



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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*A global network of community volunteers*

23 January 2017



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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(Edinburgh Room)  
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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

Welcome back to the world of Rotary for 2017

I trust everybody has had a safe and happy Xmas, undertaken all the things that were planned over the vacation period, relaxed and had a few "Reds" with family and friends, and now looking forward to whatever this year challenges us with.

While we have not been meeting at the club, each weekday Denise and fellow members have given of their time to provide breakfast for some of the city's homeless, quite a mix of personalities each with a story to tell. Thank you for helping Denise on EDDIES Van.

This week our speaker is Bernie Althofer who established his own business after leaving the police force and will speak on

Leadership Management, Workplace related issues, Risk management and Occupational Violence, I am sure this will be a good speaker to commence our second half of this Rotary year.

Come along and renew old friendships, enjoy good fellowship and welcome in the New Year.

I sent out a memo last week on our joint meeting at the United services Club where our speaker will be the Queensland Commissioner of Police, I am sure he will command a large audience and we ask that you put this meeting as a MUST ATTEND in your diary. Our charge for this meeting is a little higher than normal but does include some extras as noted on my memo. It will kick in a few extra dollars into our clubs administration account.

## WHAT'S ON?

**23 January 2017:**  
Bernie Althofer (ex  
Police Inspector)  
bullying in the work  
force and other  
areas

## 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)

I have sent out a Price Request to several Golf Clubs for comparison quotes to run our Annual Golf Day this year, which will be held Late March Early April i.e. before Easter. This will again be a major fundraiser for the club and I ask that each member (once I have a date) to market this day, if you don't play golf I am sure you will know friends that do. More on this later.

Check the bulletin to see if you are on duty, if you cannot make please arrange a substitute member.

See you all on Monday 23rd January

### President Graeme

#### Rotary meeting 19 December 2016

Chairperson for the day was Rick Tamaschke. 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.

Following his message, President Graeme chaired a brief Annual General Meeting focussed on the election of Office Bearers for Rotary 2017/18. The number of nominations matched the number of positions, so all those nominated were elected. Details of the Office Bearers will be provided in the 30 January 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 for the New Year. She also publicized the meeting program for the coming weeks, and the duty roster (as outlined in the Bulletin).

Stan Francis reported that he had been in contact with former member Marjorie Hetherington to arrange transfer of Club records she had been holding for RCOB for some years.

Finally, RCOB's Rotary Exchange Scholar to Denmark, Thomas Allison, provided a short report on developments since his last visit to the Club. In a nutshell, he had participated in the required training program and was about to depart for his program in Denmark. Members wished him well and looked to hearing from him again after his return to Brisbane.

After a short period of Fellowship, Rick introduced the Guest Speaker, Magistrate Jacqui Payne. Her topic was 'Adverse Childhood experiences, Crime and Neuroplasticity'

By way of background, she was the first aboriginal person to be appointed to judicial office in Queensland. Jacqui attended Gladstone State High School coming to Brisbane in 1979 to study law at the now Queensland University of Technology. After graduating from University she completed her Articles of Clerkship and her first job as an employed solicitor was with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service. Eventually she opened her own law firm specialising in criminal law and prisoner rights. Jacqui was appointed a Magistrate in 1999, having been a magistrate now for more than 17 years. Her talk was based on her experiences in 'the judicial system' and her analytical maths/science background showed. She covered a range of issues, including the relationship between criminal behaviour and background, and issues such as mental illness and drugs. She had just returned to Brisbane after some two years based in Southport...and was concerned that the incidence of 'ice' on the Coast was widespread. In her view "Treating worse does not make them better" and imprisonment is not just a function of crime but also government policy.



## Calendar

**30 January 2017:**  
Commonwealth Games  
Volunteers Program

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

**13 February:**  
Professor Roly Sussex -  
languages

## Roster

**23 January 2017:**  
**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** M Evans  
**Set Up/Away** P Little  
**Visitor Register** S Francis  
**Attendance/** D Schellbach  
**Raffle** J Smerdon

**30 January 2017:**  
**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** G Holtmann  
**Set Up/Away** R Tamaschke  
**Visitor Register** P Ryan  
**Attendance/** D Schellbach  
**Raffle** J Smerdon

**6 February 2017:**  
**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** P Gresham  
**Set Up/Away** T Kung  
**Visitor Register** D Vankov  
**Attendance/** D Schellbach  
**Raffle** J Smerdon

**13 February 2017:**  
**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** P Robb  
**Set Up/Away** A Smith  
**Visitor Register** J Page  
**Attendance/** D Schellbach  
**Raffle** J Smerdon

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This was an excellent and thought provoking presentation. Questions and discussion followed. Finally Jacqui was presented with a memento of the occasion and thanked by acclamation.

Very much in extra time, SAA Max Winders ran an entertaining session including some good jokes, while exacting the usual fines from members. Daniel won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck and the jackpot remains to be won when meetings resume on 23 January.

The meeting closed at 2.10pm.

### *Deputy PM Barnaby Joyce serves on the Eddie's Van Team*

Deputy PM Barnaby Joyce was part of Denise Schellbach's team of helpers on 16 January, providing breakfast for the needy during the summer school holidays. Barnaby was a great help. Denise has been running the service during the summer holidays for some 15 years (an amazing effort!) and this wouldn't have been possible without a steady supply of helpers.



### *Providing children hope and opportunity in Nepal*

Tulsi R. Maharjan, Rotary Club of Branchburg  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

Asha is the Nepali word for "HOPE." When we think about what motivates us to serve, we are drawn to this word, which is the name of my current mission, the Asha Project. To us, hope and opportunity are really at the core of Rotary's mission. It is what motivates us to help the people of Nepal.

Hope and opportunity brought me to America 45 years ago and I always wanted to do something for the less fortunate in Nepal. Now, my son, Anil, has joined me as an E-club member in our district to assist with this project. We will be taking our third humanitarian mission in early February 2017. While there, we will also celebrate the silver jubilee of our humanitarian work in Nepal.

For over 25 years, the Rotary Club of Branchburg and District 7510 has been working to provide scholarship funds, micro-credit loans, and training programs through international grants. Our collaborative projects partner with many community organizations to create a new network of hope.

We formally created The Asha Project in response to the April 2015 earthquake in Nepal. In March 2016, we traveled to Nepal with the goal of rebuilding homes. When we visiting a rebuilding project, we spoke with many people in the community and they told us that they were interested in opportunities to work cooperatively with other organizations.



We realized that house building was not enough. For a country that has spent decades dealing with political turmoil and economic instability, we recognized that simply resetting life to what it was like prior to the earthquake was only a beginning.

This is why the three pillars of the Asha project are: building homes to help create stronger families, creating \$100,000 microcredit loans to provide a prosperous future and grow micro-businesses, and providing Rays of Hope scholarships for under-represented ethnic groups.

We are furthering our collaboration by sending eight Rotaract students to volunteer in Nepal during their winter break. We also recently welcomed a student from Nepal to complete his master's program in health management funded by a global grant scholarship. We are working on several digital divide computer projects to connect these students with the outside world as part of District 3292's Total Literacy Project.

With our patience and persistence, we have been able to complete many humanitarian projects in Nepal. With everyone's support, hard work and dedication many children in Nepal will have an opportunity to be what they wish to become. Let's spread the message that though Rotary we can provide hope and opportunities for millions of people around the world. That's what Rotary has done through the Rotary Foundation for the past 100 years.

### *Crossing the Choluteca Bridge*

By Neal Beard, a member of the Rotary Club of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, USA  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)



The Choluteca Bridge is a suspension bridge in Honduras built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers between 1935 and 1937.

For the past eleven years, I have traveled to Honduras with many other Rotarians to help on numerous Rotary humanitarian projects in the southwestern part of Honduras near the Pacific Ocean and in the mountains along the Nicaraguan border.



A homestead in southwestern Honduras.

The journey there takes me from Lawrenceburg via Nashville and Atlanta to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and then down a long mountain road that connects with the Pan-American Highway that crosses this bridge. The journey is not as important as what lies on the other side of the bridge. On the other side lies my destination and that is where the adventure begins.

The United States Army Corps of Engineers built this bridge between 1935 and 1937. It is one of the few replicas of the Golden Gate Bridge that still exists, and it controls the flow of traffic from Guatemala to Panamá.

It serves as a metaphor for our work in Honduras, where we try to be a bridge between the advances and prosperity that we enjoy in the United States today and the less-advanced conditions and poverty that lies on the other of the bridge.

For me, it is like traveling back in time about 50 years. It so much reminds me of the poverty and conditions of my early childhood when some homes around us still did not have electricity. A time when we had to rely on the charity of others, when most of the clothes that we wore were used, purchased at a second-hand store, or given to us. A time when we raised most of our food, milked cows, slopped hogs, and raised chickens. A time when we were proud of the things we had and were happy and unknowing of the prosperity that many enjoyed beyond our kin. Helping the people of Honduras have a better, healthier life is rewarding for me; it's a way of going back and helping that young woman and child and his brothers and sisters – the young woman and siblings of my youth.

You can't pay back all of the people who helped you become who you are, but you can pay it forward and help others – that is the reward of Rotary's humanitarian service in our world.