



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

MAKE DREAMS REAL

06 April 2009

President's Message

Dear Fellows,

Your board met this week and on their behalf I can report that the club remains in a strong financial position. The board has decided to make provision for some committed expenditure and look then for some future projects towards the end of this Rotary year if possible. We of course hope to hand over to President elect Mike and his team in a financially confident manner.

On the 14th April 2009 at Kobe Japan I will attend on your behalf the 55th Anniversary celebrations for our new sister club the Rotary Club of Kobe East. In communication with our fellows at Kobe East they have informed me that there will be Australian Diplomatic representation along with Government and Civic leaders attending.

At the meeting on Monday here in Brisbane I will propose a Toast to our new friends in Japan along with our established friends in Taiwan who are also celebrating an important anniversary during April.

This Friday I will attend the joint City Presidents meeting and will have some outcomes to report Monday.

In closing I pass on a thank-you to those members who work each week to get things done, particularly in the set-up welcome and receipt of us all on arrival at our regular meetings.

Let's Make Dreams Real.

President Michael Kelly



*We are still looking to attract and recruit new members to the Club!
Invite them to lunch and introduce them to Michael Stephens, Don O'Donoghue or Wal Bishop who will do the rest!*

GUEST SPEAKERS

Monday April 06 2009

Mario Pennisi
Quality Systems for Business



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MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Michael Kelly
President Elect	Mike Mauger
Imm Past President	Mel Evans
Secretary	Brian Carss
Treasurer	Cameron Bishop

District 9600
Club Number 17787
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor
Wayne Morris

Rotary International President
Dong Kurn Lee



Meeting Review

30th March 2009

This week's meeting was attended by 25 members and one visiting Rotarian.

Chairman Allan Gillespie welcomed those attending asking all to say grace and proposed the loyal toast and toast to Rotary International. He said that Pres Michael was away and welcomed PE Mike to the rostrum.

PE Mike again welcomed all to the meeting and said that he had spent the weekend at the District Conference. One outcome from that Conference was the new Club Banner which he unveiled to the meeting. He mentioned that the District Assembly was on the 17th May at Caboulture and the District Changeover was at the Kedron-Wavell Services Club on the 13th June. Finally, the New DG, Walter Buchanan, would be visiting on the 27th July. He then introduced our guest:

- Rtn Bruce Buie - The Rotary Club of Arnprior Ontario

Chairman Stan then called for spots;

- Bruce Buie told us a little about his Club in Arnprior which had about 30 members. Arnprior, close to Ottawa, is a small town of about 7,000 people. It is a growing community and is the HQ of Pfizer North America. Bruce presented a Club Banner.
- Mel Evans drew members' attention to the play '39 Steps'. The opening night on 29 April is in support of the Leukaemia Foundation. Eight members and spouses are attending and tickets will be booked on tomorrow, but there are seat available. Full details are in the Calendar section.

He also mentioned that he will be attending another meeting on the National Street Soccer Championships which will be held in Brisbane from 17 - 19th July this year. There may be some Rotary involvement from the City Clubs and he would keep us updated.

Chairman Allan then introduced member Kevin Jenkins who had volunteered to fill in for our missing Guest Speaker. Following on from the speakers over the last few weeks, Kevin gave us his take on the commercial property market in Brisbane. He said that business was still going on but there was a move to smaller buildings and a good deal of sub-letting. He said there was a move from the CBD to the City fringe to capture lower rents. One area he said was changing and that was the northern end of George Street. Previously known as the haunt of the legal profession and government, it was now opening up to commercial business. Overall there was a general weakening of the market and because large projects were being postponed, it will take some time to recover.

Chairman Allan thanked him for his excellent presentation and then introduced Sergeant-at-Arms Tony Love, who also thanked Kevin for his presentation. Tony said that some local Rugby teams had had a successful weekend and made a point of questioning Bob Aldred on how the Sea Eagles were going. Bob said that they were in fact playing tonight and would definitely win (Editors note: they didn't!). He then extracted appropriate fines for misdemeanours and transgressions. The winner of the 'Find the Joker' raffle this week was Chairman Allan, who won a bottle of wine. Allan drew the Six of Clubs, no luck this week!!! The jackpot stands at approximately \$780, plus Monday's raffle share.

Good Luck.

CALENDAR

"39 Steps"

Winner Best New Comedy - Laurence Olivier Award 2007

Where:

Twelfth Night Theatre

When:

29 April 2009 8.00pm

Opening Night Tickets

\$49.90

in aid of the

Leukemia Foundation

Signing of the Sister Club agreement between the Rotary Club of Brisbane and the Rotary Club of Kobe East.

Tuesday 14th April 2009

Kobe, Japan

ROSTER

Monday 20th April 2009

President	M Kelly
Chairperson	A Sandy
Set Up	B Aldred
Put Away	C Muir
Raffle	K Watts
Visitor Register	Lee Robinson
Fellowship	D Phillips
Attendance	B Esler
Leave of absence	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:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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