



17 May 2010



## 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  
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### MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

### OFFICERS

President	Mike Mauger
President Elect	Bas Veal
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District 9600  
Club Number 17787  
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor  
Walter Buchanan

Rotary International President  
John Kenny

## President's Message

Back after what seemed a long break! Last week's Keynote Speaker, Nigel Chamier, Chairman of the Brisbane City Hall Restoration Committee, gave us some interesting background on City Hall. I don't know if we have any history available in the Club, but RCoB had been around for six or seven years when the City Hall was opened and I cannot believe that we were not involved in some way?

This week sees the opening of Gateway 2, named after a past member of RCoB, Sir Leo Hielscher, and thanks to those members who will be assisting with the Car Parks as part of the Park and Ride arrangements for the Community Day.

It was good to see another recipient of our BYS Scholarships, bringing the total to four. We thank PP Wal Bishop for his leadership of this project and also thank him for his efforts in bringing our Honour Board up to date.

Just another reminder here 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.

This weeks meeting is a fellowship meeting and Club Directors will be bringing you the latest information on their portfolios.

Look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Remember, the future of Rotary is in your hands.

### Yours in Rotary

**Mike Mauger**  
President



Fellowship Day | 17 May  
with reports from Directors  
Have your questions ready!

## Meeting Review

10<sup>th</sup> May 2010

President Mike Mauger opened the meeting and welcomed members, guests (Clifford Langford and Dillon Keys from Brisbane Youth Service) and our Keynote Presenter Nigel Chamier OAM.

Nigel spoke about the City Hall Restoration and what a challenge it is. The City hall Committee was formed in 2008 and reported in October.

There are many "issues" to the restoration.

### HERITAGE REGISTERS

Brisbane City Hall is entered in the following heritage registers:

- The Register of the National Estate (Commonwealth)
- The Queensland Heritage Register (State Government)
- Brisbane City Plan (Local Authority)
- Register of the National Trust of Qld (Local Community Organisation)

Only the Qld Heritage Act and City Plan have legislative provisions



**Meeting Review continued**

Statements of significance vary slightly on each register, but the City Hall is listed:

- As an icon of the City of Brisbane.
- As a landmark.
- As a focus of community activities.
- As a fine example of a classical revival civic building.
- As a well known example of the work of architects Hall and Prentice.
- As a tribute to local architects, contractors, tradesmen and artists, using predominantly local materials.
- As one of the largest, and most expensive of Australia's city and town halls.
- For its technical achievements of dome roof, height of clock tower and unique foundations.
- For its role during World War 2.
- For demonstrating confidence in the process of Municipal Government and growth of Brisbane.

**Any proposal for work on City Hall:**

- Needs to consider its cultural heritage significance (usually by complying with the recommendations of the Conservation Plan).
- Needs to comply with the principles of the Burra Charter
- Is usually prepared by Heritage Architect in conjunction with the Heritage Unit and advice from the Heritage Advisory Committee.
- Requires self-assessment against the Heritage Place Code in City Plan.
- Requires an exemption certificate (for minor work) or development approval (for major work) from the Environmental Protection Agency under the Qld Heritage Act.

**REHABILITATION WORKS SCOPE**

**Fire Services Works (FSER)**

- **Electrical switchboards and substations** - redundant hardware
- **Hydraulic system upgrade** – hydrants, booster pumps
- **Mechanical Services** - exhausting in fire mode
- **Lift shafts**
- **Structure** - exposed reinforcing and service penetrations
- **Concealed ceiling, floor, cavity spaces**
- **Access and Egress paths** - fire stairs doors, signage etc
- **Fire Protection and Fire Fighting** – detectors, sprinklers, FHR, Fire rating of floors, walls and designated spaces
- Predominantly 'Hidden Works'

**Building Structure and Services**

- **Building Structure** - load bearing (horizontal / vertical), waterproofing
- **Airconditioning** - hardware, ducting, sensors

- **Electrical Power** - wiring, hardware upgrade and consolidation
- **Hydraulic Services and Plumbing** - replacement of old pipework for drainage and sewerage
- **Lifts** - reliability
- **Communications and Security**
- Predominantly 'Hidden Works'

Some of the threats to the City Hall are because the Hall was built on a swamp.

**FUNCTIONAL OBJECTIVES FOR RESTORED CITY HALL**

- City Hall to remain a 'Place of the People' with ALL previous functions (except Kindercraft) to be retained
  - Most appropriate use of City Hall as Public MICE facility (Meetings Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions)
  - Contemporary standard Commercial Production Kitchen and Audio- Visual capability required for industry standard event facility
  - Courtyards/ Light Wells utilised and reinvigorated - breakout/ functional /passive or active
  - Consider Opportunity to reinstate the Shingle Inn in city hall
  - Streamlining Back of House Servicing, Storage and Amenities facilitating building operational requirements
- Efficient Circulation paths (stairs, lifts and corridors), with Fire Engineering Report compliant access and egress requirements.

**KEY FEATURES OF APPROVED FUNCTIONAL PLAN**

- Additional GFA on Roof: Approx 1500 - 2000m2 to accommodate MoB
- Additional Functionality:
- New Commercial Production Kitchen
- New Visitor Experience Centre
- 2 New Event Rooms on Ground Fl
- Additional Multiple- Event Rooms in Old Library Area
- Contemporary Audio Visual Capability
- Improved and Additional Access/ Egress : Stairs, Lifts, Service
- Improved Use of Councillor Office Areas - 2x Councillor Lounges
- Functional Utilisation of Courtyards
- Reconfiguration of Storage and Servicing Areas
- Structural/ Fire/ Building Services Issues to contemporary standards
- All Work to Heritage and FER requirements

**IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM**

- Oct 12** Construction completed
- Apr 08** Saving City Hall Committee commissioned (LM)

- Oct 08** Report by Committee
- Feb 09** Community Consultation
- Apr 09** Project Approved/ Commenced
- Jul 09** Consultant Team engaged/ Design Commenced
- Nov 09** Managing Contractor engaged
- Dec 09** Stage 1 Contractor engaged
- Dec 09** CH Occupants Relocated to 157 Ann
- Jan 10** Stage 1 works (Auditorium) commenced
- Jul 10** Commence Main Works

Nigel was thanked by President Mike.

The parking roster for the opening of the new Gateway Bridge is now full (thank you).

The Heart of Brisbane Dinner proceeds will go towards the City Hall Restoration Project.

Sergeant Cam Bishop also thanked Nigel and reminded him he was a former member of the Rotary Club of Brisbane and was not applying any pressure but asked when he might re-join.

PP Wal Bishop then introduced Dillon Keys, the fourth recipient of the Brisbane Youth Centre Training Scholarship for 2009-10.

Mario Pennisi won the raffle and drew the eight of Clubs.

**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?

