



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

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Meets 4th Floor
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of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
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MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Bas Veal
President Elect	Alistair Smith
Imm Past President	Michael Mauger
Vice President	Keith Watts
Secretary	Bob Aldred
Treasurer	Dougal Henderson
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cameron Bishop

District 9600
Club Number 17787
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District Governor
Chris Wood

Rotary International President
Ray Klingensmith

President's Message

Good afternoon, fellow Rotarians and guests

It is pleasing to be back at Rotary after being absent with travel and health problems. Firstly, I must thank Past President PP Wal Bishop for the use of his premises for our first meeting in 2011. I would also like to thank PP Keith Watts and President Elect Alistair for looking after matters during my absence and all other club members who also helped.

I have been informed that The Brisbane Club will not be open for the following two Mondays as a result of severe flooding and I have asked Rotarian Mario Pennisi to discuss the possibility of taking up PP Mike Kelly's offer of lunch at the Police Headquarters and the use of PP Wal's premises again.

Recently, PP Keith Watts called a special meeting to select the President-elect, a Secretary, Treasurer and Board Members for President-elect Alistair's year in 2011/12. This will allow Alistair to operate with a full administrative team from the beginning of his term. This should be standard practice for future years as in my term we have been without a Secretary for the majority of the first six months.

I would also especially like to thank Rotarian Bob Aldred for taking over the role as Secretary. Treasurer Dougal Henderson mentioned that our general bank account would be diminished by payments of accounts and that the fee accounts would be issued shortly so it would be appreciated if these could be attended to quickly.

After discussions with Mario and Anthony Bordognon, of I Am Events, and with the help of James Delahunty we have decided to put the *Heart of Brisbane Dinner* back to August which would give country people here for the Exhibition the opportunity to attend. The other benefit is that we will be in a new financial year and the companies will be preparing new budgets, therefore would buy tickets for the event and provide sponsorship.

Rotarian Michael Stephens is organising the golf day and I would like all members to help to make this a successful fund raiser for the Club. I still have to catch up with Rotarian Kevin Jenkins regarding the progress of the bike ride.

President Bas

WHAT'S ON? 14th February

Richard Langford
Brisbane Youth Service

Our Success



WELCOME SONG

*Here's my hand in yours, here's your
hand in mine*

*While a welcome thus we say;
Firm as our wheel fitted cog to cog
Be the friendship formed this day.*

*Dear be the principles for which we
stand,*

*And our four-fold service pay
As we work for a world wide fellowship
in the good old RO-TA-RY way.*

4 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?



Review of Meeting 13th December 2010

Past President (PP) Mike Mauger (wearing his traditional Bob Kaffer striped red tie) introduced himself as Chairman for the day calling all to order with toasts to Queen and Country and Rotary International.

PP Mike then introduced President Elect Alistair Smith who was standing in for **President Bas Veal**.

President Elect (PE) Alistair Smith welcomed one and all offering a special welcome to guest and visitors.

Alistair then in his first role of officialdom opened the AGM of the Rotary Club of Brisbane and, demonstrating proven leader potential, held the meeting, accepted and passed an important vote and called closure within record time.

Chairman Mike then called for spots.

Past President Wal Bishop informed the members that the Xmas Cake sale was completed and that the delivered goods would be available for collection from Rotarian Max Winders office.

Past President Keith Watts informed the club that he would be commencing a new wine sale in the New Year and that an order for a barrel of premium Shiraz has been placed with the suppliers. Arrival for labelling is expected late January early February.

After a full and hearty meal Chairman Mike returned to introduce new club member **Patrick Caragata** for a 'me talk'.

Patrick then gave an edited life history report that was both entertaining and informative. He even took photos pre- and post- address to prove that no one left the room. A copy of his presentation is provided as an attachment to the Club's website at <http://www.brisbanerotary.org.au/Documents/Caragata-2010.pdf>

PP Mike then introduced stand-in **Sergeant Michael Stephens** who proved to be an accomplished stand-in but not as good as the previous meeting stand-in.

The Raffle was won by a member whose name is lost in the cavities of your reporter's memory, receiving a club bottle of wine following the jackpot going off the previous week.

Mike closed the meeting reminding those members in attendance not to turn up next or the following 2 weeks as the next meeting will not be until 10 January 2011.
(Ed Note: Thanks to **PP Mel Evans** for taking these notes)

Review of Meeting 7th February 2011

Following the horrendous Brisbane Floods of 2011, our meeting place at The Brisbane Club has not been available for use. Past President Wall Bishop offered (and we accepted) his training room as a meeting place.

Sergeant Cam Bishop opened the meeting and introduced **President Bas Veal** (somewhere along the way we lost Rotary Grace and the Toasts to the Queen and Rotary International).

Bas made the following points

- He picked up a bug in Hong Kong towards the end of his 5½ week overseas holiday and was flown back to Brisbane as a medical emergency on Qantas and rushed to hospital. He is recovering well.
- A big thank you to **PP Wal Bishop** for the use of his premises.
- A big thank you to **PP Mike Kelly** for offering the Police Headquarters for one of our meetings. This will be taken up in due course.
- Thank you to **PP Keith Watts** and **PE Alistair Smith** for keeping the Club going during my absence.
- We have offers from six Rotary Clubs for assistance for flood victims.

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.

Calendar

14 February:

Richard Langford
Brisbane Youth Service
Our Success

21 February:

Mary-Ann Pattison
Education for a Sustainable 21st Century

28 February:

Fellowship

7 March:

Bob Newton
The Science Experience

Roster

14 February 2011

President	B Veal
Chairman	P Dawson
Set Up	B Aldred
Visitor Register	A Gillespie
Attendance	B Esler G Whitmore

21 February 2011

President	B Veal
Chairman	P Cacagata
Raffle	P Gresham
Visitor Register	D ODonoghue
Attendance	B Esler G Whitmore

Date Claimers

April 2011

Bike Ride

May 2011

Golf Day

August 2011

Heart of Business Dinner

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Review of Meeting 7th February 2011 (*continued*)

- At the Cluster meeting last Wednesday Presidents reported the difficulty in raising funds post flood. Perhaps we should look at the timing of our fund raising dinner.
- Following a meeting of the Nominating Committee, **Rotarian Bob Aldred** accepted to stand-in as Secretary to 30th June, 2011.

Rotarian Mario Pennisi gave a brief account of the *Heart of Business Gala Dinner*. At a special Board Meeting in late January it was decided to change the focus of the Dinner from the City Hall Restoration Project to the Flood Restoration effort. The Dinner was still planned for 3rd March (Ed Note: Since the meeting the 3rd March has been abandoned for a date in late August to be advised). We have had no response to our invitation to Major General Mick Slater to speak at the event. We need more items for the "auctions" at the Dinner.

Spots

PP Mike Kelly reported that all our Sister Clubs were fund raising for the Flood Appeal. Our Board has decided to put all the money raised by the Rotary Club of Brisbane into the District 9600 Flood Appeal to improve its effectiveness.

Rotarian Michael Stephens reported that the Golf Day will be in late April probably at Victoria Park.

Treasurer Dougal Henderson reported that our accounts are at parity once all commitments are met.

Rotarian Phil Little spoke of the need for affordable housing in the aftermath of the Floods. It was agreed that the major problem with Brisbane and flooding is that we continue to allow construction in low lying flood plains. Someone will surely work this out one day and prevent further expansion in these areas.

Sergeant Cam Bishop reported that Past Sergeant Tony Love piloted his boat into second place in Division three in the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

PP Wal Bishop suggested that we could organise some "visits" in place of lunch time meeting, eg through the Wal Bishop plant, Police Headquarters.

20 members attended.

The meeting ended with a big thank you to PP Wal Bishop for the use of his facilities and for providing lunch.