



09 November 2009



## The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
(Edinburgh Room)  
of the Brisbane Club  
Post Office Square  
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**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

Last week's Keynote Speaker, John Cotter, President of AgForce Queensland certainly gave an interesting outlook on the rural community and the role they play in the life of Queensland. This week, although themed as Fellowship, we have Caitlin Horgan and Ken Young from the Hale Street Link Alliance to update us on the Hale Street Link; and for those who have travelled along it recently; it will be an interesting talk.

Now for the advertisements! Monday 14 December, our last before Christmas, will be a Christmas lunch to which all spouses are invited along with some of our past and inactive members; other members' guests are also cordially invited. We will also be farewelling Rod Walters, who is leaving us for northern climes.

Rotary International has arranged for a special showing of the film "Amelia" starring Hilary Swank, as the aviatrix Amelia Erhard, and Richard Gere. The film, to raise funds for Polio Plus, will be shown worldwide on Wednesday November 11 and, in our case, at Dendy at Portside. Tickets are \$25 including pre - screening wine and cheese. In keeping with the theme of the film, there will be a door prize and costume prizes, the 1930's era should provide a great backdrop for the imaginative dresser! The program starts at 6 pm with film at 6.45 pm. It should be a great night. Tickets are available from myself and can be purchased for cash on Monday 2 or 9 November or email me and I will reserve them for you.

The Rotary Club of South Brisbane is holding its 70th anniversary on Monday, 23 November 2009, with a re-enactment in the Old Town Hall and dinner at The Ship Inn, the details of which are on the web. Of interest, this was the second club in Brisbane that we had chartered since our inception, the first being Fortitude Valley. There were seven others we chartered outside Brisbane before this date - Rockhampton, MacKay, Townsville, Bundaberg, Ipswich, Toowoomba and Lismore.

I look forward to seeing you at Monday's meeting.

Remember, the future of Rotary is in your hands.

Yours in Rotary

**President Mike Mauger**

## Links

RCOB Member Speaker  
List 2009/2010

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

District Newsletter

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

## Maintaining Membership

The Rotary Club of Brisbane has developed a "Join Us" brochure.

These are available at the desk on registration each week.

Make sure you take a hand-full and pass them onto your colleagues and friends when you invite them to join Rotary.

## GUEST SPEAKER

Monday 09 November 2009

**Fellowship Meeting**

*Including reports from Board Members*



### Meeting Review 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009

President Mike Mauger opened the meeting and welcomed guests Mr John Cotter (Keynote Presenter) and Rotarian Joe Thompson (Rotary Club of South Brisbane). Mike also spoke of a conversation he had had with PP Ian Wilson.

#### Keynote Presenter

Chairman Rotarian Jim Worroll introduced John Cotter, Chairman AgForce who presented on the question Faced with a vast range of 'on and off' measures introduced by various levels of government, how is AgForce Queensland able to assist local producers?

John gave a brief run-down on his life experiences before tackling his subject.

Agriculture manages up to 70% of land area of Queensland, and even with the huge shift of people from Rural to Urban, urbanites still expect that agriculture will provide enough good quality food cheaply for everyone.

The family farm (highly sophisticated) still is the backbone of agriculture in Australia. Return on investment has dropped very low so technology and genetics play a large part in making farms more efficient.

Australia leads the world in this effort especially in water management and environmental sustainability.

In 1960 one could buy a Land Cruiser with 3000lb (oops old language) beef. Today it requires 20,000 lbs of beef for the same purchase.

In Australia about 18% of Average Weekly Earnings is spent on food but in some developing countries 100% is spent on food, so Australia may need to assist in alleviating this situation.

How do we keep people on the farms?

AgForce assists with student programmes to try to increase University graduates in Agricultural Science.

Infrastructure also plays a part especially railroads, so some Government initiatives are a little difficult to understand.

Challenges for the future include obtaining adequate investment, and if the dollar remains high, a huge improvement in agricultural efficiency.

#### Spots

President Mike Mauger reminded Fellows of the filming of Amelia on 11th November in aid of PolioPlus. He has the tickets.

Rotarian Joe Thompson invited fellows and Guests to the 70th Anniversary Celebrations of the presentation of the Charter to the Rotary Club of South Brisbane on 23rd November.

Here are the links:

[http://www.brisbanerotary.org.au/images/IMG\\_0001.jpg](http://www.brisbanerotary.org.au/images/IMG_0001.jpg)  
and  
[www.brisbanerotary.org.au/images/IMG\\_0002.jpg](http://www.brisbanerotary.org.au/images/IMG_0002.jpg)

After a stand-up lunch that made it easy to speak to most of the Fellows attending, Rotarian Chris Muir drew the King of Hearts. Only two cards plus the Joker left in the pack. Will it happen that the Joker is the last card remaining?

What are the chances? Come on statisticians, please report back on Monday!

A total of 29 attended.

### Did You Know?

#### CLUB GROUPS

Club members are organised into Groups which have been established for the purpose of generating social contact and fellowship between Rotarians and their partners in a relaxed atmosphere. Group meetings enable partners to share in Rotary activities and projects.

#### THE ROTARY MEMBERS' PARTNERS

Rotary International encourages the formation of auxiliaries for the partners of Rotarians which:

- Sustain regular liaison with the Club;
- Support the Clubs social and service activities; and
- May conduct activities complimentary to the Club.

### November is Rotary Foundation Month

In 1985 Rotary International committed to ridding the world of polio.

With the World Health Organisation, United Nations Children's Fund and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Rotary has immunised over **2 billion** children and reduced the incidence by 99%. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has contributed US\$355million and Rotarians have been asked to raise US\$200m. We are nearly half way in what we believe will be the crucial last hurdle in meeting our promise to the children of the world.

For more details check the RI website:

[www.rotary.org/endorpolio](http://www.rotary.org/endorpolio)

## CALENDAR

### Programme for next four weeks

**16th November:** Brent Torrance, District 9600, Rotary Friendship Exchange

**23rd November:** Tony Love, Queensland Aged Care Facilities Crises.

**30th November:** John Quinn, Do the right thing and reduce costs!

**7th December:** Fellowship and Director's Reports

## ROSTER

### Monday 9 November 2009

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	D Henderson
Set Up	G Sellars
Put Away	C Muir
Raffle	C Bishop
Visitor Register	R Black
Fellowship	D Phillips
Attendance	B Esler
	G Whitmore

### Monday 16 November 2009

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	B Cunningham
Set Up	M Evans
Put Away	P Little
Raffle	B Aldred
Visitor Register	B Veal
Fellowship	K Jenkins
Attendance	B Esler
	G Whitmore

## DATECLAIMER

### 11 November 2009

Special Preview Screening of *Amelia* at Dendy Theatre  
Tickets - Mike Mauger 041 980 4250.  
Surplus to *PolioPlus*

### 23 November 2009

The Rotary Club of South Brisbane celebrates its 70th Anniversary with a dinner at Old South Brisbane Town Hall then at the Ship Inn.  
See the attached [invitation](#) and [booking form](#).

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](mailto: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.

## 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?