



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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A global network of community volunteers

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(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
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Brisbane

MONDAYS
12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Anthony (Tony) McKinnon
President Elect	
Imm Past President	Phil Gresham
Vice President	Dr Keith Watts
Secretary	Michael Stephens
Treasurer	Warren Walker
Sergeant-at-Arms	

**District 9600
Club Number 17787
Founded 29 May 1923**

District Governor
Alan Stephens

**Rotary International
President**
John Germ

President's Message

Good Day Fellows,

With apologies to the PM, this an exciting time to be a Brisbane Rotary member. Last week I was inducted as your president, we had an interesting board meeting, which gave a limited mandate to commence discussions with Brisbane Mid-City that may result in an increase in membership.

Those of you that attended last week heard my proposals for the year ahead. This week, in the absence of a guest speaker, I want to discuss with you those intentions in more detail.

I remind you that a major fundraising event in the form of the Wal Bishop's testimonial Dinner is on 31 August, less than six weeks away. Please give it your earnest attention and if you can please support the club and Wal by confirming you and your spouse's attendance at this gala event.

Yours in Rotary

Tony McKinnon
President

WHAT'S ON?

25 July 2016:
Mystery event

DATE CLAIMER

August 6 2016
(Saturday)
Donations in Kind

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 11 July 2016

President Phil Gresham chaired the meeting before the 'changeover' to incoming President Anthony (Tony) McKinnon. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International Phil welcomed members, visiting Rotarians DGE Wendy Protheroe, ADG Rosemary Meadows and visitors to the meeting including two prospective members.

In Rotary Spots, President Phil asked for more volunteers for the DIK event on 6 August. He also reported that there had been further positive Australia-wide publicity resulting from RCOB's contribution to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Following Spots, President Phil presented an outline of his Annual Report for Rotary 2015/16...there had been some significant achievements during the year. He also presented a number of awards for members that had made significant contributions during the year. Phil's full Report will be circulated in due course. He was thanked by hearty acclamation from the audience for a job well done.

Following the presentation outgoing President Phil Gresham handed to over to incoming President Tony McKinnon. Tony welcomed members to Rotary 2016/17 and outlined his objectives for the year ahead. The theme for his year will be 'Brisbane Rotary – the Will Do Club'. His message is attached in full below.

In the absence of an SAA session, members were asked contribute \$5 each in place of the usual fines. Phil Little won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck and the jackpot remains to be won.

The meeting closed at 2.10pm.

President Anthony (Tony) McKinnon's Message for Rotary 2016/17

As the Rotary Club of Brisbane is the premier Rotary club in Queensland it is a great honour to be elected as President and it is my intention to do all that I can to see that it builds on the outstanding level of achievement in serving the Brisbane community, the State of Queensland and beyond.

The theme for my year will be 'Brisbane Rotary – the Will Do Club'. This is not to be seen as an aspirational but a factual statement that underlines what we do and say as Rotarians. I intend to lead in the streamlining and improving decision making, accountability and performance in all that is done within the internal workings of the club and what is done in its name.

The particular areas on which the Board will focus are:

- Membership - increase the club's membership by 80% to 50 by 30 June 2017. Open a new group to include friends and people in the community that have a favourable disposition to the club. These individuals, corporates or groups may be called "Friends of Brisbane Rotary" or such other appropriate name.
- Fellowship – regular social functions to be held at least on a quarterly basis to emphasise the family nature of Rotary and the camaraderie between members. Participants should include spouses, friends and Friends of Rotary.
- Fun – increasing the opportunity to have fun and enjoy each person's company and contribution in all that is done.
- Fundraising – increase the focus on raising funds that allows the club to spend generously on service projects and donations to worthy causes. The club cannot and will not "write cheques it cannot cash". The club needs to explore more varied fundraising projects and events as well as more diverse sources of income to fund its activities.



Calendar

1 August 2016:

Nigel Hendy EPIC (a charity)

8 August 2016:

District Governor Alan Stevens

15 August 2016:

Fellowship

Roster

25 July 2016:

President T McKinnon
Chairperson M Evans
Set Up/Away S Francis
Raffle W Walker
Visitor Register D Henderson
Attendance D Schellbach
 J Smerdon

1 August 2016:

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

8 August 2016:

President T McKinnon
Chairperson P Gresham
Set Up/Away C Muir
Raffle C Shepherd
Visitor Register M Stephens
Attendance D Schellbach
 J Smerdon

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- Broader engagement with key government and business stakeholders in Brisbane – a fostering of greater engagement and communication with key leaders and stakeholders in the Brisbane City community to explore opportunities for service by the club or partnership in the delivery of projects for the benefit of the community.
- Honorary membership – in order to recognise the importance of various institutions to the life of Brisbane and the links that ought to be forged between the club and those bodies Honorary membership of the club should be offered to selected government, professional and community leaders.

The Board members for the 2016/17 year are as follows:

President: Anthony McKinnon (Public Relations)

Immediate Past President: Philip Gresham

Secretary: Michael Stevens

Treasurer: Warren Walker

Directors: Clive Shepherd (Community Service), Keith Watts (Membership), Steven Dunlop (Club Administration), Donald O'Donoghue (Rotary Foundation), Gerald Holtmann (Special Projects).

Golf tournaments fund clean water for Nepal

By Jon Kaufman, a member of the Rotary Club of Peninsula Sunrise, California, USA
Source: blog.rotary.org

The installation of two water plants in rural villages in Nepal now produce more than 20,000 liters of safe drinking water every day, using solar wind as their power source. We helped install the SunSpring ultra-filtration systems the week of 1 July through 7 July as part of the ongoing H2OpenDoors project sponsored by my Rotary club and partnering clubs.

I was able to raise the \$50,000 for these units at two different golf tournaments in 2015, thanks to hundreds of generous donors.

The tournaments were held in Half Moon Bay, California, and Itasca, Illinois.

The Rotary project worked with Helping Hands, a Nepal non-government organization headed by Narayan Shrestha. Narayan, a Boulder, Colorado, businessman with deep roots in Nepal, has built hospitals and schools in that country and is widely respected among the Himalayan communities. In the small town of Khandabar, Helping Hands has built a school for 700 students. While they do get mountain spring water through the property, the quality is not safe to drink. The SunSpring system now purifies the supply, and tanks and distributes to the main canteen for teachers and students to enjoy.

In Chainpur, a small farming community, the other SunSpring was installed to form the basis of a water bottling operation. Sales of the 20-liter bottles will support the funding of a new Helping Hands-run health clinic to serve that community.



Jon Kaufman with children in Nepal during an installation of a water filtration system.

Water represents an exciting and lucrative opportunity for these villages, schools, and hospitals. All suffering from lack of funding sources, H2OpenDoors projects make it possible for them to earn their money and direct the profits to their social services. H2OpenDoors will be back in Nepal in February 2017 with interested Rotarians from the U.S., and another system to install on the roof of a brand new hospital in an impoverished district of Kathmandu. The pure water will supply the entire building with safe, clean water. The expedition will also take a five-day trek through the Annapurna mountain range.

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The Rotary Club of Kantipur, Kathmandu, will be H2OpenDoors' lead in-country club partner going forward and will serve as hosts in February. Roberty McKinley, president of the Rotary Club of SFO in San Francisco accompanied me on this trip and discussed our future work with Rajendra Lal Shrestha of the Kantipur club. We also met with the hospital's CEO who explained that of the over 100,000 patients served last year, over 75 percent were there for issues related to bad water.



About the author:

Jon Kaufman owns KL&P Marketing, a large agency in the Silicon Valley. He launched H2OpenDoors in 2013 and has installed 14 water systems in eight countries, with the help of dozens of Rotary members and friends.

African youth construct kitchen gardens for genocide survivors

By Peter King Oloo
Source: blog.rotary.org

Nearly 140 Rotaractors and guests from across the East African countries of Tanzania, Burundi, Kenya and Uganda gathered in Rwanda on 26 March to participate in the monthly cleaning exercise in Rwanda called Umuganda.

The Rotaractors, through their award-winning annual project called REACT (Rotaract East Africa Impact), had organized a project to construct kitchen gardens and raise funds for medical insurance. Both these activities were geared toward helping the community of the 1994 Rwanda genocide survivors who were resettled in Kinyinya village in Kigali.



These survivors were resettled under the Peace and Hope Initiative. We sought to carry out a project with some guests that would be sustainable and enable the people at this community to feed themselves for longer term.

The community was trained with practice to construct kitchen gardens in tight spaces and to balance their diet. By the end of the project, 50 kitchen gardens had been constructed.



Rotaractors and guests clean up and create kitchen gardens in the village of Kinyinya, Rwanda.

Miss Rwanda 2016, Miss Jolly Mutesi, joined us and implored the young girls at the center to be hard workers and make wise choices. She told stories of girls who had listened to the promises of boys in the village, and then found themselves alone once they became pregnant.

We raised 500,000 Rwandan Francs for medical insurance, enough to cover 167 individuals for a year. The project was hosted by the Rotaract Club of Kigali City and the Rotaract Club of KIE and was the fourth annual REACT project after Uganda (2013), Burundi (2014) and Kenya (2015). The 2017 leg will be held in Tanzania and its concept is in development.

