



21 September 2009



## The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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Meets 4<sup>th</sup> 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

*Well the cat is out of the bag – last week saw the announcement of the President's Project for 2009/2010 plus!*

*The project is to provide Rotary Club of Brisbane Youth Scholarships worth a total of \$15,000 to homeless youth selected by Brisbane Youth Services. The Brisbane Youth Service has been operating for over 30 years to assist young homeless and disadvantaged people develop stable autonomous lives. Over the last two years BYS has developed employment and training programs that support young people who have not had the opportunities to develop necessary skills to seek or acquire employment. It is supported by The Lord Mayor's Community Trust.*

*RCoB will partner with BYS and sponsor a program to provide scholarships to disadvantage youth under the aegis of the BYS and assist those young people who are motivated and ready to take on extra training. The Club and its members will assist by committing, in 2009/2010, \$15,000 in funds for the project; provide Supervisor(s) for each scholarship awardee; raise or contribute funds to cover the project; and provide any services that will enhance the project, the awardees, or BYS; provide additional services which might include Coaching, Employment or employment leads, Mentoring and/or Business advice.*

*In discussions with President Elect Bas Veal and some members of the Board, the proposal is that the Club takes on this project for a period of three years together with extending the Canine Helpers project for a further three years from 2010/2011. This will present a fundraising target for RCOB of \$40,000 for the next three years. I am sure the Club is well up to meeting this target.*

*Full details of the project will be posted on the website by the end of the week of the 28th September.*

*In the meantime, we will ensure that other urgent requirements are met appropriately. Remember, the future of Rotary is in your hands.*

*Yours in Rotary*

**President Mike Mauger**

### 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 September 21 2009

**Mary Kearney**  
Chair, Family of Rotary  
District 9600.



### Meeting Review 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009

This week's meeting was attended by 27 members.

#### President's Report

President Mike Mauger reported that Sunday's BBQ breakfast on the Goodwill Bridge as part of the aftermath for Riverfire was successful and despite having 10,000 sausages, by 11am, they had run out.

There was a piece on Tuesday in The Courier-Mail's City Beat with a caricature of Rotarian Wal Bishop with BBQ tongs and sausages. Wal watched the fireworks the previous night from Toorak Hill at Ascot and was up with 24 other Brisbane Rotarians to cook for the masses.

President Mike announced the Club's next project which will involve partnering with Brisbane Youth Services to sponsor young people in TAFE and other employment courses. The sponsorship is capped at \$1500 per individual, so the initial sponsorship for the 2009/10 year is \$15,000. The aim is to have this go for three years though.

There's a real opportunity to see some tangible benefit from this. After the scholarships are awarded, the Club could then continue their involvement through the supervision with the young person with phone or face-to-face meetings and if necessary, further support for their education and training.

There are some lovely stories of hope and success, such as Tristan Cullen who was on the streets from the age of 14, but through care and support is now running his own auto-detailing business and has three beautiful children.

#### Spots

Keith Watts reported that he has sold 35 cases of Adelphi wine so far, but still had 95 left. There's a labelling working day at Wal Bishop's shed on Wednesday, September 30, at 7pm.

Mike Kelly said reports back from Riverfire were good, so good in fact that they want us to cook at the Brisbane Festival as well on October 3. Only eight volunteers are needed for this one because only about 250 people are expected, so let him know if you're available.

#### Directors Reports

John Smerdon said about 20 people were visiting Brisbane next month as part of the sister club Taipei Tatung delegation.

Key dates include:

- Friday 2/10/09 - Arrive Gold Coast Airport
- Sunday 4/10/09 - Dinner Landmark Restaurant Sunnybank Plaza
- Monday 5/10/09 - 12.30pm RCOB Meeting at Brisbane Club
- Monday 5/10/09 - 5.30 pm Civic Reception City Hall (Balmoral Room)

Greg Sellars spoke of the Boondall Wetlands bike ride and has received a quote of \$50 per hour and \$1000 up front for its handling. That includes providing for sponsors, which is the main aspect. He will put it to the Board next meeting.

Brian Carss is investigating good causes we can contribute to, like the 6000km marathon for emergency services from Melbourne to Cairns and back.

Mario Pennisi made a suggestion to bring back the Heart to Brisbane dinner as a way of helping raise another \$40,000 to help with Rotary ventures including the new Brisbane Youth Services sponsorship program and the Canine Helpers, which will also run another three years. He said he would be happy to be in charge of this, which prompted rousing approval from the audience.

#### Sergeant

Acting Sergeant PP Mel Evans fined Stan Evans for bringing his wife to help out at the weekend BBQ; Lions supporters (as if they haven't suffered enough); and John Charlton who turned up to the Rotary meeting in a kilt.

Mike Mauger interjected at one stage to tell a very long-winded story, which resulted in Rod Watters commenting: "Get the guest speaker will you?"

Wal Bishop was fined for Phil Gresham's watch malfunctioning after being worn in the shower. Phil also caused another Rotarian to be fined, after he went to the dentist and was charged \$900. Expensive stuff.

#### Raffle

The raffle prize money is now at about 1350 or was it 1650 - there was a little confusion on that front.

John Smerdon won and drew the five of spades so it's still up for the taking.

There are only 9 cards (including the elusive Joker) left in the pack. Pretty good odds.

Good Luck.

## CALENDAR

### EVENING BOAT CRUISE

You are warmly invited to join members and guests of the Rotary Club of Brisbane North for an evening boat cruise on the Brisbane River

**Departs and Returns to:**  
Mowbray Park, next to the Citycat stop

**Friday 25th September 2009**

**Cost:** Approx. \$50.00  
(the more people who come, the cheaper it will become, child concessions will apply)

**Bookings may be made through:**

**David Rees**  
Phone 07 3391 4374  
dree6274@bigpond.net.au

**Leon Misfeld**  
Phone 07 5495 4859  
jmisfeld@bigpond.net.au

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## ROSTER

### Monday 21 September 2009

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	B Carrs
Set Up	P Gresham
Put Away	S Francis
Raffle	J Worrell
Visitor Register	M Winders
Fellowship	M Kelly
Attendance	B Esler
	G Whitmore

### Monday 28 September 2009

President	M Mauger
Chairperson	A Gillespie
Set Up	B Aldred
Put Away	D Henderson
Raffle	P Dawson
Visitor Register	R Tamaschke
Fellowship	W Bishop
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

Visit to Club of Delegation from  
Sister Club Taipei Tatung.  
5th October

**2010 District Conference**  
When: 26th March 2010  
Where: Pelican Waters

Please forward any dates or articles of interest that you would like to see included in future Bulletins to the Club Secretary at

secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au