



07 September 2009



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

PO Box 687
Kenmore Qld 4069

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	Cameron Bishop

District 9600
Club Number 17787
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor
Walter Buchanan

Rotary International President
John Kenny

President's Message

One of the major challenges for Rotarians is that although there is a great deal happening in Rotary world-wide, quite often this does not turn into any personal action on behalf of the members. Usually, the requirement is for money, rather than physical intervention, and there is a general feeling that 'sausage sizzles' are not the way people want to go.

There are of course Rotarians who do get down to the physical work, for example those involved in DIK and assisting in building works in PNG and the Solomon Islands. However, these tasks are for the few rather than the many. The bottom line is that like every other organisation, Rotary is changing and what used to be the norm is no longer the norm!

New ways and endeavors need to be found to involve Rotarians actively in the Club and the community. But if Clubs and their members continue to espouse the virtues of Rotary and are doing their bit to assist in good causes, they must not and should not be chastised for not being physical in their approach to community service.

This is an interesting and ongoing debate.

This Monday, we have our third keynote speaker, Paul Goldsborough who is Senior Director - Policy, Workplace Health and Safety - Queensland Department of Justice & Attorney-General, who will present an update on the National Review into Model OH&S Laws, progress to date, and the issues going forward. As always, I look forward to your company, but please bring a guest.

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>

District Newsletter

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

Maintaining our Membership

It is my experience that every member of Rotary joins with the intention of being involved in projects. Some desire a large direct involvement and others prefer to help from behind the scenes so to speak.

What is patently obvious to me is that if when a member loses that desire to get involved or is not invited to regularly participate in a way that stimulates them, then sooner or later they fail to become an active member and will ultimately resign.

The challenge for you, the individual, is to let your board members know what your level of engagement is and the things you personally would like to do. If the club is not challenging you, you challenge the club.

It is then up to the club to best match the disparate desires and projects to do good in our communities.

One thing remains clear - your participation is the key.

*Michael Stephens
Membership Director*

GUEST SPEAKERS

Monday September 07 2009

Paul Goldsborough

*Senior Director - Policy, Workplace
Health and Safety Queensland
Department of Justice & Attorney-
General*



Meeting Review
31th August 2009

No guests, 25 members

President

Mike Mauger reported that Ron Barnwell had resigned citing personal reasons, among others. He also commented that Brisbane Rotary Club wasn't active enough, which prompted Mike to say he welcomed any ideas from Rotarians who wanted to do more. "If people have got ideas for projects, please let me know," he said.

Mike also reported that the Taiwan Rotary Club was coming to Brisbane in October and the Lord Mayor has agreed to have a reception on the 5th.

On September 13, Rotary is holding a BBQ for Riverfest on the Goodwill Bridge from 9am-11am. There's a roster for people who want to help out.

Spots

Rotarian Don O'Donaghue spoke for Keith Watts who was away about cases of Aldelphi Shiraz that are still available for \$180.

Rotarian Bas Veal spoke about the Canine Helpers Committee meeting. He said they wanted to come back to the club in a couple of weeks and bring a few dogs this time.

Sergeant

Sergeant Tony Love and his deputy Cam Bishop were both elsewhere so Deputy Deputy Sergeant Michael Stevens extracted fines and told a very good joke. Alison Sandy was voted the best sartorially presented person in the room.

Steve Dunlop won the raffle and drew the Jack of diamonds. The kitty continues to grow and is well over \$1400 now.

Guest Speaker

Introduced by Chairperson Alison Sandy: Mario Pennisi who is in his 72nd year and started working at 18 (I'll leave that to you to work out how long he has been a quality person.)

Mario was born in Mackay and was brought up on a sugarcane farm in Koumala. He attended primary school at St Anne's Convent in Sarina with his three siblings. His secondary school Alma Mater is St Brendan's by the Sea, Yeppoon. He spoke earnestly about the young children of today who have every toy imaginable to play with and are still bored while he and his siblings were happy playing on a fallen tree trunk which served as a car, a train, a truck, a motorbike, etc and a stick for a cricket or rounders bat.

Mario attended Melbourne University and RMIT for his Secondary Metallurgy and Management qualifications.

At a young age in today's terms Mario married at age 23 and with his late wife (Rose) raised four boys which have brought in 4 daughters and eight grand-children. They honeymooned in Italy for 10 months.

Work-wise, he started at Defence Standards Laboratories in Maribyrnong as a Laboratory Attendant,

and then when he missed out on a promotion, he went private industry at Myttons Ltd as Metallurgist and then Chief Metallurgist. Myttons manufactured millions The largest research budget in the University aside from medical departments was run on a 16K (not 16 GBytes) using C as the programming language.

of pieces of silver plated cutlery per annum. Myttons were one of the first in the world to electroplate silver and gold onto stainless steel. Myttons also had a large press shop where they manufactured Stainless Steel sinks, bath shells for enamelling and led the country in the manufacture of insulated Stainless Steel milk tanks using the now common expanding resin technology to provide the insulation.

Wanting to get into management he moved to Aviation Electroplating Industries (AVIN Plating) as Manager of the Industrial plating Division plating zinc, copper, tin and cadmium. Later he took over the Hard Chromium Division.

From there he returned to Queensland and worked as Departmental Manager at the Department of Mining and Metallurgical Engineering where he supervised the construction of new laboratory blocks, managed an underground mine, as well as laboratory staff and the Department's money. He introduced budgeting to the Department against howls and squeals that you can't introduce into a University Department what goes on in Industry. Education Minister Dawson changed all that some years later.

Mario began with Microsoft Word when everyone else was using Word Perfect and was among the first wave of non-military people in Queensland to go on the internet. During this time Mario sat on the University Senate for a term. I retired for the first time in 1997.

Aside from paid work Mario is a great committee person (voluntary work). He helped set up the Australasian Institute of Metal Finishing (AIMF), being its first President in Melbourne as well as in Brisbane. He was National President many times and developed and ran a number of training courses as well as presented to Conferences worldwide. He set up the Powder Coaters Association, which has now amalgamated with the AIMF.

Being a bit of a workaholic he started up a company business called World Conference Systems (always thought big) that he managed part-time with his wife and for many years they ran up to 5 conferences per annum, from 25 people up to 960. In 1988 they set up a fully operational aluminium foundry in the Jupiters Convention Centre on the Gold Coast and cast aluminium items for three days. The workers in this business endeavour were all his boys, their girlfriends, etc.

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CALENDAR

**Rotary Club of Brisbane
Partners Luncheon
7 September 2009**

Venue: The Brisbane Polo Club
[Library]
Naldam House
1 Eagle Street Brisbane

Monday 7th September 2009
12.15pm for 12.30pm

Cost: \$40.00

Please reply by: **Thursday 3rd
September 2009**

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2010 District Conference

When:

26th March 2010

Where:

Pelican Waters

ROSTER

Monday 07 September 2009

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	J Puttick
Set Up	M Evans
Put Away	P Little
Raffle	R Walters
Visitor Register	G Cause
Fellowship	K Jenkins
Attendance	B Esler
	G Whitmore

Monday 14 September 2009

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	M Stephens
Set Up	L Stalley
Put Away	G Sellars
Raffle	K Watts
Visitor Register	D O'Donaghue
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DATECLAIMER

**September 13:
Riverfest Goodwill Bridge
Sizzle**

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secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au



He used his various sons' abilities as graphic artists, economists, IT programmers, etc. It was a truly family business.

Early in his career Mario discovered Standards Australia Committees and at one time sat on 14 committees or sub-committees and chaired seven of them. His standards meetings rarely progressed past a half a day and in one year his committees reviewed and released over a dozen Standards-a bit of a record.

Mario joined the AOQ in 1972 and over the years has served as Secretary, President, and Chairman and after his second retirement last year, he is now the CEO. During his year as National President I restructured the "Council" along the lines of a "Board" with a Chairman, President, President-Elect as a means of ensuring some degree of continuity in Vision and activities.

Mario has served on the American Society for Quality, Quality Management Division Council as International Director. This involvement continued to a few years ago.

In 2001 he again got involved with The Australian Organisation for Quality (AOQ) when the membership had dropped to 60. AOQ-QLD is now hovering around 400.

AOQ-QLD provides professional level membership (to Fellow), up to three networking opportunities per month, training in Management Systems Auditing, Quality Auditing, Environmental Auditing, Energy Auditing and Lean Six Sigma up to Black Belt training.

We conduct this training Australia Wide.

AOQ-QLD operates Professional Registers for Systems Auditing, Energy Auditing and Six Sigma. AOQ operates a value-for-money consulting service and an auditing service. Members may join a grouping of like interests (Divisions) and we have six of these. Each is expected (not always realised) to host a conference annually. AOQ-QLD has Regional Groups operating in Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton and the Gold Coast. The signature event is the Gold Award for Business Excellence. AOQ-QLD publishes an eZine - Progressing Business eZine.

The AOQ-QLD is third party certified to ISO9001:2008 by Bureau Veritas. They walk the talk.

Along the way Mario collected some honours:

Fellow of the Institute of Metal Finishing (London), mainly for his research work on zinc electroplating.

Fellow of Australian Organisation for Quality for being his knowledge and work in quality systems.

Senior Member of American Society for Quality
Honorary Life Member of The Australasian Institute of Metal Finishing.

MJ Ahern Medal (one of only five awarded in 20 years of its existence) for work done for improving business in Queensland

Mario said that an organisation can operate effectively with six management elements:

- Control of Documents
- Control of Records
- Internal Audit
- Control of non-conforming product or service
- Corrective Action
- Preventative Action.

Then there other activities that may need to be controlled depending on what the organisation does.

But an Excellent Organisation also features very highly

- Customer Focus
- Leadership
- Involvement of People
- Process Approach
- System Approach to Management
- Innovation and Continual Improvement
- Factual Approach to Decision Making
- Mutually Beneficial Supplier Relationships.

A good management system is not all about paperwork.

Quality Management is only one of the pillars that make an organisation effective. Others include Governance, Ethics, Risk Management, Knowledge Management, Sustainability, Business Resilience, Continuity Management, Capacity Management, Talent Management... The list goes on.

Mario forgot to mention that he edits and publishes two magazines, Coatings & Fabrications and Progressing Business eZine.

The members were all suitably impressed with Mario's speech. It's amazing how much he has achieved throughout his very lengthy and distinguished career. Also nobody could believe he is 72, which was pointed out by Sergeant Michael Stevens who had to question whether Chairperson Alison Sandy had got her facts right!

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?

Membership...

