



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
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

Thank you all for attending and trust you had a great Australia Day Weekend.

It was my pleasure today to present Rotarian Dr Chris Muir with a certificate and badge in honour of his award as a Paul Harris Fellow. This had been sent to my old business address from Rotary International late last year, and I did not pick up until last week.

We welcome Dr Chris to the membership of Paul Harris Fellow's group within our club, well done.

The DIK raffle was drawn last week and second prize was TICKET Green E16. It was not collected and I ask that you all check your wallets for this missing ticket. I think I know who that is but as they have not been present for a couple of weeks will be unaware of the draw. CHECK NOW!!

Our recovery from this raffle was \$360 thanks to a rush of sales at the end. I thank you for your support.

This Monday we have the Queensland Police Commissioner speaking at USC - 12pm for 12.30 start.

Full attendance requested, Denise has rounded up 30 Plus persons so that is a great achievement.

Our next week's speaker is Professor Roly Sussex speaking on languages. For those who listen to the radio in the car, you will have heard him talk on pronunciation, he is an outstanding speaker who will be extremely interesting to listen to.

We have a President's Cluster meeting at 7am on the 7th Feb so after that I will be able to advise of the details of the proposed Film evening in aid of the ERADICATION of POLIO

WHAT'S ON?

**6 February 2017:
(joint meeting)**

Police
Commissioner Ian
Stewart
United Service Club
Wickham Terrace

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)

See you all at 12 o'clock Monday at United services Club Wickham Tce.

President Graeme

Rotary meeting 30 January 2017

Chairperson for the day was Michael Stephens. 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 thanked all those members who had helped with the Eddie's Van 'breakfast run' over the summer. She also provided some details about the 6 February (joint) meeting with Police Commissioner Ian Stewart to be held at the United Service Club Wickham Terrace. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 12.30pm (NOT the usual 12.45pm)

Keith Watts reported on various membership matters and was delighted to welcome a number of prospective members to the meeting.

Following Spots, President Graeme presented a Paul Harris Award to Dr Chris Muir for his services to Rotary (pictured).

This ended up being a Fellowship meeting as the previously advertised guest speaker was unable to attend. So lots of informal discussion followed.

As there was no SAA session, Michael Stephens simply asked for donations in lieu of fines. Mark Williams won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck and the jackpot remains to be won.

The meeting closed at 1.45pm.



Corporate membership: What has worked for us and what hasn't

By Robert Fisher, Rotary Club of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>

As the first club chartered in Australia, we have a membership of around 250 people. We had two 'champions' who were keen to introduce corporate membership. Over several years, they sought acceptance of this category in the upper layers of Rotary, and eventually were given the go-ahead to try it as part of a pilot project in 2011.

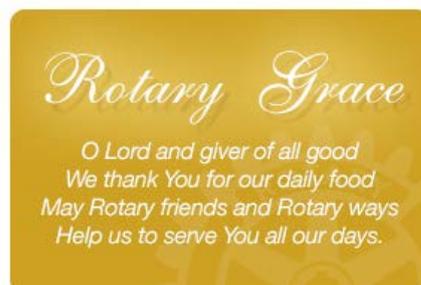
Motivators

We saw corporate membership as a way to uphold our club's long tradition of attracting the most senior members of Melbourne's business community, and tap into corporate networks to use their expertise to enhance our social programs. It was our belief that we could achieve significantly greater impact by getting entire corporations involved. We are able to offer them access to a highly respected service organization, and opportunities for their staff to put in volunteer hours and engage in projects.

Five years on

We currently have 17 members from six organizations. RI, district and Rotary Down Under dues are paid for each corporate member as if they were ordinary members. We aim to have just one corporate partner per industry or field. Professional services, banking, and higher education are among some of the industries that are represented. (One member dropped out last year due to lack of senior level connection, and probably inadequate relationship management on our part.)

Our corporate members are engaged in one or more of our projects such as homelessness, domestic violence, and clean water. While they are enthusiastic contributors, the greatest challenge is getting and keeping their attention. They all have extensive time commitments. Attending regular lunch meetings is not easy for them, so we run less frequent and more informal evening meetings to provide them an additional option to keep in touch.



Calendar

13 February:

Professor Roly Sussex – languages

20 February:

Fellowship

27 February:

Nathan Taiaroa
Adventure Outbound

3 March:

Assoc. Professor Mia Woodruff
3D printing of body parts

Roster

6 February 2017:

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

13 February 2017:

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

20 February 2017:

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

27 February 2017:

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

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Also, our club has a corporate team which meets quarterly with all the corporate members to provide updates and identify potential areas of cooperation.



Corporate membership has helped the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, attract senior business leaders.

What have we learned?

Perseverance and focus are required to ensure that the expectations of corporate members are met. This requires constant efforts to maintain close relationships with the corporation and the individuals. We have found that it is better to get prospective corporate members excited in projects first, rather than just focusing on adding members.

Even with its challenges, we have found corporate membership to be highly beneficial.

Water is life, Rotary is good

By Justice Lionel Eshun, Rotary Club of Tema, Ghana

Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>

Life is usually made up of special moments which make it worth living. I least expected that my Rotary special moment was going to fall on 30 August, 2016.

I joined Rotary barely three years ago, and by dint of my dedication and commitment to service and other Rotary activities, I got elected director of club service projects for the 2016-17 Rotary year. What exactly motivated me to join Rotary?

It was the opportunity to serve, to help improve the community and assist the needy, and to make new friends.

Through the Rotary/USAID International H2O Collaboration in Ghana, I visited five rural villages where access to potable water and proper sanitation is in short supply, despite the effort by government to improve sources of drinking water to these communities.

Despite a slight pain in my right arm on the morning of 30 August, our journey began. And what an experience it was! The travelling group consisted of myself, Andy Berko, chairman of our sanitation and environmental committee, and Adolph Tay, all members of my club. We were also joined by Mr. Samuel Dartey, a representative of the Community Water and Sanitation Agency (CWSA). After criss-crossing much of the district, we visited Kojo Nto, Apetaese, Kolifianu, Nsubri and Avornyokope, all located in the GA South district of the Greater Accra region of Ghana.

I was not surprised when in two of the five villages we visited, we were mistaken for politicians, since it was close to national elections. But this gave us the opportunity to further explain and brief them on the activities of Rotary, and of course to mention our End Polio program, which some of these villagers had seen or heard about.

It was a no-brainer actually, when given the choice of project they consider a priority, that all five villages chose water. Water is life.

Long may the collaboration between Rotary and USAID continue to provide more rural communities with safe drinking water and alleviate the incidence of water borne diseases. The least we can do for these rural communities is to ensure they are fit and healthy enough to go about their farming for sustenance.

To be of service and to be helpful feels good and right, and my Rotary moment was the joy and the expectation I saw on these peoples' faces and their expressions concerning the promise of getting clean drinking water.

The product of Rotary is service, and as Rotarians, the opportunity to serve and provide community service to our local communities is paramount. The sense of fulfillment and satisfaction that comes with service is priceless.

I'm patiently waiting to go back and share in their joy during the construction and commissioning phase, happy and proud to be a Rotarian.



Meeting with community leaders in Nsubri village



The team visits with community leaders in Kolifianu village