



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

A global network of community volunteers

20 March 2017



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Inc.

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(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
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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

Last week we were entertained by last year's Young Australians of the Year, the co-founders of Orange Sky laundry services (Nick Marchesi and Lucas Patchett), who assist people around Australia who live on the street. Wonderful story and great presentation.

This week is a multiple meeting day, firstly the board is meeting with all our recent and new members, to give each the opportunity to hear in more detail about our club's history and inner workings, and to give each new member a chance to review what they would like to achieve in Rotary with our club, and where they consider their aims and skills can best be utilised, to ensure their time in Rotary is enjoyable, fun, and beneficial to themselves and our club.

Secondly we have our general meeting, which this week is based on fellowship and club business, as our club grows, it is important that our longer term members, take the opportunity to spend time with our new members, and pass on their past experience with the club and outline not only our past projects, but, where we can provide the "Rotary" service into the future. Fellowship within our club is an important function for us all to perform.

Our Golf day invitation & Flyer has been sent out to approx. 85 persons, and after 24 hrs have had 3 teams (12 players reply) plus one offer of financial assistance, I hope the responses keep coming. We still need sponsors, if you can help, or know a business that could help, your attention to this will be appreciated. I will be processing sponsor requests to past teams this week.

WHAT'S ON?

**20 March 2017
Fellowship/Board
Meeting**

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)

Trophies have been organised and we have received some prizes along with a cash donation, which has already been banked in our PAF thank you to those respective members.

Induction of another new member Luke Marshall will take place on Monday, come along and make Luke's transition into Rotary a great day

Emergency Trailer Contribution: Negotiations are continuing under the watchful eye of Clive Shepherd and PP Phil Gresham, with main resolution being our signage placement on the trailer

I have asked for your ideas on New Projects for remainder of this Rotary year (up to June) and for the following six months. Georgina has suggested that we include helping a school Library in Vanuatu and Denise has suggested a greater involvement with Rotary Mental Health, in addition Clive Shepherd & Jacqui Page have provided a summary of projects and events through to end of Dec 2017. I thank you all for your input.

If you have any Pet Projects that you would like to pursue please nominate along with a proposal for fundraising to see its completion

District conference in Caloundra weekend 25th-26th March still a chance to register and attend.

Finally, after our normal meeting, we have our Monthly Board meeting, where we will discuss the various projects that have been put forward, if you have a project that you want to champion then get it to me now!!

Once a schedule of projects and fund raising methods have been approved by the board they will be put to all members for the tick of approval.

See you all at 12.15 PM Monday at our usual venue.

New Members remember your earlier meeting time at same venue

President Graeme

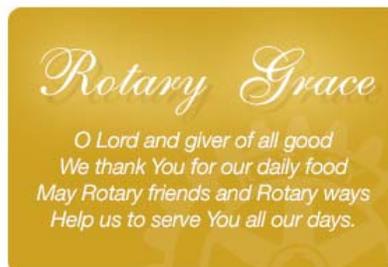


The future of women in Rotary

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

International Women's Day, 8 March, celebrate(d) women and their social, economic, political, and cultural achievements around the world. This year's campaign asks individuals to #BeBoldForChange in working for a more gender inclusive world.

RI President-elect Ian H.S. Riseley has also called upon Rotary clubs to seek more diversity in their membership, including improving the gender balance. In his address to Rotary's annual leadership training event in January, Riseley noted that 103 of the incoming 539 district governors are women.



Calendar

27 March 2017

Stephanie Bennett - Gatton murders

3 April 2017

Associate Professor Mia Woodruff QUT, Leads the Biomaterials & Tissue Morphology Group (3-D printing)

Roster

20 March 2017:

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

27 March 2017:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson J Page
Set Up/Away T Kung
Visitor Register G Holtmann
Attendance/ Raffle D Schellbach J Smerdon

3 April 2017:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson K Watts
Set Up/Away M Evans
Visitor Register T Pilkington
Attendance/ Raffle D Schellbach J Smerdon

10 April 2017:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson M Williams
Set Up/Away D Vankov
Visitor Register S Francis
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:

secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au



These are “leaders who will help Rotary connect with, and represent, and better service, all the members of all our communities,” says Riseley.

Governors-elect Sandy Sava of District 5180 (California, USA) (left) and Dawn deFuria of District 7450 (Pennsylvania, USA) sat down to talk about the current and future state of women in Rotary.

When more women work, economies grow

By Annemarie Mostert, a member of the E-club of Southern Africa
Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>



On International Women’s Day, 8 March, it (was) important to reflect on the milestones women have achieved in economic opportunity, and the role Rotary clubs can play.

The World Economic Forum’s latest Global Gender Gap report identified the continued burden of economic inequality and gaps in economic opportunity for women across the world. This data isn’t just about representation and greater opportunity. It is important for global economic growth.

Put simply, “When more women work, economies grow.” And you may be startled by how much. A recent McKinsey report estimates that if women play an “identical role in labor markets to that of men,” this could potentially add “\$28 trillion, or 26 percent” to the global GDP.

As a member of Rotary, the global nonprofit at the intersection of commerce and cause, I believe that I have to make an impact at a local level. Rotary’s model is unique because although many organisations allow you to network professionally or get involved in community projects, few allow you to combine both of these opportunities.

Twelve years ago, I started a nonprofit called SeSeGo Cares in South Africa, based on a model that combines socially responsible business with sustainable projects to empower vulnerable people through skills and enterprise development. We’ve educated and enabled women to start their own bakeries, gardens, sewing projects, libraries, and other small enterprises to boost their sense of self-worth, lift themselves out of poverty, learn transferable skills, and transform their communities. As our model channels the power of private sector volunteerism through mentorship and job creation, we’ve also managed to eliminate administrative costs.

One project of which I’m particularly proud is the Zandspruit Bakery in Johannesburg, which opened its doors in 2012. This is a self-sustaining micro-enterprise powered in the beginning only by a solar oven, which can cook great quantities of food to feed many, with no fuel costs. With private sector sponsorship, and help from a local Rotary club, the facility trains entrepreneurs seeking to enter the formal economy.

Eight community members participated in a Business Management training course, and now run the bakery at a profit, as the goods, including bread, scones, biscuits and doughnuts, are sold to the local community at a cost lower than other suppliers. Profits are reinvested in the community, and the solar oven is a more affordable alternative to electricity.

In South Africa, we are in the top ten (no.6) of countries where women work more minutes per day than men. This reflects global data which shows that ‘women still spend more of their time on unpaid work such as housework, childcare and care for older people.’ This means less time for women to pursue economic opportunities, fewer women in senior management positions, and limited participation in shaping social and economic policies.

All this compounds existing inequalities as women have a lack of access to important assets like financial loans, or a lack of secure access to land rights. Gender based violence is also a serious issue in the country, with ‘intimate partner violence’ accounting for up to 70% of female murder victims by some estimates.

Progress has been made in legislation for women’s equality, education and political participation, but to convert legislation into action requires local engagement with socially conscious local partnerships involving civil society, the private sector and the government.

Bold action is required to challenge the recent prediction that the gender gap won’t close entirely until 2186, which is too long to wait. As Rotarian, we have a responsibility to use our unique position to make a difference.

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