



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

MAKE DREAMS REAL

02 March 2009

Vice President's Message

Hi All,

This week sees the absence of President Michael on duty as the Queensland election gets in to full swing, I feel that this will be the case until the election is over.

We had a Board Meeting last week at which a number of items were discussed from input resulting from Bob Aldred's Blog to RYLA, who are currently seeking nominations from young people aged 18 - 26 years. I would ask members to canvas for nominations for RYLA, which was one of our Club's earlier initiatives.

Political elections prompt us to remember that Rotary is one of the constants of community life in Australia and around the world; a team of often unassuming people who quietly go about aiding and assisting their fellow human beings. Our Club and its members, like others, continue to give their resources, skills and expertise to assist local and world in the long term effort.

Meanwhile 'Make dreams real'.

Yours in Rotary,

Vice President Mike Mauger

Our thoughts and Prayers go out to those who face the on-going challenges of cleanup and recovery after the bushfires and floods that have devastated and deeply affected so many of our fellow Australians.



Members,

We are now well into 2009 and it would be remiss of us not to remind you about attracting and recruiting new members to the Club!

Invite them to lunch and introduce them to Michael Stephens, Don O'Donoghue or Wal Bishop and they will do the rest!

GUEST SPEAKERS

Monday March 9 2009

Peter Hyland
Urbis - Urban and Strategic
Planning



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MONDAYS

12.15 pm - 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Michael Kelly
President Elect	Mike Mauger
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Secretary	Brian Carss
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District 9600
Club Number 17787
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor
Wayne Morris

Rotary International President
Dong Kurn Lee



Meeting Review
23rd February 2009

This week's meeting was attended by 24 members and two visiting Rotarians and one member's spouse.

Chairman Rod Walters welcomed those attending asking all to say grace and proposed the loyal toast and toast to Rotary International. He then welcomed President Michael to the rostrum.

Pres Michael mentioned the news of the day – the announcement of the Queensland election on 21st March – which he said might cause his non-appearance for the next few weeks!

Pres Michael then introduced our guests:

- Cynthia Manning – Wife of Clarrie manning
- Rtn Bradley Walker – The Rotary Club of Laguna Beach, CA
- Gordana Blazevic – Assistant District Governor 9600
- Rtn Michael Frenkel – Rotary Club of Koblenz, Germany

He said that last week he had been in North Queensland and had visited Ingham with the Governor General. He said the people of Ingham were basically shell shocked. The Herbert River had risen to new levels again and many were trapped in their houses surrounded by water, and had been for long periods. The people in the Gulf region were suffering similarly and faced months of challenges. He then read a message from Malcolm Campbell of our sister club Amsterdam International expressing their condolences for the Queensland floods and the Bush Fires in Victoria.

Pres Michael said that there was a Board Meeting tomorrow (Tue 24th) at Louey's, to which all are welcome.

Chairman Rod then called for spots:

- Bob Aldred took time to explain the role of his Blog 'Why Would You Want to be a Rotarian' and how to access it. He also explained some of the themes available.
- Brian Carss informed the members that the audit of the Benevolent Fund for the year 2007/2008 had been completed and that even in these turbulent financial times it had shown a loss of only \$48! He took the opportunity of thanking John Charlton for all his advice and assistance.

- ADG Gordana said that she welcomed the idea of a blog to garner views of members. She mentioned that PETS training would take place in March (which affect the writer!) and said that next year she would be responsible for all training in the District.

She also mentioned that in addition to the challenges in Australia, there had been floods in the Solomon Islands which are part of our District and funding was being sought for that as part of our overall fundraising for Victoria and Queensland. Over \$40,000 had been pledged and the funds would be held until a suitable project was proposed.

Whilst members and guests were continuing with their lunch, Chris Muir stepped into the breach as speaker and gave members an update on the current state of Dental education and training.

He explained that the Brisbane Dental School had lost it's Reader in Orthodontics and had sacked all of its dental technicians. This was due in main to the lack of funding available to what is a very expensive activity.

He explained the education and training that dentists received and how the course had been reduced by outsourcing the final year to Queensland Health as basically on-the-job training. He said that whilst this was a benefit in part, the students were not given training in the more advanced aspects of their profession.

He said that in Queensland, the profession was fending off the 'backpacker' dentists who came for short periods and then returned home. Occasionally, he said there were funds available, for example in Cairns, where Aboriginal dental care became a priority.

Chairman Ron thanked Chris for his talk and then introduced Sergeant-at-Arms Tony Love, who also thanked him and, not one for missing an opportunity, asked Phil Little to stand and smile to the audience – he then congratulated Phil on his recent 74th birthday, which Tony said that he could tell by the age of his teeth!!!

He then extracted appropriate fines for misdemeanours and transgressions. The winner of the 'Find the Joker' raffle this week was Allan Gillespie, who drew the three of Hearts and took a bottle of wine. The jackpot stands at \$683.65, plus Monday's raffle share.

Good Luck.

CALENDAR

Signing of the Sister Club agreement between the Rotary Club of Brisbane and the Rotary Club of Kobe East.

Tuesday 14th April 2009
Kobe, Japan

ROSTER

Monday 9th March 2009

President	M Kelly
Chairperson	R Dixon
Set Up	D Henderson
Put Away	D O'Donoghue
Raffle	A Sandy
Visitor Register	A Smith
Fellowship	R Tamaschke
Attendance	B Esler
Leave of absence Assistant	G Whitmore J Smerdon

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?

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