Rotary Club of Brisbane

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Water, Sanitation And Hygiene Month

Our Patron for Rotary Qld's Centenary Project for the UQ Queensland Brain Institute is Prof Graeme Nimmo RFD.

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Rotary International Club 17787

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OPENING: Phil Gresham (left) opened the meeting at 12.45 pm with 15 in attendance, including 4 guests (right), guest speaker Dr Jeannet Kessels (Vets for Climate Action), and visitors, Chris Rutter, Daryl O'Brien, and Anna Klawe (President Wewak Rotary Community Corps).

APOLOGIES: Mark Williams, Bruce McNaught, Phil Saxby, Rick Tamaschke, Michael Stephens, John Smerdon, Miles Murphy, Edouard van Goethem, James Dellahunty, Juan Laporta.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of COUNTRY We acknowledge the Jagera and Turrbal people as the Traditional Custodians of Meanjin (Brisbane), the lands on which we meet. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

TOAST to King Charles III and the People of Australia.

Ochre Wells Kakadu, NT

Single tap system for hygiene—Coolidge Kindy, Luganville, Santo, Vanuatu.

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL TOAST

ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKENES, NORWAY by Denise Schellbach

The Rotary Club of Kirkenes, Norway, District 2275, was Chartered 1953. The club meets on Monday at 18:30 to 19:30 at Tivoli North, Pasvikveien 2, Kirkenes, 9915.

Denise has in the past attended several Rotary meetings at Kirkenes. Kirkenes is a town situated almost on the border of Russia and Finland, is 400 km north of the Arctic Circle, and as far east as St Petersburg. Its population is approximately 3,900. Denise provided some historical background about Kirkenes.

During WWII Norway was invaded by the Germans in July 1940. Kirkenes was an important port for the German navy because it lay hidden in a fjord and it was attacked continuously with 320 devastating raids. It became the second most bombed city during WWII by the Russians. By comparison, Malta was the most bombed city during WWII as it was the base for the Mediterranean Fleet for the British and was continually bombed by the Germans and later, by the Italians.

The continually bombing of the town by the Russians left only 13 houses standing. This attempt to drive the Germans out of the township was not successful until the Soviet troops finally captured the town.

One of the reasons the Germans occupied Kirkenes was to block British food and material shipments going from Kirkenes into Murmansk then onto Moscow. These supplies were required to prevent the fall of Moscow. Also, the Russian Fleet, which was stationed at Murmansk, required British materiel shipments, so it was imperative for the Germans to harass these activities. The Norwegian Sea was strategic as it is ice-free throughout the year because of thermohallne circulation. This results in a temperature difference of 10°C between the coast and sea.

Kirkenes is a very active Club and one of their latest involvements was updating new audio equipment, pianos in the community rooms and new televisions in all rooms in the several aged care facilities in Kirkenes.

From the Club's Facebook Page, the following post in 2018, refers Jo-Ann Stroud who came as a **Rotary Youth Exchange** student from Hay, NSW in 1986. She returned to the Kirkenes Club with husband Glenn, some 32 years later:

I dag, 18.06.2018, hadde Kirkenes Rotary Klubb besøk av tidligere utvekslingsstudent fra 1986, Jo-Ann Stroud fra Australia og hennes mann, Glenn. Som utvekslingsstudent representerte hun Hay Rotary Club fra New South Wales i Australia. Det ble god tid til mimring og tilbakeblikk med mange hyggelige minner. Til tross for at det er 32 år siden hun forlot Kirkenes var hun for oss som kjente henne den samme gode Jo-Ann. Kirkenes Rotary Klubb er stolt over å ha hatt dere på besøk.

English translation:

"Today, 18/06/2018, the Rotary Club of Kirkenes had a visit from former exchange student from 1986, Jo-Ann Stroud from Australia and her husband, Glenn. As an exchange student, she represented the Hay Rotary Club from New South Wales in Australia. There was plenty of time for reminiscing and looking back with many pleasant memories. Despite the fact that it has been 32 years since she left Kirkenes, for those of us who knew her, she was the same good Jo-Ann. Kirkenes Rotary Club is proud to have had you visit."

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ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKENES, NORWAY by Denise Schellbach

Denise with DG

Communion in the Snow

Northern Lights

Kirkenes Rotary Klubb

ROTARY INFORMATION SPOT

By Past President Keith Watts

Rotary Community Corps

Rotary Community Corps (RCC) is a group of non-Rotarians who share our commitment to changing the world through service projects.

RCC members plan and carry out projects in their communities in collaboration with local Rotary clubs.

◊ Sponsored by a Rotary club, an RCC leverages Rotary's network, brand, and mentorship by partnering with clubs to plan and implement service projects.

◊ RCCs increase Rotary's impact and expand its reach by bringing the knowledge and talents of local people to strengthen their community through sustainable projects.

◊ There are more than **12,000 corps in 105 countries and 257 districts.** RCCs are active everywhere Rotary is present: in urban and rural areas, and in both developed and developing countries.

JAPAN

The RCC of Handa Education Circle works with local schools to hold disaster-preparedness classes for young people. Activities include first aid, building portable toilets, and emergency food preparation.

KENYA

The RCC of Cura Village near Nairobi established a home for children whose parents have died of AIDS. Many of the children are HIV-positive themselves.

UNITED STATES

The RCC of Parker, Colorado, provides a powerful growth and enrichment experience for the teens and adults with special needs who belong to it.

Program Goals

- Promote sustainable solutions to community needs
- Support community members in addressing community needs while recognizing their unique ability to identify pressing concerns and appropriate solutions
- Develop partnerships between Rotarians and non-Rotarians in a joint effort to strengthen the community

How do I join an RCC?

Membership into RCCs is open to any adult in the community who shares Rotary's commitment to service but is not a Rotary member. Members can be comprised of individuals or an entire village, neighbourhood, or community association that wants to work with a club on service projects. The majority of RCCs do not charge membership dues. Those that charge nominal dues use funds to solely offset administrative costs.

PRESIDENT
Phil Saxby

ROTARY D9620 TREE PLANTING CHALLENGE 14 APRIL

This year, DG Paul Roger has agreed to another D9620 Tree Planting Challenge Day. This is planned for **9am – 11am Sunday 14 April** 2024 - (Environment Month).

DGE Sue Mulraney and DGN Mark Williams have already indicated that they are keen to have a District Tree Planting Challenge Day in their years. Participating in this event allows all Clubs to continue to contribute to Rotary's latest area of focus "Supporting the Environment" in their area.

For Brisbane and surrounding area Clubs Brisbane City Council's Offsets and Restoration Team has once again offered a venue for this year's planting at **100 Wecker Rd, Mansfield** which is adjacent to and extends last year's koala corridor planting site. For those who have been to previous tree planting days, you will know that Brisbane City Council prepares the planting site, digs the holes, supplies the plants and maintains them after the planting is finished. The target for the day for the Rotary team is to plant and water a further 3000 trees as well as installation of tree guards.

Karana Bellbowrie Rotary Club will once again be providing morning tea (including the very popular scones/jam/cream) for everyone. Could you please let us know at dkals@aussiebb.com.au how many **Club members** will be able to attend to assist with catering arrangements?

PRESIDENT
Phil Saxby

I run a charity called **Safe Haven Community**.

We help women and children fleeing domestic abuse (coercive control) with crisis accommodation & case management. We are not Government funded and raise funds ourselves to keep the service available to those in dire need.

We are having a Gala fundraiser 23 March at the Greek Club in West End.

I was wondering if your Rotary Club would consider supporting this community event by organising a **table of 10** to attend?

It would mean the world to us if you could help.

The details are on our **website**: https://www.safehavencommunity.com.au/events/2024-gala-dinner.

Thank you for your kind consideration. I can be reached on 04 0268 4199 if you have any questions.

Jaeneen Cunningham, CEO

District 9620 Conference 2024

8 – 10 March | Sea World Resort

Register online
https://conference24.rotary9620.org/speakers/

CONFERENCE GUEST SPEAKERS

"Unlocking our Potential"

Gemma Sisia, (School of St Jude)
Dale Rees- Bevan, (The Speaking Formula)
Andrew Stone, (founded Stone Creative Leadership Group)
Wayne Bennett, Super Coach.
Evan Burrell, Conference MC & Rotary Public Image
CEO Mike Greenslade, (ShelterBox Aust).
PNG Prime Minister James Marape.
Karen McDonald-Smith, (PNG Midwifery Leadership Buddy Pg)
Wendy Scholz Area Governor for the Islands

PRESIDENT
Phil Saxby

An Invitation from our Sister Rotary Club of Taipei Tatung

To join with them to Celebrate their 40th Charter

Thurs 18th April & Fri 19th April

Please liaise with Secretary Paul to co-ordinate our travel arrangements

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President Phil Saxby
The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.
January 12th , 2024

Dear President Phil ,

Good day! I hope this mail finds you well!

I am writing to invite you, the members of your Rotary Club, and the partners to our 40th Charter Anniversary. The celebration events will take place at Taipei from April 18th (Thu.) till April 19th (Fri.) 2024. Please refer to the below schedule for more information.

- April 18th (Thu.), 2024
  18:00 Welcome dinner party

- April 19th (Fri.), 2024
  08:00-15:00 Golf/ Tour/ Free time for Optional activities
  17:30 Registration
  18:00 Celebration party / meeting
  (SHERATON GRAND TAIPEI HOTEL:
  No. 12, Sec. 1, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City 100024, Taiwan)

Dress code for the celebration party & meeting will be suit and tie; for other activities will be casual. It is highly appreciated if you could provide the names of your club members and the partners who would be able attend the celebration in advance. I deeply look forward to seeing you and your members in Taipei this April!

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.

Yours truly,
Chien-Yu Chuang (Rtn. Alex)
President 2023-2024
Rotary Club of Taipei Tatung

SPOT THE MEMBER

ENTER YOUR OWN PHOTOGRAPH TO HIGHLIGHT MEMBER ROTARY ACTIVITIES
ALSO ACCEPTING PHOTOGRAPHIC MEETING APOLOGIES FROM ANY ABSENT MEMBERS

Some Activities From Over The Past Week At **RARE (Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment)**

*Above: Kenmore State School — 8 am Thursday Collected Desks — 11 am Loaded into a container bound for **Wewak**, with other desks and chairs collected 7 am Saturday by **Cleveland Rotary** from Mt Cotton State School — Container being shipped this week.*

*Left and Right: Kenmore South State School 3.30 pm Thursday - Collected Desks with assistance from **Toowong Rotary.** 10 am Saturday - loaded desks and tables into a container. Bound for **Dili** in Timor Leste.*

At RARE on Saturday Morning

*Above Left: Over 40 volunteers were sorting and packing books, linen and containers heading to **Dili and Wewak** – having a tea break. Above Right: Two Rotarians from **Burleigh Heads Rotary** constructing the special double pallets designed to stack up to 80 school desks for storage.*

MEMBER SPOTS

Anna Klawe (President Wewak Rotary Community Corps) provided the club with an update regarding the equipment for the Para-sports delivered into Wewak. Firstly, Anna thanked all involved in organising the delivery of this equipment to Wewak, PNG. Anna also extended greetings from the people in Wewak to the Rotary Club Of Brisbane and reported that the equipment is now with the Para-sports people. She explained to the club that there is still a requirement for some wheelchairs.

Dickson Ken reported that he has accepted an invitation to represent the RCOB in Mendi, Southern Highlands Province of PNG, during the presentation of two 40 foot containers that were dispatched from Brisbane. Dickson is also donating two Teacher In a Box kits to complement the computers in the containers.

Following this, Dickson will travel to Nipa Kutubu for the launch of the Poultry Project in collaboration with the Keema Foundation.

During a Province-wide event, Dickson has been allocated 2 minutes to present, and he intends to show case the selfless work Rotary does to create a better world.

GUEST SPEAKER — Dr Jeannet Kessels — Vets for Climate Action

Dr Jeannet Kessels is a creative entrepreneur and climate advocate based in Queensland, Australia. She is the founder/director of Greater Springfield Veterinary, founder/chair of Vets For Climate Action, and mother to four wonderful adult children.

Jeannet graduated from the University of Queensland School of Veterinary Science with First Class Honours in 1986 and embarked on an enjoyable 30 year veterinary career, with highlights including surgery and reproduction. She loved the deep connections formed with the community around her. Starting with a little two-room clinic at her home, allowing time with children, the practice grew into the Greater Springfield Veterinary Group, now with three hospitals, over 50 dedicated staff, and an excellent work culture epitomised by a staff retention rate of almost 90%.

Jeannet's strategic, fun, creative and forward-thinking approach, together with strong leadership, has created a culture that promotes individual sustainability and professional satisfaction. Her motto 'Excellence with Heart' is reflected across both life and work. She is driven by kindness and surrounds herself with brilliant minds. Over the years, Jeannet's entrepreneurial spirit has led to the creation of Groodles Australia, an incredible community enterprise which has raised over $650,000 to charity so far, whilst enriching many lives.

Since 1970, when Jeannet was five years old, there has been a 70% drop in global wildlife numbers. Climate change is now heaping critical, escalating impacts on the health, welfare and sheer existence of those that remain; our animals; wildlife, livestock and pets, who have no voice to speak. Jeannet is single-minded in her passion to bring about real change, and fast, through establishing and chairing Vets for Climate Action. She dedicates much of her time and resources to this critical venture, inspiring many to advocate for the animals we love and need while modelling practical steps towards net zero, together with 2000 supporters.

Under her leadership, VFCA has garnered the support of over 2,000 individuals and is developing the pioneering Climate Care Program, a groundbreaking sustainability and education initiative for veterinary practices across Australia and now NZ.

Leading the way, Greater Springfield Veterinary Group donates 1% of turnover or 10% of profits, whichever is greater, to crucial environmental work and its Springfield hospital is proudly Carbon Neutral. There are only 2 carbon neutral veterinary hospitals in Australia.

Jeannet delivered an excellent presentation to the RCOB meeting, and excerpts of the presentation the presentation are provided below.

Vets for Climate Action

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4,000 Emperor Penguin chicks in Antarctica were lost last year due to the effects of climate change. If the down on chicks becomes wet, they freeze. Due to effects of climate change, 4,000 chicks couldn't stay dry last year and perished.

Over 600,000 cattle perished in Queensland and the Northern Territory due the extreme weather event last year.

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The first cases of Japanese Encephalitis have occurred at a piggery in South Australia. The disease is spread by mosquitoes (the vector) which do not normally occur in SA.

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Our strategic plan

EDUCATE

We will develop, distribute and/or sell high quality learning experiences for the veterinary profession* and broader animal care community*, in a way that is strongly aligned to our values and brand proposition.

COLLABORATE

Partnerships are fundamental to our success. We partner with like-minded, values-aligned organisations to achieve our purpose.

TRUSTED ADVISOR

Being a trusted advisor within the veterinary profession, to the broader community and to Government is key to the potential power of VfCA. We respect and steward this role.

EDUCATE

- Engage, inform and educate veterinary professionals through online events, industry events, and media and social media coverage
- Work with key partners to include climate change in veterinary education
- Educate vets to work with suppliers to reach net zero targets by 2035
- Develop and deliver a quality program to reduce carbon emissions
- Educate the broader community on climate change urgency

COLLABORATE

Work with leading organisations to advocate for better policies

AVA · Veterinary Nurses Council of Australia · NZVA · farmers for climate action · VetPrac · Brimbank VETCLINIC · VET Practice Magazine · lyka · VetCX · Vets for Climate Action · vetanswers · Number 1

AND MANY MORE

TRUSTED ADVOCATES

- The Rural and Regional Program (RRP) mobilises veterinary professionals in rural and regional areas to become climate champions and trusted advisors on climate change policy.
- We influence policy change by offering sound solutions for the Government to achieve their goals through submissions, and meetings with elected representatives.
- We work with 33 former Chief Veterinary Officers
- We represent over 2000 veterinary professionals

Every day vets advocate for the health and welfare of their patients. That's why it makes sense for them to also advocate for action on one of the biggest threats facing animals: climate change.

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India has 30% or the world's cattle and 20% of the worlds people. This country can make a huge contribution.

Dr Rafael Laguens was asked by his grand children about what he'd do to help bring about carbon neutrality. He found the answer in Vets for Climate Action.

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Denise Schellbach present Dr Jeannet Kessels with a Certificate of Appreciation for being a RCOB guest speaker.

MEETING DATES

MARCH	**Mon 11**	**11.30 am**	**QBI Meeting at Fridays**
	Mon 11	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 18	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 25	**11.30 am**	**BOARD MEETING at Fridays**
	Mon 25	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
APRIL	Mon 1		No Meeting—Easter Monday
	Mon 8	**11.30 am**	**QBI Meeting at Fridays**
	Mon 8	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Tue 9	**5.45 pm**	**Polio Cluster Meeting , Royal Golf Club, 431 Curtin Avenue, Eagle Farm**
	Mon 15	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 22	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 29	**11.30 am**	**BOARD MEETING at Fridays**
	Mon 29	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
MAY	Mon 6		No Meeting—Labour Day
	Mon 13	**11.30 am**	**QBI Meeting at Fridays**
	Mon 13	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 20	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 27	**11.30 am**	**BOARD MEETING at Fridays**
	Mon 27	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
JUNE	Mon 3	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 10	**11.30 am**	**QBI Meeting at Fridays**
	Mon 10	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 17	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 24	**11.30 am**	**BOARD MEETING at Fridays**
	Mon 24	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays

MEETING ROSTER

DATE		PRESIDENTIAL DUTY	CHAIR	INTERNATIONAL TOAST	ROTARY INFO SPOT
MARCH	Mon 11	PHIL SAXBY	DAN ADLER	MILES MURPHY	PHIL SAXBY
	Mon 18	PHIL SAXBY	ANGELA MURPHY	MICHAEL STEPHENS	BRUCE McNAUGHT
	Mon 25	PHIL SAXBY	CELIA GRENNING	CAM GIBSON	MARK WILLIAMS
APRIL	Mon 8	CHRIS MUIR	BRUCE McNAUGHT	MILES MURPHY	CHRIS MUIR
	Mon 15	DAN ADLER	PETER SAXBY	KW—TAIPEI 40th	DAN ADLER
	Mon 22	PHIL SAXBY	CAM GIBSON	MARK WILLIAMS	JOHN SMERDON

RAFFLE & SERGEANT

RAFFLE The raffle was drawn by Denise Schellbach and won by Chris Muir—AGAIN!!!. The joker was not drawn and Chis accepted the loss graciously.

SERGEANT **Michael Stephens** gave his apologies today and his absence had disastrous consequences. Nobody spotted the reference to the mystery on page 8 of last week's bulletin, but no fines were collected!!!. PE Angela Murphy explained her mysterious new venture to the meeting, but even that didn't persuade anyone to pay up!!! To avoid fines next week, a written description of the solution to the Bulletin Puzzle must be provided. This week's puzzle is: Spot the Subtle Change / Improvement (?) that's been included in this week's Bulletin. Fines uncollected from this week will be levied next week!!! Get cashed up!!!

MEETING CLOSED Phil Gresham closed the meeting at 1.46 pm.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

GUEST SPEAKERS

MARCH	**Mon**	**11**	PP Peter Morley	Shelter Box
	Mon	**18**	PP Roger Crawfoot	Australian Rotary Service
	Mon	**25**	Tegan Hood	RCoB Outgoing Peace Scholar
APRIL	**Mon**	**8**	Zach Woodward	Eddie's Van—St Joseph's College (Gregory Terrace)
	Mon	**15**	Rev Dr Peter Catt	Dean of St John's Cathederal Brisbane
	Mon	**22**	Vision Australia	
	Mon	**29**	Mullins and Mullins	Wills and Estates

CALENDAR DATES

MARCH	**Fri 8**		District 9620 Conference 2024	Sea World Resort (8-10 May) Registration
	Sat 23	**6.30 pm**	Safe Haven Gala Fundraiser Dinner	Greek Club, 29 Edmonstone St., Sth Brisbane. Bookings
APRIL	**Tue 9**	**5.45 pm**	Polio Cluster Meeting Registration	Royal Golf Club, 431 Curtin Avenue, Eagle Farm
	Sun 14	**9.00 am**	Rotary D9620 Tree Planting Challenge	100 Wecker Road, Mansfield (9.00 to 11.00 am)
	Fri 19		RC Taipei Tatung 40th Anniversary	Taipei, Taiwan (Liaise with Secretary Paul)
MAY	**Sat 25**		Rotary International Convention	Singapore (25-29 May) Registration

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https://member.containersforchange.com.au/team-member/add/qld?team_link=qld/the-rotary-club-of-brisbane-inc-6420eda5a5afb

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40th Anniversary
19th APRIL 2024

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SINGAPORE
25-29 MAY 2024

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