



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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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

Following a busy round of meetings last Monday we will be back on schedule with a very good guest speaker M/s Stephanie Bennett, an author who will speak on the "Gatton Murders", should be an interesting review. Come along and make her welcome.

It is also probable (time permitting) that we will induct Luke Marshall.

District Conference in Caloundra was also held at the weekend and I am sure those who attended felt it worthwhile.

Our meeting with new & recently inducted members was held before last weeks' general meeting to give each an opportunity to indicate what they would like to get out of Rotary and our club, there were many good ideas put forward and Secretary Michael will be preparing a summary for project review. It was pleasing to note that all our new members had interest in assisting with Mental Health, especially in youth, and assisting those less fortunate than most of us. A similar follow up meeting is planned for this week for those unable to attend last week.

Last week we also had a couple of impromptu talks given by District chair of Membership, and an update on our Auditors role in his pet project in Nepal.

Another friendly reminder about our Golf Day at Virginia Golf Club on the morning of 12th May. Teams and sponsors required.

WHAT'S ON?

27 March 2017
Stephanie Bennett
Gatton murders

DATE CLAIMER

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)

Our board meeting was held and a few items of note included.

- Our Endoscopy Rural Training initiative is on track to have first trainees registered, and we have made a decision to expand to include training of clinical nurses to provide an operational team
- Project selection process is underway to establish our next round of projects for the balance of this year and first half of next year i.e this calendar year.
- The establishment of a Public Relations arm and Marketing programme for our club and Rotary building on our past and future efforts will be formalised.
- Membership group have prepared a membership and mentors brochure which will be provided to all club members for their use
- It was agreed that the Lord Mayors presentation to be held on 29th May will be held at the Brisbane Club, round up your friends and colleagues and attend to hear this great arranged by Denise.
- Finally, discussion on some social events concluded that these will be arranged in the near future.

Reminder to read your bulletin, if you are on duty, please attend or arrange another member to fill in for you.

Great Speaker and interesting subject this week don't miss this event and also enjoy some fellowship

President Graeme

Rotary Meeting – 20 March 2017

Chairperson for the day was Jonathan Frew. 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 District 9600 Membership Chair, Bruce McNaught. Graeme's message is detailed elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, Michael Stephens reported that RCOB would be taking an inbound Rotary Exchange Student in return for our outbound student Thomas Allison. The student would be from Brazil, and Michael asked for volunteers to provide accommodation for her visit.

Keith Watts publicised the D9600 Annual Conference scheduled for 24-26 March. It promised to be an excellent Conference and he suggested that those who had not already registered to consider going. He also reminded members of the next RCOB Membership Event scheduled for 29 March. He urged members to attend.

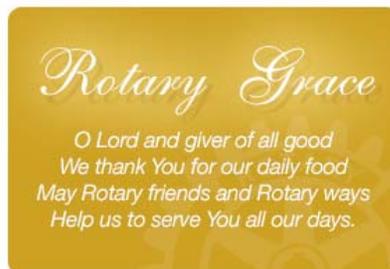
Denise Schellbach publicised the forthcoming guest speaker program...she had arranged speakers all the way to June...great job Denise! The more immediate speakers are detailed in the Bulletin. The Bulletin also provides details of the weekly Duty Rosters up to four weeks ahead. Members were urged to make sure they attended meetings for which they are rostered, or arrange a swap.

D9600 Membership Chair Bruce McNaught congratulated RCOB for its efforts and success in attracting new members...in his view an impressive performance.

In response to President Graeme's call for project ideas, Rick Tamaschke suggested that we should also revisit the project list devised during 2016/17. A number of projects had been highly rated during an evaluation process but had not been supported at the time because of financial constraints. There was audience support for this suggestion.

A short extraordinary Annual General Meeting followed to approve the RCOB accounts for the year ended 30 June 2016. Treasurer Warren Walker had already circulated the accounts to members and asked that they be approved by the Meeting. There was unanimous approval. The accounts had been audited by registered company auditor Phillip Fitzgerald from Integrated Audit Service, who was present at the meeting.

Following the General Meeting, Phillip Fitzgerald provided an update of his activities in connection with the Chhora Chhori Children's Foundation (CCCF) which specialises in providing food, education and other essentials to orphans and needy children in Nepal.



Calendar

3 April 2017

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

10 April - Giulio Saggin

Award winning freelance photographer.

17 April

Public Holiday, Easter Monday.

Roster

27 March 2017:

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

3 April 2017:

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

10 April 2017:

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

17 April 2017:

Easter Monday – no meeting



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



He had previously spoken to RCOB about the Project on 5 September 2016 (see minutes in the 12 September Bulletin). Among other matters he reported that the daily number of meals provided had increased from 180 to 250 since his visit.

SAA Max Winders 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 1.45pm.

What has Rotaract done for me?

By Emily Wood, Rotaract Club of South-West Brisbane, Australia
Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>



I've been a member of Rotaract — Rotary's community service and professional development program for young leaders age 18-30 — for ten years. As I age out or "graduate," I've started thinking about what Rotaract has done for me and how it's shaped who I am today. A decade is a long time to stick with something. So, why have I?

Opportunity. Through Rotaract, I've had the opportunity to do many amazing things:

- I've traveled the world to experience different cultures and participate in projects.
- I've lived and studied abroad as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar.
- I've attended four Rotary International Conventions (Montreal, Bangkok, Lisbon and Sydney) where I've heard from and connected with some truly impressive individuals who are making the world a better place.
- I've attended RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award), a week-long personal and professional development program that helps you figure out what you want in life and equips you with the skills you need to achieve your goals.
- I've received training in leadership, time management, project planning, event coordination, public speaking, governance, and much more.



- I've served on local, national and international committees, helping shape the future of this great organisation.
- I've been given free rein to develop and implement public relations, marketing and advertising campaigns for my club and district.

Experience. At the age of 23, I was invited to serve on the Rotary District 9630 Public Relations Committee. In my first year, I helped deliver new brand positioning (informed by research I undertook as part of my post-graduate degree), a bus advertising campaign, a new district website, new marketing collateral, and media and communication skills training. I will be forever grateful to the Rotarians who put their faith in me, and gave me the opportunity to test and further develop my skills. Not many people receive opportunities like this so early in their careers.

Confidence. Long gone is the girl who was terrified of public speaking — or even putting forward opinions in a meeting. Rotaract helped me overcome my fears. It's amazing how fear slips away when you are in a comfortable, supportive environment, surrounded by people who share your passions. As president of my club, I gained invaluable people and project management skills, and developed the confidence to chair meetings, plan projects and run training sessions. I've since served as a keynote speaker and panelist at local, national and international conferences, speaking to audiences of 200-plus people. I've also established a reputation at work for being calm and confident under pressure.

Life-long friendships. Rotaract has given me the most amazing network of friends — here at home and in almost every corner of the globe. These wonderful individuals have made my life so much richer. They are passionate and talented, and make a real and tangible difference in the lives of others. We've shared many adventures and I look forward to sharing many more.

If you're a young adult aged 18 to 30 interested in helping others, developing new skills and having a great time, then Rotaract is for you. Find a club and get involved — you won't regret it!

Why host an outbound-only youth exchange?

By Eric Cowcill, governor-elect of District 1285

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



The Rotary clubs of Sandbach, United Kingdom, and Macau have worked together for several years to provide opportunities for Macau youth to attend the annual District 1285 Summer Camp in northwest England. This year Macau Rotarians were ready to expand opportunities for young people and together we embarked on creating a short-term exchange.

Our simple idea turned into a huge success! This summer, nine 16 year-old students and two teachers from St Paul's School, Macau, arrived in the UK for a visit.

The Rotary Club of Macau is certified for "outbound-only" youth exchange, which is special because other parts of District 3450 (China, Hong Kong, Mongolia) are not yet certified to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange. Working with an "outbound-only" district has not been a challenge for our club (Rotarians in Macau worked hard to complete all the certification requirements required by Rotary International).

A tropical cyclone delayed the arrival of the students at Manchester airport for 36 hours, but when they finally arrived, hosts provided a variety of programs showing them our beautiful countryside. All of the students enjoyed their time; and their command of the English language and home cooking skills improved immensely.



The students' first impressions were that we all lived in castles compared to their normal apartments in blocks of high rises. For many, the journey to the UK was their first-ever flight. It was also the first time that many had traveled by train or seen sheep, cows, pigs, or horses in nearby fields.

At the farewell party, the students put on a short program of music and singing before they bid a tearful farewell to their host families. The party then took a train to London for two days of sightseeing before returning home to Macau.

The benefits of the visit were immense; with most of the students improving their language skills while experiencing a completely different culture. Their self-confidence grew immeasurably and they all have newly adopted "grandparents" with whom they keep in touch. I highly recommend any club in a certified district to host students in an outbound-only exchange — it will truly be a one-of-a-kind experience.

