



7 June 2010



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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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

It was the second or third meeting in a row that we only managed to attract 20 members along! Whereas I realise that we are all busy people, it is important that you attend meetings and it is part of your remit as a Rotarian and member of the Rotary Club of Brisbane. Once again, if you feel that we are not providing you with the kind of meeting program, meeting format, cost of lunch, or anything else, please let me know so we can count on your attendance regularly.

As part of our commitment to Rotary service, I remind you that RCoB is on duty for DIK the morning of Saturday 3rd July! If you are able to assist, can I ask you to inform Graeme Whitmore at the desk at Monday's meeting. We will then forward the relevant details.

The next reminder is for our Changeover Dinner on the evening of Friday 2nd July, when I will be handing over the reins to Bas Veal. Please make a note in your diary for you and your partner and friends/colleagues to attend what we hope will be an exciting night. You will be receiving a formal invitation in the next few days.

Well at last week's meeting we still did not find out why we haven't seen Darren Phillips too often in the last few weeks!!! Thanks to PPs Michael Kelly and Brian Carss for stepping into the breach at short notice.

This week we have Ms Linda Apelt, Director General of the Department of Communities who will talk to us about the role of the Department of Communities in Queensland.

Look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Remember, the future of Rotary is in your hands.

Yours in Rotary

Mike Mauger
President

SPEAKER

7 June 2010

Linda Apelt, Director General
Department of Communities
Role of the Department of
Communities, Qld



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?





Meeting Review

24th May 2010

President Mike Mauger stood in for Chairman Cam Bishop (he of Sergeant at Arms fame) and welcomed everyone. Following Rotary Grace and the usual toasts, he reported that the Gateway Bridge opening car park control gained us \$1600.00.

He reminded Board members that there was Board Meeting the following evening and invited members to offer questions to Directors.

Mike was concerned at the low number of attendees (20 today) and suggested that the Chang-Over Dinner might be relegated to a Reception.

Spots

Past President Michael Kelly gave an update on the health of Past president Mel Evans following Mel's stroke.

Presentation

PP Michael Kelly stepped in at the last moment to give a "Job" talk. He decided to give a case history of an event that occurred a few years ago with National Security Help Line). Calls to the help line are re-directed mainly to the State desks. Less than 2% of calls are of "current" value but people should not let this deter them from phoning in important issues.

The case study opened with the concierge of a large Gold Coast hotel being approached by a guest who paid cash for everything and who appeared to be uncomfortable in a 5-Star hotel. The guest requested directions to the Interstate bus station and although laden down with two large bags refused a taxi – he wanted to walk. The concierge was mystified by this and reported this activity to the National Security Help Line who immediately passed it back to the Gold Coast desk. Two detectives walked to the bus station and apprehended the man. He was found to have \$109,000 cash in his luggage.

The person who was on a British passport with the name Mohammed Islam was not co-operative with his responses. It was found that he had been in Australia for nine days, did not have much cash when he arrived. He was placed in a cell and was found to have a slim line phone tucked in his anus. The phone linked him to the area in London where the 7 July Bombers had been known to gather.

Turned out to be a card skimmer and was organised with co-hosts in the USA. With this arrangement he could skim the maximum of \$1000 on each Credit Card at an ATM and had obviously skimmed 190 cards in 9-days.

The public was good at assisting the police. The money was confiscated, Mohammed was extradited to the UK, where Scotland Yard was interested in him and eventually he went to jail over there. He is now out but has disappeared.

This is a great example where someone (concierge) kept his ears open, reported a strange occurrence which netted a fraudulent operator.

Chairman Cam (who was now in the room) thanked Michael.

PP Brian Carss then gave a heads up on the oil spill in the Bay of Mexico and suggested that the only way to stop the "leak" was to drill another hole to intercept the current hole and "nip" the original hole.

Honorary Sergeant Tony Love then extracted fines through a number of devious means.

The raffle was won by (would you believe) Honorary Sergeant Tony Love who drew the nine of diamonds – yes the Joker was in the pack.

Did You Know about The Rotary Club of Brisbane

1994-5

The Board made many appeals to the membership to participate.

Committees began reporting at some weekly meetings on the activities in their sphere of influence. A rare mid year financial report was prepared for members.

The Christmas Art Union continued to bring in funds. The Club provided a First Aid Caravan on Moreton Island at a cost of about \$22,000.

RI withdrew its funding through the Matching Grants Scheme towards the cost of shipping DIY containers to Papua New Guinea. The full cost was \$2000 per container.

LINKS

RCOB Member Speaker List
2009/2010

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



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

7 June

Ms Linda Apelt, Director General

Department of Communities.

"Role of the Department of Communities Queensland"

14 June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

21 June

Fellowship

28 June

Susan O'Sullivan

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ROSTER

Monday 7 June

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	J Delahunty
Set Up	P Ryan
Put Away	A Gillespie
Raffle	R Dixon
Visitor Register	M Kelly
Fellowship	S Francis
Attendance	B Esler
	G Whitmore

Monday 21 June

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	P Dodds
Set Up	R Scanlon
Put Away	A Smith
Raffle	P Dawson
Visitor Register	M Brandie
Fellowship	D Phillips
Attendance	B Esler
	G Whitmore

DATECLAIMER

2 July:

Changeover Dinner

3 July:

Rotary Club of Brisbane rostered for DIK duties.

12 July

Dennis Molloy
*Assistant Under Secretary
Fiscal and Taxation Policy Branch
The Queensland Budget*

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