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Rotary International Club 17787

### BULLETIN 8th MAY 2023

### YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

President—Elect and Chairman Phil Saxby opened the meeting at 12.45pm with 16 present including three visitors, at our new meeting venue of Friday's Riverside. President Bruce welcomed all to the meeting, with special mention of our guests.

**APOLOGIES:** Don O'Donoghue, James Delahunty, Celia Grenning, Phil Gresham, Andrea Markey and Keith Watts [by sms!]

**TOAST** to our freshly crowned King Charles III and People of Australia was followed by a Toast to Rotary International.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of COUNTRY

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Interact Club established** at the Australian Industry Training College with many thanks to Paul Choy. The College specialises as a Senior High School, leading to a trade, rather than a University career. This will require weekly support from Club members.

**Art Show 17 – 22<sup>nd</sup> July** Volunteers are requested to contact Alastair Blanchard. Other Clubs have successfully found sponsors –our Club needs to do likewise to produce the best result we can. <https://rotaryart.au/>

**New Member Workshop** held on Sun 23 April was quite successful with many thanks to Jon for the generous provision of his home as a venue and Keith for arranging all the speakers, along with new member attendance.

**District 9620 District Assembly Report** DG Tim Keeler made a straight presentation about how Regionalisation would most severely impact the delivery of current Rotary programmes, as we are used to. This District was the only one to vote NO, and DG Tim Keeler requested that we vote NO again at the second vote, to retain the status quo. D9620 can remain as a District—like nearly all other Districts in the World—we just will not be part of a Regionalisation trial that seems to empower a few with increased leadership roles concomitant with a vastly reduced service level to Clubs and their members.

**#2 Club in District in Foundation Donations** and a **Level II Donor Club**, along with Polio Plus Donations. It was mentioned that we were only the second Club in annual Foundation Donations due to a large single member donation from another Club in our District.

**Our Rotary Club Cupboard** within the Brisbane Club will be cleaned out following this meeting and stored offsite. The Honour Board will be the only remnant of our years of meeting to remain at the Brisbane Club. It will be removed at a mutually convenient later date.

**Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner was inducted as an Honorary Member** on Wednesday 19th April, in his Mayoral Offices.

**Club Centenary Luncheon Meeting 12—2pm on Monday 22nd May at Friday's Riverside.** <https://brisbanerotary.org.au/event/club-100th-anniversary-meeting> Tickets remain available with a cut-off date of next Monday 15th May.

**Civic Reception Monday 22nd May** at Brisbane City Hall, following our Centenary Luncheon meeting.

**Next Century Gala** – Angela updated members on the Next Century Gala to formally celebrate our Club's Centenary on **Wednesday evening 24th May, Howard Smith Wharves, 6pm.** <https://brisbanerotary.org.au/Stories/come-to-our-next-century-gala!> Members were encouraged not to linger any longer in purchasing their tickets to what will be a fantastic Celebration of our Club's Century of Service Above Self.

**Another Trivia evening** will be planned sometime in June, following our many Centenary Celebrations.



**Centenary Project—Queensland Brain Institute** <https://qbi.brisbanerotary.org.au/> It has been a heartening pleasure to receive many enthusiastic reports from other clubs. Chris Muir advised that a recent meeting with Andrea Markey <https://qbi.uq.edu.au/profile/880/andrea-markey> had to be postponed due to bereavement. However, an individual at UQ with prior experience of gaining RI funding for Rotary projects within the USA has become available to assist with marketing this milestone QBI Project. DG Tim Keeler may well take on the promotion of this Centenary Project, on completion of his arduous DG duties in July.

**Melbourne Convention** Dymphna has arranged a dinner meeting for Melbourne Convention attendees on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

**Club Normal Meeting on Monday 29th May** will be held as usual at Fridays Riverside, 12.15pm for a 12.45 start. For those attending, this is the actual date our Club was chartered in 1923. So—whilst many Club members will be celebrating at the RI Melbourne Convention, those members remaining in Brisbane can also do more than a little celebrating on the actual day of Charter by attending a “normal” Club meeting.

**The Agreed Disbursements from PAF** are being paid out by John with delightful notes of appreciation from all recipients.

**Visitors from Taipei Tatung** arrive Sunday 21st May and arrangements are in hand to meet and entertain our International Sister Club members during our week of Centenary Celebrations. Another International guest is due to arrive from Colombo. Negotiations are being undertaken with Brisbane Airport Corporation with a hope to gaining suitable signage acknowledging 100 Years of Rotary in Queensland.

**Next Board Meeting** will be in June, due to clashes with our Centenary Celebrations and RI Melbourne Convention <https://convention.rotary.org/en/melbourne>

**Youth Protection Officer** Mark Williams advised that the Club now has registered with the Blue Card Portal and is fully compliant with District YPO rules. Mark again requested any Blue Card holders to notify himself of their number, to link into the Club Portal. We don't all need blue Cards – the infrastructure is just in place. Any member planning on attending our new Interact Club will need a blue Card. Registering through the Club portal is free; whilst otherwise a Blue Card registration costs \$95.

#### MEMBER SPOTS

**Rick T** commented favourably on the new venue and food arrangements.

**John S** attended Rotary Opera in the Gardens yesterday in Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens. <https://www.operainthegardens.com.au/> Fantastic afternoon until the skies opened!

**John S** indicated that the PAF donations were being well received.

**Phil S** gave the members a sneak preview of a differently formatted Cub History to that available currently on the club website <https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000014443/en-us/files/homepage/history-of-the-rotary-club-of-brisbane-1923-1/History-of-RCOB-1923-1973-resized.pdf>

This format will be added to the slide show during the Centenary Formal Celebrations. The Club Family Tree <https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000014443/en-us/files/homepage/rotary-club-of-brisbane-family-tree/RCOB-Family-Tree-2003.pdf> is also being updated. It is planned to place the Club Family Tree as a laminated placemat, with QR codes to enable ready access at any later stage.

**SERGEANT** Jon Harris instituted a wildly successful fine session where each Club member was given a sticky note to “dob in” their fellow members for a suitable fine. The fines were many, varied and gave some personal insights into not only the recipient of the fines, but the dobber. A great way to engender increased fellowship. Thank you Jon.

#### GUEST SPEAKERS

With no scheduled Guest Speakers, the Chair requested our three meeting guests to give a brief summary of who they were, why they had come to our meeting and where they had come from. What a wealth of information shared as follows:

#### CLUB CALENDER

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**Art Show Committee Meeting**

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> May**

**Visitors from RC Taipei Arrive**

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting of Club**

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Civic Reception**

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**Next Century Gala**

**27<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May**

**Rotary International Convention**

**29<sup>th</sup> May**

**Club dinner Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Atheneum Club Organised by Dymphna**

**10<sup>th</sup> July**

**Brisbane Club Change Over**

**17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

**Rotary Art Show**

**GUEST Edward van Ethem** came to Australia some 17 years ago as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student. Despite being placed into Wagga Wagga, he really enjoyed his year here so much that he decided to return to live in Australia. His native city is Nance on the coast in France. He had to learn English in a hurry, as there were plainly no French speakers in Wagga Wagga. He recounted how his language inflections created a little early grief as follows: with sheet pronounced as 'sh.t.' his host mother wondered what was going on in his bedroom!

We hope to see more of Edward at our Centenary Celebrations, with his companion.



**GUEST Juan La Pora** is an international lawyer practising in Brisbane. He explained that he has a Spanish mother, an Italian father and was born in Venezuela. His membership application is already before the board.



**GUEST Rotarian PAG KH Low** from the Rotary Club of Padu, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. <https://www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofpudu/> KH attended our Club today for the second time. He has been a Rotarian for 24 years and is visiting Australia regularly as a grandparent to his 18 month old granddaughter. His daughter is a paediatrician and his son-in-law is also a medical practitioner. They have been in Australia for some time. Whilst they were in Toowoomba last year, KH joined Toowoomba North Rotary Club for six months. His Rotary Club of Padu has 60 members and was chartered some 57 years ago. Many of the Club members come up through Rotaract: indeed the current Padu Club President is an ex-Rotaractor. KH serves on the Vocational Training Team. A current Joint project between Malaysia and Kenya involves training in waste management. \$45,000 in funding is available for this programme. He enjoys the Brisbane weather, as it is not as cold as Toowoomba was last year.



**RAFFLE** Won by Angela Murphy; but no card pack was present—probably residing with the late apology Keith! Angela will have to wait in suspense all week to see whether she can draw the Joker at next week's meeting.



**Next Club Meeting** will be held Friday's Riverside on Monday 22nd May, 12.15 for 12.45pm

**MEETING CLOSED** Chair Phil closed the meeting at 1.36pm

**ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE - THE FIRST TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

YEAR	Member #	Rotary Club Sponsored	SERVICE PROJECTS and ROTARY MILESTONES
1923	16	Charter	Ladies Day 5/6/23 lead to Christmas Gifts For Creche and Kindergarten - First Community Service
1924	38		Sir Matthew Nathan, Governor of Queensland, elected as first Honorary Member Jan 1924
1925	55		Silver mounted Baton presented to Sergeant at Arms; Visit - Bill McConnell PP Rotary In Britain & Ireland
1926	71	12 Jan 26 Rockhampton	Change of Venue from Allan and Starks to Lennons; Gong presented to RCoB by James Allan
		16 Oct 26 Mackay	
		28 Dec 26 Townsville	
1927	81		27 Sept 1927 RI established Australia as a District; Fred Birks of Sydney, first DG visited RCoB
1928	94		Father & Daughter Meeting ; also Son & Mother; All Australian Rotary Conference in Canberra
1929	101	21 Oct 29 Bundaberg	RCoB member Bill Jolly became Brisbane's First "Lord" Mayor; Pan Pacific Conference in Sydney
			£1,100 raised for launching the Qld Society for Crippled Children - Montrose Home forerunner
1930	116	19 Mar 30 Ipswich	Further funding for Crippled Children; Christmas Seaside Camp for Underprivileged boys;
		16 Oct 30 Toowoomba	Collect Books for Bush book Club; First RI District 76 Conference, held in Brisbane
1931	118	23 Dec 31 Maryborough	Rotary Ladies Day 14 Dec; First RI President to Visit Australia visits Newcastle for 76th District Conference
		31 Dec 31 Lismore	
1932	124		14 Sept 1932 - Qld Society for Crippled Children formed £1,140
1933	122		Qld Governor Sir Leslie Wilson accepted Hon membership; Radio 4BC broadcast Luncheon Addresses
1934	129		Founder Paul and Mrs Harris visited the RCoB - first Club to be visited in Australia;
			First Rotary Ball with proceeds to Creche and Kindergarten
1935	134		Christmas Camp for underprivileged boys; YWCA Girl's Camp; Christmas toys for Creche & Kindergarten
			Second Rotary ball proceeds to Curative Bathing Pool at Montrose Home; plus another £668 to Montrose
1936	140		Goodwill Mission to China and Japan; Christmas Boys Camp; YWCA Girls Camp; Christmas toys C and K
1937	146		
1938			Completed the drive to raise £1,000 for Curative bathing Pool at Montrose
1939	126	11 Oct 39 Fortitude Valley	Seven members resigned to help form RC of Fortitude Valley
		18 Nov 39 South Brisbane	Five members resigned to help form RC South Brisbane
1940	117		30 Nov 1940 Montrose Home Curative Baths opened; £700 Creche and Kindergarten donation
			550 reconditioned suits sent to RC Newcastle -on-Tyne for torpedoed seaman and bombing victims
1941	133		Camouflage net making Depot equipped to women in Clayfield; Efforts to reduce milk contamination;
			Building up and securing fresh blood supplies; Playground activities; Co-ordination to avoid public waste
1942	147		Boys and Girls Week; Mobile Canteen for front line soldiers £1,520 raised for one and a half canteens
1943			£1,433/2/4 donated to Red Cross, with assistance from RC Sth Brisbane and RC Fortitude Valley

## CHAIR ROSTER

May	15	President Bruce	12.15 for 12.45pm	FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE
	22	Mark Williams	<b>CLUB 100th ANNIVERSARY MEETING 11.30 for 12-2pm</b>	FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE
	29	Michael Stephens	12.15 for 12.45pm	FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE
June	5	Jonathon Harris	12.15 for 12.45pm	FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE
	5	<b>CORPORATE STRATEGY MEETING</b>	<b>5.30PM</b>	<b>NORMANBY HOTEL</b>
	12	Chris Muir	12.15 for 12.45pm	FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE
	19	Board Meeting President Bruce	12.15 for 12.45pm	FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE
	26	Cameron Gibson	12.15 for 12.45pm	FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE

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

## CALENDER DATES

<b>MAY</b>	Mon 22nd	<b>100th Anniversary Meeting of Club</b>	FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE, Waterline, Upstairs
		<a href="https://brisbanerotary.org.au/event/club-100th-anniversary-meeting">https://brisbanerotary.org.au/event/club-100th-anniversary-meeting</a>	
		<b>Civic Reception</b>	<b>Brisbane City Hall</b>
	Wed 24th	<b>Next Century Gala</b>	Howard Smith Wharves
		<a href="https://brisbanerotary.org.au/Stories/come-to-our-next-century-gala!">https://brisbanerotary.org.au/Stories/come-to-our-next-century-gala!</a>	
	Sat 27 to Wed 31st	<b>Rotary International Convention</b>	Melbourne
		<a href="https://convention.rotary.org/en/melbourne">https://convention.rotary.org/en/melbourne</a>	
	Mon 29th	12.15 for 12.45 Club Meeting—on Charter Day Centenary	FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE
		7pm Club Dinner for Convention attendees	Athenium Club, Melbourne
<b>JUNE</b>	Tues 27th	<b>Induction of Her Excellency the Hon Jeanette Young Governor of Queensland, and Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD</b>	Government House, 168 Fernberg Rd. Paddington, 5pm
<b>JULY</b>	Mon 10th	<b>Club Changeover Meeting</b>	Friday's Riverside, Grand Deck Meeting Room
	17th to 22nd	<b>Brisbane Rotary Art Show</b> <a href="https://rotaryart.au/">https://rotaryart.au/</a>	Central Plaza One, 345 Queen Street

