



20 March 2006

TODAYS SPEAKER

Phil Gresham

"The digital revolution
in photography"



SERVICE Above Self

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Meets 4th Floor
(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
241 Adelaide Street
Qld 4003, Australia

MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

District 9600
Club Number 17787
Founded 29 May 1923
ABN 75 152 438 149

President's Message

On Thursday last I was invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club of Brisbane City. Rotary International describes Probus this way.

"Probus clubs serve a growing population of retired leaders. They have no formal ties to Rotary International and little name recognition in big swaths of the Rotary world. But Probus clubs comprise the fastest-growing Rotary club-sponsored organization today, attracting a burgeoning population of retired and semi-retired business and professional people."

Probus is an organization first created by an English Rotary club specifically for active retirees to allow retired professional and business people to continue to meet together for fellowship. In 1974, Probus expanded into New Zealand and by 1976 the idea had spread to Australia. Although Probus membership has its greatest concentrations in Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand, clubs today exist in all parts of the world, including the US, Belgium, India, South Africa and several other countries in Africa and Asia.

Probus clubs are not service organisations and are non-sectarian and non-political, although members are largely active volunteers in many community organizations. Clubs are formed to provide social events and schedule speakers to keep members up to date with community issues and happenings. Probus clubs pride



themselves on their independence and freedom from the responsibilities of a service club. The structure of the clubs is simple, and members are not required to attend a minimum number of meetings. Probus clubs have no central governing body but Probus centres or associations have been established internationally by country to disseminate information and assist clubs.

There are now 1769 Probus clubs in Australia with 14,348 members. Queensland has 197 clubs, 155 of which are affiliated with the Probus Association of Queensland. The ongoing growth of this organisation is enviable with many clubs having waiting lists for those wishing to join.



President Bill with Probus President Norma Swartz and Probus Assoc. Qld IPP Fred Scott



Presidents Message continued

The Probus Club of Brisbane City currently has more than 60 members who form a very active group. Our club sponsored the formation of this club in 1992 and it was gratifying to witness the vitality and optimism of this group of seniors who have thrived as an association for the past fourteen years. On behalf of our members, I offered our best wishes for their continued well being.

Last week we received the first report from our current Youth Exchange 'Outbounder' Kate Condon. Kate has safely arrived and settled in for her year in Denmark. We have included abridged version of her first report in the following pages. It describes the beginning of what is bound to be a very exciting and memorable year for Kate.

Bill

Did you know??

- ❖ *Ants stretch when they wake up. They also appear to yawn in a very human manner before taking up the tasks of the day!*
- ❖ *A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continually from the bottom of the glass to the top.*
- ❖ *Mosquitoes are attracted to the colour blue twice as much as to any other color.*

Induction of Wayne Maxwell

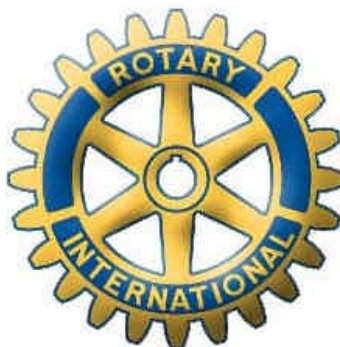


Director David Cain, Wayne Maxwell, and Pres. Bill

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Major Wayne Maxell was inducted into membership of our Club on the 13 March 2006. He has been given the classification of Churches.

Wayne is the Commander of the South Eastern Queensland Division of the Salvation Army. He is an experienced Rotarian having been a member of three previous clubs, MacLean NSW, Unanderra NSW, and Townsville, QLD.

Wayne is married to Robyn and they have four children. Wayne will be joining the Community Service directorate and we look forward to the benefits of his significant experience and his expertise in this area of service.



NOTICES

District Conference

Assistance Needed!

Secretary Des Knight will be circulating a sheet seeking volunteers to man our display.

Those who have registered for the conference should be able to fit in a couple of hours in this role. Others are needed to assist in the setup of the display from **11am to 2pm Friday**

Keith Watts and David Cain will be there selling wine and raffle tickets and will also need assistance.

RCOB Wine Offer 2006



A premium shiraz is on offer for only **\$160** per case including delivery. Proceeds go to the Club's community and international projects.

Please contact **Keith Watts** for orders.



Kate Condon's Boulder Report – Abridged

Life, on the other side of the world, really is different! After saying goodbye to family and friends at the Brisbane Airport, I stepped onto the plane along with fifty other Australian Rotary Exchange Students in our new, clean, green blazers. Our destination: Copenhagen, Denmark. We arrived early on 21 January 2006. The temperature was -10⁰c. and snowing! The freezing air was a shock after leaving the thirty-five degree heat at Brisbane airport. My first impression of Denmark: cold!

After a warm greeting from my counsellor Lene at the airport, it was straight to my new home for breakfast and some sleep! I stayed with Lene, and her husband Henrik for a month while my first host family was on holidays in Vietnam. They introduced me to "wonderful Copenhagen" with a driving tour. Copenhagen really is beautiful! Alongside the man-made rivers are lots of colourfully painted houses side by side. Wooden boats are tied together and surrounded by



Kate and her first impression of Denmark - cold!

frozen water. It looks truly magnificent in the snow. At the beginning of March I moved house to my official first host family, where I will be until after the Rotary Euro Bus Tour in June. I feel very spoiled – my current host family has given me my own computer in my room and my counsellor has given me a bike for the year. Almost everyone here rides a bike as everything is so much closer and the public transport system is better in that it is more frequent and more flexible.

Initially, learning the language was definitely the biggest challenge. When I first arrived I had a two week intensive language course with ten other exchange students now living in the Copenhagen area (3 Brazilians, 1 Argentinean, 1 New Zealand Kiwi and 6 Australians.)

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Kate and her Australian Rotary Exchange members complete with green blazers.

CALENDAR

District Conference

31 March – 2 April

Group Study Exchange from Taiwan visit to our Club

As you may be aware the *Group Study Exchange Team* from **D3490 Taiwan** will be in our district from

10 March until **8 April 2006**.

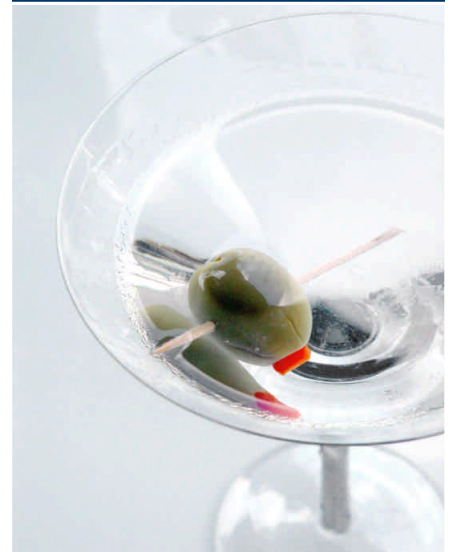
The team is scheduled to present at our club during their exchange to our district.

3 April - Lunch

Rotary Club of Brisbane

ANZAC Cocktail Party

24 April





Kate Condon's Abound Report continued

Similar to the Rotary Youth Exchange program in Australia, Rotary Denmark has lots of get-togethers and trips planned for all of the exchange students. One of the Rotary organised events in week four was a trip to the city of Odense, the main city on the island of Fyn, the middle island in Denmark. Seventy of us spent a week in a beautiful hostel close to the city's centre. During the day we visited tourist sites. The nights were full of fun and games, dancing and partying. On the weekend of March 3 to 5, all 120 exchange students attended a Get-together Weekend organised by Rotex from District 1470. The highlight was the Gala Ball on Saturday night. It was a very formal occasion and everyone looked stunning.

On weekdays I attend Virum Gymnasium which is in the same area that I live, fifteen minutes north of Copenhagen city. The school has seven hundred students over three grades. I attend the second grade with both boys and girls from the age of seventeen to nineteen. They do not have fixed times like the Australian school days from 9am to 3pm. The whole concept of schooling in Denmark is a completely new one to me. There is much more pressure on the students to motivate themselves to want to do the work. My class mates are really nice which makes me feel so welcome and comfortable in my new environment. From March 12 to 19 I will attend a class trip to Athens! I am very excited, as

not only will it be an adventure in a new country for me, but it will be an excellent way for me to get to know my class!

My host club, the Dyrehaven Rotary Club is a relatively new club, has around forty members, with approximately equal proportion of male and females. They usually begin their meetings with a song, and on the occasion of my presentation they began by singing Waltzing Matilda. This, along with their continual encouragement and kindness has made me feel very welcome and I feel extremely well prepared (for my time here). When I look back on all those trials and tests that Rotary put us through back home, I am so glad that they did. I think the students that left District 9600 in Queensland were the most well prepared group of all, and for that I know we will always be extremely grateful. I've done so much already and it's only been eight weeks!!! Busy, busy, busy... but enjoying every moment!

I'm excited that the weather is getting warmer now! By that I mean it's usually above zero degrees during the day instead of below it! Although the snow outside my bedroom window is very pretty, I am starting to dislike the cold air. I am waiting for Spring!

Kate Condon



Kate and her new found friends

CALENDAR

Antique Fair

11- 14 May

Proceeds to go towards improving the facilities at the Salvation Army Homeless Women's Service in Spring Hill.

Please contact **David Cain** to volunteer your time.

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Walk for Safe Drinking Water

Wednesday 22 March

Rotarians are encouraged to help raise awareness

World Water Day, designated as Wednesday, 22 March this year, is an ideal time to raise awareness of a serious problem faced by more than 1 billion people (or 20 percent of the world's population): the lack of access to safe water for drinking. An easy way to bring attention to this critical issue is by participating in Walks for Water, which is held in conjunction with World Water Day.

Visit the website below for more information.

www.worldwaterday2006.org/



Wedded Bliss

You have two choices in life: You can stay single and be miserable, or get married and wish you were dead.

At the cocktail party, one woman said to another, "Aren't you wearing your wedding ring on the wrong finger?" The other woman replied, "Yes I am, I married the wrong man."

After a quarrel, a husband said to his wife, "You know, I was a fool when I married you" she replied, "Yes dear, but I was in love and didn't notice."

A lady inserted an ad in the classifieds: "Husband wanted." Next day she received a hundred letters. They all said the same thing: "You can have mine."

When a woman steals your husband, there is no better revenge than to let her keep him.

A woman was telling her friend, "It is I who made my husband a millionaire." "And what was he before you married him?" asked the friend. The woman replied, "A billionaire."

Marriage is the triumph of imagination over intelligence. A second marriage is the triumph of hope over experience.

First guy (proudly): "My wife's an angel!" Second guy: "You're lucky, mine's still alive."

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are beautiful.

Eleven people were hanging on a rope under a helicopter, ten men and one woman.

The rope was not strong enough to carry them all so they decided that one had to leave otherwise they were all going to fall. They weren't able to decide on that person, until the woman gave a very touching speech. She said that she would voluntarily let go of the rope, because, as a woman, she was used to giving up everything for her husband and kids or for men in general, and was used to always making sacrifices with little in return.

As soon as she finished her speech, all the men started clapping.



Saint John's wort.



It's from the credit card company. More rope to hang ourselves with.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Please submit all newsletter items to the Club Secretary via **email** by

FRIDAY PM

Articles are required in MS Word format only and **photos** as JPG or TIF files.

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UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

Let the Secretary know if your contact details have changed. Your details can be checked by visiting www.brisbanerotary.org.au and clicking on 'Membership' and entering your ID and password.



PHOTO GALLERY



Highlights from March 13 Meeting



Visiting Rotarians David Manttan, Rowena Arthur



Karissa Douglass, Graeme Ridler, and visitor Terry Ryan



Alan Johnstone and his visitor Gerry Whittaker



New 2006 2007 Board of Directors
Brian Carss (Sec.), Russell Mann, Mel Evans (PE),
Michael Stephens, Graeme Ridler (P), Michael Kelly
(VP), John Smerdon, Bill Cunningham (IPP), Tony Love
(Sarg.)



DUTY ROSTER

6 March	13 March	20 March	27 March
Chair person	Chair person	Chair person	Chair person
P Anderson	Wal Bishop	R Mann	J Delahunty
Set Up	Set Up	Set Up	Set Up
J Torrance	K Watts	M Stephens	J Smerdon
Put Away	Put Away	Put Away	Put Away
C Mormon	J Charlton	B Aldred	G Sellers
Raffle	Raffle	Raffle	Raffle
M Pennisi	D O'Donoghue	M Kelly	J Torrance
Visitor Register	Visitor Register	Visitor Register	Visitor Register
D Charlton	J Smerdon	P Ulrich	L Stalley
Fellowship	Fellowship	Fellowship	Fellowship
R Barnwell	D Cain	P Dawson	C Kerr
Attendance	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance
B Esler	B Esler	B Esler	B Esler
G Whitmore	G Whitmore	G Whitmore	G Whitmore
Speaker Review	Speaker Review	Speaker Review	Speaker Review
David Charlton	John Charlton	Bill Cunningham	Don O'Donoghue
Greg Sellars	Graeme Ridler	Mario Pennisi	Clarrie Manning

If you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty, please arrange a swap with another member. Please don't forget as your failure to turn up affects Club organization. If you are designated as the Chair and you will not be available, please advise the President. Members listed should **ARRIVE** by **NOON**.

MARCH

Birthdays	Anniversaries	Induction Date	
05 Ron Dixon	04 Peter & Lynn Anderson	02 Clarrie Manning OBE	1981
09 Peter Anderson	27 Ian & Joc Wilson	05 Bob Seaman	1979
16 Peter Ulrich	28 Stan & Pauline Francis	13 Bob Bland	1972
20 Marjorie Carss		13 Wayne Maxwell	
28 Graeme Ridler		15 D O'Donoghue	1982
		20 Graeme Ridler	2000
		24 Peter Tsikleas	1969
		25 Phil Little	2002

ATTENDANCE

6 March		13 March	
Members	38	Members	39 Includes Wayne Maxwell
Visiting Rotarians	1 Jan Stacruse (NT)	Visiting Rotarians	3 Rowena Arthur - Longreach David Manttan – Gladstone Midday Gerry Whittaker - Zimbabwe
Partners	0	Partners	0
Guests	0	Guests	1 Terry Ryan of Karissa Douglas
Club Guests	0	Club Guests	
TOTAL	39	TOTAL	43
Makeups	1 R Barnwell	Makeups	1 R Barnwell



ROTARY INFORMATION

OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
- SECOND** High ethical standards in business and professions. The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve the society.
- THIRD** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life.
- FOURTH** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

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?



NATIONAL ANTHEM

*Australians all let us rejoice
 For we are young and free
 We've golden soil and wealth for toil
 Our home is girt by sea
 Our land abounds in nature's gifts
 Of beauty rich and rare
 In history's page, let every stage
 Advance Australia Fair
 In joyful strains then let us sing
 Advance Australia Fair*

CLUB OFFICERS

CLUB DIRECTORS

President Bill Cunningham
President elect Graeme Ridler
Secretary PP Des Knight
Treasurer Marjorie Herrington
Imm. Past Pres Marjorie Carss

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Community Service David Cain
International Service Warren Hampton
Vocational Service Cheryl Kerr
Sergeant-at-Arms Tony Love

DISTRICT 9600 GOVERNOR

ROTARY

GRACE

Charles Guesdon

*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.*

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
 PRESIDENT**

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar