



13 July 2009



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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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

Welcome to the 2009-10 Rotary Year. Thanks to PP Michael for the excellent Changeover Dinner on the 3rd of July and thank you to the Rotary Club of Brisbane for bestowing the mantle of President on me for 2009-10.

Looking at the Honor Board, I can see that will entail filling some very worthy shoes, especially as some of you are still with us.

The President of Rotary International for 2009-10, John Kenny, emphasised the theme 'The future of Rotary is in your hands.' And for my year as President of The Rotary Club of Brisbane, I intend that the Club returns to some of its basic tenets utilizing the enthusiasm and experience of its members.

To this end, there will be a few changes to the way we will operate this year. Firstly, the weekly meeting format will be modified with a rotating four-weekly sequence as follows:

Week 1 Keynote Speaker

Week 2 Fellowship

Week 3 Rotary Speaker

Week 4 Member Speaker

The main reasons for this change are that getting good speakers is becoming more difficult, the number of members attending seems to be declining and, if we are to have good speakers, it is essential that we have a good attendance. The format for the Keynote Speaker meeting will be auditorium style.

PP Wal Bishop and his team are working on the project for my year, the details of which will be announced on 10th August. The aim is for a project that is significant to our community and involves all members in some way or another.

The incoming Board for 2009 - 2010 remains mostly unchanged and I am pleased to announce that Bas Veal will be President-Elect 2010-2011. I and the Board will continue with our support of Canine Helpers, community BBQs, projects co-badged with the group of City clubs, support of international activities and our own projects.

It is my intention that we, as a Club, can show our community that being the oldest and original Club in Queensland and Brisbane is no barrier to effective and innovative service. To this end, I encourage your continued support and assistance.

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 July 13 2009
Dr Gary Ward
Assistant Under
Treasurer
Queensland Treasury
Office

Monday July 20 2009
TBA



Meeting Review
29th June 2009

THERE'S a definite downside to the pursuit of excellence according to Rotarian Ron Barnwell.

In the absence of a guest speaker this week, Ron volunteered to talk about his time as a champion rower at his Sydney high school.

Ron said they used to train most mornings and evenings and how the rigorous regime took its toll on his grades, not to mention his hands as some mornings he "couldn't feel the oar for the first few miles except for blisters".

Ron questioned the wisdom in pushing young teenage boys to train at Olympic standards and told his sons when they went to Brisbane Boys Grammar that he didn't want them to row.

Sure enough, the ones who did would often fall asleep at their desks.

On a good note, he said the experience toughened him up for life because everything was easy in comparison.

Other Rotarians who rowed or whose children rowed, such as Brian Carss defended the practice, saying there was nothing more exhilarating than being in a rowing eight when it clicks.

President Elect Mike Mauger told of his time playing Rugby Union in the Military where many who weren't of gladiator status were left on the sidelines. He said this was "unfortunate".

This week's meeting was attended by just 22 members and Mike said he was hoping to have at least 30 at every meeting in the new year.

Sergeant-at-Arms Tony Love was away this week so we were enriched by the good humour of Cam Bishop.

Unfortunately for Cam, there were crickets chirping after his joke, but in fairness, it wasn't a bad joke, we just didn't realise it was over!

The winner of the 'Find the Joker' raffle this week was Graeme Whitmore who drew the eight of diamonds! The jackpot now exceeds \$1000.

Enjoy your weekend.

**RCOB Stalwart Resigns
Des Knight**

Des has been a long term member of our Club who joined in 1976 and was sponsored by Wal Bishop. He has served in the Club as President (1984-05); as Secretary to both PPs Marjorie Carss and Bill Cunningham; Chairman of the District Organising Committee for PDG Ian Wilson when he was Governor.

He served for 15 years as a Director of HELP Enterprises, 10 of these as its Chairman.

He served as District Secretary to PDG Allan McCrae in 1991-92. In this capacity he was the District's first, a role that became the fore-runner to the present District organizational structure.

More recently, he has been involved in establishing Vision Queensland, and was Deputy Chairman when John Puttick was Chairman.

He received a Paul Harris recognition and an OAM for Community Service.

Club members express great appreciation for the substantial contribution that he has made to our Club in many capacities and are genuinely sorry to see him leave. We wish him all good wishes for the future and congratulate Kenmore Rotary Club for acquiring such a great Rotarian.

CALENDAR

**Homeless National
Soccer
Championships**

19 July 2009

ROSTER

Monday 20th July 2009

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	S Francis
Set Up	P Gresham
Put Away	G Sellers
Raffle	J Worrell
Visitor Register	M Winders
Fellowship	G Cause
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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