Rotary Club of Brisbane

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

Vocational Service 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: Edouard van Goethem (left) opened the meeting at 12.45 pm with 17 in attendance, including 4 guests (right), Tim Walsh (RYPEN), Ronhan Lorigan (RYPEN), Ali Ume, and Chris Rutter (Rotary Club of Prestwick).

APOLOGIES: Juan Laporta (Travelling), Don O'Donoghue, James Delahunty.

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.

Mitchell River West Kimberley, WA

RYPEN Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

Tim Walsh and Ronhan Lorigan participated in the RYPEN leadership program. To find out more about RYPEN—read on.

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KYEEMA FOUNDATION

To find out more about Kyeema, flick through to Celia Grenning's presentation.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL TOAST

ROTARY CLUB OF EDMONTON, CANADA—Rick Tamaschke

Rotary Club of Edmonton

Annual Scottish / Robert Burns Luncheon Monday January 22nd, 2024

Meetings are held on Mondays at 12 noon at the Chateau Lacombe Hotel, 10111 Bellamy Hill Rd NW, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Alberta, a Canadian province, is rich natural resource base and produces the vast majority of Canada's crude oil, natural gas and roughly half of its coal (royalties). Being part of the great wheat production area of Canada, it possesses much of the Canada's farmable land. Alberta also boasts of having the Rockies rivers and lakes (tourism). It has the highest GDP per capita of Canadian provinces, nearly CD 80,000 (2023).

I visited and worked in Edmonton at the University of Alberta on a number of occasions over a 20 year period while on leave from UQ and began visiting RCOE shortly after joining RCOB.

As some of you will know, Canadian Rotarians played a significant role in the establishment of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand. Two Canadian Rotarian Commissioners were sent here in 1921 by Rotary for the task, one from Alberta (James Davidson) and one from Nova Scotia (Lt Col JL Ralston).

The Rotary Club of Edmonton was founded on 1st April 1916 and was the first club in Edmonton. In and around the City there are now more than a dozen Rotary clubs as well as Rotaract and Interact clubs. Since its foundation, RCOE has a long history of contributing to local and international causes, including University of Alberta hospital, shelter for the homeless, Edmonton Food Bank, Salvation Army and the Rotary Foundation (Polio Plus). The club has also sponsored youth programs such as Interact, Rotaract, RYLA and Youth Exchange. The RCOE has Club Foundations with assets of more that CD 1,000,000 to help fund causes.

The RCOE is part the recently formed District 5370 which now covers clubs in Central and Northern Alberta, parts of northern British Columbia, parts of Saskatchewan, the North West Territories and the Yukon. Headquartered in Edmonton, District 5370 is spread out not unlike District 9620.

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Rotary Club of Edmonton

Since 2000 The Rotary Club of Edmonton has been raising funds for what we call Legacy Projects and has invested $2 million in our community.

◊ In the fall of 2019 our club supported the iHuman Youth Society with a $30,000 grant to support necessary repairs of their facility after a water main broke.

◊ In 2016, to mark our club's Centennial, we chose to support two youth organizations:

◊ YMCA Welcome Village Family Resource Centre was the recipient of our transformative gift of $60,000.

◊ Boys & Girls Club and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton has been a partner for years.

◊ 2016, we contributed $40,000 to give the gymnasium a facelift following our $200,000 investment in 2011 to the McCauley Renovation Project, specifically, to create a proper eat-in kitchen so kids can share meals together and a dedicated homework room.

◊ October 2012 our club completed a $400,000 multi-year commitment to support the Africa Centre, in partnership with the Council for the Advancement of African Canadians (CAAC). We built an Early Learning and Family Support centre in what used to be Wellington School. They lease the surplus school from the City of Edmonton. We also provided bridge funding for a child development teacher for three years.

◊ The Rotary Centre for New Canadians was a collaboration between The Rotary Club of Edmonton and Catholic Social Services. The project created a First Stop-One Stop Centre for immigrants and refugees alike. The Centre offers an opportunity to expand the number and type of options for affordable housing to Edmonton's newest community members and provide services to assist in their integration, wellness, independence, financial stability, and ability to participate in and contribute to the community. Clients (i.e. refugees, immigrants, migrants) of this project will benefit by receiving safe, conveniently located, and affordable housing, and will have easy access to social, educational, language, settlement and health services which will assist in their ability to move on to the housing continuum.

Bissell

Everything Bissell Centre does is grounded in its vision of eliminating poverty

Working in community, we remove barriers and support people as they move out of poverty.

◊ Rotary Millenium House was another legacy project where we funded the construction of a 25-unit building in the McAuley community in collaboration with the Edmonton Inner City Housing Society. Our support is ongoing in that every year our Club hosts a summer BBQ and a Christmas Dinner with the residents of Rotary Millenium House.

◊ Other legacy projects and partners over the years include: Bissell Centre & Franciscan Sisters Lurana Shelter, Boyle McCauley Health Centre Dental Clinic, the Rotary Friendship Clock Tower at City Hall, the Arthur Henry Griesbach Statue, and Fort Edmonton Park.

Rotary Club of Edmonton (RCOE) Downtown

PRESIDENT
Phil Saxby

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Presents

A NEW YEAR with a ROTARY SNAPSHOT

Vocational service is at the core of Rotary, embedded in its history, present and future.

It calls on us to foster high ethical standards in business, recognize the value of all occupations, and dignify our occupations as an opportunity to serve our communities.

By including men and women from diverse professions and backgrounds, Rotary recognizes the importance of all skills and occupations and encourages our members to leverage their skills and expertise to enhance communities.

This January, Rotary's Vocational Service Month, we are challenging every Rotary member to put their vocational service in action by:

- ◊ ***Using your skills and expertise*** *to serve a community.*
- ◊ ***Mentoring*** *young people to help achieve their career goals.*
- ◊ ***Offering leadership and professional development*** *guidance to others.*
- ◊ *Practicing your profession with* ***integrity*** *and inspiring others to do so.*

THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Rotary International President-elect Stephanie Urchick of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA revealed the 2024-2025 presidential theme, ***The Magic of Rotary***, at International Assembly.

"We are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand. It's up to you.

You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member."

RARE OPEN DAY **Saturday 3rd February, 10am Registration**

PEACE POLE DEDICATION **Monday 12th February, 12.00 Noon.** **Petrie Terrace State School**

Lunch afterwards at the Normanby Hotel

PRESIDENT
Phil Saxby

200 more Water Filters

Distributed in Santo, Vanuatu

Late December

RI Disaster Funding

will provide 2 more grants

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

ROTARY QLD'S CENTENARY
BREAK THROUGH PROJECT
for UQ's Queensland Brain Institute

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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

Whilst the Club has had no meetings during the holiday period, Rotarians have Continued to Serve.

Eddies Van feeds the homeless breakfast on Wickham Terrace each day in January.

40-50 hot breakfasts are cooked daily and has been done FOR 23 YEARS.

A Big Thanks to Denise

And Helpers

Whether Rain or Shine, a Soaked Denise Keeps the Van Cooking

SPOT THE MEMBER

Jonathon Harris (above, second from right) sends his warmest greetings to all Club members.

EDDIES VAN – A SHORT HISTORY OF A LONG COMMUNITY SERVICE

As part of their Campus Ministry, students, staff, parents and Old Boys of St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace, supported by friends and community groups, conduct a Big Brekkie for homeless people (and those merely hungry) in and around the gardens of the inner city each weekday morning. The van is affectionately named after Edmund Rice, Roman Catholic missionary and educationalist, founder of the Congregation of Christian Brothers and the Presentation Brothers and it has in fact been operating for well over 23 years.

23 years ago, however, it came to the attention of Rotary Club of Brisbane Rotarian Denise Schellbach that over the Christmas holidays, Eddie's Van was retired to its garage because staff and students of St. Joseph's were all on holidays, and this period is in fact one in which demand for the van's services is very high. Ever since then, Denise has organised for Eddie's Van to continue operation over the Christmas holiday period.

The Rotary Club of Brisbane has embraced the effort as a club project and provides many of the volunteers who operate Eddie's Van each weekday morning from 6.00 am to 8:30 am, but the operation would not be possible if there was not also significant help from Friends of Rotary and the wider community, so it is a genuine community project.

Running Eddie's van is a significant job. First of all, consumables like food, petrol, and gas need to be procured on a regular basis. Then a roster of helpers needs to be drawn up and maintained. Last but not least, a minimum of 3 people need to get to the Eddie's Van garage each morning at 6.00 am, prepare the food for cooking, load the van, drive to Wickham Park, cook and distribute an average of 70 hot breakfasts per day, and then drive back to the garage and clean the utensils ready for the next day.

Denise will hand the keys to Eddie's Van back to the staff and students at St. Joseph's school for another school year in February. In the meantime, **if you wish to assist, please contact Denise to be placed on the roster.**

SPOT THE MEMBER

OTHERS HAVE ALSO CONTINUED SERVING THROUGH ROTARY OVER THE HOLIDAY PERIOD

A New Rotary Qld QBI Flyer

Thanks Andrea

Busy with Club Accounts

Thanks Mark and Celia

Sorting Out International Peace Initiatives

Thanks Keith

Specific Advice on Club Membership Retention

Thanks Bruce

And the Quiet Ones That Just Serve

Thanks

MEMBER SPOTS

Chris Rutter, a visiting member from the Rotary Club of Prestwick, exchanged banners with RCOB President, Phil Saxby.

As with all visiting Rotarians, our club wishes Chris safe travels and a warm welcome to return anytime.

Rotary Club of Prestwick

GUEST SPEAKER—Tim Walsh—Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

Tim Walsh and Ronhan Lorigan delivered an excellent presentation on the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN). RYPEN provides valuable leadership training in:

- ◊ Effective and assertive communication.
- ◊ Stress management.
- ◊ Self esteem.
- ◊ Personal values.
- ◊ Goal setting.
- ◊ Decision making.
- ◊ Responsibility of self.

This residential weekend long program will see you engage with like-minded people, discover your values, build communication and leadership skills all whilst having fun! You will also get the chance to put your new-found skills to practical use!

GUEST SPEAKER—Celia Grenning—Kyeema PNG Update

Celia Grenning and Ali Ume provided the Club with a highly informative update of the work Kyeema is undertaking in PNG.

GUEST SPEAKER—Celia Grenning—Kyeema PNG Update

Why are village chickens, coral gardening and mangrove replanting solutions?

- **Coral Gardens and mangroves:**
  - ✓ Restoration of rapidly declining coastal fish habitat
  - ✓ Protect coastal shores from erosion
  - ✓ Support sustainable fishing

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RCOB's support for Kyeema

RCOB funds have been used for the following:

- In 2019/20, set-up a village chicken farm for Haus Pikinini in Wau, Morobe Province, which is a community home that looks after 30 children from the local community who have no-one to provide for them (A$4,100).
- In 2020/21, set up a village chicken "Master Farmer" in Gabagaba village, Central Province (A$3,980), Kopse Airi.
- In 2021/22, provided 30 farmers with three chickens and a rooster and a roll of chicken wire to set up a basic chicken shed, after they completed basic training in village chicken keeping (A$5,000).
- In 2022/23, purchased a boat engine to support our Master Trainer Coral Gardener, Kevin Egu, to monitor his coral nursery and to train other communities in coral gardening techniques (A$5,000).
- In 2023/24, we will set up a program in Kavieng (A$10,000), to commence in March 2024.

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Pinu Women's training

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Coral gardening training, Fiji

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Proposed Kavieng activity

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Some interesting facts:

◊ Chickens weren't seen as a viable source of protein until a vaccine was developed for Newcastle Disease. With the advent of an eye-drop vaccine, chickens could be easily vaccinated thereby making farming a viable proposition. The vaccine was developed by UQ and owned by the Australian Government.

◊ The whole project is handed over to local people to develop and operate, thereby empowering those involved. The emphasis is on the transfer of skills and knowledge so that long term self-sufficiency is achieved.

◊ There are 1,000 tribes in PNG and 800 languages are spoken. 80% of the population are defined as being in a subsistence economy.

Targeted training videos for keeping healthy and productive chickens in the Pacific released

GUEST SPEAKER—Celia Grenning—Kyeema PNG Update

Rotary International article December 2023

Papua New Guinea

Protein deficiency is a leading cause of stunted growth, which affects about half of children under age 5 in Papua New Guinea. Working with the nonprofit **Kyeema Foundation**, members of the Rotary Club of Brisbane, Australia, donated about $2,900 to construct a chicken shed and yard in the town of Wau. The aim is to conserve indigenous breeds of poultry that are better at resisting disease, require less supplemental food, and produce nutrient-dense eggs and leaner meat. After training the villagers and stocking the farm with native breeding hens, the club created a similar facility in Gabagaba village. Celia Grenning, a club member and a director with Kyeema, says the project is a blessing for the community, which previously relied on the overfished and reef-damaged coast for most of its protein. Today, the club and Kyeema operate on land and sea: They have enhanced their work to include coral reef restoration.

This story originally appeared in the December 2023 issue of *Rotary* magazine.

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Local solutions for vulnerable communities

The training series contains four 15 minute videos on the following topics:

- ◊ Healthy Chickens, Improved Livelihoods.
- ◊ Feeding Chickens.
- ◊ Breeding Chickens.
- ◊ Preventing Disease in Chickens.

Overall support for PNG activities

- Scoping study to Central Province, PNG in April 2018 – English Family Foundation
- RCOB interest in and support for the program from November 2018 - present (see next slide)
- Australian Government funds (DFAT) through the Australia-NGO Cooperation Program (July 2019 – present, Central and Morobe Provinces PNG)
- WWF grant for nature-based solutions (NbS) activities in PNG, Fiji, Samoa and Kiribati (May 22 – June 25)
- Two US State Department small grants for PNG coral nursery and mangrove program (AlaAla and Bootless Bay, PNG)
- Waiting on outcome of a USAID grant for PNG for an integrated program on Yule Island (Central Province, PNG)

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Overall Project Achievements

- Six village chicken Master Farmers trained and over 100 community members trained and equipped with chicken "starter packs".
- One Master Coral Gardener supporting five trained Marine Scientists to set up sites in Tubusereia, Ala Ala, Tutu Beach, Ela Beach, Yule Island and Rabaul (including two scientific sites) with coral gardens and mangrove replanting.
- PNG and Pacific Island training videos and manuals finalised for village chickens and coral gardening.
- Partnerships established through MOUs with PNG Conservation and Environment Protection Authority and National Capital District Commission.
- NGO partnership with PRR Foundation in Markham Valley, Morobe Province.

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RAFFLE & SERGEANT

RAFFLE The raffle was won by Mark Williams. The joker was not drawn and therefore Mark remains somewhat destitute.

SERGEANT PE and Sergeant Angela Murphy couldn't attend the meeting today, so John Smerdon decided to step up to the plate—after the meeting had closed! Although the Editor had advised President about being late, John proceeded to fine the Editor for being late—and did it with the most personable smile one could imagine!! Angela would have ben proud of him!! The Editor complained to the President, who told him, "To suck it up, and pay up." The Editor made it known that he is preparing to appeal at District level. DGN Mark Williams was heard to be whispering that, "This will be fun!"

MEETING CLOSED Edouard van Goethem closed the meeting at 1.47 pm.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

MEETING DATES

JANUARY 2024	Mon 22	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 29	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
FEBRUARY 2024	Mon 5	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 12	12.00 noon	Petrie Terrace School—Peace Pole Dedication—Lunch at the Normanby Hotel afterwards at 12.30 pm

MEETING ROSTER

DATE		PRESIDENTIAL DUTY	CHAIR	INTERNATIONAL TOAST
JANUARY	Mon 22	DAN ADLER	DAN ADLER	DICKSON KEN
	Mon 29	PHIL SAXBY	MARK WILLIAMS	MICHAEL STEPHENS
FEBRUARY	Mon 5	PHIL SAXBY	ANGELA MURPHY	JOHN SMERDON
	Mon 12	PEACE POLE DEDICATION	PETRIE TCE SCH 12.00 Noon	12.30 PM LUNCH at NORMANBY

GUEST SPEAKERS

JANUARY	**Mon**	**22**	Lorelle Stanistic	Australian Land Snails
	Mon	**29**	Glenn Stafford	PE RC of Sydney by Zoom. Institute for Economics and Peace: Design of the Peace Program in India and refine the areas of focus with Health Diplomacy and Youth Peace-building.
FEBRUARY	**Mon**	**5**	Cathy Booth	Umoja Orphanage Kenya
	Mon	**19**	Ronnie Baker	Brisbane River
	Mon	**26**	Brian Flannery	The Flannery Foundation
MARCH	**Mon**	**4**	Peter Morley	Shelter Box

CALENDAR DATES

JANUARY			**Eddie's Van**	**Wicham Park**	**6.00 am**	Daily until 2-2-24. Meet at 177 Water St., Spring Hill
FEBRUARY	**Sat**	**3**	**Rare Open Day**	**Alexandra Hills**	**10.00 am**	Registration at 10.00 am
	Mon	**12**	**Peace Pole**	**Petrie Tce Sch**	**12.00 noon**	Peace pole dedication at Petrie Terrace State School

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19th APRIL 2024

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