



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

Last Monday we inducted another new member Rotarian Tony Pilkington, Tony as you will all be aware addressed our club and spoke about his friendship with Sir Don Bradman, and other events as a "news hound", members welcome Tony who has re-joined Rotary after relocating from Adelaide to Brisbane. He will no doubt be added to our speaker schedule in the future.

Golf: Rtn Michael & I have all but finalised the venue and date, and at this stage members can start to think about who they can invite, and how they can assist in making this a successful day. As noted we are looking for sponsors, prizes, and players, get behind this great day.

All things being equal, after our final evaluation, we will be holding our golf day at the VIRGINIA GOLF CLUB on Friday morning 12th May 2017 this course is where Greg Norman practiced as a youngster, so some good may rub off. This course is more forgiving than Northlakes, make sure you attend, make up a team now.

Emergency Trailer Contribution:

Following receipt of an estimate of expenditure from the Salvation Army Emergency Response team, I have appointed Rtn Clive Shepherd to finalise the various aspects of our contribution of \$30,000 towards the provision of a "new emergency trailer". We will prepare a short form agreement on what our Club expects from this arrangement with the Salvo's which will identify the registered Salvo's charity business, to allow payment to be made from our PAF/Benevolent Fund. Signage for our Sponsorship of this trailer will also be finalised. Clive will be our clubs point of contact for this project.

WHAT'S ON?

6 March 2017
Dr John Gardner,
Scientist CSIRO
Domains of energy,
water & climate
adaptation

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)

Please read your bulletin as we have another good speaker Dr John Gardner Scientist with CSIRO who will speak on the Domains of Energy, water and climate adaptation. Should be very interesting.

As our membership increases, come to our meetings a few minutes early and enjoy the fellowship with our new members, provide them with an insight to our great club.

Congratulations to PP Wallace Bishop who advised the meeting he has been a member of this club for 58 years, and a loyal servant he has been, well done.

See you all at 12.15 PM Monday at our usual venue, read your bulletin and if you are on duty please attend or arrange another member to fill in for you.

President Graeme

Rotary meeting 27 February 2017

Chairperson for the day was Wal Bishop. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International, he introduced President Graeme Whitmore. Graeme welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. Graeme's message is detailed elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, Jacqui Page indicated that there would be another 'Membership Drive' to be held in the evening of 29 March. Members were urged to attend. Further details would be provided soon.

Denise Schellbach publicised the excellent guest speaker program she had assembled. She also asked those on the duty rosters to make every effort to attend, or arrange for others to take their place (Speaker program and rosters are as detailed in the Bulletin).

Following a short period of Fellowship, Wal Bishop introduced the guest speaker Nathan Tairaoa, Founder of 'Adventure Outloud', an adventure travel company. He was at RCOB to 'spread the word'. Nathan has a passion for travel and this has become his profession. A number of the adventure travel offerings focus on East Africa. Nathan first visited East Africa in 2008, and at the time, he had no idea how the adventure would change his life.

Shortly after a period in Tanzania, he created 'Adventure for a Cause', which aimed to help travellers make a positive difference while they travelled. This is explained in the attached clip which Nathan featured in his presentation.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QjDjXL1mwM&t=8s>

Details of the full range of 'Adventure for a Cause' offerings may be found at: www.adventureoutloud.me

This was an excellent presentation. Questions and discussion followed. Finally Nathan was presented with a memento of the occasion (pictured). (Interested members may contact Nathan at: nathan@adventureoutloud.me Nathan will be happy to discuss special offers for RCOB member companies).

Next, President Graeme inducted Tony Pilkington to the Club (pictured). Tony has been a Rotarian in South Australia and is a Paul Harris Fellow. Tony was welcomed the Club by acclamation.

'Ad Hoc' Acting SAA Michael Stephens provided an interesting session while exacting the usual fines. Phil Little won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck and the jackpot remains to be won.

The meeting closed at 1.45pm.



Calendar

13 March 2017

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

20 March 2017

Fellowship/board meeting

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

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

27 March 2017:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson J Page
Set Up/Away T Kung
Visitor Register G Holtmann
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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Rotary means family

By Emily Koerner, a former Interactor, native of Toms River, New Jersey, and student at the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania, USA
Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>

I often wonder what other people think about when they hear the word “Rotarian.”

Since I was about 10 years old, I attended many service events with my dad (a member and past president of the Central Ocean Rotary Club in Toms River, New Jersey). The members welcomed me with open arms, laughs, and, of course, a ton of work to be done.

I learned about camaraderie and good work ethic at a young age. I also learned not every family was like my own. Not everyone has my abilities, my health, or my amazing parents. Not everyone has food at their table, a steady job, or a home. But together, the Rotarians work hard to extend a helping hand to anyone struggling to lift them up.

For me, Rotarian is a synonym for family.

For over ten years, I’ve attended lunch meetings and listened to their guest speakers and their discussions about the future for the club. We’ve painted houses, planted dune grass, auctioned gift baskets, and much more. My Rotary club faced the challenges of gaining new members, losing old ones, and enduring Hurricane Sandy. However, they’ve always grown and never failed to help those in need.

They refuse to give up caring for others as well as each other.



Emily Koerner with her father (left) and Peter Singaglese, past president of the Central Ocean Rotary club (right).

Just like Rotary, I, too, have grown the past decade. I joined community service groups throughout middle school, high school, and my university. I was president of my Interact club. I have spent ten amazing days at a girls’ orphanage in Mexico City. My Rotarian family has given me hope for the future and inspiration to push myself every day.

I have no other way to repay them for their influence and support except to lead my life as a true Rotarian would.

My request for other Rotary clubs is to reach out to children or teenagers and encourage them to volunteer or work alongside you. Perhaps they will be a future member. Perhaps they won’t. But the experiences of witnessing your passion and compassion for others will leave a mark and last a lifetime.

Empower young people in your community — sponsor an Interact Club. Find more information about providing a safe and secure environment for all youth involved in Rotary programs and activities in the Rotary Youth Protection Guide.

10 lessons from a Rotary Club pilot

By Quentin Wodon, a member of the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C., USA
Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>



Membership growth is an important topic in Rotary. Since my last blog post (6 ingredients for membership growth), my club has continued to focus on how we can follow our strategic plan and continue our initial success at growing our club. We have been fortunate to double our membership in six months, from 18 members in July to 38 in February. We are cautiously not “claiming victory” over our growth goals, since we could still experience a downturn in membership. But we have made progress.

Part of our gains were connected to a new initiative whereby we offer our expertise to local non-profits. On 24 February, we are hosting two training workshops for local non-profits on Capitol Hill. We have a wonderful line-up of speakers and 150 people signed up to attend morning sessions on monitoring, evaluating, and conducting cost-benefit analysis; and afternoon sessions on communicating using social media, websites, and PowerPoint presentations. The CEO of the Grameen Foundation is our keynote speaker for lunch.

By teaming up with Capitol Hill Community Foundation, which provided funding for our event, we are establishing ourselves as a partner in the community, and also creating an opportunity to recruit new members. Collectively, we can use our professional skills to make a difference in our community and leverage our resources to have an even bigger impact.

To share what our club has learned, I have captured many of our insights into a series of free eBooks, including “Double your Membership in six months; 10 Lessons from a Rotary Club Pilot” on Smashwords. My hope is this series will help clubs put these insights into practice, so we can continue to keep Rotary strong and vibrant.

About the author: Quentin Wodon is a lead economist at the World Bank. He holds PhDs in economics and in theology and religious studies, and has taught at universities in Europe and the U.S. He is currently President of the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill, in Washington, D.C. He is also author of the Rotarian Economist blog at www.rotarianeconomist.com.
