



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

30 May 2011



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Meets 4th Floor
(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
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Brisbane

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
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor
Chris Wood

Rotary International President
Ray Klinginsmith

President's Message

Good afternoon fellow Rotarians and guests

Today we are having a Special General Meeting to approve the submission of an audited statement to the Department of Fair Trading. Thanks to **Rotarian Dougal Henderson** and **Secretary Bob Aldred** for their efforts. I would like to see as many members present to approve the audited statement.

Our change-over dinner is on 6 July 2011 at The Brisbane Club. **Rotarian Mario Pennisi** has this in hand and I hope to see a good attendance of wives, partners and guests to welcome **President-Elect Alistair Smith** to the President's chair. Please advise Mario of your attendance.

Rotarians Phil Little, Patrick Caragata and Rick Tamaschke are working on the Honorary Membership Support project to give help to past members, if required.

I had an interesting email with an article prepared by the Chairman of the Rotary Health Foundation, **Noel Trevaskis**. I will list below a few of his statements for discussion.

- 'Where are the men?' We speak about declining membership and the necessity of attracting younger members and female members. There are a number of men out there who have never been asked to join Rotary. Men between ages 50-69 are the best bracket to target for membership. Why? Because they are successful in business, financially stable and their children have finished school. They are at a time in life where they have time to become involved in other activities.
- The Club Board should meet and identify and go through all businesses and professions in their area who are not represented in their Club and invite them to a special invitation lunch.
- Show your passion for Rotary and invite community leaders to the Rotary lunches.
- Use social media such as Facebook to spread the word of your Rotary Club.

During the week I met with **Ms Michelle Lagana**, now assisting **Mr Geoff Rogers** with the City Hall Restoration project. Mario and I have a further meeting with Michelle on Thursday, 3 June to discuss the ongoing association with the Rotary Clubs in the CBD, originally suggested by the Governor during her visit to the Club last year. I will report the result of the meeting to the next cluster meeting and our own Club at the next Rotary luncheon.

President Bas

WHAT'S ON?
30th May

Speaker:
Celia Grenning
KYEEMA Foundation



the heart of business
GALA DINNER

15 September 2011

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 23 May 2011

The Meeting was opened by **Rotarian Chris Muir** with Rotary Grace and the toasts to the Queen and Rotary International.

President Bas Veal

- The wife of **District Governor Eric Wood** is ill. **Secretary Bob Aldred** has sent a letter of good wishes for a speedy recovery.
- At the Board Meeting last Monday it was decided to conduct an AGM to receive the Audited Accounts for 2007/2008 Monday 30th May.
- We were not involved in the Mad Hatters Day in the Mall last Friday.
- The District Changeover dinner is on 2nd July.
- The changeover Dinner for the Rotary Club of Brisbane is on 6th July at 6.00pm.
- President Bas then reviewed progress on the list of suggestions .to improve the Club made by members late in 2010.
 1. Have a visitor's day – invite top speakers. *Done*
 2. Encourage new members. In action – *5 new members this year.*
 3. Hold debates on topical subjects eg wild rivers. *Being organised.*
 4. Sing Australian Anthem once per year (29 January). *Not implemented.*
 5. Benefit fund should consider setting up a maturing grant scheme whereby the fund matches donations up to a limit made by Club members to eligible charities. *No action.*
 6. Report attendance of active members only. Do not count those who are exempt but attend the meetings – this should give a true picture of the health of the Club. *In action.*
 7. Scrap the printed version of the Bulletin – only about two members do not have email addresses and one cannot attend for health reasons. The cost of printing the bulletin is about \$186 per month. *Done.*
 8. It is about time we had a Club assembly so that we could talk about issues affecting the Club. *Done.*
 9. We have not had an AGM for four years, more than likely because we have four incomplete audits. *AGM's being organised.*

10. The weekly Rotary format needs to be changed so that we have fewer fellowship and Rotary days and more informative speakers. *Format retained for now.*
11. Need to address the cost of lunches – what we have at present is not value for money. *This has been found to be about normal for lunches in the CBD.*
12. Meetings should run strictly to time – 12.45pm to 1.45pm. *Improving*
13. All suggestions received today should be compiled into a single list and circulated to all members for comment. *Done.*
14. Need to get next President in place by January 1. *Done.*
15. Every member to be on a circulation committee list and call for volunteer, then nominate. *Done.*
16. Project for next year to be ready for announcement at change-over with a project committee (perhaps use a few nominated guys to find a project). *Being organised.*
17. Each month has a Rotary International nomination eg, Rotary Foundation month, occasional service month etc.
18. In each of four avenues of service, the committee to nominate and work on that avenue in the name of RCOB, not necessarily use money, but perhaps support eg, RSPCA needs help, Salvos, Lifeline.
19. I did get a flood of stuff from RI or District in lead up to presidential year – does that still happen? We have some good guys who are coming forward wanting to and doing things. *Working well.*

- **Ms Michelle Lagano** is the new City Hall Restoration contact.

SPOTS

- The Chairman commented on the beautiful lunch.
- **Rotarian Phil Little** gave an update on the Fellowship Committee.
- **Past President (PP) Wal Bishop** reported that a number of the

Calendar

30 May:
Celia Grenning
KYEEMA Foundation

6 June:
Fellowship

20 June:
Mary Ann Pattison: Education for a Sustainable 21st Century

27 June:
Prof Gerald Holtmann, MD, PhD, MBA, FRACP, FRCP, Director of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Princess Alexandra Hospital,
Headache in the Belly

Date Claimers

July 2
District Changeover Dinner

July 6, 2011
Changeover Dinner

September 15, 2011
Heart of Business Gala Dinner
Sofitel

October 19, 2011
RCOB Pride of Workmanship Awards

Roster

30 May 2011

President	B Veal
Chairman	M Kelly
Set Up/Away	P Gresham
Raffle	K Hamburger
Visitor Register	M Winders
Attendance	B Esler G Whitmore

6 June 2011

President	B Veal
Chairman	M Kelly
Set Up/Away	G Cause
Raffle	G Sellers
Visitor Register	A Smith
Attendance	B Esler G Whitmore

13 June 2011
NO MEETING

20 June 2011

President	B Veal
Chairman	G Burnett
Set Up/Away	H Milne
Raffle	L Spano
Visitor Register	H Monaghan
Attendance	B Esler G Whitmore

27 June 2011

President	B Veal
Chairman	J Delahunty
Set Up/Away	J Smerdon
Raffle	J Worrell
Visitor Register	K Watts
Attendance	B Esler G Whitmore

Please forward any dates or articles of interest that you would like to see included in future Bulletins to the Bulletin Editor at
rotary@worldconferencesystems.com

\$50.00 prizes from the Ring raffle are not being claimed. He suggested that those not claimed by 30th June, be retained by the Club.

- He asked whether we wanted to continue with the Brisbane Youth Service Scholarships.
- **Rotarian Greg Burnett** reported on the Pride of Workmanship Awards to be made in October this year at a Gala Dinner.

The Chairman introduced **Rotarian Gerard Holtman** to deliver his "Man Behind the Badge"

Born in 1960 in Essen, Germany in the Ruhr Valley which is the heartland of manufacturing in Germany and the home of Aldi.

He was educated as a doctor in Essen.

Attracted to Research in Gastroenterology at the University Hospital of Essen. Is now an expert in neuro-Gastroenterology. There is good evidence that there is a neurological reason for some gastro problems.

8 years ago decided to move to McMaster University for Research but got side-tracked into a visit to Adelaide when the Lufthansa Flight he was on was delayed and he met John Dent. He moved to Adelaide in 2003.

In Adelaide the lack of responsibility and accountability of medical personnel was not acceptable.

The University of Essen asked him to return and assist with improving their governance. It was to be trail for 6-months but he stayed for three years. His budget was 1 B Euro.

In May 2010 a new Director of Research was required in Brisbane. Challenges here are similar to those elsewhere.

He was member of the Rotary Club of Essen. There are major differences in how the Essen Club and the RCOB operate.

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.

Sergeant Cam Bishop

The meal was great so we had to pay dearly for the privilege with fines galore (and no jokes).

Rotarian Stan Francis won the raffle.

21 members attended.

CHANGE -

OVER

DINNER

WEDNESDAY

6TH JULY.

DIARISE/BOOK

NOW