



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

The Future of Rotary
IS IN YOUR HANDS

24 August 2009



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PO Box 687
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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

Last week, I had a discourse on communication both here in the Bulletin and at the Fellowship meeting. In the Bulletin, I said "Relating that to Rotary, there is also a vast range of information available on what Rotary is doing around the world, so much so that it is often difficult to keep up with all that is happening!".

Well, in the past couple of weeks I have received via District information on RAM - Rotarians against Malaria, Paul Harris Society, Membership News, RI President's Message, District AGM, Information on Grants, Literacy Newsletter, Santa 2009 Opportunity, Northern Region Donations in Kind, Food Hygiene Training, Polio Plus DVD - "The Final Inch", Global warming, Day in the life - photos of Rotarians, DG's weekly update, RANZE - Rotary Short Term Exchange Programme, District TRF, and an application for Group Study Exchange! It's all happening out there! Aren't you glad you are part of it?

In the case of the latter item, Shannon Newman is the author of the application. She works as a Customer Service Officer with the Federal Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, specifically in AusIndustry. She will be visiting and addressing us this Monday to further her application by inviting us to sponsor it, to the tune of approximately \$750, mainly uniform expenses!

As always, I look forward to your company on Monday.

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>

District Newsletter

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

Maintaining our Membership

It is my experience that every member of Rotary joins with the intention of being involved in projects. Some desire a large direct involvement and others prefer to help from behind the scenes so to speak.

What is patently obvious to me is that if when a member loses that desire to get involved or is not invited to regularly participate in a way that stimulates them, then sooner or later they fail to become an active member and will ultimately resign.

The challenge for you, the individual, is to let your board members know what your level of engagement is and the things you personally would like to do. If the club is not challenging you, you challenge the club.

It is then up to the club to best match the disparate desires and projects to do good in our communities.

One thing remains clear - your participation is the key.

*Michael Stephens
Membership Director*

GUEST SPEAKERS

Monday August 24 2009

Tony Freeman

From

District 9600

Vision Programme, whose outcomes are a plan for the future with enthusiasm for projects, participation and growth in Membership



Meeting Review
17th August 2009

PP Mel Evans opened the meeting with Rotary Grace and the two toasts. He enlightened us with a few famous births on this date:

Davey Crockett

Mae West

FD Roosevelt (died on the same date-some years on!)

The Berlin Wall construction began
Ringo Starr joined the Beatles.

He missed the 50th anniversary of the Seat Belt legislation in Australia

President Mike Mauger

President Mike welcomed Member Rotarians as well as visiting Rotarian Daljeet Singh from the Lusaka Central Club in Zambia- Daljeet is a Civil Engineer in the construction industry and is visiting Oz to attend his son's graduation at QUT.

He also welcomed Jessica Howley, our Ambassadorial Scholar nominee for 2009.

He reported that he and PP Mel Evans had visited Canine Helpers Open Day on Sunday and noted the exponential growth in the number of dogs trained and in training since our involvement began.

Spots

PP Keith Watts conducted a wine tasting. Good luck to Keith in getting anything useful from the tasting reports.

PP Keith Watts also reported on a letter received from our sister club Taipai Tatung informing us of their visit to OZ and our Club on 6th October.

Michael Kelly reported the many advertisements about Rotary on Foxtel etc, and on the Riverfire Breakfast on the Goodwill Bridge on 13th September.

Director's Reports

Michael Stevens (Membership) is aware that many members only want to do projects and not attend meetings, and he expects that a suitable project will be up and running soon, so he invited members to bring along like-minded colleagues to join our Club.

John Smerdon (International Activities) reported on our joint sponsorship

with Amsterdam International of a Student at the University of Malawi. Also that we had put forward Jessica Howley as our nominee for Ambassadorial Scholar.

Brian Carss (Secretary) reported we have 61 members of whom 18 are excused from attendance, so our average attendance of 23 per meeting puts us at 71st out of 72 Clubs in the District on percentage attendance. Not a statistic to be proud of.

Cameron Bishop (Treasurer) reported that the Club is solvent and has about \$13,000 in the Current Account.

Greg Sellars (Community Services) reported he is trying to organise an event to coincide with the opening of the Kurilpa Bridge. He is also co-ordinating the roster for the Goodwill Bridge Riverfest Sizzle.

Mario Pennisi (PR) reported that he is phoning all rostered Rotarians the Thursday before each Meeting as well as all members without an email address. The Bulletin will continue to be a two-page printed version, but will grow beyond two pages for the web version, so it is important to check the web regularly.

Communication

President Mike spoke about communication, in that it requires two people to work. Although the members on the roster are reminded through the web, via the Bulletin and personally by phone, many do not turn up for their rostered task, nor send anyone in their stead. He asked for suggestions from the Members on how we can improve communication and how we can better do things that we exist to do.

Sergeant Cam worked the room well and had Jessica draw the raffle which was won by birthday boy Wal Bishop who drew the ten of diamonds (a general sigh of relief was heard around the room).

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CALENDAR

Riverfest Goodwill Bridge Sizzle

When:
13th September

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2010 District Conference

When:
26th March 2010

Where:
Pelican Waters

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ROSTER

Monday 24th August 2009

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	J Worrell
Set Up	R Tamaschke
Put Away	J Smerdon
Raffle	J Burton
Visitor Register	R Barnwell
Fellowship	W Bishop
Attendance	B Esler
	G Whitmore

Monday 31st August 2009

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	A Sandy
Set Up	C Shepherd
Put Away	C Muir
Raffle	C Mormon
Visitor Register	L Robinson
Fellowship	D Phillips
Attendance	B Esler
	G Whitmore

DATECLAIMER

October 5: Keynote Address

The cost of pensions especially in Australia is an ever increasing burden on the government purse. As a result, we are urged to invest in superannuation aided in part by the 9% employer contribution. However, the GFC has shown that is not a foolproof solution. What is the future for superannuation and what is the prognosis for risk minimisation?

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



REPORT ON PNG DENTAL SPECIALIST STUDENT STARTER PROGRAM

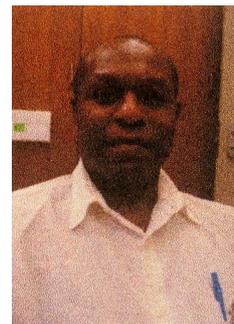
Sponsored by the Brisbane Rotary Club

Dr Luna Amlau arrived in Adelaide on Sunday 26th July to commence a six-week starter programme to assist him in obtaining his Master in Dental Surgery degree at the University of Papua New Guinea (PNG). His visit is being partly funded by the Brisbane Rotary Club. As Luna is the first Dental graduate in PNG to train in Advanced Restorative Dentistry, he has little help at home to mentor and advise him in this programme, and it would be almost impossible for him to achieve success without the assistance of specialists in Australia. For this reason his programme in Adelaide has him working with other trainees in this speciality area, and enables him to see what is involved in such training, and the standards he must meet to be a specialist. He also has an opportunity for direct tuition with specialists as well as access to library books and journals not available in PNG. As well he will spend a short time working with Dr Geoff Knight in Melbourne, one of his co-supervisors who is an Internationally recognised specialist in this discipline, and a member of the Brighton Rotary Club in Victoria. Dr Knight will visit PNG later in the year to assist Luna with his clinical training there.

Luna was originally due to spend the time at the Brisbane Dental School in Turbot Street. Unfortunately the unexpected departure of the staff member critical to the tuition programme made this impossible. Professor Lindsay Richards, who runs an active specialist training programme in the discipline concerned at the Adelaide University Dental School, offered to have him visit Adelaide at short notice. He is already busily involved with the Adelaide programmes and will also spend some time with one of our staff who is the Australian expert on management of the dental lesions associated with HIV/AIDS, which is a major problem in PNG.

Unfortunately we are not able to provide any formal award for this programme, as, with the severe shortage of dentists in Australia, it would only increase the chance of him being enticed to work here. Luna's presence in PNG is essential, not only for him to provide a desperately needed service, but also to provide teaching to the Dentists training programme recently commenced in PNG. Luna is married with one child. His home region is Madang on the north coast of PNG. He will complete his training in December 2012, and we believe will be a major leader of the Dental Profession in PNG.

Our sincere thanks to the Brisbane Rotary Club for sponsoring this visit.
(John McIntyre AM, Hon Visiting Professor, UPNG)



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?

Membership...

