



31 August 2009



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

PO Box 687
Kenmore Qld 4069

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

It was interesting listening to Tony Freeman last week on Vision, a version of a strategic planning format designed for Rotary clubs worldwide. It encapsulates the planning process including some brainstorming to get members to forward plan their clubs for the next five years.

It was interesting because we in the RCoB have been doing this for a number of years and in fact most of our successful projects have resulted from such planning. However, it was also a wake up call to remind us not to rest on our laurels but to look forward to new projects and activities that will engage both new and existing members alike. A number of members have said that they would like more hands-on projects but have yet to articulate them to the Board and Membership. As the motto says 'the future of Rotary is in your hands' – tell the Club about your idea for a project and you might be surprised at the interest and enthusiasm that follows.

Meanwhile, this week sees Mario Pennisi giving the second of our Member talks. And just to remind you, there are still gaps in this year's programme.

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 31 2009

Mario Pennisi FAOQ

A Quality Organisation



Meeting Review 24th August 2009

Chairman for the day, Jim Worrall opened the meeting with Grace and the two toasts

President Mike welcomed Tony Freeman from District 9600, our Rotarian guests included Chris Mulenga from Lusaka-Maluba Real Estate.

Rotarian Phil Little brought Graham Elwood and our Group Study Exchange applicant Shannon Newman also joined the meeting. Shannon is a QUT graduate who works for the Federal Government in the Oz Industry agency. She wants to join the Finnish expedition so she can network and learn international techniques.

President Mike Mauger said he removed charities speaking from the calendar but that if Rotarians wanted any to come to meetings, they could get them in through their member spot.

Spots

PP Keith Watts is selling cases of Shiraz for \$180 pick-up or \$190 delivery. So far there's been orders for 13, but there are 130 available and it not only tastes good, but it's money for the club. Click here for Order Form.

Mario Pennisi (PR Director). The Rotary Club of Brisbane now has a fabulous brochure to entice potential members to join. Rotarians should not leave the meeting without at least 6 copies to hand out. There is also a 2009-2010 member list for those who still do not have one.

Guest Speaker

Tony Freeman of District 9600 made a presentation on Vision Planning. Vision Planning is an exercise which involves members of all levels within a club to project where they want the club to be in five (5) years.

For any Club (or business) to succeed and continue to succeed, they need to vision and picture of where they are headed in order to create a plan. The Vision process helps to create that picture and Vision to facilitate a club moving forward with continuity, consensus and consistency.

A great example of the need for a vision: Rev John Flynn had a great vision of medical teams flying to all parts of the outback to assist the sick and injured. For that vision to succeed, it needed to be developed into a workable plan – and so was born the Royal Fling Doctor Service, as we know it today.

Vision Planning creates the picture of the future for the club. With support of nominated team members, action plans are developed to turn the vision into a series of plans and activities to ensure its success.

The Vision Planning programme has been running 8 years in the USA and was introduced to Australia and New Zealand in 2008 with the training of 120 Facilitators, 6 within our District. The programme takes a Club through a 4-hour workshop which includes a session to encourage dynamic thinking to take the club forward five years and identify the achievements and membership in the year 2014.

From a hands-on writing exercise to identify the club activities, membership and position in the community, all members vote on the extracted outcomes. From the chosen outcomes, the facilitators put words around your club of the future and create a Vision statement.

The process involves a couple of questionnaires sent to the club and members to gain feedback for the facilitators of the clubs current position, size and structure. The workshop is organised by the club and the Vision team arrive as facilitators to lead and assist the club through the workshop. Following the writing exercise, the facilitators extract the members' thoughts and then invite the members to vote on the suggestions. It's been proven that a second round of voting finetunes the concepts to be chosen for development. The voting outcome helps to create a Vision Statement of the future profile of the club.

Towards the end of the workshop, an action plan outline is developed to ensure the vision can be adopted.

From the clubs that have gone through this process over 90% have seen significant growth in membership – and of course the new members in bring more manpower to even the workload for all.

The Vision Planning exercise works for all types of clubs – from city clubs where members come from diverse and scattered residential areas to small community clubs where all members both live and work together.

Vision Planning helps your club identify where it would like to be seen in 5 years time and gives you the plan and structure to assure the vision is successful.

Sergeant at Arms Cam Bishop extracted good return with only 5 minutes at his disposal. He thanked Tony for his presentation.

The Raffle was won by Jim Worrall and drew 8 Spades.

CALENDAR

**Rotary Club of Brisbane
Partners Luncheon
7 September 2009**

Venue: The Brisbane Polo Club
[Library]
Naldam House
1 Eagle Street Brisbane

Monday 7th September 2009
12.15pm for 12.30pm

Cost: \$40.00

Please reply by: **Thursday 3rd
September 2009**

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2010 District Conference

When:

26th March 2010

Where:

Pelican Waters

ROSTER

Monday 31 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

Monday 7 September 2009

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	J Puttick
Set Up	M Evans
Put Away	P Little
Raffle	R Walters
Visitor Register	G Cause
Fellowship	K Jenkins
Attendance	B Esler
	G Whitmore

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?

DATECLAIMER

**September 13:
Riverfest Goodwill Bridge
Sizzle**

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secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au