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Brief

MAKING THE NEWS...



Welcome to the inaugural edition of the **BROOKLYN Brief**.

It's a lighthearted communiqué offering an insight into Brooklyn's people and vibrant culture along with current points of interest.

We look forward to introducing articles from esteemed insurance identities, sharing their views and opinions on the latest industry issues and events.

Our Q&A section will be a staple inclusion and will feature well-known personalities.

We hope you get as much enjoyment and satisfaction from the **BROOKLYN Brief** as we did in putting it together.

Cheers, *Rado & David* 
Underwriting Managers



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David Porteous

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STEADFAST CONVENTION 2011


At the beginning of April, we headed down to Melbourne for the 13th Annual Steadfast Convention.

Brokers were greeted by the smiling faces of Denver Van Gramberg, our BDM, and Luke Smith, one of our Liability Underwriters.

Our EPS facility, in particular, generated a large amount of interest but the real attractions were the cola and raspberry flavoured slurpees and very moreish popcorn which everyone was treated to!



Also thrown into the mix were our random prize giveaways...the Titleist golf balls were a big hit.


Thanks to all brokers who came to say hello. We look forward to providing you with the service, solutions & support that we have promised. 

Saying thank you to our brokers...

Brooklyn celebrated the Monday break at Steadfast 2011 by soaking up one of Melbourne's greatest drawcards, St Kilda Beach.

This was our inaugural event to coincide with the Steadfast Convention's half day. We were joined by a mix of our most supportive brokers, some industry heavyweights and some upcoming hard hitters.

The venue was stunning & even the temperamental Melbourne weather held up.

With a successful debut, the Brooklyn team is looking forward to spreading its wings in 2012 – stay tuned for next year's festivities. 



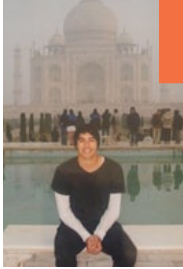
Blue Mountains, Australia

The Blue Mountains is a beautiful setting where you can escape the hustle and bustle of the city. You can go camping, fishing, caving or get a fantastic massage. Only an hour and a half from Sydney, it's the perfect easy getaway.

Sooo beautiful!

The Golden Triangle, India

Although you've just missed out on the Cricket World Cup, India is still the number one destination to visit in 2011. Forget the comforts of Australia and lose yourself in spices, textiles, art and culture. Day trippers take note: the Pink City has markets galore, New Delhi has fine dining and Agra is home to the Taj Mahal. You've gotta do it!



THE BIG 4

Must-see
travel
destinations

by **Struan Todd**
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Capetown, South Africa

With amazing beaches and spectacular cliffs you can abseil from over 1km up in the air, swim with sharks, play at amazing golf courses or just party hard.

I love this city!



New York, USA

With the Australian Dollar performing so well it would be crazy not to visit this hub of excitement. New York has everything – from gourmet heaven in the East Village to

shopping paradise on Fifth Avenue, Madison Square Garden, Central Park, the Statue of Liberty, Times Square and the Empire State Building. Wow! 🇺🇸

NEW COMPETITION

In July, each Misc PI online binding will go into our random prize draw to win a \$250 voucher for the homemaker store of your choice!

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Congratulations to

Billie-Jo McDougall from
MBJ Insurance Solutions who won
a \$250 Gold Class cinema voucher
in our April prize draw.



AUSSIE DOUG

After 42 years in Australia, Brooklyn's Property Manager and Risk Management Specialist, Doug Daly, has finally taken the plunge and become an Australian Citizen.

Born in Scotland on the Isle of Bute, Doug grew up in London where he started out as an Insurance Cadet.

After taking part in the Dungog Australia Day ceremony this year, Doug said "Basically I am formalising what I have known for the last 40 years and making it permanent".

As well as becoming an Australian Citizen, Doug has also become a proud grandfather of twins and says, "I want to be a true Aussie grandparent although I have always considered myself an Australian since arriving in 1968". Congrats Doug! 🇺🇸

Article by **Toby Salmon**, Property Underwriter

Thirty Seconds With...

GAVIN ROBERTSON, Former Australian Test Player

As told to **Denver Van Gramberg**.
Photo shows Denver (L) with Gavin.



Q: Who is your favourite cartoon character?

A: Foghorn Leghorn

Q: What do you eat for breakfast?

A: Cornflakes & Milo

Q: Cats or dogs?

A: Cats

Q: What is your favourite book to date?

A: The INXS biography

Q: If we took a look inside your fridge, what would we find?

A: Lemons for Coronas, cheese 

Q: What is your worst habit?

A: Biting my finger nails

Q: What super power would you like to have?

A: The ability to understand women

Q: If you could travel to anywhere in the past, where would you go?

A: The Apollo Theatre in the 60s, when Buddy Holly was playing

Sydney vs Geelong

The Sydney Swans endured a wet and windy SCG on Saturday 16th April to succumb to a 26 point loss to the Geelong Cats.


On hand were a few of the Brooklyn team accompanied by Martin Robertson from Macquarie Insurance brokers.

The boys enjoyed the footy and hung out with some famous faces including Sydney Swans ruckman, Mark Seaby, and the now retired Premiership legend, Craig Bolton.

Half-time saw Craig and Mark exchange a few words for the QBE-hosted crowd whilst debating the controversial AFL interchange rule and the introduction of new Swans Head Coach John



Longmire. The banter continued between the Brooklyn boys and insurance heavyweights Graham Cassidy from Steadfast and Ty Ayscough from QBE.

Brooklyn thanks Martin Robertson for the company and looks forward to reporting on future 'field trips' with its supporting broker network. 

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