



28 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

Time flies when you are having fun and even when you are not! Yes, this is my last President's Message for my year as President. Because there is no meeting on the 5th of July following our Changeover Dinner, President Elect Bas Veal will be in the chair for the next edition.

It has been an interesting year where we have attempted to meld the old with the new. Member feedback on activities and meetings has been the same as ever, but apart from the declining numbers at meetings, I think that things have gone well. I will summarise the year in the Annual Report. The main thing outstanding at the moment is the appointment of a new Secretary, following Brian's 'retirement' – if you are interested in taking up this task, please speak to either Bas Veal or me.

The main 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. The formal invitation was sent with last week's meeting reminder.

Thank you to those members who have volunteered for duty for DIK the morning of Saturday 3rd July! You will have received details of time and location by now. For others who are able to assist, can I ask you to inform me as soon as possible?

This week, we have Susan O'Sullivan who will be talking on the subject of Rotoract.

Look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Remember, the future of Rotary is in your hands.

Yours in Rotary

Mike Mauger
President

SPEAKER

28 June 2010
Susan O'Sullivan
District 9600
Rotoract



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

21st June 2010

Meeting opened by President-Elect Bas Veal with Rotary Grace followed by the Loyal Toast and the toast to Rotary International,

President Mike Mauger welcomed the members. He thanked the volunteers for the DIY program for 3rd July and indicated that he would email instructions to them shortly.

The World Cup has been interesting to date with favourites beaten and Australia bedevilled by Red Cards.

Queensland won the Origin Rugby League for the 5th consecutive year.

Manly must have won in the NRL as Bob Aldred was present today!

England won the Rugby thanks to Australia's thorn with a penalty in the few minutes. Who was the lousy kicker for Australia, who missed those simple conversions?

The Hand Over Dinner is on 2nd July. Invitations were sent out yesterday.

Spots

Rotarian Max Brandle reminded everyone that yesterday was International Refugee Day and how much Australia has done for Refugees since its first involvement in 1938.

Past president Keith Watts spoke about the new wine program-the next barrel will land in Brisbane in the next few weeks. Expected price is about \$200.00/case. 32 cases are available to club members.

Director's Reports

President Mike spoke at length about the health of Rotary in Brisbane.

Brisbane North are in a state of flux but look like continuing for another year at least. RCOB has sent them a letter inviting Fellows to join RCOB if they fold.

We have received a letter from Lennons Hotel offering lunch for \$29.00 per person.

Other challenges include our involvement with the City Hall Restoration. The restored Hall will become a Community Hall rather than offices for BCC. There is a possibility that one of the rooms could become a "Rotary Room" and if so, all City Clubs could make their home there (including meals).

Rotary should be seen as a Community organisation so that City Hall would be good for RCOB giving us more exposure. As part of our fund raising for the Restoration, RCOB is negotiating to have a member on their Fund raising committee and our logo placed on all fund raising collateral giving Rotary great coverage.

Another challenge is the age of our membership. Many are in the retiring or retired age group and it becomes more difficult for retired members to attend meetings from far flung suburbs; a number of members have resigned this year to join suburban clubs. We need new, younger members.

Past President Brian Carss spoke to the offer from Lennons and suggested we should consider it seriously, even as temporary move prior to moving into the City Hall (when available). Here we are paying \$40.00 per person compared to \$27-29.00 at Lennons.

Rotarian Bob Aldred agreed price was important but came to the defence of "older" members. Research has found that retired persons have the time and will to get behind voluntary work they believe in. What we need to find out is:

- What attracts people to service clubs
- What benefits are there to members of RCOB
- Service clubs can also be used for business connections as well as community work.

PR Director Mario Pennisi spoke of the Heart of Business Dinner which this year will be on the last Thursday of August or first Thursday of September. He is seeking assistance/ideas for sponsorships, auction items and lists of invitees.

Sergeant Cam Bishop extracted some fines and told a few "clean" jokes. The winner of last week's raffle Rotarian Jack Burton drew the nine of spades (long story why he drew the card this week) and Rotarian John Smerton won this week's raffle and drew the King of Hearts (Awww, bad luck to them both).

DON'T FORGET THE CHANGE-OVER DINNER ON 2ND JULY. Bring your partner and **BOOK NOW.** With Cam Bishop as your MC this could well be a night to remember (no pressure Cam!).

28 Fellows attended.

LINKS
RCOB Member Speaker List
2009/2010
<http://www.brisbanerotary.org.au/Members/MemberSpeakerList.html>



CALENDAR

28 June
Susan O'Sullivan
Rotoract

5 July
NO MEETING

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

19 July
Fellowship

ROSTER

Monday 28 June

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	K Hamburger
Set Up	M Winders
Put Away	D Henderson
Raffle	S Francis
Visitor Register	C Shepherd
Fellowship	J Monaghan
Attendance	B Esler
	G Whitmore

Monday 12 July

President	B Veal
Chairperson	B Aldred
Set Up	L Robinson
Put Away	C Muir
Raffle	J Burton
Visitor Register	G Cause
Fellowship	H Milne
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
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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.