



**ROTARY:
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The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

A global network of community volunteers

3 July 2017



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Inc.

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of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
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MONDAYS
12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Daniel Vankov
President Elect	Chris Muir
Imm Past President	Graeme Whitmore
Vice President	Dr Keith Watts
Secretary	Michael Stephens
Treasurer	Warren Walker
Rotary Foundation	Wal Bishop
Public Ancillary Fund	John Smerdon (Trust)
Membership:	Keith Watts
Club Administration:	Mark Williams (acting)
Sergeant-at-Arms	Luke Marshall

Committee chairs

Rotary Foundation:	Wal Bishop
Service Projects:	Jacqui Page
Public Relations:	Denise Schellbach (TBC)

**District 9600
Club Number 17787
Founded 29 May 1923**

District Governor
John Lane

**Rotary International
President**
Ian Riseley

President's message

This week's message is my speech at the Changeover lunch on 26 June 2017:

Dear Guests and Fellow Rotarians,

I would like to echo Graeme Whitmore's welcome to all of you.

I am in an enviable position that having been asked to be President of the Brisbane's premier club I am following on from many great leaders who have made the Rotary Club of Brisbane an important and recognisable part of the CBD life. I acknowledge and thank them and hope I can live up to what I have been asked to do.

Since accepting the ad-hoc invitation to take on the role of President of our club, I have spent a considerable amount of time learning about Rotary, thinking how I believe I can add value to the Club and investigating best practices, past and present. I have not been a member of this club for as long as most of you have but from my personal experience I can say that being a part of this amazing International organisation makes me very proud. However I am a strong believer that its strength comes from the individual clubs and theirs is derived from each member. Thus the activities that every member of the club is involved in are the essence of why we are here today.

Growing our membership, both in quantity and quality terms, will be of a high priority for me during the forthcoming year. In 1969 our membership count had been 246 and after a very successful year in recruiting, thanks to Dr Keith Watts and others, we may be on the track to aim high again. To do this, our Club needs to be somewhere people want to come without fearing of being regarded as check books only.

WHAT'S ON?

3 July 2017
Guest speaker: Dr
Marcus Gray
*Functional brain
imaging and
emotions, influence
of inflammation*

DATE CLAIMER

Sunday 30 July
*Stan Francis Testimonial
luncheon*
Regatta Hotel, 12 for 12: 30 pm.
Tickets \$95pp

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)

I would like to see membership drives being restructured as learning opportunities for both members and non-members in the shape of professional networking events. The overall aim would be a shift in our own understanding that we do not have to convince people to become new members but the Club has to be so attractive that people themselves would seek opportunities to join. Thus we will have committed and willing to be active Rotarians such as:

- Luke Marshall who is acting Sergeant at arms – a position so difficult that not many wish to give it even a voluntary try. It is hard to entertain such a demanding cohort, Luke.
- Carolyn Tate who joined the Service projects committee and offered her board room free of charge for committee meetings.
- Johannes Nijdam who is developing his first project proposal to be presented to the Club.
- Mark Williams who will be taking over the position of Club bulletin designer and editor.

Members' contributions, big or small, need to be recognised with or without ceremonies, which is why for the forthcoming year I am establishing a monthly "President's bottle of wine" award with every member being able to nominate others for their achievements. Building immediately on that it is my great pleasure to present the first such award to the person who edited more than 150 issues of our bulletin in the last 3.5 years and who is currently working diligently to pass his knowledge and experience to the next in line. Please, help me in welcoming Rick Tamaschke!

One of the barriers of attracting new members is believed to be the overall cost of membership. Who thinks that the overall cost of being part of the Club is comparatively high? Well, I can't do much on the cost part but I will do my best that each member gets the maximum possible value for his/her money. We benefit from a strong programme with a range of excellent external speakers (Thank you Denise!) but we miss the opportunity to tap into the deep well of talent within our current member base and their professional contacts. To add to this I believe there is a great value lying in reinstalling vocational visits. It is also time that the Club shows pride in its members, the way they show their pride in Rotary by wearing the pin.

Uploading a professional profile of each member on the website, describing his/her experience and achievements, is the first and the least thing we can do.

Strong involvement in projects in our local community to add to those profiles is the thing that naturally comes next. I believe the opportunity for each of us to be hands on and see a tangible result for our efforts provides a real sense of achievement. Denise Schellbach with Eddie's van, Gerald Holtmann with the Rural Endoscopy initiative. These local projects give us an opportunity to raise our profile in our local community and share the great story we have to tell. During the next year, I would work hard to make sure that those stories are better heard in Brisbane. Giving a check of \$30 000 to the Salvation Army is a great achievement and we should proud of it. Unfortunately, it will hardly make the news. On the other side training rural doctors and saving time and money for disadvantaged people is rural areas is something that can make headlines if presented with facts and data. In addition in such initiatives we are currently missing on opportunities to use available resources, namely the Rotary Foundation, to expand our impact through simply applying for District grants. I would like see in the forthcoming year our Club not only increasing its contribution to the Rotary Foundation but filing at least one project for funding.

These are only highlights of my suggestions. I will soon be in touch with each of you asking for opinions, comments and suggestions on a comprehensive document in the form of a Club leadership plan for the forthcoming years. To save me from potential embracement, the draft is currently being reviewed by more experienced Rotarians than me. This nicely leads to my next point. "One swallow does not make a spring" and while I count on active participation from all current and future members, I am blessed with a great team to make my days easier in this great endeavour. I would like to introduce them to you now and would ask them to join me when I call their position and name:



Calendar

10 July:
Ian Jempson, CEO Maritime Museum.

17 July:
Susan Welch
Growing Nepal Foundation.

Roster

3 July 2017:

President	D Vankov
Chairperson	P Gresham
Set Up/Away	M Evans
Visitor Register	B Grieve
Attendance/ Raffle	D Schellbach J Smerdon

10 July 2017:

President	D Vankov
Chairperson	J Nijdam
Set Up/Away	C Gibson
Visitor Register	R Muller
Attendance/ Raffle	D Schellbach J Smerdon

17 July 2017:

President	D Vankov
Chairperson	R Chai
Set Up/Away	G Bishop
Visitor Register	S Francis
Attendance/ Raffle	D Schellbach J Smerdon

24 July 2017:

President	D Vankov
Chairperson	C Tate
Set Up/Away	G Bishop
Visitor Register	P Robb
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



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There are a couple of elected Board members who decided to step down from the Board. These are:

Service Projects	Jacqui Page
Club Administration	Steve Dunlop

Luckily Jacqui has agreed to keep the position of Service Projects committee Chair and there is an excellent candidate for the Club Administration position, Mark Williams. My understanding is that Denise Schellbach also does not aim for a Director position on the Board but I hope that she will continue her outstanding role as Chair of the Public Relations committee with the new challenges that come into that portfolio.

Another very important position in the Club recently became vacant, the Club Sergeant at Arms, but subject to Board approval we have an excellent candidate for it, too, Luke Marshall.

Before we go for a group photo in an effort to make Rick's last Club bulletin more colourful, please, have a look at the current issue. You should be able to notice the opportunities that lie ahead. Yes, we have a blank page at the back... a page that we will all have to fill with quality content during the year.

Thank you again for giving me this great opportunity to serve you and thank you for your attention!

Daniel Vankov President 2017/2018

Rotary minutes 26 June 2017 The changeover

Chairperson for the Changeover Meeting was Rick Tamaschke. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia, Rotary International and the new Rotary year, he introduced 2016/17 President Graeme Whitmore.

Graeme welcomed Rotarians and visitors to the meeting. He also briefly outlined the order of proceedings for the day.

There were no Rotary Spots and proceedings were paused for lunch.

After lunch, President Graeme delivered his Report on activities during 2016/17. His Report is provided under 'President's Message' in the 26 June Bulletin.

After the presentation PP Phil Gresham passed the 'Chains of Office' from Graeme to incoming President Daniel Vankov. Rick moved a vote of thanks to Graeme for his efforts and for a job well done. This was warmly supported by acclamation from the audience.



PP Phil Gresham hanging the chain of office on new President Daniel Vankov

Rick then introduced 2017/18 President Daniel Vankov. Daniel's address, outlining future directions for the Club during his year, and details of Officers and Committee chairs, is presented in full in the 'Presidents Message' section in the 3 July Bulletin.

SAA Luke Marshall ran an entertaining session as members paid the usual fines. Luke won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck and the jackpot remains to be won.

President Daniel closed the meeting at 1.50pm.



President Daniel Vankov with some of his team
From left to right: Luke Marshall, Mark Williams, Graeme Whitmore, Jacqui Page, Keith Watts, Michael Stephens, Daniel Vankov



President Daniel Vankov presenting the inaugural 'President's Bottle of Wine Award' to Rick Tamaschke for his service to RCOB as Bulletin Editor for more than 3 years.

Other News

RCOB Members attending District 9600 Rotary Leadership Institute 10.



From left to right: Tony Holmes (PDG), Johannes Nijdam (RCoB), Daniel Vankov (RCoB), Luke Marshall (RCoB), Jack Amourous (RCoBA), Carolyn Tate (RCoB) and Lorelle Holcroft (RLI trainer).

Denise Schellbach visits The Rotary Club of Marylebone in London



The Club meets at the magnificent Oriental Club, in Oxford Street near Marble Arch.

Editorial changeover

This is my last edition as Bulletin Editor after more than three years in the job. The new Bulletin Editor is Mark Williams. All editorial correspondence should now be sent to him.

Welcome Mark.

Rick Tamaschke