



03 August 2009



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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Meets 4th Floor
(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
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Brisbane

MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Mike Mauger
President Elect	Bas Veal
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Secretary	Brian Carss
Treasurer	Cameron Bishop

District 9600
Club Number 17787
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor
Walter Buchanan

Rotary International President
John Kenny

President's Message

This week, we had the pleasure of the company of our DG, Walter Buchanan and his wife, Margaret, and our AG, Peter Sullivan.

Before the meeting the DG was briefed by the Board and I to give him a feel of where the Club had been and where it was headed. Later he talked to the members and in particular raised RI President John Kenny's words of 'The Future of Rotary is in your hands' and said that in District 9600 membership had remained at the same level for some time. It should be the aim of every Club member to bring at least one new prospective member to Rotary.

Meanwhile the Board has met and some of the outcomes are that on the first Fellowship meeting after the Board Meeting, the Directors will present their reports to the meeting. Also, the outlines of the discussions at the last Fellowship meeting are on the website and the Board will discuss them at the next Board Meeting in late August.

If you have any issues to put to the Board, please either attend in person or discuss with a member of the Board.

Remember, the future of Rotary is in your hands.

Yours in Rotary

President Mike Mauger

New Links

**RCOB Member Speaker
List 2009/2010**
[http://www.brisbanerotary.org
.au/MemberSpeakerList.html](http://www.brisbanerotary.org.au/MemberSpeakerList.html)

District Newsletter
[http://www.brisbanerotary.org
.au/bulletins.html](http://www.brisbanerotary.org.au/bulletins.html)

Maintaining our Membership

Michael Stephens, Don O'Donoghue and Wal Bishop are doing a great job with membership. But they need your assistance.

It is important to attract and recruit new members! Invite colleagues or friends to lunch and introduce them to Rotary.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Monday August 03 2009

Bob Aldred

"Is Rotary a Soft Touch
for Charities?"



Meeting Review
27th July 2009

The meeting was opened by Chairman Michael Stevens, with Rotary Grace and the toast to the Queen and Rotary International.

President Mike welcomed DG Walter Buchanan and Margaret and Visiting Rotarian Ray Crompton and spoke briefly about the material gathered at the Fellowship Meeting last week and which was to be discussed at the Board Meeting on Tuesday.

Past President Keith Watts foreshadowed a wine tasting at the next Fellowship Meeting on 17th August.

Rotarian Ray Crompton spoke about the Rotary Floor at The Wesley Hospital that was opened recently and urged the Club to sponsor a room.

Peter Sullivan introduced DG Walter Buchanan to the members and invited him to bring members up to date on District 9600 matters.

DG Walter said that the District consisted of 58 Clubs of which 12 were in Papua New Guinea and 2 in the Solomon Islands. Two new Clubs are to be chartered in the next six months.

He spoke at length about membership and the need to raise membership as this was problem with most clubs and Rotary generally.

He asked the members if they were happy about their Rotary Membership and how they joined. We would all have been invited to join Rotary by a colleague who believed we had the requirements to be a Rotarian.

We accepted the challenge so why not pass that onto someone else in our business circle.

Rotary is a large family, there are over 1.2 million of us around the globe but this number has not increased in 10 years. In District 9600 our membership of about 1800 has not moved much in 5 years. International President Kenny says "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands". It is up to us to assist with keeping the members we have and to assist with increasing our numbers.

Rotary achieves things that cannot be achieved through political channels eg The Rotary Foundation was at the forefront of the fight against polio: some 222 million children were vaccinated in May this year. Bill Gates gave Rotary \$25 million because he believed Rotary was doing such a great job and he wanted to assist in their work. In the past year or so Rotary was able to get into Countries that other health organisations were not able to, with some 700 Shelter Boxes for the relief of natural disasters.

"Don't you think your colleagues would want to be part of this?"

District 9600 is proud to support Rotary in this State, Country and globally in its work. We all have ideas to make Rotary better and as DG I can do nothing without your assistance.

Take up the challenge "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands."

President Mike thanked DG Buchanan. Instead of a bunch of flowers, Margaret was presented with a cheque for her project to raise money for medical equipment for the hospital in Madang. Cam Bishop prized fines from all and sundry and delivered a few good anecdotes/jokes.

Phil Little pulled the five of Clubs: Is that Joker actually in the pack? There can't be more than 15 cards left in the pack.

A total of 29 attended (25 members, 1 Visiting Rotarian and three Club Guests.)

CALENDAR

Watch this space!

More exciting events
to come!

ROSTER

Monday 3rd August 2009

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	D O'Donoghue
Set Up	C Shepherd
Put Away	P Little
Raffle	J Puttick
Visitor Register	K Jenkins
Fellowship	B Aldred
Attendance	B Esler
	G Whitmore

Monday 10th August 2009

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	J Smerdon
Set Up	A Sandy
Put Away	C Muir
Raffle	C Mormon
Visitor Register	R Walters
Fellowship	D Phillips
Attendance	B Esler
	G Whitmore

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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