



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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23 Dean Road
Alexandra Hills Qld 4161

Meets 4th Floor
(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
241 Adelaide Street
Brisbane

MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Alistair Smith
President Elect	
Imm Past President	Basil Veal
Vice President	Keith Watts
Secretary	Bob Aldred
Treasurer	Dougal Henderson
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cameron Bishop

District 9600
Club Number 17787
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District Governor
Carolyn Krueger

Rotary International President
Kalyan Banerjee

President's Message

Welcome Rotarians and friends.

The flood fund raiser Jazz concert at Fig Tree Pocket went extremely well on the weekend, and a big vote of thanks must go to Rotarians Brian Carss, Phil Little, Wal Bishop, Greg Burnett, Don O'Donoghue, John Smerdon, Rick Tamaschke and Chris Muir, whose contributions were invaluable. I know Joanne appreciates the help we provided, and in return she has been very quick to promote our involvement, so it has been a great publicity exercise for the club, as well as providing a valuable contribution to the Fig Tree Pocket community.

After some questions over timing, the dinner for potential new members has now been confirmed as the evening of 19th October. In this regard, thanks must go to my secretary, Lana Scott, who has helped put together the letters, which I am in the process of sending. Hopefully this task will be complete by the time of Monday's meeting! Fortunately, we will all have the opportunity to thank Lana next month, as she is one of the nominees for the Pride in Workmanship awards, which are going to be held at lunchtime on 17th October. It would be great if we could get a significant number of members to both of these events, so we can recognise the award recipients, and show potential members what the Rotary Club of Brisbane is like.

President Alistair

WHAT'S ON? 26th September:

*Speaker:
Dougal
Henderson*

Date Claimers

17 October 2011
RCOB Pride of Workmanship
Awards
Lunch, Brisbane Club

19 October 2011
Potential New Members Dinner

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?





**Rotary Club of Brisbane meeting
19 September 2011**

The Chairman Clive Morman asked our Secretary Bob Aldred to introduce the guest speaker Clare Brown. Clare is in her final year of an Arts – Law degree at the University of Queensland- with majors in Drama and Political Science, and International Law. Last year she spent three months volunteering, and then working on Christmas Island with refugees in the detention centre, assisting with recreational and diversionary programmes to make life easier for them. She arrived on the Island the day after the fatal boat crash and was there for the riots that followed. She spoke of the politicisation of the whole issue of asylum seekers, with the media and some politicians inevitably referring to refugees as illegal migrants. She spoke of the three main racial groups of the detainees on Christmas Island. The Hazaras from Afghanistan were a persecuted, small ethnic group, sworn enemies of the Taliband. Most of them were young, relatively poorly educated, single men, who had been sent out by their families with the aim of eventually being able to sponsor their families into Australia. They responded well to Clare's efforts to join in the singing and dancing diversions she organised. The Tamils from Sri Lanka were mainly better educated, affluent, middle class family groups who were fleeing the chaos of their homeland. They were more reserved than the Hazaras. The third group were professional and well educated Persian families from Iran who were escaping the rule of the Ayatollahs.

The message from Clare's talk was not to demonise the boat people as illegal migrants but to accept them as individuals and refugees from regimes and circumstances that we cannot imagine. Each of them has a face and a story, and we should listen to them, and their unique tale. On graduation at the end of the year Clare hopes use her educational qualifications to continue her work in this humanitarian field assisting refugees. As a response to part of a question she was made aware of the Rotary Peace Scholar programme. Clare would make an ideal candidate for one of these awards.

A welcome repeat visitor to our meeting was Shannon Newman. Shannon had visited the Philippines as part of a JET project and is seeking Rotary assistance to act as a conduit to get money she raises here for Pharmaceuticals to worthy Phillipino recipients.

Michael Stephens was Acting Sergeant at Arms and fined members who had not assisted at the Jazz Concert at the Fig Tree Pocket State School on the previous Saturday.

Calendar

26 September:
Dougal Henderson

Roster

26 September 2011

President A Smith
Chairman W Bishop
Set Up/Away J Delahunty
Raffle L Spano
Visitor Register G Burnett
Attendance B Esler
G Whitmore

3 October 2011

President A Smith
Chairman K Jenkins
Set Up/Away R McCormack
Raffle L Stally
Visitor Register L Robinson
Attendance B Esler
G Whitmore

10 October 2011

President A Smith
Chairman W Bishop
Set Up/Away J Delahunty
Raffle L Spano
Visitor Register G Burnett
Attendance B Esler
G Whitmore

17 October 2011

President A Smith
Chairman G Burnett
Set Up/Away L Jacobson
Raffle R Tamaschke
Visitor Register R Scanlon
Attendance B Esler
G Whitmore

ROTARY GRACE

O Lord and giver of all good
We thank You for our daily food
May Rotary friends and Rotary
ways
Help us to serve You all our days.

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