



26 October 2009



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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Meets 4th Floor
(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
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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 received a report from Brian Springer and the Shelterbox Team and earlier I had received the same report from our DG. The first read was euphoric in the amount of assistance Rotary was able to give and in the numerous places it was given.

The second read was one of caution. Whereas all the places where aid was given were more than deserving of it, it is always important that the governments of those that require the aid do all that they can do in the first instance and that organisations such as Rotary assist to fill any gaps that those nations might have. I feel that it is important that the scarce resources of Rotary are not seen as a substitute or first call response every time there is a disaster and that those nations do their utmost and not just wait for Rotary to do the job. In short, it is important that the response is measured and not just a knee jerk reaction.

This week there is an invitation from The Rotary Club of South Brisbane to attend their 70th Anniversary Celebration. They were the second club in Brisbane sponsored by ourselves, so if you have the time please come along. The details are on the web.

Meanwhile back on our front, Elizabeth Grace's talk on Computers4Kids was well received and this week we have Captain Bryce Davies of the Salvation Army who will talk about their new Streetlevel Mission based in the Valley. This talk replaces the advertise member talk from Rod Walters who sadly will be leaving us for a new assignment further North.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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 26 October 2009

**Captain Bryce Davies,
Salvation Army**

will discuss, "The Salvation
Army's new Street level Mission
based in the Valley".



Meeting Review 19th October 2009

President Mike opened the meeting – one of our stand up affairs – to a gathering of 29 members and guests (Richard Langford Guest of Wal Bishop and Club Guest Elizabeth Grace of Nundah Club). President Mike was a little concerned that Rotary is being seen as the first port of call for natural disasters around the world and he queried whether this was our calling.

Rotarian John Smerdon (Chairman) introduced our District 9600 (?) presenter. The presentation on "Computers for Kids" was very well received.

The programme was designed and conducted through the registered Rotary Club of Nundah Computers 4 Kids Inc - a non-profit organisation (C4K).

The project refurbishes ex Government and Corporate PCs for distribution to disadvantaged students of any age.

C4K has been a Microsoft Approved Refurbisher since 2004. It receives donations of computers and monitors from various organisations and individuals by truck, cars etc, or picked up by volunteers.

Tracking software developed by one of C4K volunteers provides cradle to grave accountability for all donations.

All donations are tested by our team of volunteers. Sometimes the computers need to be repaired and/or refurbished. It is amazing how dust can find its way into nooks and crannies.

In many instances it is necessary to scavenge parts from multiple machines, in order to assemble a single functioning computer. In other instances we essentially start from scratch and build a new computer from salvaged components.

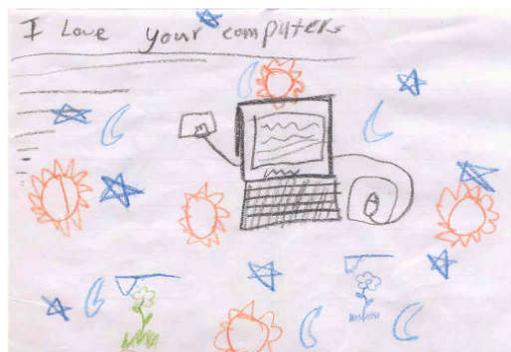
Sometimes machines are simply beyond repair... ..but we salvage everything we possibly can and everything that is not salvageable is taken off to be recycled.

For privacy reasons, all hard disks are wiped, making any personal data unrecoverable. Problematic drives may require the use of the "advanced data overwrite tool" which can take many hours.

Our volunteers put the computers through our 33 point quality assurance checklist and sometimes ironing the kinks out of single computer can take hours.

Finally, the finished computers are placed on the shelf, to await a good home.

Why do they do it? For the letters they receive!



Phil Little drew the Ace Spades. Awwww! Such bad luck.

THE ROTARY MEMBERS' PARTNERS

Rotary International encourages the formation of auxiliaries for the partners of Rotarians which:

- Sustain regular liaison with the Club;
- Support the Clubs social and service activities; and
- May conduct activities complimentary to the Club.

CALENDAR

Programme for next four weeks

- 2nd November:** John Cotter, president AgForce, Queensland
9th November: Fellowship and Director's Reports
16th November: Brent Torrance, District 9600, Rotary Friendship Exchange
23rd November: Tony Love, Queensland Aged Care Facilities Crises.

ROSTER

Monday 26 October 2009

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	C Morman
Set Up	J Smerdon
Put Away	R Barnwall
Raffle	C Shepherd
Visitor Register	J Burton
Fellowship	M Winders
Attendance	B Esler
	G Whitmore

Monday 2 November 2009

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	J Worrell
Set Up	R Tamaschke
Put Away	A Smith
Raffle	P Dawson
Visitor Register	G Cause
Fellowship	W Bishop
Attendance	B Esler
	G Whitmore

DATECLAIMER

23 November 2009

The Rotary Club of South Brisbane celebrates its 70th Anniversary with a dinner at Old South Brisbane Town Hall then at the Ship Inn. See the attached [invitation](#) and [booking form](#).

2010 District Conference

When: 26th March 2010
Where: Pelican Waters

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?