



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

8 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,

This Monday's meeting is an important one for the club. Mark Williams will be inducted as a new member of the club and the District Governor, Alan Stephens, will be making his yearly pilgrimage to our club. It is important to have maximum attendance to both support Mark and to make a good show for Alan.

The Wal Bishop Testimonial Dinner on 31 August and the Donations In Kind morning on 6 August at Durack need the club's support and urge you to make every effort to attend both events.

The Cluster red Wine and pizza meeting on Monday night was a great success. I found my first such meeting to be both enjoyable and interesting with a range of topics discussed.

As you know fundraising is one of the foci for this year. Even though the Rotary year has just commenced we all need to get focused on putting forward interest and rewarding fundraising events and projects. I believe that our club needs to run at least four such projects before May 2017. So please give fundraising your earnest attention and let Clive or myself know your thoughts. There might even be a prize for the most innovative and workable projects.

Yours in Rotary

*Tony McKinnon*  
**President**

## WHAT'S ON?

**8 August 2016:**  
District Governor  
Alan Stevens

### DATE CLAIMER

**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 1 August 2016

Chairperson for the day was Jacqui Page. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International she introduced President Tony McKinnon who welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Tony's message is provided in detail elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, Jacqui Page provided an update on arrangements for the Wal Bishop Testimonial Dinner scheduled for 31 August. Among other matters, members were urged to attend and also to publicize the event amongst their colleagues and friends.

Wal. Bishop expressed the view that the theme for the event should be focused more on what the Club has achieved rather than on him personally.

After a short period of fellowship, the chair introduced the guest speaker, Nigel Hendy, a Business Development Professional with EPIC.

EPIC is a leading not-for-profit organization which has been operating for over 25 years. It has assisted thousands of people with disability find and maintain meaningful employment throughout Australia. EPIC provides personalized services to assist people with disability or disadvantage to achieve success. Services include: Employment Assist; NDIS; EPIC Business Assist; EPIC Education Assist; EPIC Recruit Assist; and EPIC Community Assist. From humble beginnings in Brisbane in 1990, EPIC has grown to some 400 employees and 50 service centres, operating along the East Coast of Australia with offices in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania. (Further details may be obtained at <http://www.epicassist.org/au/services/>).

This was an excellent presentation much appreciated by the audience. Questions and discussion followed. Finally Nigel was presented with a memento of the occasion. Acting SAA Steve Dunlop entertained attendees with some good jokes while managing to exact the usual fines. In the raffle, the joker is still in the deck and the jackpot remains to be won.

The meeting closed at 1.50pm.

## Are you willing to be third class, and serve?

By Tiffany Ervin, past president of the Rotary Club of Four Seasons – Hendersonville, North Carolina, USA  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

In the days of the American wild west, if you wanted to travel a great distance, you had to go by stagecoach and it was a very long trip. There were three different classes of passengers – first, second, and third class. The seats were all the same, but the prices were different. Here's why...

- First class meant you remained seated during the entire trip, no matter what happened or what conditions might be faced.
- Second class meant you remained seated until there was a problem along the way, when you had to exit the stagecoach and walk alongside.
- But third class passengers not only exited when there was a problem, they were also the ones who had to fix a broken wheel or even push the stagecoach along, through the mud, up the hills, no matter what came along.



Tiffany Ervin with participants in a special needs baseball league her club sponsors.

*Rotary Grace*

*O Lord and giver of all good  
We thank You for our daily food  
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways  
Help us to serve You all our days.*

## Calendar

**15 August 2016:**  
Fellowship

**22 August 2016:**  
Sean Lues - Journeys Worldwide speaking about South Africa and Africa

**29 August 2016:**  
Phillip Fitzgerald  
Our Club's Auditor

## Roster

**8 August 2016:**  
**President** T McKinnon  
**Chairperson** P Gresham  
**Set Up/Away** C Muir  
**Visitor Register** M Stephens  
**Attendance/Raffle** D Schellbach  
J Smerdon

**15 August 2016:**  
**President** T McKinnon  
**Chairperson** P Gresham  
**Set Up/Away** C Muir  
**Visitor Register** M Stephens  
**Attendance/Raffle** D Schellbach  
J Smerdon

**22 August 2016:**  
**President** T McKinnon  
**Chairperson** T Kung  
**Set Up/Away** R Tamaschke  
**Visitor Register** W Bishop  
**Attendance/Raffle** D Schellbach  
J Smerdon

**29 August 2016:**  
**President** T McKinnon  
**Chairperson** G Holtmann  
**Set Up/Away** T Kung  
**Visitor Register** S Francis  
**Attendance/Raffle** D Schellbach  
J Smerdon

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So I began thinking about this when it comes to our involvement in Rotary. Let me ask you – what class ticket do you hold?

### **Pampered, or detached?**

Too many of us hold first class tickets – we expect to be waited on and catered to – even pampered! We're willing to ride, but not push. We just sit back and let the others do the work.

But there are also those in our organization who hold second class tickets – detached spectators who show up but don't want to get too involved. Their name goes on the roster, they even include their membership on their resume...but that's about it.

*"Is success really remaining seated while others get out and push, or is it getting your hands and feet dirty? Is success being served or serving others?"*

But thankfully, there are also a few who are willing to hold third class tickets – willing to get out and push when the going gets tough.

We tend to equate first class with privilege – exempt from doing any work. But is success really remaining seated while others get out and push, or is it getting your hands and feet dirty? Is success being served or serving others?

### **What it means to be third class**

Third class ticket holders have a heart for service. They don't mind working behind the scenes. They are people who have made a conscious decision to get involved or join an organization whose entire reason for existence is to change the world! They are people who are willing to get out and push!

If we just sit in our first class seat and expect everyone else to get behind and push, what will happen to Rotary? We'll never reach our goals – to end polio, to prevent other diseases, to bring about world peace – every organization in the world already has too many first class passengers. We're looking for a few more third class passengers!

What are you willing to do? Are you willing to be a leader instead of a spectator? Are YOU willing to be a third class passenger?

## *Children draw the most interesting things*

By Shiv Agrawal, past president of the Rotary Club of Bokora Midtown Couples, Jharkhand, India

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

Protecting our environment is probably one of the most important issue of our day. My club wanted to tap the creativity of children, and see what they were thinking about the environment. So we organized a drawing competition to let children unleash their imagination and build an awareness of the issue.

We were surprised to see the ideas the children portrayed on their papers and the slogans they came up with. They were definitely advanced beyond their age.

This was a general and small project, and it could be done by many different organizations throughout the year. It is a topic of importance for us in India, where people tend to be rather casual about the environment despite all the knowledge we have about how we are impacting our planet, not always in good ways.

We have decided to repeat the project and involve even more of our city in days to come.



Children display their drawings about the environment