



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

15 August 2016



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Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
(Edinburgh Room)  
of the Brisbane Club  
Post Office Square  
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**MONDAYS**  
12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

### OFFICERS

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

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

**District Governor**  
Alan Stephens

**Rotary International President**  
John Germ

## President's Message

Fellows,

It was great to see a big turnout of members to greet District Governor, Alan Stephens and his Assistant District Governor, Rosemary Meadows on his annual visit to our club. Alan's message about challenges and opportunities facing all Rotary clubs in our district contained some useful points on which we can usefully ponder as we go forward. They included the following.

- The Rotary Club of Brisbane is in many respects the pre-eminent club in Queensland.
- The challenges faced by our club are common to all clubs across the district.
- The club to have a breakfast or evening meeting once a month to cater for those members who have difficulty in attending at lunchtime. These members are full members and would attend social functions and participate in all club activities and service projects.
- The club to agree on the demographics of the target market for prospective members and focus our recruitment activities almost exclusively within that group.
- The club reintroduce the "fireside chat" as part of the screening process for prospective members. This would involve an informal meeting with the prospect and, if possible, their spouse to explain what Rotary is, what the expectations Rotary has, and the benefits, including networking opportunities, of membership.

## WHAT'S ON?

**15 August 2016:**  
PDG Jessie Harman  
– visiting from  
Ballarat, Victoria  
Membership

### DATE CLAIMER

**August 31 2016**  
Wal Bishop Testimonial  
Dinner

**September 11 2016**  
Rotary Leadership Institute  
(RLI 9) Session 1

### 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?





## President's Message (cont.)

- The importance of attending the District Conference in 2017.
- Only two clubs in the district that have opted for fortnightly meetings.
- The club needs to commence planning for the club's centenary year without delay.

Our next meeting on 12 August will be followed by a Board meeting. Directors are requested to have reports and agenda items with the Secretary as soon as possible. A Club Assembly has been scheduled for 12 September.

Yours in Rotary

*Tony McKinnon*

**President**

### Rotary meeting 8 August 2016

Chairperson for the day was PP Phil Gresham. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International he introduced President Tony McKinnon who welcomed members and visiting Rotarians to the meeting, including 9600 DG Alan Stephens and ADG Rosemary Meadows.

In Rotary Spots, promoted the Wal Bishop Testimonial Dinner scheduled for 31 August. Among other matters, he urged members to attend and also to publicize the event amongst their colleagues and friends.

This was followed by the induction of new member Mark Williams (pictured). Mark was warmly welcomed to the Club by members.

After a short period of fellowship, the PP Phil introduced DG Alan Stephens making the DG's annual visit to the Club. Alan indicated that he is a passionate Rotarian who would be supportive of Club initiatives in District 9600. He particularly emphasized the importance of the Rotary Foundation.

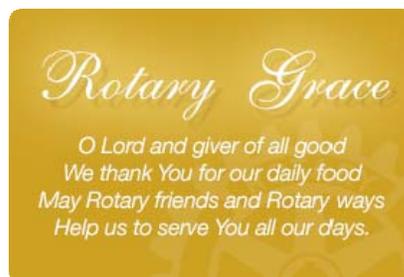


He showed a video entitled 'A Century of Doing Good in the World' (Google: '2016 Rotary Foundation Video' and select the video). The video traces the origins of the Foundation and the major initiatives it has supported, including (the Queensland-inspired) polio eradication, the establishment of Peace Centers (for example at the University of Queensland) and the Group Study Exchange. DG Alan is also keen to boost membership during his year. For further details see President Tony McKinnon's message preceding these minutes.

This was an excellent presentation much appreciated by members. Questions and discussion followed. Finally DG Alan was thanked by acclamation.

Acting SAA Steve Dunlop provided an entertaining session while managing to exact the usual fines. Don O'Donoghue won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck and the jackpot remains to be won.

The meeting closed at 1.50pm.



## Calendar

### 22 August 2016:

Sean Lues - Journeys Worldwide speaking about South Africa and Africa

### 29 August 2016:

Phillip Fitzgerald  
Our Club's Auditor

## Roster

### 15 August 2016:

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

### 22 August 2016:

<b>President</b>	T McKinnon
<b>Chairperson</b>	T Kung
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	R Tamaschke
<b>Visitor Register</b>	W Bishop
<b>Attendance/ Raffle</b>	D Schellbach J Smerdon

### 29 August 2016:

<b>President</b>	T McKinnon
<b>Chairperson</b>	G Holtmann
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	T Kung
<b>Visitor Register</b>	S Francis
<b>Attendance/ Raffle</b>	D Schellbach J Smerdon

### 5 September 2016:

<b>President</b>	T McKinnon
<b>Chairperson</b>	D Henderson
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	M Evans
<b>Visitor Register</b>	M Winders
<b>Attendance/ Raffle</b>	D Schellbach J Smerdon

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## A member of Rotaract, and Rotary too

By Alexandria Ritchie, a member of the Rotaract Club of Virginia Commonwealth University and the Rotary Club of James River, Richmond, Virginia, USA  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

Recently, two Rotary friends shared with me the decision taken by the Council on Legislation to allow Rotaractors to also join Rotary. (The Council is where Rotary members gather every three years to discuss changes to the policies governing our organization.)

So I thought I'd give it a try. I am 21, and now also a member of the Rotary Club of James River. Let me tell you a little bit about my experience in Rotary and its young leaders programs from the perspective of a brand new young Rotarian.

### My path to Rotary

I joined Rotaract after being a member of my high school's Interact club. I founded a Rotaract chapter on my campus at John Tyler Community College and have been a loyal member of Rotaract ever since. It's changed my life. I now represent my entire district as a district Rotaract representative.



Alexandria Ritchie (seated under banner), with the Rotaract Club of John Tyler Community College

How did I make the decision to join a Rotary club? The answer is simple. My sponsor clubs are amazing. We are a family and my Rotary journey wouldn't be as fulfilling without them.

When I attended the Rotaract Preconvention in Seoul, Korea, this past May, I realized that we needed a Rotaract representative on the RI Board. Rotaract needs a voice — a direct connection to the Rotarians that do so much good for the organization and for the world. This idea might be a lot to ask. [Currently, the RI Bylaws provide for a standing committee, the Rotaract and Interact Committee, which includes at least three Rotaractors.]

However, I would encourage clubs to give Rotaract a voice, at the club level, in your districts. This can set the ball in motion to greater representation in the organization overall.

### Beyond sponsorship

If your club has a Rotaract club, do more than just sponsor them. Invite them to meetings and projects. Really get to know them. Attend their meetings. Allow the president of the Rotaract Club to serve as a non-voting member on your club's board. I have encouraged Rotary members to try this in my district and it has worked well.

More importantly, invite them to things at the district level. Let them know they have a part to play in Rotary. Let them feel the power of our organization. Introduce them to the district governor, encourage them to attend conferences, seminars, and events with you.

If we do this together, Rotaract will grow. More Rotaractors will join Rotary which is truly the most important goal a sponsor club could have.

### Our greatest gift to future generations

By Ann Lee Hussey, a member of the Rotary Club of Portland Sunrise, Maine, USA  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

Polio can affect children anywhere. The poliovirus doesn't discriminate based on geography, skin color, or religion. If we don't eradicate polio now, the world could see cases rebound to 200,000 new cases every year, within 10 years.

I've participated in 27 immunization campaigns, leading 23, throughout Africa and Asia, not because I'm a polio survivor, but because I believe polio eradication will be one of our greatest gifts to future generations.

People sometimes talk about how much money we can save if we eradicate polio. It's reported that we could save \$40 billion to \$50 billion over the next 20 years if we eradicate the disease soon, and the economic impact on families and communities that are affected by polio is staggering.

### Uma's story

During my first trip to Nigeria in 2008, I immunized children in very rural areas. We walked through millet fields, down dirt roads, and across fields with grazing cows to reach clusters of homes. During a visit to one village, I met Uma, who was 11 at the time. Uma had never been to school. As a polio victim, she only had the ability to walk on all fours and the closest school was miles away from her community.

Uma moved me. Her story motivated me to help this community. My fellow health workers told me that I had a unique opportunity to speak with the state governor and request that the village be granted a school. I developed a relationship with the state governor and we began talks about building a school.

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After a few more visits, my friend and local Rotary leader Saliu Ahmed and I suggested the village members set up a temporary school to show the governor why they needed funding. When I returned 10 months later, the village had built a small school, made with mud walls and a thatched roof. This effort proved to the state governor the need for the school. The governor told me, "on your next visit, you will have a new school and when you return, we'll talk about something else."

The new school was a larger, cement block building. We provided Uma a wheelchair so she could attend school more easily.





### **Catalyst for change**

I'm impressed with how a simple trip meant for immunization was a catalyst for so many other developments. After I met Uma, we built a school, a public toilet, two wells with solar panel pumps, and a bridge providing year-round access to surrounding communities. Uma's village became the gathering point for nearby settlements.

My story about Uma and her village is not the only one of its kind. When immunizing, Rotarians see other needs and reach out to help. I find that the infrastructure put in place to vaccinate children against polio provides the foundation to improve other conditions in communities and countries.

If we invest the additional \$1.5 billion needed to eradicate polio, we'll not only save dollars, we'll save countless lives and prevent children from suffering from this completely preventable disease. Rotary members began this journey and we need to press on to the journey's end.

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