



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

12 June 2017



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
(Edinburgh Room)  
of the Brisbane Club  
Post Office Square  
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Brisbane

**MONDAYS**  
12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

## OFFICERS

<b>President</b>	Graeme Whitmore
<b>President Elect</b>	Daniel Vankov
<b>Imm Past President</b>	Phil Gresham
<b>Vice President</b>	Dr Keith Watts
<b>Secretary</b>	Michael Stephens
<b>Treasurer</b>	Warren Walker
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**District 9600  
Club Number 17787  
Founded 29 May 1923**

**District Governor**  
Alan Stephens

**Rotary International  
President**  
John Germ

## President's message

### Rotarians & Friends

As I said last week the cool weather has arrived, but we are all loving it.

Last week we not only had a good speaker, but a magician, very enlightening as well as thought provoking. I'm not sure where Denise gets all these great entertaining speakers from but they keep coming, well done Denise.

Speaking of Denise, she will be taking a trip to London this week for three weeks approx. to see family. We wish her a safe and enjoyable trip.

Also overseas' is John Smerdon and his wife Jennifer, with my last contact received from San Sebastian in Spain, by now he will be footsore and fancy free.

Our incoming President Daniel attended his first Cluster meeting and had the opportunity of meeting all the cluster out going presidents as well as the incoming presidents that he will meet with monthly during his term. I am sure a good working relationship with our cluster clubs and Rotaractors will continue under ADG Lisa Bateson.

As an aside, following my comment on a "wayward" question? put to Mayor Graham Quirk last week, I received an apology from the visiting Rotarian that brought the visitor. He stated that she would never be invited by him to any event again, and he advised her so on the day. Apology accepted.

Brisbane Hi Rise outgoing President Russell Postle again advised me that the Royal Flying Drs Service has had an ongoing commitment to mental health in the bush and regional communities. Their service for mental health started approx. 3 years ago with 3 volunteers and has grown to approx. 30.

## WHAT'S ON?

**12 June 2017**  
Carolyn Krueger  
(Rotary NID)

## DATE CLAIMER

**Sunday 25 June (Day 2) -**  
*Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)*  
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**Saturday 17 June**  
*Monty Python and the Holy Grail*  
*of Rotary Fundraising.*  
Cnr Mowbray Tce & Wellington  
Rd, East Brisbane 6.30 pm.

**Tickets \$69**  
**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 consider that maybe this is a project that our club could assist in, giving us a two pronged approach. It deals with mental health in young and old, and provides this service to our rural communities. Royal Flying Drs do not receive government money or grants for their services, although there may be moves afoot to get assistance for the mental health aspect. May be a joint Club approach ??

We have two social events on the calendar this is a reminder!

- Monty Python Fund Raiser in association with the Rotaract Date 17th JUNE a Sat Night!!! Check our website
- Stan Francis Testimonial Lunch at Regatta Hotel Sun 30 July

Next week's speaker is Carolyn Krueger Past District Governor - come and hear about her worldly travels in aid of Rotary

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

**Time is running out for the Foundation Money Tubes for this Rotary year, if you have not filled them up, do it now!**

Your attendance is appreciated.

### President Graeme

#### Rotary meeting 5 June 2017

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

In Rotary Spots, Denise Schellbach publicised the forthcoming guest speaker program. The more immediate speakers are detailed in the Bulletin. The Bulletin also provides details of the weekly Duty Rosters and members were urged to make sure they attended meetings for which they are rostered, or arrange a swap.

After a short period of Fellowship, Ryan Muller introduced the Guest Speaker, Julian Mather, ex ABC-TV & book publisher (See: <http://www.julianmather.com/> for a detailed background and his achievements).

His topic for the day was 'How to Add Years to Your Life'. This was an excellent and very entertaining presentation accompanied by slides and even a 'magic rope trick'.

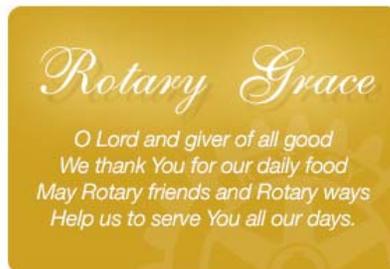
Topics covered included: The BlueZones Project; This is safest, most prosperous time in history; The World Health Organization reports more people die from suicide than from conflicts, wars and natural disasters combined; Rise in suicide rate for 45-65 year olds; Why not listening to news first thing every morning is good for you. The link <http://www.julianmather.com/p/rotary> and the further links therein provide details of each of the above, and therefore Julian's talk. Questions and discussion followed. The presentation was much appreciated by members, and he was thanked heartily by acclamation. Finally, Ryan presented Julian with a memento of the occasion (pictured).



(Julian may be contacted by email at: [julian@julianmather.com](mailto:julian@julianmather.com) or by phone on 0408827974)

There was no SAA session and members were asked to make a donation in lieu of 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 1.55pm



## Calendar

### 19 June:

Fellowship/board meeting

### 26 June:

Susan Welch, Growing Nepal Foundation

### 3 July:

Club Changeover Lunch

## Roster

### 12 June 2017:

<b>President</b>	G Whitmore
<b>Chairperson</b>	T Pilkington
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	J Frew
<b>Visitor Register</b>	P Ryan
<b>Attendance/</b>	D Schellbach
<b>Raffle</b>	J Smerdon

### 19 June 2017:

<b>President</b>	G Whitmore
<b>Chairperson</b>	T Kung
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	G Holtmann
<b>Visitor Register</b>	S Francis
<b>Attendance/</b>	D Schellbach
<b>Raffle</b>	J Smerdon

### 26 June 2017:

<b>President</b>	G Whitmore
<b>Chairperson</b>	R Tamaschke
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	K Watts
<b>Visitor Register</b>	J Delahunty
<b>Attendance/</b>	D Schellbach
<b>Raffle</b>	J Smerdon

### 3 July 2017:

<b>President</b>	G Whitmore/D Vankov
<b>Chairperson</b>	P Gresham
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	M Evans
<b>Visitor Register</b>	B Grieve
<b>Attendance/</b>	D Schellbach
<b>Raffle</b>	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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## Deeply wounded world needs Rotary Peace Centers

By Marie-Paule Attema, a Rotary Peace Fellow at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

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



Maire-Paule Attema, right, and her husband, left, with host Rotarians in Brisbane, Australia.

After months of anticipation, I finally arrived in Brisbane, Australia, where I will be for the next 18 months while I pursue the Masters of Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Queensland Rotary Peace Center.

I quickly felt at home after being picked up by our "Australian parents," who have been extremely helpful in our transition. I have enjoyed the pros and cons of Australian living as I have quickly adapted to 30 degree weather in March and travelling via a ferry that feels more like vacation than public transit. I have also survived Cyclone Debbie (experiencing my first ever rain day) and have been sure to watch my step for snakes and spiders. I have also learned to stay out of the Brisbane River. Bull Sharks are everywhere!!

The staff at the University of Queensland Peace Center have been incredibly welcoming and helpful. I was rather anxious returning to studying after six years, but after only one month I feel inspired and prepared to undertake my program. I'm both honored and intimidated to be on this journey with nine amazing Peace Fellows from all over the globe. Each Peace Fellow brings vast knowledge and life experience.

This semester I'm enrolled in four peace and conflict related courses. The course work is both challenging and exciting. I'm excited to learn not only about peace and conflict theories but also practical skills including mediation. Furthermore, I was excited to be a part of a seminar for Class 14 this past week. These peace fellows presented on their AFE (applied field experience).

It was an enlightening experience and I am excited for my opportunity to apply some of my newfound knowledge into the field.

In a world deeply wounded by conflict, I feel more than ever that peace education is essential. I'm thankful for my sponsoring Rotary Club of Tavistock, Ontario, Canada, and my host Rotary Club of Balmoral Brisbane, Australia, for their continued support, and look forward to keeping in touch!



**About the author:** Marie-Paule is a survivor of the Rwandan genocide. She immigrated to Canada 16 years ago. Over the last ten years she has worked with marginalized populations in various community initiatives in Ontario, Canada. Her career goal is to contribute to recovery and mental health in the aftermath of armed conflict, and in the long term, to promote peace and equality through global policymaking.

## Make someone smile, and see how it changes you

By Nicolas Silva, member of the Rotaract Club of Trenque Lauquen, Argentina

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



Members of the Rotaract Club of Trenque Lauquen donate toys during a community breakfast attended by 100 children.

Four years ago, our club undertook a project called "Todo Sirve," which literally means "everything serves." We collected donations in our city, including food, drinking water, clothes, children's toys, bikes, and beds for an aboriginal low-income community, the Qom village, located in Formosa, a northern province of Argentina.

I will never forget hearing the word "gnashek" (Qom for 'thanks') from a woman who I was giving a box of donations to.

In that moment, my whole world stopped, and I understood how interconnected we all are. So many things that I take for granted, others need and sometimes have to do without.

## More than friendship

I joined the Rotaract Club of Trenque Lauquen in 2013 looking for new friendships, but I've come to realize that Rotaract is so much more. I've been president, vice-president, and currently treasurer of my club. And I find that being in Rotaract is also a way to feel; to enjoy; to share; to serve; and above all, to learn with friends.

In spite of all the hard work that this project took – organizing meetings, sending letters, searching for people who want to join, receiving and sorting donations – I came to understand better the opportunities Rotaract provides. When we traveled within the community, we were accompanied by our fellow Rotaractors from Formosa, making the project easier and more enjoyable. Traveling 1,400 kilometers (about 870 miles) became like nothing, because we were going to serve alongside our friends.

The project taught me that we need to work together to change lives. I can assure you that if you make someone smile through service, it will change you forever. It certainly changed me – that's when I fell in love with Rotaract.