



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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A global network of community volunteers

5 September 2016



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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	Max Winders

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

District Governor
Alan Stephens

**Rotary International
President**
John Germ

President's Message

Fellows,

The Wal Bishop Testimonial Dinner was held last Wednesday evening. Our club owes a big debt of gratitude to Jacqui Page and all those fellows that have helped her make the event a success.

The club assembly is one week away. We all need to bring ideas to that forum to improve our club's ability to identify club projects and to find innovative ways to pay for the club's operations and community and international service.

Next year we will be hosting a Rotary Exchange Student. We need to have the host families identified, informed and supported well before the student arrives. Please give some thought to whether you can host the student and whether you can assist the host families by being a councillor or hosting the student for a weekend.

Yours in Rotary

Anthony McKinnon
President

WHAT'S ON?

5 September 2016:
Phillip Fitzgerald
Club Auditor

DATE CLAIMER

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?





Rotary meeting 29 August 2016

Chairperson for the day was Michael Stephens. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International he introduced President Tony McKinnon who welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Tony's message is provided elsewhere in the bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, PP Keith Watts reminded members of the Club Assembly scheduled for 12 September and urged them to attend and contribute.... a responsible RCOB Director was needed for the Rotary Foundation.

Keith also reported on the excellent visit RCOB's Prof. Gerald Holtmann had arranged to his Endoscopy Unit at the Princess Alexander Hospital, and to the Translational Research Institute. 12 RCOB members had attended the event on 25 August and found the experience interesting and valuable (picture attached). RCOB has been seed-funding the 'Rotary Rural Endoscopy Training Initiative in Queensland' based on the PAH Unit. (For further details see:

<http://brisbanerotary.org.au/club-projects-current/>).

Michael Stephens advised that a 'Blue Card' was needed for some social projects by all members attending.

The guest speaker was Mark Ryan, MP, Assistant Minister of State Assisting the Premier. He was representing Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk. Before entering Parliament, Mark worked as a lawyer and holds degrees in Laws (First Class Honours) and Arts (majoring in Economics and International Relations). He is a member of the Lions Club of Morayfield and was also very familiar with Rotary. Among other matters, his talk focused on the importance of greater public investment in local road, public transport, education and sporting infrastructure. Queensland needs some big projects to boost the economy and employment.

This was a very articulate presentation appreciated by members. Questions and discussion followed. Finally Mark was thanked by acclamation.

The SAA ran an entertaining session while exacting 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.

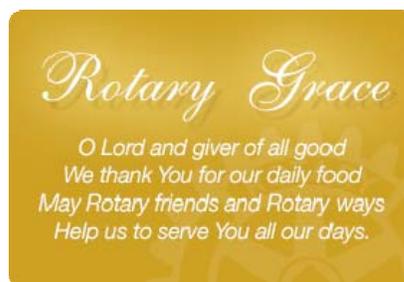


RCOB at the Aunties and Uncles Children's Picnic

RCOB members hard at work, at the Aunties and Uncles Children's Picnic BBQ held at the Roma Street Parklands on 21 August. RCOB members PP Mel Evans, Clive Shepherd and Dougal Henderson have been providing mentoring assistance for the organisation.



For further details of RCOB's support see: <http://brisbanerotary.org.au/club-projects-current/>



Calendar

12 September:
Club Assembly

19 September:
Speaker to be confirmed

26 September:
Tony Pilkington (ex ABC announcer)

3 October:
Queen's Birthday Public holiday

Roster

5 September 2016:

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

12 September 2016:

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

19 September 2016:

President	T McKinnon
Chairperson	G Whitmore
Set Up/Away	S Dunlop
Visitor Register	J Delahunty
Attendance/ Raffle	D Schellbach J Smerdon

26 September 2016:

President	T McKinnon
Chairperson	M Williams
Set Up/Away	G Holtmann
Visitor Register	K Watts
Attendance/ Raffle	D Schellbach J Smerdon

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★The Wal Bishop Testimonial Dinner★

The Wal Bishop Testimonial Dinner was held at Tattersall's Club on the evening of 31 August, when some 120 friends and family gathered to celebrate his contribution to the city of Brisbane and to Rotary. It was a gala black tie event of fun, friendship and accolades for a life that continues to be well lived. It was pleasing to see a number of former Presidents of the Club in attendance, including its first female president, PP Yvonne Levien and PP John Puttick, the Chairman of the Organising Committee for the Rotary International Convention, Brisbane 2003.

An excellent meal was accompanied by drinks that flowed throughout the evening, and there was a musical interlude between courses provided by singers Jayden and Johanna. Immediate PP Phil Gresham did a superb job as MC for the evening (accompanied by slides), and with the impromptu auction of a bottle of 1997 Grange that raised \$970 for charity. President Tony McKinnon also welcomed members and guests to the event, participated in the presentations and moved a vote of thanks near the end.

Wal Bishop was presented with a specially compiled 'This is Your Life' book telling his story including his many contributions to Rotary, the City of Brisbane, business and family. In accepting the book, a humble Wal was keen to stress that the function was not primarily about him but about Rotary.

PP Jacqui Page needs to be congratulated for organising a top event, including the preparation of the book. Jacqui also prepared the attached summary of the book's contents.

All proceeds raised at the Function will go to the current charity projects of the Rotary Club of Brisbane (for details see: <http://brisbanerotary.org.au/club-projects-current/>)

56 YEARS A ROTARIAN AND STILL GOING STRONG

On September 18, 1960 Wal Bishop, currently Chairman of Wallace Bishop Jewellers, Brisbane, stepped up when his father, Carl, suggested he join Rotary.

Carl had been a DG for what was then, District 960, and an excellent role model for community service. So Wal joined the Rotary Club of Brisbane in his mid-20s and ultimately stepped into the role of President in the 1977/78 Rotary year.

His year as President is legendary for what was achieved in that year. True to form, Wal commenced planning well before stepping into the President's role. The Rotary Club of Brisbane, at that time, was a large club with over 200 members. Knights of the Realm and Captains of Industry were prominent across the membership. There were lots of business skills amongst the members on which Wal could draw and members were excited at the challenge.

A Miss Rotary Beauty Quest and Miss Rotary Charity Queen event raised significant funds. This associated with an Art Union and other approaches to business for support produced a final result that was far in excess of the initial goal of \$29,000; they actually raised over \$60,000 and with a State Government subsidy and some other funds raised the amount that went on to form the basis for the Queensland SLSA Foundation was \$107,000.

But Wal, not one to rest on his laurels, has achieved so much in his life. He is a Master Jeweller, third generation in the Wallace Bishop Jewellery business. He is also a fine sailor with a passionate interest in sailing and motorboats and in 1986 was elected Commodore of the Queensland Yacht Squadron. He was also Commodore of Sailing Rotarians. He is an innovator in Primary Industry with perhaps the most notable innovation being the production of Charbray cattle, a tick resistant crossbreeding of Charolaise and Brahman cattle. In the early 1990s he imported the first Rotalactor into the Queensland dairy scene and he also employed many innovative land development practices long before it was fashionable to do so.

He is passionate about maintaining Australian manufacturing and has been committed to developing standards of excellence in both the retailing and service sectors of the jewellery industry.

His educational and apprenticeship programs have trained most of the jewellers working in Queensland today.

His hobbies are also legendary and extend from refurbishment of all sorts of machinery through to fine motor cars with one of his passions being the restoration of old Jaguars, found as discarded wrecks and refurbished to concourse class. He is a very keen fisherman and competes with a group of like-minded octogenarians who have been competing for the title of the best fisherman since they were boys. He and his friends take an annual fishing holiday to far North Queensland/Northern Territory remote waters where the focus is totally on fishing for big Barra. Amongst all of that Wal and his wife Janette have raised two sons and two daughters and have six grandchildren. All have done well with one of his sons succeeding him into the jewellery business to form the next generation of Bishop jewellers.



Wal Bishop and family



President Tony McKinnon presenting another Paul Harris Award to Wal Bishop



President Tony McKinnon with Wal and Janette Bishop