work



## Calendar

**27 June 2016:**

Speaker: to be confirmed

**4 July 2016:**

Speaker: to be confirmed

**11 July 2016:**

Fellowship

## Roster

**20 June 2016:**

<b>President</b>	P Gresham
<b>Chairperson</b>	W Bishop
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	R Tamaschke
<b>Raffle</b>	M Stephens
<b>Visitor Register</b>	P Anderson
<b>Attendance</b>	D Schellbach J Smerdon

**27 June 2016:**

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

**4 July 2016:**

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

**11 July 2016:**

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

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All these came out of one half-day seminar. Hold your own young professionals workshop, and see what great ideas you come up with!



Participants in the summit draw their ideas on paper.

### *Building a better tomorrow for youth of Kenya*

By Sarah Rolfing  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

No matter how many times I visit the slum in Nairobi or the poverty-stricken schools in the outskirts of the city, I'm not prepared for the feeling of despair that follows. Basic human rights, such as educational opportunity and access to healthcare, are constantly upended by poverty in many regions of Kenya. Children are often the most vulnerable, and the impact on education and the advancement of society is significant.

Lack of resources should not compromise the right to education, particularly in a society that has considerable disparities in wealth. Since 2013, the Rotary Club of Sumner, Washington, USA, has partnered with low-income schools in Southern Kenya to provide bathroom facilities for students with special needs. Lack of basic sanitation at schools across the region is common, negatively impacting health, hygiene, and attendance. Poor health makes education an afterthought, and Rotary's investment in creating healthy environments for students in Kenya is impacting thousands on a daily basis.



The author with Kenyan students and their teacher in front of the new bathrooms provided by Rotary.

In April, my husband and I visited two primary schools that received Rotary funding for new latrines. In one school, 1,800 children shared 32 dilapidated pit latrines. The other school is home to 1,251 children who shared eight pit latrines. The smell of the facilities is overpowering and doors hang off hinges with sewage overflowing. Outhouses at a campground are luxurious by comparison, and the poor sanitation exposes the children to an array of ailments. Two bathroom breaks per day makes the rush to use the facilities a competition.

While we observed the students waiting for latrines, we noticed 56 children at the end of the line. These are students with special needs, who struggle to physically approach the latrine or do not have the ability to use it without adult assistance. Their disabilities range from physical handicaps to dyslexia to down-syndrome. Such children are considered the margin of the marginalized in Kenya, as physical handicaps and developmental learning issues are difficult to accommodate in poverty-stricken schools.



The author with one of the students.

After finally making it to the latrines, Maria, who suffers from an illness that has left her without the use of her legs, crawls into the stall through the feces covering the floor. There are no teachers to help her with her ordeal.

Thanks to Rotary's support, simple to build bathroom facilities have given special needs students like Maria, and hundreds more to follow, a healthier learning environment and an opportunity to succeed.

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On the day of the opening ceremony of the new bathrooms, we could feel the excitement, as students chattered with anticipation. Twelve brightly-painted bathrooms dedicated to the special needs class served as a testimony to their ability to overcome obstacles and pursue education. As I spoke on behalf of Rotary at the ceremonial ribbon cutting, I was overwhelmed by the appreciation I could see on the faces of the students and their parents.

The impact that Rotary has around the world is widespread, and these projects are just a few examples of the lives being changed daily. Seemingly simple ideas like providing clean water, sanitation, and education can transform community health in developing nations. Contributions from Rotary are crucial to solving the problems that undermine basic human rights internationally and in our own neighborhoods.



About the author: Sarah Rolfing has been an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Sumner, Washington, since 2008. She is the founder of Team Agape – New Life Mission, a non profit that supports sustainable water, sanitation, and hygiene initiatives in Kenya.