



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

President	Graeme Whitmore
President Elect	
Imm Past President	Phil Gresham
Vice President	Dr Keith Watts
Secretary	Michael Stephens
Treasurer	Warren Walker
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**District 9600
Club Number 17787
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District Governor
Alan Stephens

**Rotary International
President**
John Germ

President's message

Fellow Rotarians

Last week we held a combined meeting of CBD Rotary clubs on neutral ground at the United Services Club, where we were provided with a critical insight to the policing problems not only in Queensland, but Australia wide.

Our speaker was the Queensland Commissioner of Police Mr Ian Stewart, he showed how passionate he is about keeping us safe, but making us aware of the current issues of Terrorism, the drug Ice and Domestic and general violence in the community.

It was a great pity that while speaking for over half an hour, that his work commitments precluded him from covering more subjects.

Our audience of approx. 80 odd persons made up of Club members from our club, Brisbane Hi Rise and Brisbane Mid City, along with about 40 odd from "Team Denise" were appreciative of the time given by the Commissioner.

I and other club members must also give thanks to Our Speaker Co-ordinator Denise Schellbach who did not leave any stone unturned to make sure the venue fitted the Performer, and that the number of persons that (I am sure she "Press ganged" into coming) made the day a roaring success.

Thank you Denise, for a job well done.

This followed on from the early morning starts for Eddies Van that finished (until Next Year) this week.

On Behalf of Denise goes a thank you to all who helped over the last 8 plus weeks.

WHAT'S ON?

13 February 2017:
Professor Roly
Sussex –
languages

DATE CLAIMER

**26 February and 19
March:**
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)

Our Speaker on Monday 13th Feb is Prof Roly Sussex Language Extraordinaire This will be another great speaker please attend and enjoy the day.

Attended our cluster meeting of Presidents on Tues morning, and it also included a representative from the Two Rotaractor Clubs that we jointly sponsored to charter, good to see them becoming involved seriously in Rotary.

All other clubs are also being successful with getting new Members and as a combined entity of the five clubs the membership increase is approx. 10 with additional prospective members under due process. This is a good sign for this Rotary year.

There is a district Assembly coming up on Feb 19th for new board members to prepare for Rotary year 2017-18.

Fortitude Valley are arranging a "Favours Auction" on Thursday 23rd March a Fundraiser with a twist, you don't bid for things you bid for favours, with money received between the clubs providing the favour, the club who purchases the favour, and the organisers of Auction Fortitude Valley.

The DIK raffle was drawn a couple of weeks ago, and second prize was TICKET Green E16 was not collected and I ask that you all check your wallets for this missing ticket, CHECK NOW!!

The proposed Film evening in aid of the ERADICATION of POLIO has been cancelled due to theatre not being co-operative on costs.

See you all at 12.25 PM Monday at our usual venue the BRISBANE CLUB

President Graeme

Rotary meeting 6 February 2017

Phil Gresham chaired the meeting and started with Rotary Grace and the Loyal Toast. He then welcomed all present and particularly the Guest Speaker. Around 90 people were in attendance.

President Graeme welcomed the Presidents and members of Brisbane Mid City and Brisbane High Rise Rotary Clubs and all Rotary guests and then gave the visitors a short history of Rotary and the size of the organisation both internationally and within Australia and New Zealand.

The guest speaker was the Queensland Police Commissioner Ian Stewart, who became the Commissioner on 1 November 2012. He spoke on 3 key issues for policing today, namely:

1. Terrorism – radicalization and lone attackers, often teenagers, had created new challengers for police to manage. The need to stop all attacks was extremely challenging.
2. The drug Ice – the rapid addiction and resulting aggressive violent behaviour was something not seen before and made policing both difficult and dangerous.
3. Technology – the development of data based systems and easy access through Ipads and computers increase productivity and effectiveness. The cost benefit of each new option needed careful consideration and occasionally the police would not introduce a technology because and new, better and cheaper technology would arrive in a short period of time

The Commissioner took several questions before the time expired and he had to leave for another engagement.



Calendar

20 February:
Fellowship

27 February:
Nathan Tairaoa
Adventure Outbound

3 March:
Assoc. Professor Mia Woodruff
3D printing of body parts

Roster

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

20 February 2017:
President G Whitmore
Chairperson T Kung
Set Up/Away P Ryan
Visitor Register D Henderson
Attendance/ D Schellbach
Raffle J Smerdon

27 February 2017:
President G Whitmore
Chairperson W Bishop
Set Up/Away S Dunlop
Visitor Register J Frew
Attendance/ D Schellbach
Raffle J Smerdon

6 March 2017:
President G Whitmore
Chairperson D Vankov
Set Up/Away K Watts
Visitor Register M Williams
Attendance/ D Schellbach
Raffle J Smerdon

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Why I have come to love India

By Cynde Covington, Rotary Club of Southpoint, Jacksonville, Florida, USA, and Zone 34 team leader
Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>

This is our fourth National Immunization Day (NID) trip to India and our third leading the NID Team from Rotary International Zone 34. I have fallen in love with this magnificent, beautiful country and the people who live there.



Cynde Covington administers drops of the polio vaccine during a previous visit in India.

It is overwhelming when you arrive for the first time and your senses are assaulted by all the different sights, sounds, and smells. But as you begin to explore and really get to know India and the people who live there, you will soon come to know the "Hospitality of the Heart" of this country as I have.

In 2009 on our first NID, polio was still endemic in India, and in fact had more than half of the cases of polio in the world at the time. People said we would never eliminate polio in India. But this is a country that was committed to the cause and the Rotarians and health care workers in India were dedicated to making sure that polio would not win.

With the help of Rotarians around the world, by the end of 2011, India stood out as a shining example of how to win this war when they saw the last case of polio in that country. Rotarians also understand that until polio is eradicated from the world, their children and all children are still at risk.

They have kept their vigil and shared their knowledge with the countries that are still endemic as they continue to fight on the front lines to END POLIO NOW and forever!

As we work side by side with local Rotarians and the people of India; on water and sanitation projects, health and education projects, and of course the reason for our visit...the Polio National Immunization Day, we are seeing some of the most amazing and beautiful sites along the way. Follow our frequent updates, and I know you will come to love this country and its people as much as I do. Together we can make a difference, through "Doing Good in the World."



Cynde Covington holds a child awaiting to be immunized against polio

How my first trip to Africa changed my life

By Shapreka Clarke, president of the Rotaract Club of Eleuthera, The Bahamas
Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>

After an 18-hour flight from The Bahamas, I finally arrived in Port Harcourt, Nigeria, on 19 October to participate in the 11th West Africa Project Fair. As I stepped off the plane onto African soil for the first time, I did not know the adventure that was ahead of me, the lasting friendships I would make or how my life would forever be changed. That first moment getting off the plane, I remember being very excited and a little nervous.

Through the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Rancho Cotati in California, I was able to embark on this journey with 34 fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors from the United States and The Bahamas.

The West Africa Project Fair, the primary purpose of our trip, gave our group an opportunity to discover the various projects Rotarians across Africa are undertaking. It also allowed us to form partnerships with projects we were interested in supporting.

While at the fair, I presented with Rotaractors and Rotarians from the Bahamas, California, and Yenagoa, Nigeria, about our joint Telemedicine Project. Telemedicine allows doctors from California to connect with doctors in under-served areas to consult on diagnoses and treatment plans. Despite the distance, doctors have consistent access to mentors and educational opportunities through telemedicine. Our booth raised awareness about the project and encouraged clubs across Africa to participate, while forming new partnerships with clubs in the United States.

This trip allowed me to better understand how important Rotary is in other parts of the world. I was given an opportunity to engage in field work in the local communities, create strong friendships with the West African Rotarians and Rotaractors, and participate in hands-on humanitarian and health-related work. It was truly a life changing opportunity.



Rotary members and Rotaractors took part in World Polio Day activities as part of the West Africa Project Fair.