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# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

A global network of community volunteers

**14 May 2012**

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**GPO Box2909**
**Brisbane Qld 4001**

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

**MONDAYS**

**12.15 pm – 1.45 pm**

**OFFICERS**

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| **President** | **Alistair Smith** |
| **President Elect** | |
| **Imm Past President** | **Basil Veal** |
| **Vice President** | **Keith Watts** |
| **Secretary** | **Michael Stephens** |
| **Treasurer** | **Dougal Henderson** |
| **Sergeant-at-Arms** | **Cameron Bishop** |

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

**District Governor**
Carolyn Krueger

**Rotary International President**
Kalyan Banerjee

## *President's Message*

*Welcome Rotarians and friends*

With no meeting this week, and little else to report, I will keep this message brief. I would just like to remind everyone that ticket sales for the dinner with RI President Kalyan Banerjee close on 12th May. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Eric Wood at ericwood@bigpond.com or 0418 789951. In the meantime, I look forward to meeting with you all on Monday next week.

Yours in Rotary,

**President Alistair**

Cam Bishop just missed

Cheque Presentation::: President Alistair Smith to Richard Langford CEO of Brisbane Youth Services

Club 3::: Rotarians Gerald Holtmann, Rick Tamashcke, Patrick Caragata, Philip Little

**What's On?**
**14 May:**

***Olav Muurlink***
*Rotary Overseas Trip*

## Date Claimers

**12th May:**
Dinner with RI President Kalyan Banerjee

**9th July:**
Visit by incoming District Governor Dai Mason

## 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?

Team 1::: Richard Langford, Graeme Whitmore, Dr Victor Argaet, Keith Watts

Team:: Felicia Eastwich, Michael Stephens, Georgina Bishop, Cam Bishop, Steve Miotti

## *Rotary Meeting 30 April 2012*

The Chairman Michael Stevens introduced P Alistair who welcomed our prospective new member Dave Smith, and our Guest Speaker Ron Buttenshaw to the meeting. Alistair commented on the success of the Golf Day and thanked and congratulated all those involved. He appealed to any member who had vacant office space that they could offer a charitable organisation called Red Earth Connections, who are involved in providing manpower and building infrastructure projects, to contact him if they could assist with office accommodation. He also publicised a Women's Day High Tea that was being run to provide funds to help impoverished women in Uganda, and asked anyone whose partner might be interested in attending to contact P Alistair for details.

PP Mike Kelly announced a special dinner to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the formation of the Rotary Club of Brisbane on the 28th. of May 2013. He hoped it would be an international event with representatives from our sister Clubs invited.

Graeme Whitmore reported on the very successful Golf Day with an attendance of 86 players on the day. He will detail the exact financial results after the accounts have been paid and finalised. He thanked participants and donors and sponsors who had contributed to such a pleasant and successful day.

PP Keith Watts reported that he has orders for 16 cases of Sarabah Estate Rose and appealed for more orders.

Our Guest Speaker today was Ron Buttenshaw whose subject was "Bowel Cancer – Prevention and Cure". Ron is a Scientist who has worked in the Conjoint Gastroenterology Laboratory attached to the Queensland Institute for Medical Research for over 20 years. His main interest has been in identifying genetic changes which define distinct subtypes of colon cancers and premalignant polyps with the aim of predicting the clinical behaviour of these tumours. The holy grail of this research would be to find a blood test or similar diagnostic tool that would indicate malignancy. They were looking for a correlation between the molecular changes to the DNA in the cancers and the clinical outcomes and survival rates. Ron began his talk by giving us an overall view of the statistics of cancer mortality in Australia. One in two will have some form of cancer by age85. There were 43,000 cancer related deaths in 2010. This number had fallen by 16% over the past 30 years, with survival rates increasing by 30% in the past 2 decades. Ron reported on the new era of personalised medicine where with modern techniques if the specific changes to the DNA of a tumour could be obtained a specific drug or treatment could be tailored to treat the problem.

### 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.

## Calendar

**14 May:**
*Olav Muurlink*
*Rotary Overseas Trip*

**21 May:**
*Fellowship*

**28 May:**
*Stuart Macnish*

## Roster

**14 May 2012:**

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| **President** | A Smith |
| **Chairman** | G Burnett |
| **Set Up/Away** | H Milne |
| **Raffle** | A Gillespie |
| **Visitor Register** | B Veal |
| **Attendance** | B Esler |
| | G Whitmore |

**21 May 2012:**

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| **President** | A Smith |
| **Chairman** | L Spano |
| **Set Up/Away** | B Carss |
| **Raffle** | B Aldred |
| **Visitor Register** | M Evans |
| **Attendance** | B Esler |
| | G Whitmore |

**28 May 2012:**

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| **President** | A Smith |
| **Chairman** | P Gresham |
| **Set Up/Away** | G Sellers |
| **Raffle** | L Stally |
| **Visitor Register** | P Caragata |
| **Attendance** | B Esler |
| | G Whitmore |

**4 June 2012:**
**TBA**

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*secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au*

## *Rotary Meeting (continued)*

Ron praised the Rotary involvement with the Bowel Scan project which began in 1982 and involved 250 Rotary Clubs. This project has to date detected 1,000 cancers and 5,000 polyps and so potentially saved 6,000 lives. Ron reiterated that a colonoscopy was still the gold standard diagnostic tool, but admitted that it was invasive and expensive.

The main purpose of Ron's talk to our Club was to seek our support and financial assistance with his participation in the Rio Tinto Ride to Conquer Cancer. This fund raising bike ride will involve thousands of volunteers like Ron who will be sponsored to ride 200km over two days through country Queensland to raise money for breakthrough cancer research at the QIMR. Ron's aim is to raise $3,000 in this event. Secretary Michael Stevens sent all members an e mail on Monday 30th of April with details of Ron's website which details how you can help Ron with a donation to this most worthy cause.

SAA Cam Bishop and Treasurer Dougal Henderson were both embarrassed by mobile phone rings during the meeting and paid suitable fines. Cam blotted his punctuality copy book of finishing the meetings on time for the past month, by closing the meeting 7 minutes late. A total of 22 attended the lunch.

## *Trustee chair's message - May, 2012*

With our new grant model, we can do more good in the world

I recently met with a number of Rotarians who will be responsible for communicating with you in the coming year about our new grant model under the Future Vision Plan. I recognize that we are asking the nonpilot districts to make a considerable leap of faith in the development of our Rotary Foundation for the future. It is difficult to understand and accept the changes when you do not know the details.

## *Trustee chair's message - May, 2012 (continued)*

Why Future Vision? So that we can do more good in the world and use our resources in the best way possible. We needed to change our Foundation, as we were facing major challenges. We had to simplify. If this meant that we had to move away from some of our "feel good" activities, we were prepared to do so. Doing good was a greater priority, and when we do good, feeling good follows.

This is not somebody else's plan. The starting point was the responses of the thousands of Rotarians who presented their views. One of the direct results is the six areas of focus. These are where Rotarians want to serve.

Almost all of the pilot districts say their Rotary is stronger because of Future Vision. They like the greater opportunity to make their own decisions with district grants. Sometimes building sustainability into global grants has been a challenge, but the pilot districts understand the importance, and our helpful staff can and do assist.

What do I ask of you? To get your district structure in place so that you are ready for 1 July 2013, and to please be patient as we make our new Foundation as effective and productive as it can possibly be. If you can wait just a little longer, you will enjoy the new opportunities.

**Bill Boyd**
**Foundation Trustee Chair**

*Source : Rotary International News*
*Courtesy : www.eflashonline.org*

Discussion Presentation:: Cam Bishop, Graeme Whitmore, Michael Stephens, President Alistair Smith

Line Up: All carts ready to go for the days play 84 players