



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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*A global network of community volunteers*

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**MONDAYS**  
12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

## OFFICERS

<b>President</b>	Graeme Whitmore
<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

Fellow Rotarians

Great to be back and also it was pleasing to see a large gathering of members including our three newest members.

By the time you receive this bulletin it will signify the final of our club meetings for the year following our AGM, and the presentation by Magistrate Jacqui Payne.

A full attendance is requested by all members as we close the club's activities for the Xmas Vacation.

On Friday last, several members and I attended the final meeting of Brisbane Mid City and we were made most welcome, it is hoped that we will continue to involve our two clubs in some joint projects in the New Year.

Our Club will re-open with our first meeting scheduled for Monday 23rd January 2017 I hope you all come back recharged for another challenging year

Denise is again arranging for our club to man the EDDIES van over the school holidays to feed the Cities homeless each morning, 80 turned up on the first morning. To help with this club project please enter your name on the Roster prepared by Denise. It is an interesting and enlightening hour or two.

I am running a small raffle to offset cost of cartage for furniture to DIK only \$5 ticket limited to 100 tickets, to be drawn when all sold 37 sold last Monday. Prizes consist of 2 bottles of spirits and 1 bottle of Margaret River Merlo: 3 Draws.

## WHAT'S ON?

**19 December:**  
Annual General Meeting  
Guest speaker:  
Magistrate Jacqui Payne

## DATE CLAIMER

**6 February:**  
(joint meeting) Police Commissioner Ian Stewart  
United Service Club Wickham Terrace

**Postponed to February 2017:**  
Part B Rotary Leadership Institute 10

## 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 (continued)

Make sure you get your tickets on Monday and we may then be able to draw for Xmas. All help with this small fund raiser is appreciated.

### IMPORTANT DATE:

On 6th Feb 2017 we have a scheduled meeting as a joint effort Our club , Mid City, and Hi Rise to be held at the UNITING SERVICES CLUB where we have arranged to have the Queensland Police Commissioner as our Guest Speaker, this will be a great meeting and several members have indicated that they will be bringing guests, please come along and reinforce that our club and its members appreciate the work of our enforcement agency. More Detail later!!

Finally Doris and I wish all our members and their families a very safe and Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, enjoy the break and we will see you all in the New Year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

### President Graeme

#### Rotary meeting 12 December 2016

Chairperson for the day was Dougal Henderson. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International he welcomed President Graeme Whitmore. Graeme's message is detailed elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, Denise Schellbach indicated that there had been a positive response from members to help with the Eddie's Van initiative over the summer months...she was currently finalising the roster and hoped that there might be a few more volunteers to help in the New Year. She also publicized the meeting program for the coming weeks, and the duty roster (as outlined in the Bulletin).

Daniel Vankov indicated that he would be providing a talk on Road Safety to RC Albany Creek. He had also recently returned from Buenos Aires where he had been co-organizer and Keynote Speaker at the 1st Conference on Innovation in Road Safety Education in Latin America. The aim of event was to share best practices in addressing road safety in various contexts and facilitate their transferability internationally. His presentation (picture) addressed the problem of young drivers being overrepresented in road crashes.

This was a Fellowship meeting and lots of informal discussion followed including on Graeme's insights on meeting costs gained from the Past President of Howick Rotary Club (as detailed in full under President's message) on his recent trip to New Zealand. Further discussion to follow.

SAA Max Winders ran an entertaining session including some good jokes, while exacting the usual fines from members. Michael Stephens won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck and the jackpot remains to be won.

The meeting closed at 2pm.



## Calendar

### 23 January 2017:

Bernie Althofer (ex Police Inspector) bullying in the work force and other areas

### 30 January 2017:

Commonwealth Games Volunteers Program

### 6 February 2017:

(joint meeting)

Police Commissioner Ian Stewart United Service Club Wickham Terrace

## Roster

### 19 December 2016:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	R Tamaschke
Set Up/Away	M Evans
Visitor Register	M Winders
Attendance/	D Schellbach
Raffle	J Smerdon



Please forward any dates or articles of interest that you would like to see included in future Bulletins to the Bulletin Editor at:

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## The Eddie's Van Initiative

Denise Schellbach and her helpers providing breakfast for the needy during the summer school holidays. RCOB's service this summer began on 12 December.



## Giving hope to a girl with a hole in her heart

By Wayne Kauffman, Rotary Club of Edmonton Riverview, Alberta, Canada  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

Esperanza is the Spanish word for "hope." When I think about what motivates me to serve as a Rotary Foundation chair for my district, I am drawn to this word, which is the name of one of our recent projects. To me, hope is really at the core of our Rotary Foundation.

Our Esperanza project is in its 20th year, and sends Canadian medical and dental teams to provide vocational training and medical care to the people of Cuenca, Ecuador. It is led by Dr. Tom Greidanus, a member of the Rotary Club of Edmonton Riverview.

The teams train and mentor orthopedic surgeons, physiotherapists, nurses, dentists and dental students. They:

- Educate parents and family members on proper care of infants and children to avoid preventable hip problems
- Provide hip and knee replacements to approximately 40 impoverished adults from the region

- Give pediatric orthopedic surgeries to about 15 children to correct hip and leg deformities
- Provide patients with dental screening and care, if needed, and follow-up care for patients from previous years
- Provide dental care and education to approximately 200 children attending schools in remote villages in the area.

Notwithstanding the success and impact of this project, there are still other acts of humanity that arise during the course of the mission. For example, during the project I learned of a little girl named Natalie who was diagnosed, in rough medical terms, with a hole in her heart. Her situation was determined by a pediatric cardiologist who happened to accompany her husband (a pediatric orthopedic surgeon) on the mission one year. Her prognosis was not good.

A two-year effort was made to find a surgeon in Cuenca to perform the surgery and restore Natalie back to health. There were many setbacks and disappointments, but through perseverance and determination and the hard work of Rotarians and doctors, this child now has "Esperanza."

You see, it's more than the success of our global grants and related projects. It's the connections that happen. And all of that happens when people choose to do good in the world through The Rotary Foundation.



## Sing, Dance, and Keep India Polio-Free!

By Ingrid Schwab, Rotary staff  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

Amit says it feels like our team has been in India for a week, but really it's been about two days. It definitely feels like a lifetime. This is the first Rotary staff Sub-National Immunization Day (SNID) trip to India, and our schedule is full of activities to experience and understand the fight to end polio. On this day, our colleagues at Rotary's National PolioPlus office, Amit, Lokesh, and Deepak, arranged for us to take part in a polio awareness rally in Khera Khurd, a village on the outskirts of Delhi.

We first arrive at the local school and are greeted with beating drums, beaming smiles, and fragrant flower garlands. We are each welcomed with a tilaka on the forehead, made of red paste (for peace), rice grains (for happiness), and coconut (for success). We meet with Rotarian and community leaders, school administrators, teachers, and the schoolchildren. Many selfies and giggles later, we are treated to a special dance by girls in vibrant costume. You can tell from their proud and happy expressions they've practiced quite a bit. They very clearly have a "momager" who is first orchestrating from the side, then, overtaken by joy, joins the girls. They loop us one by one into the dance. We shake and twist our arms, flutter our hands in the air, put our feet out and lean to the side. We smile and laugh and our delight is captured on camera. Quite a celebration.



So much warmth, hospitality, and joy at the polio rally in Khera Khurd, a village on the outskirts of Delhi. And so many fun selfies! #endpolio



Thanks to the efforts of Rotarians and their partners, this is no longer such a tall order.

The dancing and singing at the school leads into a parade through the village. There are signs, happy shouts, banners, and balloons. January 2011 marked India's last case of polio and the country was officially certified polio-free by the World Health Organization in 2014. The excitement is genuine; it is vital to celebrate this tremendous success. It is also critical to keep sharing the message as polio is endemic in two countries in close proximity to India (Pakistan, Afghanistan) and recently resurfaced in Nigeria.



Heading home after a successful polio rally in Khera Khurd

At the end of the parade, we are covered in dried sweat, dirt, and sunblock. We are also grinning from ear to ear. As our van heads back to our hotel in Connaught Circle, the driver turns the radio to a station playing 80s music. We hear the strains of a very familiar song, the theme music from Dirty Dancing: "I've had the time of my life/ No, I never felt this way before..." We ask the driver to turn up the volume and join in the song: "Yes, I swear... it's the truth/ And I owe it all to youuuuu..." We laugh and continue to dance and sing along to some old favorites. It is strange but fun to hear "Mambo Italiano," for example, as we drive through Delhi. Gradually our energy fades, much like the fragrance of our flower garlands, as we nap and recharge for our next adventure.