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Rotary International Club 17787

BULLETIN 17th April 2023

MATERNAL and CHILD WELFARE MONTH

MEETING NOTES

CHAIR: Mark Williams opened the meeting at 12.45pm with 11 Club members, welcoming one visiting Rotarian PAG KH Low from the Rotary Club of Pudu, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; two prospective members Juan Laporte, Hawys McManus; Professor Pankaj Sah, Director of the Queensland Brain Institute for his final time as a guest; along with our Guest Speaker Peter Anderson.

GUEST SPEAKER: Peter Anderson who established the Taylor Range Astronomical Observatory in 1974 on a North/South ridge on Mt Coot-Tha just below the television broadcasting masts.

APOLOGIES: Don O'Donoghue, Angela Murphy

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of COUNTRY

TOAST to King and People of Australia,

followed by a Toast to Rotary International.

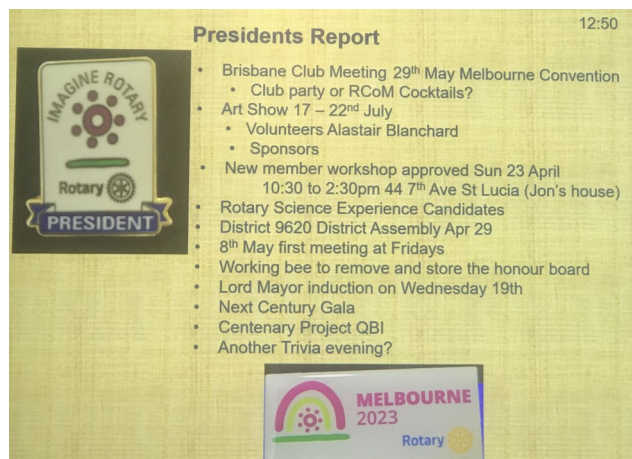
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Bruce presented his report as follows:

1. The Rotary Club of Brisbane meeting to be held in Melbourne at the time of Rotary International Convention on Sunday 22 May will now be held in The Melbourne Club with a cocktail reception.

Members attending the Melbourne Rotary Convention expressed their approval with a show of hands.

2. The Brisbane Rotary Art Show 17-22nd July does require some sponsors, so please think of your extensive contacts. Volunteers should contact Alastair Blanchard to offer assistance during the Show. <https://rotaryart.au/>
3. New Member Workshop this Sunday 23 April at Jonathon Harris' St Lucia home, 10.30am to 2.30pm. Many thanks to Jonathon for not only hosting this event, but also offering to provide lunch for all participants.
4. Rotary Science Experience - Suitable science oriented Year 9 and 10 students are being sought to apply to be sponsored by our Club to attend this event.
5. District 9620 Assembly is to be held on Saturday 29th April. Not only board members but also all club members are encouraged to register online so that members can enjoy the full smorgasbord of available Rotary activities. <https://rotary9620.org/event/district-9620-2023-district-assembly/>
6. Club Meeting on Monday 9th May will be at Fridays Riverside, Grand Deck. <https://fridays.com.au/functions/>
7. The Club's Honour Board needs to be removed from the wall of the Brisbane Club, along with a cupboard full of accumulated Club items. **President Bruce is requesting a member to volunteer to actively manage these minor removal activities.** For the time being, PP Mark Williams has offered the use of his flood prone garage to store these items. Phil Gresham has offered to add three tubs of Club historical items to add to that being removed from the Brisbane Club, so that all Club items are stored together. A more permanent solution also needs discussion by members.



8. Brisbane Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner is to be inducted in the City Hall this Wednesday 19th April, 12.30pm. The invited members are requested to meet at 12 Noon outside the Lord Mayor's office which is located on Level 1.
9. Next Century Gala—Mark Williams will update members next week on what will be an absolute blast to formally celebrate our Club's Centenary. <https://brisbanerotary.org.au/Stories/come-to-our-next-century-gala/>
10. Centenary Project. Chris Muir gave a brief synopsis of the Qld Rotary Centenary Project to support a Chair in Perpetuity within the Qld Brain Institute, by raising \$5 million. This Club now has a proud 100 year history of Service to our local community and this project is designed to engage all of Qld Rotarians to live onwards for another Century of Service to the community. Already \$22,000 has been donated. A marketing oriented individual is being sought to assist Andrea Markey of UQ to collaborate on some marketing. <https://qbi.uq.edu.au/profile/880/andrea-markey> Mark Williams added that the Rotary Clubs of Mundubbera and Kingaroy are both aware of the Centenary Project and are fully supportive. Some activities need to be created for Rotary Clubs throughout Qld to arrange community events aimed at raising the profile of the Project in each local community. <https://qbi.brisbanerotary.org.au/>
11. President Bruce requested an indication of member support for another Club Trivia Night. There seemed to be sufficient interested numbers to proceed with another Trivia Night and as such, will be arranged.

MEMBER SPOTS

1. Membership Chair Keith Watts confirmed that seven Club members will be attending the Induction of the Lord Mayor on Wednesday in the Lord Mayor's office at City Hall. The Lord Mayor's office has been requested to research how many previous Mayors have been members of the Rotary Club of Brisbane. The Mayor's office has also been requested to advise whether a Lord Mayor's Reception could be held on the afternoon of Monday 22nd May to recognize the Centenary of the Rotary Club of Brisbane and to welcome any delegates from our five sister Rotary Clubs of Taipei Tatung, TAIWAN; Charleston, USA; Amsterdam International, THE NETHERLANDS; Kobe East, JAPAN and Colombo Reconnections, SRI LANKA, along with any other international Rotarians visiting for our centenary.
2. The New Member workshop this Sunday 23 April will look at the updating the Club's strategic plan which was developed in May 2018. Jonathon Harris has extended an invitation for all club members to attend the luncheon meeting, allowing extra time to locate a park in a busy street. Currently four new members, and seven presenters will be in attendance, including District Governor Elect Paul Roger who has shown a very keen interest in our Club Strategic Plan. <https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000014443/en-us/files/homepage/rotary-club-of-brisbane-strategic-plan-2018/The-Rotary-Club-of-Brisbane-Strategic-Plan-2018.pdf>

INDUCTION

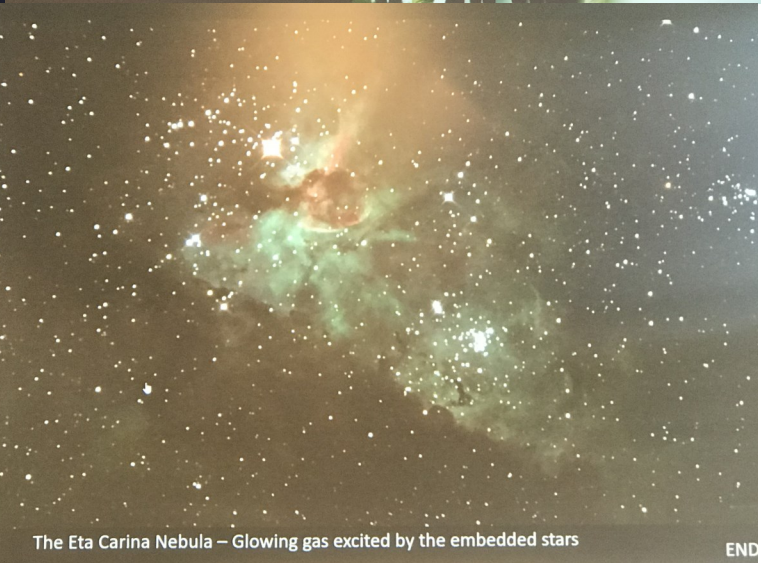
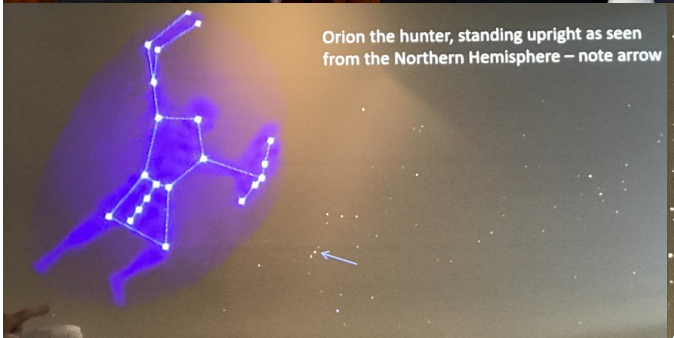
Professor Pankaj Sah, Director of the Queensland Brain Institute was inducted into the Club by President Bruce McNaught who then proceeded with a homily on how he kept the "4 Way Test" on his desk and how effective it was as a tool for managing business relationships.



Professor Pankaj Sah is Director of the Queensland Brain Institute (QBI) at The University of Queensland (UQ). He is renowned for his work in understanding the neural circuitry of the amygdala, an area of the brain that plays a central role in learning and memory formation. Dysfunction of the amygdala leads to a host of anxiety-related disorders. His laboratory uses a combination of molecular tools, electrophysiology, anatomical reconstruction, calcium imaging and behavioural studies to examine the electrophysiological signatures of different brain regions and their impact on disease. Recently, his laboratory has been working with patients undergoing electrode implantation for deep brain stimulation, which is used to treat a variety of disorders such as Parkinson's disease, Tourette's syndrome and essential tremor. Professor Sah trained in medicine at The University of New South Wales and, after completing his internship, gained a PhD from the Australian National University. Following

postdoctoral work at the University of California, San Francisco, and UQ, he established his own laboratory at the University of Newcastle in 1994. He then joined the John Curtin School of Medical Research at the Australian National University as a group leader in 1997. He was recruited to QBI as a founding member in 2003, and has been Director since July 2015. Professor Sah has published over 110 papers in international peer-reviewed journals. He is also the Editor-in-Chief of the Nature Partner Journal npj Science of Learning, the first journal to bring together the findings of neuroscientists, psychologists, and education researchers to understand how the brain learns. <https://qbi.uq.edu.au/>

GUEST SPEAKER Peter Anderson passionately enlightened all Club members with a photographic presentation of his astronomical hobby and career. He detailed his need for increasingly larger telescopes; progressing from his first 6 inch reflector in 1958; to a 9 and a half, but call it a 10 inch in 1961; to a 16 inch in 1980 which received finishing details during the installation process. He reflected that whilst “the bigger the better” (maybe a male thing) gained greater resolution, various effects then downgraded the image quality. In 1967 he married, but the local conditions were not conducive to his nocturnal activities: nearby lighting, obstructed horizon views, and fungal growth on equipment. Whilst Kingaroy and Stanthorpe offer clear evening skies, Peter had to remain close to his daytime job in Brisbane. A site on the North/South ridge on Mt Coot-Tha was purchased in 1973, with building of the Taylor Ridge Observatory completed in 1974. It is a 4.4 x 6.8 metre building on blocks, with a sliding roof. Once completed, the equipment volume has kept expanding to fill the available space. His evening activities have included lunar observations of the stars, eclipses and asteroids. Peter explained that the earth is shifting 6 to 7 metres Northwards each year and that the moon varies one eighth in the course of its orbital distance each month, tilted at 5 degrees to earth’s orbit around the sun. Whilst hoping to leave something behind in the field ; his wife has apparently suggested “like a cow?”



SERGEANT

Jonathon Harris extended fines to all members forgetting to silence their phone during meetings and also to any who loaded their grandchildren up with a sugar hit of easter Eggs, prior to heading off, leaving the parents to deal with the consequences.

RAFFLE

Won by Chris Muir with an Ace. The Joker remains safe for another week.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

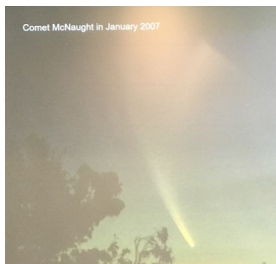
MEETING CLOSED

By Chair Mark Williams at precisely 1.45pm, but fellowship after the meeting left half the members chatting until 2.15pm

It was noted that a 3 minute warning was given by the Chair to the Speaker during an extremely enlightening astronomy lesson for all of us. It was close to the time when a slide of Comet McNaught taken in January 2007 was being shown.

CHAIR ROSTER

April 24	Board Meeting		BRISBANE CLUB
May 1	QLD LABOUR DAY		
8	Phil Saxby		FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE
15	Board Meeting		Chaired by President Bruce FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE
22	Mark Williams	CLUB 100th ANNIVERSARY MEETING	FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE
29	Michael Stephens		FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE
June 5	Jonathon Harris		FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE
12	Chris Muir		FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE
19	Board Meeting	Chaired by President Bruce	FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE
26	Cameron Gibson		FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE



If unable to perform the rostered Chair, please arrange for a replacement. Rick Tamaschke has agreed to act as reserve.

CALENDER DATES

APRIL Wed 19	Induction of Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner	City Hall Mayoral Office, 12.30-1pm
April Sun 23	New Member Workshop	Jonathon Harris Home, 10.30-2.30 Brunch 44 7th Avenue, St Lucia
MAY Mon 8th	First Club Meeting at new meeting venue	Fridays Riverside
May Mon 22nd	100th Anniversary Meeting of Club	FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE, Waterline https://fridays.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/FRI-FunctionPack2022-1-1.pdf
May Wed 24th	Next Century Gala	Howard Smith Wharves https://brisbanerotary.org.au/Stories/come-to-our-next-century-gala!
May Sat 27 to Wed 31st	Rotary International Convention	Melbourne https://convention.rotary.org/en/melbourne
JUNE Tues 27th	Induction of Her Excellency the Hon Jeanette Young Governor of Queensland, and Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD	Government House, 168 Fernberg Rd. Paddington, 5pm
JULY Mon 10th	Club Changeover Meeting	Friday's Riverside, Grand Deck Meeting Room
July 17th to 22nd	Brisbane Rotary Art Show	https://rotaryart.au/ Central Plaza One, 345 Queen Street

