



17 August 2009



## 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  
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	Cameron Bishop

District 9600  
Club Number 17787  
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor  
Walter Buchanan

Rotary International President  
John Kenny

## President's Message

*Whilst researching the problem of homelessness, I noticed the plethora of information, useful and otherwise, that was available in various forms and on various media. Relating that to Rotary, there is also a vast range of information available on what Rotary is doing around the world, so much so that it is often difficult to keep up with all that is happening!*

*This week, I have received numerous emails directing me to numerous web sites extolling the virtues of this project and that project, as well as keeping me up-to-date with the current Literacy Month and so on. In fact there is so much information that it is often impossible to read and digest it all. So, I, like many sift the information and decide to read some, skim some and ignore others but with the obvious risk of missing something important! A little like reading the paper, listening to the news or watching it on the television, we only get what someone else has sifted in the first place.*

*So what has all that to do with the Rotary Club of Brisbane? It has all to do with communication. We send out a weekly email to all members, we have a weekly Bulletin and we inform members of items of interest on our web site. But to communicate takes two parties and we don't seem to be connecting to all of our members. Often we do not hear from those who are on the weekly roster, which can cause some challenges, and often we do not hear from some members for weeks and months at a time. This week's meeting is a Fellowship one and after the Directors have given their reports, I would like to spend some time discussing how we communicate within our Club and what we can do to improve.*

*I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting, yes, all of you!*

*Remember, the future of Rotary is in your hands.*

*Yours in Rotary*

## New Links

### RCOB Member Speaker List 2009/2010

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

### District Newsletter

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

## Maintaining our Membership

*The Future of Rotary in your hands.*

*This is particularly true for Membership. Please make certain you have some of our new brochures when you invite your colleagues to join this International Service organisation.*

## GUEST SPEAKERS

Monday August 17 2009

**Fellowship Week**



**Meeting Review**  
**10th August 2009**

The Keynote presenter was Dale Murray-Network Principal of Edmund Rice Education.

With the presentation: The term "homeless" means many things to many people. In the case of Brisbane, what and who are they and how can they be assisted.

Homelessness: facts and figures

- On any given night at least 99,000 Australians are homeless (2001 consensus, Australian Bureau of Statistics).
- Homelessness can be caused by poverty, unemployment, lack of affordable housing, domestic violence, family breakdown, alcohol and other drug use, financial difficulty, gambling and/or social isolation.
- Domestic violence is the single biggest cause of homelessness, involving one in every two homeless women with children.
- Family breakdown is the primary reason why young men and women seek support from homelessness assistance services.
- Families with children form the largest group of people who are homeless.
- One in every 50 Australian children under five years of ages will access a homelessness assistance service this year; of these children 20% are Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders.
- Crisis accommodation is especially lacking for families: two out of three children accompanying adults are turned away from homeless assistant services every day.

There are not enough services within these organisations to provide for the specific needs of these children.

- Children experiencing homelessness suffer with health, mental health and well being issues, as well as from the impact of an interrupted and often incomplete education. They may well go on to become homeless adults.
- There are more young women that are homeless than young men.
- One in every 50 young women aged 18-19 will stay in a homelessness assistance service this year.
- One in five young people living out of their family home are living in poverty. People live in poverty when they do not have enough resources to meet their basic needs, including food, housing, heating and health care. Single parent families have the highest poverty rates.
- Housing stress occurs when 30% of income is spent of housing costs. Acute housing stress occurs when 50% of income is spent on housing. More and more families are experiencing housing stress.

The spots were:

PP Mel Evans: Canine Helpers open day

PP Keith Watts: Wine Tasting at next Fellowship Meeting

Don O'Donaghue: The Membership Brochure was for the use of all members to assist with attracting new members.

Cameron Bishop: RiverFest Bridge Sizzle on 13th September.

Vanessa Plo swapped banners with President Mike. Vanessa is in Australia to improve her English and presented the banner on behalf of her father Antonio Plo Segura of the Rotary Club of Puerto De La Cruz Teneriffe.

The raffle was won by a visitor; Judy Robertson who drew the six of diamonds. The jackpot stands at about \$1300.

CALENDAR

**2010 District Conference**

**When:**  
26th March 2010

**Where:**  
Pelican Waters

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**ROSTER**

**Monday 17th August 2009**

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	M Evans
Set Up	S Francis
Put Away	B Cunningham
Raffle	R Buchannan
Visitor Register	B Veal
Fellowship	M Pennisi
Attendance	B Esler
	G Whitmore

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009**

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	J Worrell
Set Up	R Tamaschke
Put Away	J Smerdon
Raffle	J Burton
Visitor Register	R Barnwell
Fellowship	W Bishop
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?