



14 December 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	Roger Black
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cameron Bishop

District 9600
Club Number 17787
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor
Walter Buchanan

Rotary International President
John Kenny

President's Message

Well, whether you believe in it or not, or you like it or not, it's Christmas! Whether you celebrate it in Christian style, or revert to the pre-Christian style, it still carries the basic meaning of goodwill and joy and happiness to all.

As we do our different things, I would like to wish all members, past and present, their spouses and their families, friends and colleagues a healthy and safe holiday period and look forward to joining you in Rotary on 18 January 2010.

To those who are not able to share in the joy and happiness of the season, we send our heart felt wishes that things will improve in the next year.

This week marks our last meeting of the year! Time has certainly flown by especially with all the doom and gloom of the GFC! So I remind you that this, our last meeting of the year, will be a traditional Christmas lunch to which all spouses are invited along with some of our past and inactive members; other members' guests are also cordially invited. A festive hamper will be the raffle prize,

We will be farewelling Rod Walters, who is leaving us for northern climes and we are hoping to induct at least one and possibly two new members! Also we will be presenting our first RCoB Youth Scholarship 2009/2010 for this Rotary year's project.

I look forward to seeing you and your guests at Monday's Christmas Lunch.

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 14 December 2009

Christmas Party

with Christmas activities and
traditional Christmas tucker.



Meeting Review 7th December 2009

Chairman Rotarian Rick Tamaschke opened the meeting with Rotary Grace and the usual toasts.

President Mike Mauger

Mike welcomed the guests; PP Warren Hampton (Samford Valley Club), Ron Barker (Guest of PP Mike Kelly) and Johannes (Hannes) Monaghan (Club Guest).

He spoke of the Christmas Lunch next week (remember to bring all your old Rotarian friends along).

New Member Induction

Jahannes (Hannes) Monaghan was inducted to membership (President-Elect Bas Veal). Hannes's classification is Insurance. Fellows and Guests rose and offered congratulations to Hannes as the newest member of Rotary International (and of course The Rotary Club of Brisbane).

Spots

PP Keith Watts spoke about the wine sales.

Director's Reports

President Elect Bas Veal reported that Canine Helpers will seek Certification as Canine Trainers in the new year.

RI Director John Smerdon reported that Rylah leadership will be conducted 26-20 April, 2010 as a sailing experience for 18-26 year olds. Our Club is prepared to sponsor suitable applicants.

Membership Director Michael Stephens reported that we have increased membership by 3 the past couple of months. We should not rest but keep our eyes and ears open to potential members.

PP Wal Bishop reported that next week Richard Langford from Brisbane Youth Service will introduce Chris (the first of our Scholarship holders).

PR Director Mario Pennisi reported that the Bulletin has been going out each week-a little erratically - but that this is about to change with the induction of one our newest members to the reporting group. An Event Manager is about to be presented to the Board for approval for the Heart of Brisbane Dinner in mid 2010. Mario is seeking members for his organising committee.

Former Treasurer Cameron Bishop reported that we are financially sound and able to meet our commitments.

Presentation

Chairman Rick introduced PP Mike Kelly, PP Warren Hampton and Rotarian Peter Anderson who made a presentation **Taiwan - Land of Excitement & Happy Surprises.**

PP Mike introduced the presentation and Peter spoke about this visit to Taiwan with Warren. They left Brisbane on the same flight that the visiting members of our Sister Club Taipei-Tatung used to return home after their visit to our Club on 5th October. On 26 March 2010 Taipei Tatung will celebrate their 26th anniversary and the Rotary Club of Brisbane membership is invited to the festivities. Peter and Warren are here to try and convince us that the visit would be full of happy surprises. Taipei-Tatung has 185 members and meet on Friday nights. Taipei is a beautiful city, very clean with a high standard of living.

Warren was delighted to be back amongst the members of the Rotary Club of Brisbane. Some of his Taipei happy surprises were the high speed train that travels at 300k/hr, the very mountainous scenery as well as the monuments, museums, markets and major building that we could enjoy on our visit.

Mike Kelly rounded off the presentation by asking members to note their preferences for the visit to Taipei next year.

Sergeant at Arms

Tony Love was visiting so was given the honour of plying us with some very good jokes (a bit of a change) and extracted a few dollars from everyone.

He welcomed Hannes Monaghan to membership of the Club. He singled out John Charlton and James Delahunty for sartorial elegance.

The raffle was won by Rotarian Chris Muir.

26 members and 3 guests enjoyed the lunchtime meeting.

This is the last Bulletin for 2009, so Merry Christmas to all Fellows and a very successful 2010.

Did You Know?

Membership in 1979-80 was 168.

The major project was the establishment of the Queensland Organization for Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia. Th Club gave \$10,000 while individual Rotarians helped in raising a further \$60,000.

The cost of the rented office and other outgoing caused a significant increase in fees.

The Groups and Rotaryannes and alertness to an opportunity with the Ferny Grove to Darra Rail Electrification Link brought in some needed funds.

CALENDAR

Programme

21st December:

No Meeting

28th December:

No Meeting

4th January 2010:

No Meeting

11th January:

No Meeting

18th January:

Member Presentation –

Steve Dunlop

25th January:

Keynote Presentation

ROSTER

Monday 14 December 2009

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	D Phillips
Set Up	K Hamburger
Put Away	M Kelly
Raffle	K Jenkins
Visitor Register	K Stalley
Fellowship	H Milne
Attendance	B Esler
	G Whitmore

Monday 18 January 2010

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	M Evans
Set Up	B Veal
Put Away	P Gresham
Raffle	J Delahunty
Visitor Register	C Muir
Fellowship	L Robinson
Attendance	B Esler
	G Whitmore

DATECLAIMER

18 January 2010
First Meeting for the New Year.

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

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?