



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

MAKE DREAMS REAL

09 February 2009

President's Message

Dear Fellows,

This last week, Rotary Club of Brisbane welcomed the distinguished delegation from Rotary Club of Kobe East. Lead by President Harukiyo Noda and past President Yoshihiro Sumida. The events surrounding the visit of Kobe East and establishment of our new sister club agreement were well attended and significantly supported by our membership. Also we must thank for their support the Japanese Consul-General to Queensland and the Lord Mayor's Office, Brisbane City Council.

The strength of our new sister club's delegation and discussions we had during the visit have us in receipt of a momentous invite from Kobe East to have a return visit to Kobe to formalise the Sister Club Agreement and be hosted by Kobe East. The timing of such a visit would be around the 14th April 2009 so as to attend at the Kobe East Rotary meeting to help mark the 55th Anniversary of the foundation of their club.

Can I ask all members of Rotary Club of Brisbane to consider their forward planing and indicate if possible wether they may be able to join a return delegation to Japan for April 2009.

A couple of positives from the week's activities in my view where:

- The large attendance for the luncheon meeting on 2 February 2009
- Acknowledgement of the strength and worth of RCOB by other community groups particularly Brisbane City Council
- The prospect of increased exposure of the RCOB
- A new and positive Rotary International Relationship.

Thanks to all members for your actions and support in making these activities work well and prove our worth.

Let us continue to Make Dreams Real.

President Michael Kelly



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MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

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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

New Links

PP Yoshihira Sumida's
Presentation

http://www.brisbanerotary.org.au/interesting_links.html

Photos of the Kobe East Visit

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

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 February 16 2009

Ray Crompton

Wesley Hospital Fundraising
Development Manager



Meeting Review
2nd February 2009

Well, it was certainly a day to remember! The meeting was attended by 25 members and family members of the Rotary Club of Kobe East, 29 members of the Rotary Club of Brisbane, three members of the Consular staff of Japan, three members of Brisbane City Council, four visiting Rotarians, five members guests, three members spouses and ...

Chairman PP Keith Watts welcomed those attending asking all to say grace and proposing the loyal toast and toasts to the People of Japan, Rotary International and the Rotary Club of Kobe East. He then welcomed President Michael to the rostrum.

Pres Michael again welcomed all to the meeting, in particular President Harukiyo Noda and members of the Rotary Club of Kobe East, Councillor Margaret de Wit, representing the Lord Mayor Campbell Newman; Consul-General of Japan Mr Makoto Hinei; and Assistant Governor Gordana Blazevic representing the District Governor Wayne Morris.

Pres Michael explained that the intention of the meeting was to sign a Memorandum of Understanding on the sister-club arrangement between the two Clubs. The formal agreement would be signed in Kobe on 14th April 2009, which coincides with the 55th Anniversary of the founding of the Rotary Club of Kobe East.

The Board of the RCoB had agreed that Pres Michael lead a delegation to that event.

Chairman Keith then welcomed Assistant Governor Gordana Blazevic to address the meeting on behalf of the District Governor Wayne Morris.

Lunch and fellowship followed.

Chairman Keith then welcomed Pres Harukiyo Noda to the rostrum. Notwithstanding the presence of a first class interpreter, Pres Noda commenced his address to the meeting in English. However, he reverted to the use of the interpreter for his main presentation to the meeting.

PP Yoshihira Sumida then gave a presentation on Kobe and the Rotary Club of Kobe East. His presentation can be accessed through the 'New Links' as well as other photographs of the event.

Pres Michael then made a short presentation of behalf of the Club and at the end invited Pres Noda to join him in signing the Memorandum of Understanding.

Chairman Keith then asked those attending to charge their glasses with the Kobe Sake provided by Kobe East and proposed a toast the Sister Clubs.

Chairman Keith then introduced Sergeant-at-Arms Tony Love, who proposed a Vote of Thanks.

And that was only the start of the day!!!

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 16th February 2009

President	M Kelly
Chairperson	R Bamwell
Set Up	P Anderson
Put Away	S Francis
Raffle	B Aldred
Visitor Register	D Phillips
Fellowship	K Hamburger
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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