

**The Rotary Club**



**of Brisbane Inc.**

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**Guest Speaker:**

**Ralf Niebergall**

**Talk: *New architecture, new landscapes in East Germany after the fall of the Berlin wall***

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## President Bill's Weekly Message

As Rotary Awareness Month comes to a close, I borrow from a current post from the RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar in which he reminds us of the RI organizational emphasis for this year. Rotary is focusing on literacy, water management, health and hunger and finally public image.

As a club we continue to seek opportunities to provide support in these four important areas of service. Earlier in the year through the Donations in Kind program we contributed in cash and kind towards a shipment of materials to the Salvation Army in New Guinea. We have contributed towards a water project in Africa sponsored by our sister club, Amsterdam International, and intend to maintain our support for this essential need by participation in clean water programs in our own district. We have confirmed our commitment to and are in communication with the Salvation Army and Food Bank Organization to provide specific support in the areas of youth homelessness, women under threat, and maintenance of the basic household food needs to deprived families and the elderly. Finally, we are developing a marketing strategy with the purpose of creating an effective set of tools to inform the public about the programs of Rotary and to foster new membership for our own club. I am confident that all members will give their full support to these projects during the coming year.

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Last week's speaker was club member Clive Sheppard who gave a very interesting presentation about his professional career within the Rio Tinto – Comalco organization. Clive was trained as an economist but from the outset was drawn more towards financial management and accountancy. He joined the group in 1974 and has held a number of postings from the production end of the business at 3 smelters to the strategic business operations. He has spent eight years in Singapore and Hong Kong, has worked in the Coal group, and relocated to Brisbane eight years

ago when Comalco moved its headquarters here. Clive is Director in charge of business analysis and planning, with functions including independent audits and reviews of company projects.

The company itself works in a long-term environment and continues to seek opportunities that offer this potential. The aluminium industry is identified in three main areas: resourcing, processing, and marketing. Rio Tinto's Comalco is at the commodity end of the business and is involved with opportunistic growth projects with a life of 30 to 50 years. Aluminium is today universally used throughout the developing world because it exhibits physical qualities that provide unlimited potential for application into commercial and industrial processes. Its conversion from ore is very power intensive and current methods contribute to the greenhouse effect. On the other hand there is significant potential to reduce greenhouse emissions by the use of the metal in transport applications and by further developing a re-cycling culture. Clive's company will continue to provide strategic leadership in the extraction and commercial application of this metal for many decades into the future

**Bill Cunningham**



The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) will be an unforgettable experience in life, learning and laughter in a rural setting. The program's aim is to give young people personal, leadership and citizenship skills to succeed in all areas of their life.

RYLA will give young people the opportunity to learn from other like-minded people and make new friends while being challenged both physically and mentally on their road to self-discovery. This experiential learning opportunity will enable individuals to discover their uniqueness and how to communicate and work with others. These young people will understand how to embrace change and how to use the 'Eight Keys of Excellence' to succeed. RYLA participants will be from a variety of areas, such as the business community; the self employed; Livewire applicants; educational institutions; government agencies; community associations; Rotaractors; and service organisations.

The majority of the participants will be transported by bus to Tuchekoi on 18<sup>th</sup> April and returned by bus on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April. The program covers five very full days of activities and speakers together with social and Rotary functions at night time.

Please consider sponsoring and/or co-sponsoring (see Strategies for obtaining RYLA participants other side) several young people to the RYLA program. You will be providing a great opportunity for young people in your District / Community to grow and develop within their own personal lives, to develop their leadership skills within their career, and to understand the value of good citizenship.

Please fill out the application forms, enclose your cheque for \$400.00 per participant and post to: The Secretary, Mr Russell Thompson, District 9600 RYLA Committee, PO Box 921, BUDERIM QLD 4556. Details at <http://www.rotary9600.org/ryla.htm>.

A copy of the application form is given on the next page. A Medical Consent Form and a form for Consent to Publication of Personal Particulars can be obtained from the Secretary. Both of these forms need to be completed and submitted with the application.

### STRATEGIES FOR OBTAINING RYLA PARTICIPANTS

**TARGET AGE:** 18 – 26yrs. Participants may be – Enthusiastic Workers, Self Employed, Young Professional or a Tertiary Student (preferably in their last year).

**WHERE YOU MAY FIND SUITABLE PARTICIPANTS?:** Club Members Family – son, daughter, niece, nephew, cousin etc; Club Members Work Employees; Rotaractors; Ask past 2004 & 2005 Rylarians; Employees of Brisbane Club

### WANT TO HELP MORE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY?

You can obtain lists of Companies that employ 18 – 26yrs from Local Council – Economic Development Unit; Local Chamber of Commerce; Other Business Associations. From these lists, first ring to obtain the main person you should contact. Prepare an approach letter i.e. information on RYLA. Together with RYLA Brochures, Application Forms and your introduction letter visit these businesses for support.

**FUNDING?** This can be achieved in the following ways: 1) Rotary Clubs – Full Sponsor; 2) Employers – Sponsor, through Rotary; 3) Co-Sponsor - Rotary and Employer. A lot of Clubs are opting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> option with both Employer and Rotary Club paying for the Participant. This helps the Rotary Club to do more by sponsoring 5 instead of say 2 as may have occurred in the past.

**OTHER TARGET GROUPS/COMPANIES:** Supermarkets – Trainee Managers; Hotel Chains – e.g. Sheraton, Marriott, Accor etc; Government Departments; Service Organisations; Church Youth Groups; Restaurant Chains; Pharmacy Groups; PCYC Clubs



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards  
District 9600

## 2006 Application Form

*Tuchekoi, Tuesday 18 – Sunday 23 April 2006*

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please check regularly for updates & advise ASAP if there is any change)*

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation or Course of Study \_\_\_\_\_

Employer or Institution \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size (Please circle)      M / F      XS    S    M    L    XL    XXL    XXXL

**This section to be completed by the sponsoring Rotary Club:**

Sponsor Rotary Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Rotarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your Rotary Club interviewed this candidate?    Yes/No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Closing Date: 20 February 2006**

### *Attention Rotary Youth Club Director*

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** Due to Terms & Conditions from Venue, Bus etc. any cancellations or no shows after 18 March 2006 will incur no refund of application fee. .

Please return the completed Application, Medical Consent AND Consent to Publication of Personal Particulars Forms **with payment**, \$400.00 per Awardee made payable to "District 9600 RYLA Committee" and sent to: *(Applications may not be accepted without payment)*

The Secretary  
District 9600 RYLA Committee  
PO Box 921  
BUDERIM QLD 4556

Russell Thompson - rlthompson@bigpond.com  
Mobile: 0419 744 682

## Club Pics



Michael Kelly presides as Sergeant (at-Arms). Beware!



PP Warren Hampton, James Delahunty, Karissa Douglass and visitor James Ball.

## Farewell from Bob Thistlethwaite



I guess the note in last week's Bulletin said it all. But on my last day, I do wish all of you the very best for your own and the club's future. By moving my membership to a suburban club I hope to maintain a fuller interest in Rotary International and particularly in local and district service activity. And I know that all ties with Brisbane Club will not be entirely cut as I will maintain contact with some people in the Club for whom I have developed a fond respect.

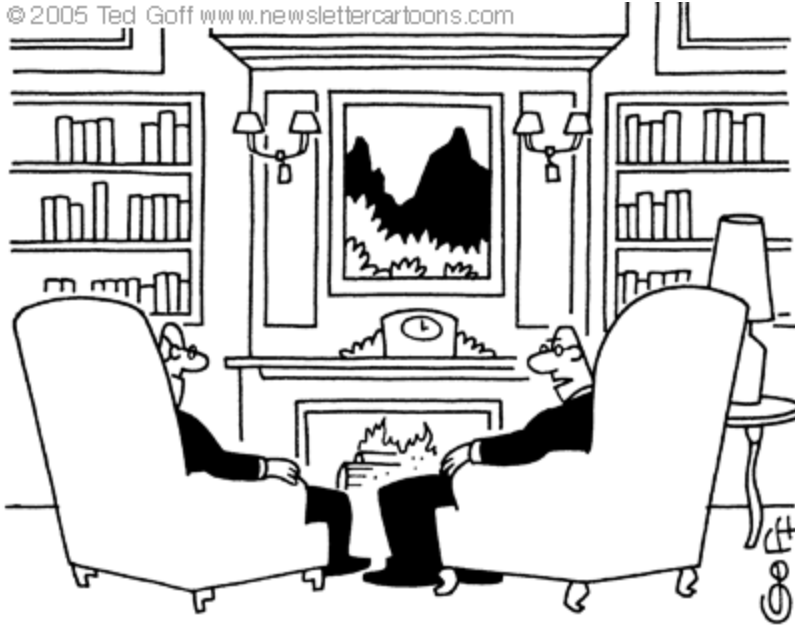
I would like to thank those Rotarians who have made by membership in Brisbane club a memorable one, and especially to those members and partners of the Western Group who in my earlier more active times supported me as chair of that group. I enjoyed the association, especially with the likes of Ian Wilson, Keith Benson, and David Charlton. And a special thankyou to those Rotarians who have helped with the production of the

Bulletin during my 8-year tenure: notably Graeme Wilson who prepared concise yet erudite reports on speaker's talks; Ron Barnwell who shared the effort with Graeme and who authored other interesting items for the bulletin, like cryptic clues; Keith Watts who drew my attention to many a juicy news item; Warren Hampton, the happy snapper; David Cain who prepared the bulletin during a 3 month absence overseas; and to Don O'Donoghue, Bob Aldred, Phil Gresham, Janine Hamburger, Phil Gresham, Des Knight, Stuart Macnish, Graeme Whitmore, and Graeme Ridler, who all contributed in a myriad of ways; and to James Worrell Jnr who steered me out of jams in my early bulletin publication forays. And last but not least, a special thanks for the support, without exception, of the club presidents with whom I've served from Graham Alexander (x2), Warren Hampton, Brian Carss, Keith Watts, Allan Gillespie, Ron Dixon, Marjorie Carss to Bill Cunningham.

Bob Thistlethwaite  
ex-Bulletin Editor

## The Lighter Side

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**“The good news is that no one else wants me, so I’ll continue to be your boss.”**

A famous professor of surgery died and went to heaven. At the pearly gate he was asked by the gatekeeper: 'Have you ever committed a sin you truly regret?'

'Yes,' the professor answered. 'When I was a young intern at the hospital of Saint Lucas, we played soccer against a team from the Community Hospital, and I scored a goal, which was off-side. But the referee did not see it, and the goal won us the match. I regret that now.'

'Well,' said the gatekeeper. 'That is a very minor sin. You may enter.'

'Thank you very much, Saint Peter,' the professor answered. 'I'm not Saint Peter,' said the gatekeeper. 'He is having his lunchbreak. I am Saint Lucas.'

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There once was a rich man who was near death. He was very grieved because he had worked so hard for his money and he wanted to be able to take it with him to heaven. So he began to pray that he might be able to take some of his wealth with him. An angel hears his plea and appears to him. "Sorry, but you can't take your wealth with you." The man implores the angel to speak to God to see if He might bend the rules.

The man continues to pray that his wealth could follow him. The angel reappears and informs the man that God has decided to allow him to take one suitcase with him. Overjoyed, the man gathers his largest suitcase and fills it with pure gold bars and

places it beside his bed.

Soon afterward the man dies and shows up at the Gates of Heaven to greet St. Peter. St. Peter seeing the suitcase says, "Hold on, you can't bring that in here!" But, the man explains to St. Peter that he has permission and asks him to verify his story with the Lord. Sure enough, St. Peter checks and comes back saying, "You're right. You are allowed one carry-on bag, but I'm supposed to check its contents before letting it through." St. Peter opens the suitcase to inspect the worldly items that the man found too precious to leave behind and exclaims, "You brought pavement?!!!"

## Duty Roster

30 January	6 February	13 February	20 February
<i>Chair</i> <b>Wal Bishop</b> <i>Set-Up &amp; Put-Away</i> <b>Peter Dawson</b> <b>Michael Stephens</b> <i>Raffle</i> <b>John Torrance</b> <i>Make-ups</i> <b>Max Winders</b> <i>Fellowship</i> <b>David Charlton</b>	<i>Chair</i> <b>Karissa Douglass</b> <i>Set-Up &amp; Put-Away</i> <b>Peter Anderson</b> <b>Ron Barnwell</b> <i>Raffle</i> <b>Mel Evans</b> <i>Make-ups</i> <b>Mario Pennisi</b> <i>Fellowship</i> <b>Allan Gillespie</b>	<i>Chair</i> <b>Graham McHarrie</b> <i>Set-Up &amp; Put-Away</i> <b>Greg Sellars</b> <b>Brian Carss</b> <i>Raffle</i> <b>Michael Kelly</b> <i>Make-ups</i> <b>Ron McLeod</b> <i>Fellowship</i> <b>Clive Shepherd</b>	<i>Chair</i> <b>David Cain</b> <i>Set-Up &amp; Put-Away</i> <b>Bas Veal</b> <b>Henry Milne</b> <i>Raffle</i> <b>John Torrance</b> <i>Make-ups</i> <b>Keith Hamburger</b> <i>Fellowship</i> <b>Robert Seaman</b>

If you are unable to fulfil your rostered duty, please arrange a swap with another member. Please don't forget as your failure to turn up affects Club organisation. If you are designated as the Chair and you will not be available, please advise the President. Members listed should ARRIVE by NOON.

## FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	INDUCTION DATE	
17 Bill Cunningham	9 Bob & Zeita Esler	Stan Francis	2/02/1976
18 Armand von Stein	10 Ray & Joan Wilkie	Keith Watts	4/02/1991
21 Phil Little	11 Brian & Marjorie Carss	Jim Worrell	7/02/1983
27 Warren Hampton		Greg Sellars	9/02/1981
23 Alan Johnston		Bob Esler	25/02/1985
23 John Robinson			
24 Dougal Henders			

### ATTENDANCE: 23 Jan 2006

<b>Members</b>	<b>35</b>	
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Partners</b>		
<b>Guests</b>	<b>2</b>	Phil Nobbs and John Ball (Guests of John Puttick)
<b>Club Guests</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>	

### ATTENDANCE: 16 Jan 2006

<b>Members</b>	<b>35</b>	
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	<b>1</b>	Ralf Niebergall
<b>Partners</b>		
<b>Guests</b>	<b>2</b>	(Guests of James Delahunty)
<b>Club Guests</b>	<b>2</b>	Kate Condon (Rotary Youth Exchange) H. O'Connor (Guest Speaker)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>	
		<b>Makeups:</b> Bob Thistlethwaite, Ron Barnwell



# ROTARY INFORMATION

SERVICE Above Self

<p><b>Object of Rotary</b></p>	<p><b>Four Way Test</b></p>
<p>The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:</p> <p><b>First:</b> The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;</p> <p><b>Second:</b> High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;</p> <p><b>Third:</b> The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;</p> <p><b>Fourth:</b> The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.</p>	<p><i>Of the things we think, say or do</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is it the TRUTH?</li> <li>2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?</li> <li>3. Will it build GOODWILL &amp; BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?</li> <li>4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?</li> </ol> <p><b>National Anthem</b></p> <p>Australians all let us rejoice,          For we are young and free;          We've golden soil and wealth for toil,          Our home is girt by sea;          Our land abounds in nature's gifts,          Of beauty rich and rare;          In history's page, let every stage          Advance Australia Fair.          In joyful strains then let us sing,          Advance Australia Fair.</p>
<p><b>Club Officers &amp; Directors</b></p>	
<p><b>Officers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President: Bill Cunningham</li> <li>• President Elect: Graeme Ridler</li> <li>• Secretary: PP Des Knight</li> <li>• Treasurer: Marjorie Herrington</li> <li>• Imm. Past Pres: Marjorie Carss</li> </ul>	<p><b>Directors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club Service: Graeme Ridler</li> <li>Community Service: David Cain</li> <li>International Service: Warren Hampton</li> <li>Vocational Service: Cheryl Kerr</li> </ul> <p><b>Sergeant-at-Arms:</b> Tony Love</p>
<p><b>District 9600 Governor</b></p>	<p><b>Rotary Grace</b></p>
<p>Charles Guesdon</p>	<p>O Lord and giver of all good          We thank You for our daily food          May Rotary friends &amp; Rotary ways          Help us to serve You all our days</p>
<p><b>Rotary International President</b></p>	
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