



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

6 September 2010



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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

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| President | Bas Veal |
| President Elect | |
| Imm Past President | Michael Mauger |
| Secretary | Darren Philips |
| Treasurer | Dougal Henderson |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Cameron Bishop |

District 9600
Club Number 17787
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District Governor
Chris Wood

Rotary International President
Ray Klingensmith

President's Message

Hello fellow Rotarians and Guests

Yesterday morning I attended a cluster meeting with Assistant District Governor Peter Sullivan and Presidents of the inner city clubs including Fortitude Valley and Albion. One of the other clubs is following up the need of the Valley Pastor in relation to a four wheel drive vehicle to tow their medical trailer in the valley on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights when fighting and drunkenness in the streets is at its peak. The pastor has given an invitation for any Rotarians to accompany their rounds on one of those nights.

On Saturday I will be attending a field day being held at the Canine Helpers training ground at Pine Shire. Our sponsorship has ceased but they are doing a good job and we should keep involved.

Last week was a good attendance day with twenty six members and two guests . It was good to see Dr Patrick again at the meeting. I firmly believe that with at least fifty six members we can average thirty on meeting days.

Our next board meeting will be held immediately after Rotary on 13 September at 1.45 pm at the Brisbane Club. It is interesting to note that some of the other clubs are also having board meetings after their luncheon meetings.

In relation to the City Heart Dinner Mario is continuing to do an excellent job and planning is well advanced. Because of changed policy at the City Council the dinner will now not be held until March 2010. Possibly a good change seeing that the previous dinner was only two days after another Rotary lunch and we would have been in competition.

Fellows keep up the good work turn up when rostered and luncheons.

President Bas



SPEAKER
6th September

Joe Beath
*Australian Electoral
Commission
Election Talk*



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 30th August 2010

The meeting was opened by Chairman for the Day Rotarian Michael Stephens with Rotary Grace and toasts to the Queen and Rotary International.

President Bas Veal

- Welcomed members, visiting Rotarian Ben Warren (Mid City) and guest Patrick Caragata.
- The Welcome Song that we used to sing when a new member was inducted has been located and will be sung with gusto at future inductions.
- Invitations have been sent out by International House for their celebratory breakfast on 10th September at Rydges. Rotary Club of Brisbane was a strong supporter for the establishment of the House.
- The Goodwill Bridge sizzle is not happening in 2010.
- On 4th September the Canine Helpers will introduce their newly trained dogs at a day out.

Spots

- **Past President Keith Watts** reminded the meeting that labelling of the latest batch of wine would take place at Wal's Shed on 3rd September at 7.00pm.
- Past Rotarian Mat Darvenzia and PDG Stan Francis are both in hospital.

Following lunch Chairman Michael introduced Hannes Monaghan our Club Speaker for the day.

I joined Rotary because of its outstanding reputation as an organisation that gives generously and effectively to society. From a personal perspective, I have not had any major involvement in a charity organisation previously, but I have always been conscious of the fact that I live in a country where opportunities are virtually limitless. Globally, there are hundreds of millions of people that have never experienced the basic freedoms that we take for granted every day, and I believe Rotary contributes to good things happening in societies and communities across the planet. I am looking forward to being part of that contribution.

Following stints working in Sydney and the University of New England (Armidale) Johannes moved to Brisbane and Suncorp Insurance in 2007. He now barracks for the Reds, but cannot help himself and stays with the Blues.

Insurance is a form of risk management primarily used to hedge against the risk of uncertain loss. It is defined as the equitable transfer of the risk of a loss, from one entity to another, in exchange for payment. It's origins go close to outdating some of our more senior members, to 1750 BC when the concept of insurance was employed by Babylonian traders. If a merchant received a loan to fund his shipment, he would pay the lender an additional sum in exchange for the lender's guarantee to cancel the loan should the shipment be stolen.

ROTARY GRACE

○ 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.

The Greeks and Romans introduced the origins of health and life insurance c. 600 BCE when they created guilds called "benevolent societies" which cared for the families of deceased members, as well as paying funeral expenses of members. Guilds in the Middle Ages served a similar purpose. Before formal insurance was established in the late 17th century, "friendly societies" existed in England, in which people donated amounts of money to a general sum that could be used for emergencies.

Insurance as we know it today can be traced to the Great Fire of London, which in 1666 devoured 13,200 houses. In the aftermath of this disaster, Nicholas Barbon opened an office to insure buildings. In 1680, he established England's first fire insurance company, "The Fire Office," to insure brick and frame homes.

Insurers make money in two ways:

1. Through underwriting, the process by which insurers select the risks to insure and decide how much in premiums to charge for accepting those risks;
2. By investing the premiums they collect from insured parties.

Some of the more extraordinary items insurance companies have underwritten:

- British wine taster Angela Mount insured her sense of taste, which included a combination of her taste buds and nose, for roughly \$19.8 million. The annual premium was equal to more than \$39,000.
- The UFO Abduction Insurance Company will insure you for \$US10 million for medical, psychiatric and "sarcasm" costs arising from alien abduction. Simply complete the "Proof of abduction and return" form. But, be warned, they pay out at only \$1 a year.
- International insurer Hiscox will insure you against any calamity arising from a more conventional attempt at space travel.
- Other items said to have been insured in the past include Merv Hughes's Moustache and Tom Jones's chest hair

I am currently working in the Fraud Investigations area of Suncorp. My team reviews and investigates high risk motor claims and policies. The work is interesting and also challenging as we deal with some clients whose moral grounding may be a little different to most people. A recent former client of Suncorp who staged a 2 vehicle accident had the whole incident caught on CCTV. The footage showed the target vehicle being parked then exited by the driver, a few seconds later another vehicle t bones the stationary vehicle then reverses and t bones it a 2nd and 3rd time. When this evidence was put to the insured his solicitor alleged that Suncorp had performed this act whilst we were assessing the vehicle in order to avoid payment. Some of my insured's may lack some common sense they certainly make up for it with a vivid imagination.

Michael thanked Hannes and introduced **Honorary Sergeant Tony Love**, who did his thing well.

The raffle was first won by **Past President Wal Bishop** who suggested a re-draw as he had won the raffle last week. **Past President Mike Kelly's** ticket was then drawn and he drew the King of Spades.

26 members and 2 guests attended.

Calendar

6 September:

Keynote Presenter
Joe Beath, Australian Electoral Commission on "Election Talk"

13 September:

Fellowship

20 September:

Rotary District 9600 Speaker

27 September:

Darren Phillips
Member Job Talk

Roster

6 September 2010

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| President | B Veal |
| Chairman | P Dawson |
| Set Up | J Burton |
| Put Away | D Phillips |
| Raffle | L Robinson |
| Visitor Register | P Little |
| Fellowship | B Aldred |
| Attendance | B Esler G Whitmore |

13 September 2010

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| President | B Veal |
| Chairperson | W Bishop |
| Set Up | C Morman |
| Put Away | R Scanlan |
| Raffle | S Dunlop |
| Visitor Register | G Cause |
| Fellowship | M Evans |
| Attendance | B Esler G Whitmore |

Date Claimers

1st September

Canine Helpers event

10th September:

International House
Celebratory Breakfast
Rydges Southbank

29th October:

24th Annual Business Lunch
and Auction
(RC Brisbane Planetarium)

March 2011:

Heart of Business Dinner

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