



30 November 2009



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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(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
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Secretary	Brian Carss
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District 9600
Club Number 17787
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor
Walter Buchanan

Rotary International President
John Kenny

President's Message

What an interesting talk son of Stan, Dr Glen Francis, who is Director of Pathology at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, gave us. He is into cancer research in a big way and was recently was highlighted in Channel 2's Documentary "Catching Cancer". You could have heard a pin drop while he was speaking, even though his area is mainly breast cancer, the information was clear and concise and what's more relevant.

Meanwhile, yours truly, together with Kevin Jenkins, attended The Rotary Club of South Brisbane's 70th anniversary and Charter Presentation re-enactment in the Old South Brisbane Town Hall and followed by dinner at The Ship Inn. I assisted in the re-enactment which was originally on the 18 November 1939 playing the role of our then President Dr A V Meehan.

The meeting was well attended by over 80 members, past members, spouses and a good smattering of DGs, PDGs, DGEs DGNs ... well you get the idea!

Again I mention Monday 14 December, our last before Christmas, will be a Christmas lunch to which all spouses are invited along with some of our past and inactive members; other members' guests are also cordially invited. We will also be farewelling Rod Walters, who is leaving us for northern climes.

This week our Keynote Speaker is John Quinn, from the Queensland Department of Sustainability on the subject of "Do the right thing and reduce costs! In a time of rising energy, water and input prices how can sustainability reduce your costs and increase market appeal?"

Also this week, we will be inducting at least one new member!

I look forward to seeing you and your guests at Monday's meeting.

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 Membership

The Rotary Club of Brisbane has developed a "Join Us" brochure.

These are available at the desk on registration each week. Make sure you take a hand-full and pass them onto your colleagues and friends when you invite them to join Rotary.



GUEST SPEAKER

Monday 30 November 2009

John Quinn
Director Sustainable Industries
Programs, Department of
Environment and Resource
Management

Do the right thing and reduce costs! In a time of rising energy, water and input prices how can sustainability reduce your costs and increase market appeal ?



Meeting Review 23rd November 2009

Rotarian Michael Stephens opened the meeting with Rotary Grace and three toasts; The Queen, Rotary International and Rotary Club of Lisbon (who toasted us last week).

President

President Mike Mauger welcomed Dr Glen Francis (guest speaker) and Paul Dobbs (guest of Bas Veal)

He reminded Fellows of the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Charter of the Rotary Club of South Brisbane that evening.

Next week is the last of the Keynote speakers for 2009. He sought suggestions for 2010.

The Christmas lunch is on 14th December and we should all try and bring along our partners and former members.

The last Board Meeting for 2009 is next Tuesday 1st December.

Spots

Rotarian John Smerdon announced that the Rylah programme will be conducted in the new year. This is a team building programme for young people and asked for nominations for the Club to advance.

Past President Keith Watts informed the Club he had purchased more wine and was seeking orders.

Rotarian Dougall Henderson was peddling Christmas cakes and puddings.

Guest Speaker

Rotarian Michael Stephens introduced Glenn Francis, the Director of Pathology at the Princess Alexandra Hospital. He heads a team of more than 200 staff within the pathology department as well as a dedicated research laboratory, the Molecular and Clinical Pathology Research Laboratory with 6 staff. Glenn spoke about Cancer Research being performed at the Princess Alexandra Hospital with funding from the Queensland Government Smart State Innovation Fund.

Cancer research was discussed using house building as an analogy. DNA is equivalent to the plans, RNA is equivalent to the structure itself and the proteins are equivalent to the outside of the house and the paint colours.

The Human Genome Project enabled the coding of a person's DNA (the instructions for our cells) to be identified and this process is now being applied to cancer cells. As new technology has developed and computers have become faster the cost of reading the 3 billion bits of information in each cell has become cheaper.

The original project took 15 years and cost \$3 billion. The equivalent today is 2 weeks and \$50,000.

Technology is working on ways to obtain this information for only \$1000 and this will then mean that specimens can be examined relatively cheaply and treatment can be optimised for both the cancer and the patient. Whilst the timeframe for this is still a little uncertain, it is expected to occur in the next 5-10 years.

This technology is also being used to look at instructions in cancer cells that cause them to go haywire and this is part of the project at the PA Hospital.

The investigation into the ABC breast cancer cluster was also discussed with the techniques being used to determine if the cases look similar to that expected in other breast cancers. Further work is being performed looking for possible infectious causes of breast cancer.

Questions were varied and included discussion on stem cells and using DNA in forensic work, although it was noted that television shows are unrealistic when demonstrating their DNA techniques in an hourly time slot.

Sergeant at Arms

Some good jokes, some passable jokes, fines bestowed and a raffle for a bottle of wine – a bit of a let down after the \$2000.00 plus raffle last week. Past president Wal Bishop had the winning ticket.

Did You Know about RCOB?

By 1977/78 membership had declined to 208.

The Club (President Wal Bishop) established the QSLs Foundation with an initial investment of \$107,000 raised from public appeal, a Motor Car Art Union and a Miss Brisbane Rotary Quest with a 75cent in the dollar State Government subsidy. This gave the Queensland Surf Lifesaving Association a sound financial base.

The Rotary Club of Mid City was chartered.

November is Rotary Foundation Month

Over 100,000 men and women have personally benefited from The Rotary Foundation's programs through scholarships, GSE places and grants for humanitarian service.

These are the Foundation alumni and they are enthusiastic about what The Rotary Foundation has provided for them, but few have been invited to join a Rotary club!

We need to use this valuable resource to strengthen both our Rotary clubs and 'OUR' Rotary Foundation.

For more details check the RI website:

www.rotary.org/foundation

CALENDAR

Programme for next four weeks

7th December:

Fellowship and Director's Reports

14th December:

Christmas Lunch and Break-Up

21st December:

No Meeting

28th December:

No Meeting

ROSTER

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

Monday 07 December 2009

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

DATECLAIMER

30 November 2009

Rotary Partners Christmas Lunch
See the attached [invitation](#) and [booking form](#).

14 December 2009

Rotarians Christmas Lunch with old friends.

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

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?