



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

A global network of community volunteers

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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	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

It was pleasing to record the induction of four new members, Dan Adler, Cameron Gibson, Yan (Barbara) Grieve and Ryan Muller.

We welcome these new members and trust they will enjoy the fellowship of our club and achieve their Rotary Goals.

Each new member was given a Rotary Badge presented on the club's behalf by District Governor Alan Stephens.

A short talk was given by the new members to outline their respective work and family experience, and it is clear these new members will be valued by our club as they carry out their service commitment.

Following the general meeting board members met to discuss various aspects of the administration of our club.

Treasurer Warren Walker presented the last two years accounts which have been audited and will be sent to all members for ratification and acceptance.

PAF chairman John Smerdon presented the audited accounts for the benevolent fund, which is in a healthy state, and payments for Salvation Army Emergency trailer & Our Rural Endoscopy project will be made before the end of the financial year to satisfy the PAF's distribution requirements.

In a few weeks, a dinner board meeting with new members is be arranged to allow new members to gain a better understanding of our club and its service projects before committing new members into committee work.

WHAT'S ON?

27 February 2017
Nathan Taiaroa
Adventure
Outbound

DATE CLAIMER

24-26 March
9600 District Conference
2017, Caloundra Events
Centre

22 April (D1) and 21 May (D2)
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)

In my opinion it is very important that new members get the opportunity to get to know our membership and what we do before being thrust into time consuming committee meetings.

The Golf Day is currently being finalised after receiving 4 of 5 quotes for the day and will be second week in May. The later date is due to conflicts with school holidays, Easter, Anzac and Labour Day.

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

See you all at 12.15 PM Monday at our usual venue the BRISBANE CLUB, we may also have another induction, read your bulletin and if you are on duty please attend or arrange another member to fill in for you.

President Graeme

Rotary meeting 20 February 2017

Chairperson for the day was Terry Kung. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International he introduced President Graeme Whitmore. Graeme welcomed members, visiting Rotarians and guests to the meeting...with a special welcome to District Governor Alan Stephens. Graeme's message is detailed elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, Terry Kung reminded members to collect a 'Coin Tower' if they had not already done so.

Keith Watts reported on various membership matters and was delighted to welcome a number of new and prospective members to the meeting. Keith provided revised details of the Leadership Institute events and publicised the 9600 District Conference...all detailed under 'Date Claimers'. He had met with District Governor Elect John Lane and noted that the RI President Elect is Ian Riseley from the Rotary Club of Sandringham Victoria. The theme for Rotary 2017/18 would be 'Rotary: Making a Difference'

Denise Schellbach thanked all those members who had helped with the Eddie's Van 'breakfast run' over the summer, as well as those who had helped her organise the function with Police Commissioner Ian Stewart held at the United Service Club Wickham Terrace on 6 February.

She also publicised the forthcoming guest speaker program and duty rosters (both as detailed in the Bulletin).

President Graeme briefly reported on progress on RCOB's funding of an equipped Emergency Catering Trailer for the Salvation Army. Further details may be found at: <http://brisbanerotary.org.au/club-projects-current>

Following a short period of Fellowship, President Graeme inducted four new members to the Club. He was assisted by District Governor Alan Stephens. The new members (pictured from left to right) are: Dan Adler, Cameron Gibson, Ryan Muller, and Yan (Barbara) Grieve.

A short talk was given by each new member to outline their respective work and family experience. Dan, Cameron, Ryan and Yan were welcomed to the Club by acclamation.

Acting SAA Steve Dunlop provided an entertaining session while exacting the usual fines. Georgina Bishop won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck and the jackpot remains to be won.

The meeting closed at 1.50pm.



Calendar

6 March 2017

Dr John Gardner, Scientist
CSIRO
Domains of energy, water & climate adaptation

13 March 2017

Orange Sky Laundry
Nick Marchesi and Lucas Patchett
Young Australians of the Year for 2016

20 March 2017

Fellowship/board meeting

Roster

27 February 2017:

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

6 March 2017:

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

13 March 2017:

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

20 March 2017:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson J Frew
Set Up/Away P Little
Visitor Register P Ryan
Attendance/ Raffle D Schellbach
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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Bringing about reconciliation

By Nadia Mahmood, Rotary Peace Fellow,
University of Queensland, Australia
Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>

Over the past two and a half months, I have been working with Prison Fellowship Solomon Islands (PF), a grassroots peace-building organization which runs conflict resolution, restorative justice, and reconciliation programs and provides support for families of inmates.

It is honestly hard to put into words how inspiring and engaging it is to work with this team of local volunteers who exemplify everything that Rotary stands for. During my time here, I have had the opportunity to travel to different provinces to be part of restorative justice training in the prisons and help inmates write letters of apology to their victims.



A community reconciliation event in the Solomon Islands.

The Prison Fellowship team delivers the letters to the victims' families and mediates and counsels them to see if they are open to engaging in reconciliation. As part of this, I have been able to support the team in mediating reconciliations between individuals, communities, as well as between groups of former combatants and between ex-combatants and their own communities.

We organized a Christmas program at three locations that allowed incarcerated parents to reconnect with their families and give gifts to their children. We have also expanded our programs for a growing number of incarcerated youth and women in prison. I assisted the team in developing and delivering programs and support services to the wives of inmates. One highly successful pilot recently trained the wives in simple income generating techniques such as making snacks and jewelry items to sell at the market, and will now be rolled out on a larger scale.

During a visit to the Rotary Club of Honiara, I shared with them my experiences and explained the Rotary Peace Fellowship program. We are now working together to develop a promotion and recruitment strategy to increase the number of applications to both the certificate and masters programs from the Solomon Islands.

I will leave my field study having definitely received much more than I have given. The people I have met poured out their warmth, hospitality, and patience upon my in teaching me the language, culture, customs, and grassroots peace-building methodologies. I return to Brisbane on 14 February to complete my final semester, with the hopes of finding a way to return to the Solomon Islands after that.

I have also found time to have plenty of fun at the beach and have spent time in my friends' villages in Savo Island and Lau Lagoon in Malaita.

I am thankful to all the Rotarians, especially my sponsoring Rotary Club of Charleswood, Winnipeg, Canada, and host Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium, Australia, for making this happen. I am also thankful for the amazing team of staff and professors at the University of Queensland for the excellent foundation and support they have provided me in preparing me for this experience. My entire Peace Fellow class has also blessed me with their friendship, support, and teamwork, and I look forward to reconnecting with them on my return.



Rotary Peace Fellow Nadia Mahmood (front center) during her applied field experience.

How inclusive is your club?

By Kate McKenzie, Rotary E-Club of
Western Australia
Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>

Recently, I came across the concept of "conscious inclusion" when reading an article about how a bank consulted with an NGO for people with vision impairment when designing their new credit/debit cards. I started thinking about whether Rotary clubs are practicing conscious inclusion.

Unconscious bias means that we are often not aware of the needs of others. We may be willing to adjust if someone asks, but we may not be proactive about thinking ahead, asking for advice and then communicating with people that we have considered their needs.

People used to raise children in their 20s so by the time they were in their 30s they were starting to have time to do other things. Now parents often welcome their first born when they are in their 30s and juggling career with everything else. Volunteering with Rotary could be easier if children could be a part of it. Does your venue have highchairs and maybe a small box of toys/books? Does your website mention that children are welcome? Do you plan some activities in family-friendly places like parks?



The Rotary E-Club of Western Australia

When I became a mother, I was suddenly a lot more aware of street design, building entrances and corridor width. Pushing a pram around made me aware of the challenges that people using a wheelchair must face. Has your club conducted an accessibility audit of the venue(s) where you meet? Do you consider accessibility when planning social events? Perhaps you could engage a guest speaker to help learn what you need to consider? You may find that persons with disability are more likely to join your club if your website gives them key information relevant to their needs.

In my previous Rotary club, one of our members had impaired hearing. He was taught to lip read from a young age, so didn't use sign language. It was important, however, that we allowed him to sit where he could easily see the guest speaker and that we made an effort to face him directly during conversation. Through asking him what he needed, we learned how to make his Rotary experience more fulfilling.



Finally, many Rotary clubs come together in the act of sharing food. It's important, however that we consider medical, ethical and religious dietary needs, so that food doesn't divide us. Does your venue serve vegetarian or vegan options? Can kosher, halal options be made available? Do you collect information about dietary requirements in advance? If a member or visitor is fasting, can they attend without feeling obligated to pay for a meal? Is the kitchen capable of serving food that is safe for people with allergies or other medical needs?

A little forethought can go a long way to making our clubs more welcoming of diversity in our communities. Diversity makes us stronger.
