



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

26 July 2010



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

**MONDAYS**

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

### OFFICERS

President	Bas Veal
President Elect	
Imm Past President	Michael Mauger
Secretary	Darren Philoips
Treasurer	Dougal Henderson
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

Fellow Rotarians and Guests

Last Tuesday I attended the funeral of Past President Lester Padman OBE at St Augustine's Church, Hamilton and it was pleasing to see a number of our Club members including former Club member, Graham Jane present to farewell Les.

I have also received an email from the Rotary Club of Hamilton with an invitation to a dinner at Tattersalls Club to honour Glen Kinross for 50 years of service to Rotary. Glen was international President in 1997/1998. I have placed an invitation on the tables for those who wish to attend.

During the week we were approached by the Polo Club to do a sausage sizzle at their annual Polo Carnival at Logan City. It would have necessitated our Club providing a tent, also the cooking facilities and the Board decided against taking up the offer and referred them to a local Rotary Club.

Mario Pennisi and I were approached to have a meeting with Cr Matthew Bourke and Dominique Jones of the Brisbane City Council Restoration Group. They put a proposal to us that we delay our City Heart Dinner until late October to combine with their official launch of the fundraising for the restoration of the City Hall on 24 October 2010. This would give us access to many of the City Hall contacts and their backing and possibly would increase the numbers from approximately 250 to 400. The Board, at its monthly meeting, decided to accept the Council's offer of closer cooperation and this will be managed by Mario Pennisi.

The present International President of Rotary is to be welcomed at a dinner in Brisbane on 19 August 2010 and I have placed another invitation for this function on the tables and would appreciate as many members as possible and their guests to attend this function.

*President Bas*



Coming Soon



**Speaker**  
Derek Jones  
District 9600

*National Youth  
Science Forum  
(NYSF)*



### 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 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010

**Past President Mike Mauger** opened the meeting with Rotary Grace and the toasts to the Queen and Rotary International.

Mike called for one minute's silence in memory of PP (1979) Les Padman who passed away last week and whose funeral service will be held on 20.07.10. The Obituary in The Courier Mail was read to the gathering-a very impressive life.

**President Bas Veal** welcomed Rotarians Barry Schmidt (Montreal Club), Ben Warren (Brisbane Mid City), and Denise Schellbach (Brisbane Planetarium). And 22 members.

Bas has been elected as preventative to the City Hall Reconstruction Fund Raising Sub-Committee.

On 19th August, The International President of Rotary will be in Queensland and a dinner will be held at Kallungur. All invited.

### Spots:

**Rotarian Denise** introduced the 24th Annual Business Lunch and Auction (RC Brisbane Planetarium) to be held at The Sebel & Citigate Hotel on 29 October, with Salvation Army as Major Beneficiary and Ewen McKenzie (Head Coach Queensland Reds) as guest speaker.

Special Dates: 19 August: President of Rotary International Dinner at Kallungur.

PR Director Mario Pennisi spoke of the Heart of Brisbane Dinner and the approach by The Fund Raising Committee of the City Hall Restoration Committee to assist the event. Date will be finalised this week. A list of items required for auctions and raffles has been produced and we are now seeking member's involvement to locate them.

### Did You Know about RCOB?

*(with thanks to PP Brian Carrs)*

The establishment of the Rotary Club of Brisbane moved very rapidly beginning with an initial meeting of 13 citizens in late November 1922, followed by a second meeting in February of 1923 at which it was resolved to form the Rotary Club of Brisbane with 16 charter members. The first weekly meetings were held in the rooms of Allan & Starks Ltd, Queen Street. On May 29th 1923, the Club was granted its charter being number 1489.

## 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.

It did not take our Club long to involve ladies in its activities in that it held its first Ladies Night on the 5th June on which occasion the meeting was addressed by a Miss Bedford who talked about the work of the Crèche & Kindergarten Association. The club donated 55 pounds to the Crèche & Kindergarten Association to buy Christmas presents for the children. This was the club's first donation for any Community Service project.

During the year 1925/26 the first Sergeant-at-Arms, Ernie Isaacs, was appointed and a system of fines implemented. Ernie was given a specially designed silver mounted baton with which to carry out his duties.

The club grew in size rapidly so that at the end of 1927 it had 81 members and in fact by the end of the following year it membership was 101.

1929 year was a vintage year in the Club in that 1100 pounds were raised for the purpose of launching the Crippled Children's Society. This foreshadowed the commencement of the Queensland Society for Crippled Children and its Montrose Home, a charity that we continue to support today.

The Club continued to support the Crippled Children through such projects as funding for a Christmas Sea-side camp for under-privileged boys and the collection of books for the Bush Book Club and the Crèche & Kindergarten Association. The Club continued to support the Queensland Society for Crippled Children with generous financial support over the next few years.

Bill Jolly was elected President in 1933 and it was during this year that radio station 4BC made arrangements to broadcast the Club's Luncheon Addresses, which continued for a number of years.

1934 also proved to be a landmark in our history in that the Brisbane Club was the first club in Australia to have a visit from the illustrious Rotary Founder, Paul Harris and Mrs Harris. The Lord Mayor accorded Paul Harris a civil reception. It was during this year that the Club held its first ball on the 19th September, a function that was attended by the Governor Sir Leslie Wilson. The proceeds of this event also went to the Crèche & Kindergarten Association.

In the following year under the presidency of Stanley Wilmott that the idea of dividing the club into groups came into existence as its membership now exceeded 129. This move was seen as a great success in increasing fellowship among members and of course, the group organisation continues to today.

The 1935 year was a very busy one for the club in that it gave financial support to Christmas Sea-side camp for under-privileged boys; the YWCA Girls' Camp and contributed toys and helped in their distribution to the Crèche & Kindergarten children.

In addition to all of this the second Rotary Ball was held and the proceeds from this event were donated to the building of a curative pool at the Montrose Home. Membership at the end of the year was 134 and so ended the first decade and a half on this very busy note.

## Calendar

**26 July:**  
Rotary Speaker

**2 August:**  
Eric Wood-District Governor,  
District 9600 in 2010-11

**9 August:**  
Keynote Speaker

**16 August:**  
Fellowship & Directors Reports

## Roster

### 26 July 2010

<b>President</b>	B Veal
<b>Chairperson</b>	K Watts
<b>Set Up</b>	L Stalley
<b>Put Away</b>	J Worrell
<b>Raffle</b>	R Scanlon
<b>Visitor Register</b>	J Delahunty
<b>Fellowship</b>	J Monaghan
<b>Attendance</b>	B Esler G Whitmore

### 2 August 2010

<b>President</b>	B Veal
<b>Chairperson</b>	C Morman
<b>Set Up</b>	P Little
<b>Put Away</b>	G Sellers
<b>Raffle</b>	M Stephens
<b>Visitor Register</b>	K Jenkins
<b>Fellowship</b>	W Bishop
<b>Attendance</b>	B Esler G Whitmore

## Date Claimers

**2 August:**  
Eric Wood, District Governor  
District 9600 in 2010-11

**19 August:**  
President of Rotary International  
Dinner at Kallungur.

**29th October:**  
24th Annual Business Lunch and  
Auction (RC Brisbane Planetarium)

**28th October:**  
Heart of Business Dinner

Please forward any dates or articles of interest that you would like to see included in future Bulletins to the Club Secretary at  
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