



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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Inc.

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of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
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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
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

Fellow Rotarians

Great meeting last week with the guest speaker Professor Roly Sussex providing an insight to the development and changes to our language as the world changes through the use of the internet, and the blending together of words from different cultures. The influence of the American spoken word into our Australian everyday speech.

This speaker was in my opinion one of our better speakers, he kept all members very attached to what he was saying and lots of "nods" of agreement as we each reflected on the changes.

One does not appreciate fully how these minor changes gain momentum and take over from the days of teaching of our youth.

In particular, when I first came to Australia I had a meeting with a young solicitor who used the word "gotten" I of course corrected her, advising that there was no such word. According to Roly Sussex this is now an accepted word. Shock horror!!!

Next week we have the induction of four new members of our club, and another one the following week, I respectfully request that all members attend this fellowship and induction meeting.

Board members are reminded that our next board meeting will be held after our general meeting next week 20th Feb all board members are requested to attend.

Golf Day is currently being arranged and will be first or second week in May. The later date is due to conflicts with school holidays, Easter, Anzac and Labour Day.

WHAT'S ON?

**20 February 2017:
Fellowship**

DATE CLAIMER

**26 February (D1) and
19 March (D2):
Rotary Leadership
Institute 10.**

**22 April (D1) and 21
May (D2)
Rotary Leadership
Institute 11.**

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)

This is a major fundraiser so I expect every member to contribute in some way.

LATE NEWS: Our Rural Endoscopy training proposal championed by our Rotarian Medical Professor Gerald Holtmann has received recognition in a press release by Queensland Health, while it is pleasing that Gerald's initiative has resulted in real benefits to the Rural Community, it is somewhat disappointing that Rotaries Role in getting this programme off the ground was omitted from the statements for obvious reasons.

Rotary in general must up the ante on Marketing and advertising if we are to get the recognition we deserve.

Congratulation go to Gerald and his hospital team for doing an excellent job in getting his idea acknowledged and committed.

Our Final ticket DIK raffle has been won by Wal Bishop well done.

See you all at 12.15 PM Monday at our usual venue the BRISBANE CLUB for a mass induction of new members. Please attend.

President Graeme

Rotary meeting 13 February 2017

The meeting was opened by Rotarian Peter Robb as Chairman for the day calling all to order with toasts to Queen and Country and Rotary International.

Ron then introduced President Graeme.

President Graeme welcomed one and all offering a special welcome to guests and visitors, including our guest speaker Dr Rolly Sussex OAM. Apologies were noted as follows:

- Warren Walker
- Max Winders

President Graeme then gave thanks to Denise Schellbach for her efforts beyond the call of duty in relation to organising last week's meeting and 'press ganging' the terrific attendance.

Graeme also took the opportunity to remind new members of the upcoming District Assembly which is to occur on 18 March 2017. In his role as Club 'Golf Captain' Graeme also gave a preliminary warning regarding this year's Golf day. Watch this space. He also requested a strong attendance at our next meeting on 20 February 2017 as the four (4) new members would be inducted into our Club.

Graeme also advised that he was hot on the trail of the mystery owner of raffle ticket E16 which would enable delivery of the bottle of whisky.

Chairman Peter then called for 'spots':

Denise Schellbach took the opportunity to again thank members for the assistance with Eddy's van over the Xmas break. She also gave a thank you to those that attended last week's special meeting at the United Services Club. She also took the opportunity to remind members to check the Bulletin to ensure that they fulfil their Roster requirements.

Following the meal Chairman Peter introduced Dr Rolly Sussex OAM who gave the members and guests a talk on 'Our Language' – Australian English.



Rolly's talk was obviously from the heart and those that are familiar with his ABC weekly radio show it was both informative and entertaining. With too much detail and speed for your 'reporter' the following dot points provide some observations:



Calendar

27 February:
Nathan Tairaoa
Adventure Outbound

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

Roster

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

13 March 2017:
President G Whitmore
Chairperson G Bishop
Set Up/Away P Robb
Visitor Register J Delahunty
Attendance/ D Schellbach
Raffle J Smerdon

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- English is 1 of 6,900 languages in the World.
- Only 1/3rd of these are recorded in a written format.
- Currently 70 Aboriginal languages when there were once 250.
- Australian language was formerly British – English now American – English.
- Where has the ‘ing’ gone from our language.
- ‘Got’ has been replaced by “Gotten”.
- Australian – English is not easy for foreigners to understand
- Rolly has now recorded 5,992 Australian Diminutives.

Following the presentation the Chairman invited questions, which gave Rolly further opportunity to ‘talk the lid of an iron pot’.

Chairman Peter formerly thanked Rolly and called on the members to show their appreciation in the usual manner. In the absence of a Sergeant at Arms, Michael Stephens gave a poor impression but managed to generate the sound of tins rattling.

The raffle was one and lost in quick time and the meeting was closed by President Graeme with the National Anthem.

A larger than life youth exchange experience

By Joel Dzuba, Rotary Exchange Student from Ontario, Canada, to Lower Saxony, Germany
Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>

It would be impossible to pick a favourite memory from my exchange in Germany due to the sheer number of opportunities I had and dreams I lived. From sailing in the Baltic Sea, to walking in the North Sea, to swimming in the Mediterranean, there are simply too many experiences to pick a favourite.



Youth Exchange Students take part in a year-end European Tour.

Birthdays on a beach

One of the many stories that I do love to share, however, was when I was celebrating my 18th birthday during our year-end European Tour.

All the exchange students had gathered on the beach at night to watch the stars in the little town of Portofino, Italy, and eventually I found myself sitting back to back on a rock with a Brazilian student, a Russian student, and a Taiwanese student. In all of my life, no other moment has ever made me feel so paradoxical as that night.

On the one hand, I felt so incredibly small when I realized where I was sitting and with whom I was sitting; as I was just a boy from Ontario who suddenly found himself halfway across the world, with people who would maybe only have a one in a billion chance of meeting together in any other circumstance. And yet, on the other hand I had never felt so large in comparison to the vastness of the world, and the borders as I had pictured them. The world suddenly felt like it had shrunk, and that there was nowhere that was out of my reach anymore.



Joel Dzuba in Germany.

Larger than life

If I had to try to make a metaphor that could explain the experience, I would say that it gave me a feeling of being “Larger than Life” while still humbling me with the realization of the sheer amount of opportunity that had been given to me by the kindness of others; as without everyone back home in the Rotary club supporting me, I could have only dreamed of being where I was that night.

Out of all my life experiences, I would say that my exchange year played a fundamental role in forming and shaping the person I am today. It has shaped my world view; given me the courage to break out of my shell; and has given me the experience of living in an interconnected and continually shrinking world.

Empowering women in India through education

By Manish Shroff, past president of the Rotary Club of Ankleshwar, India
Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>

Our Rotary club is surrounded by rural and tribal villages in the Bharuch District of Gujarat State, India. The literacy rate in these villages is low and dropout rates of students in primary schools are high, most particularly among girls. We wanted to do something about that.

We conducted a survey with the help of Pratham, an NGO working in the rural literacy field across India, to gauge the condition of education in several of these villages. The study found that many girls leave school after the primary level mainly because of the lack of secondary education nearby. Students have to travel further, and for various socio-economic reasons, this makes it more likely that girls will drop out after the primary level and not go on to grades 7 or 8.



Women in the second chance literacy program.

Education is the only way for women to secure a better future for themselves and for their daughters. Although urbanization is increasing educational opportunities for women in urban areas, rural women still suffer from a lack of mobility and access to education. It is noteworthy that the performance of girls on state exams equals or exceeds that of boys on average.

Through the survey, we were able to identify girls and young women in rural areas who had not completed their secondary schooling. Our project supported an education center in Ankleshwar that serves as a central hub, and centers in six other villages where young women attend classes conducted by teachers who have received specialized training. We provide free educational material to the students, pay for exam fees, and offset some of the travel costs for the students.



We partnered with the Rotary Club of Ilminster, United Kingdom, Jhagadia Industries Association, and ONGC Ankleshwar on a Rotary Foundation global grant. We went door to door in 55 villages and convinced 130 young women to complete their secondary schooling. We organized meetings with parents to convince them to send the girls to the center in or near their villages. We work with the students continuously to keep them motivated. And we will be supporting some students after the secondary exam to pursue even higher education, such as nursing.

In June, the first 112 girls appeared for their written and practical exams at our examination center approved by the NIOS board. In December, another 100 girls passed the exam. These women are now in a better position to provide for their families and raise the quality of life in their communities. I can think of no better way to enhance Rotary's public image and highlight the good that our Foundation continues to do throughout the world.



Rotary members from the United Kingdom visit one of the learning centers