



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

The Future of Rotary
IS IN YOUR HANDS

1 February 2010



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PO Box 687
Kenmore Qld 4069

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	Mike Mauger
President Elect	Bas Veal
Imm Past President	Michael Kelly
Secretary	Brian Carss
Treasurer	Roger Black
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cameron Bishop

District 9600
Club Number 17787
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor
Walter Buchanan

Rotary International President
John Kenny

President's Message

We certainly had a good turnout for our first meeting of 2010. Let's hope we can maintain the momentum, notwithstanding our week off!

A lot of things have happened over the past few weeks, first and foremost, the catastrophe in Haiti, which will take a long time to overcome. When you look at similar disasters elsewhere in the region and around the world, it will be a long way to Haiti's horizon. Naturally, Rotary is among a wide range of organisations involved in trying to get aid to those who need it. As I said at the last meeting, there is a vast amount of aid going in and I believe we should wait until we can provide something meaningful, possibly in concert with other clubs and the clubs in Haiti. Last week President Elect Bas found out about the role of bureaucracy when trying to organise a 'bucket collection' in Post Office Square!!! Meanwhile, we will accumulate some funds towards this over the next few weeks.

Also, we have just celebrated Australia Day and we are reminded of the important role Rotary plays in the community, often without the recognition it should receive. Something we should strive to redress in the coming year.

I look forward to seeing you and your guests at Monday's Lunch.

Remember, the future of Rotary is in your hands.

Yours in Rotary,

President Mike Mauger

Links

**RCOB Member Speaker
List 2009/2010**

<http://www.brisbanerotary.org.au/MemberSpeakerList.html>

District Newsletter
<http://www.brisbanerotary.org.au/bulletins.html>

Package Taiwan
http://www.brisbanerotary.org.au/interesting_links.html

The Club has received complimentary entertainment vouchers. Each week we will list up to six restaurants. Members attending lunch may ask for them from Brian Carss on a first come first served basis. The vouchers are worth between \$25-\$40 each.

This week's restaurants are:
Tomatobrothers (Gourmet woodfired pizzas), Sandgate Rd or Cavendish Rd
Catos (Restaurant & bar), Noosa Heads
The Steak House, Kangaroo Point
Café by the Beach, Moffat Beach
Decks (seafood and steak), Southbank Parklands
The Caxton (Chargrill), Caxton Street

GUEST SPEAKER

Monday 1 February 2010

Philippe Reboul
RBL Management
"Electric Cars"



Meeting Review
18th January 2010

Last Meeting

The first meeting for 2010 was called to order with Rotary Grace and the Toasts to the Queens and Rotary International

President Mike Mauger

President Mike wished all a hearty 2010. He reported that RI was deciding what to do about the Haitian catastrophe.

The District Conference was on the same week-end as the proposed Club visit to Taiwan.

The Inner City Clubs decided not to become involved with the opening of the Clem 7, as this event had been outsourced to private providers.

The rotation of meetings seems to be working well.

The Brisbane Youth Service Project seems to be working well with another youth about to be provided with a scholarship.

There is no meeting on 25th January.

Spots

Past President **Keith Watts** reported that the day's raffle had earned \$89.00 and that some Adelphi Shiraz was still available.

Past President **Mike Kelly** reported on the Taiwan visit on 23rd March. Some travel options will be available soon. He is seeking a clothing manufacturing plant.

Rotarian **Dougal Henderson** reported that a number of cakes need to be picked up ASAP.

Presentation

Dougal Henderson gave a brief outlook for 2010.

- The Stock Market currently stands at about 4900. It was 6800 or so 18 months ago and well below 4000, 9 months ago.
- Risk aversion rose to be the most difficult since the 30's, but the risk indicators were moving back to normal so risk aversion is about back to normal.
- For market to increase then Corporate Profits need to rise to about 15% return over the next 12 months.
- Unemployment seems to have peaked at 5.8% last year and is now lower at about 5%.
- The USA economy is expected to rebound very strongly over the next 6 months.
- This downturn has seem very quick and savage employment reduction and no inventory restocking, which is now being turned around in the manufacturing sector.
- In the longer term the Government needs to increase taxes and interest rates particularly in Europe and the USA.
- Think about putting money into companies with a USA connection, e.g. Westfield Investments, Computershare, Billabong and Newscorp among others.

Honorary Life Sergeant Tony Love

The sergeant did his best to reap fines in excess of the raffle income and probably succeeded.

Rick Tamaschke won the raffle.
27 members were in attendance.

In Memoriam

Adrian Heyworth-Smith, a former member of Brisbane Rotary Club, died on Australia Day. He was a prominent barrister in Brisbane. He had cancer. A memorial service will be held at Holy Trinity Anglican church next Tuesday.

CALENDAR

PROGRAMME

1st February:

Key Note Address

8th February:

Fellowship

15th February:

Rotary Speaker—Brian Kennedy

22nd February:

Job Talk – Steve Dunlop

ROSTER

Monday 1st February 2010

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	P Dawson
Set Up	C Mormon
Put Away	W Winders
Raffle	M Stephens
Visitor Register	K Hamburger
Fellowship	W Bishop
Attendance	B Esler
	J Smerdon

Monday 8th February 2010

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	B Aldred
Set Up	P Little
Put Away	C Shepherd
Raffle	J Worrell
Visitor Register	G Cause
Fellowship	D Phillips
Attendance	B Esler
	G Whitmore

DATECLAIMER

Please forward any dates or articles of interest that you would like to see included in future Bulletins to the Club Secretary at

secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au

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.

FOUR 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?