Rotary Club of Brisbane

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CHANGEOVER BULLETIN

10th JULY 2023

OPENING Chairman and President-Elect Phil Saxby opened the meeting at 12.44 with 25 in attendance, including District Governor Paul Roger; Rotarians D. Harikrishna of the Rotary Club of Madras, Suzanne [IPP New Farm Rotary Club] and Graham McKenzie; Guests Juan Renato Laporta and Todd Gee; along with Cheryl McNaught, Lyn Saxby and Carmel Delahunty.

APOLOGIES: Past District Governor Tim Keeler, Past RCoB President [2002/03] Alan Gillespie, Professor Pankaj Sah, Phil Gresham, Don O'Donoghue, Jonathon Harris, Angela and Miles Murphy. Late Apology from Brian Kenny.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR Paul Roger was further introduced to the Club members with a brief CV. Paul did explain this was his tenth Changeover Meeting as DG and that his wife Sue had attended each of the previous nine during the past week.

Paul grew up in the UK and his career has seen him working **in Hong Kong as a police officer**, serving as a senior executive with the **Queensland Criminal Justice Commission** (now the Crime and Corruption Commission) and concluding his career as a trusted advisor to government and the private sector as a management consultant.

Paul has always seen value in serving the community. While working in Hong Kong he was active in **Round Table** and served in many Board roles including National President of Hong Kong Round Tables.

In Australia, Paul became a Rotarian in 2006, joining Jerrabomberra Rotary Club, in the then District 9710 (now within District 9705), and serving in all club positions, including President, and in several District roles, including Assistant District Governor, **District Chair Club Visioning**, and on the **National Youth Science Forum (NYSF**) and **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)** committees.

Paul and his wife Sue, also a Rotarian, have participated in many community projects both locally and international, including **Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS**) projects in Tanzania and Tonga.

On retiring to Brisbane in 2018, Paul and Sue transferred their Rotary membership to the Greater Springfield Club, where Paul took up Board positions as Director International, Foundation Chair, Secretary, and President in 2021–2022. Paul has received **multiple Paul Harris recognitions**, and in 2021 was the recipient of the **Rotary International 'Avenues of Service Award'** in recognition of his contribution across all Rotary avenues of service.

Alongside his Rotary commitments, Paul is passionate about helping to ensure families impacted by disaster can start to rebuild their lives with the dignity of shelter and protection from the elements. A long-time supporter and Ambassador for ShelterBox, Paul served as a **Director on the Board of Trustees of ShelterBox Australia since 2018** and held the position of **Chairperson** for the past two years. For fun, Paul treks, and has **Everest Base Camp** among his accomplishments.

Maintaining his fitness (in mind and body) is an ongoing pastime for Paul, and this can be challenging at times as he is known to also enjoy good food, good wine and good fellowship with an active social life. In taking on a G-train role within District 9620 in 2021, Paul has found great satisfaction in working with his fellow District Board members to establish and grow District 9620.

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.

The Turrbal and Jagera people speak Yuggera and their name for Brisbane is Meanjin. On May 13, 1998 the Turrbal people lodged a claim for native title of the Meanjin area starting at the North Pine River and extending down to the Logan River and inland as far as Moggil. In 1999, the application was accepted. Official historical records confirm that the Turrbal people were the *only Traditional Owner group in Brisbane at the earliest arrival of British settlers.*

York's Hollow

At the centre of what is now Victoria Park, it was once the meeting and corroboree grounds of the Turrbal people who roamed the areas around the Brisbane River.
They called it Barrambbin which means "windy place".

TOAST to King Charles III and People of Australia

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL by District Governor Nominee Mark Williams , pictured below receiving his Area Governor's Cluster Champion Award at the District Changeover on Sunday 2nd July from 2022-23 DG Tim Keeler on the left.

President Phil and Immediate Past President Bruce, It's an honour to me to be allowed to propose the toast to Rotary International on the occasion of your Changeover, because we are witnessing the passing of the baton between two great Rotarians.

Back in my Uni days, I used to be a member of University choirs. I actually joined the University choir because, as an engineering student, felt I needed to do something a little cultural. After I joined, I made some discoveries and also managed to miss the point entirely from some people's point of view.

We engineers mostly populated the bass stalls of the choir. I certainly didn't have a voice that was worth listening to on its own, but I did my best to read the music and hold a tune, and as a result I was able to take part in the creation of beautiful music. Despite the fact that I was no soloist, my contribution and the contribution of each and every one of my fellow choristers was crucial. Without us engineers down in the engine room giving the conductor steam, the soloists were nothing.

The point I completely missed at the time was band camp. Many of my fellow singers were in the choir for the "social" opportunities that being in an ensemble afforded. As I said, I was a dumb engineering student.

It occurred to me over the weekend that Rotary is a lot like a choir. When Paul Harris formed Rotary 118-odd years ago or at the latest shortly thereafter, Rotary totally got both points. The society was formed with the purpose of providing entertainment and networking opportunities for its members, but the early Rotarians also realised that without a unifying mission, no society or club is going to last very long. Rotary also affords each and every one of its members, regardless of their particular skills or the amount of time or money they have to give, the opportunity to take part in accomplishments in the service of their community they could never hope to achieve on their own. Be it putting a park bench or planting a tree in a place the council has neglected, be it getting together to raise $5M to endow a university chair, or be it the eradication of polio, we all take part and we can all justifiably take pride in the success when it comes.

I could go on about the need for multiple parts in a choir and its relationship to Rotary's classification system and the pursuit of diversity, but I'll leave that for another time. For now, I just salute the passing of the rhythm stick from one great conductor to the next and look forward to getting back to the engine room to give you steam.

I ask you all to be on your feet to join me in a toast to Rotary International.

RESPONSE TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL TOAST by DG Paul Roger

DG Paul proceeded to respond with a great example of US $110 million going back to Clubs from the Rotary Foundation in the last year alone. US$25 million has gone into Ukraine Rotary Clubs, whose 80 existing Clubs have increased their combined membership by 50% in the 500 days of war. Since WWII US$ 5 billion has been distributed worldwide. During the 75 years of Foundation, this Rotary Club of Brisbane has been a fantastic contributor, which should make each member proud of the part they own in this worldwide distribution of Foundation funds. The Charity Navigator rates Rotary Foundation as 100% for the past 17 years for accountability, culture and community support. The seven areas of Rotary Focus provide opportunities for Rotarians to meet like minded individuals all over the world– we are really just all part of a large family of 1.4million Rotarians.

DG Paul then discussed the role that Rotary International President Gordon McInally alluded to. As a dentist, Gordon likened himself to an incisor—being at the cutting edge. Your incoming President Phil likened himself to a molar—just slowly grinding through the Rotary jobs bitten off and started by others. Whilst none of us are the same—we all have our part to play.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT — BRUCE McNAUGHT

- Wonderful Year – A great honour and a privilege to serve in the role
- I have had a fantastic board
- Member Survey – Endeavoured to give all members the best possible Rotary Experience
- Membership Growth – excellent from 30 to 35 despite 9 resignations and one tragic death
- Our club achieved the ultimate recognition by Her Excellency Jeanette Young, Professor Graeme Nimmo and The Hon Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner each choosing our club as members
- None of the resignations reflected on the club but were for other personal reasons
- Had to change venue – worst thing for a president
- The move to Fridays has been a great success: Members voted with their feet at meetings
- Second Highest club in Foundation giving
- 100 year celebrations were truly extraordinary:

    The Centenary Meeting

    The Gala

    The Civic Reception

- We blitzed the District Conference with the highest attendance that the club has ever achieved
- I am so proud that in two year's time, our club will be the home of the District Governor
- We supported:

    Eddy's Van

    Adolescents with Autism in India

    Kyeema Foundation with chicken rearing and coral reef regenerationin PNG

    Zoe's Angels

- I look around the room and see wonderful people who have done so much
- **Thank You – from the bottom of my heart**

CHANGEOVER CEREMONY

DG Paul Roger proceeded to induct President Phil Saxby into the ways of RI [for President Phil's fourth Presidency role].

On the conclusion of the RI required induction ceremony, President Phil was required to acknowledge the completion of his induction with an ''I Do"; to which he added hopefully not for the same ''length of sentence'' as last time he said ''I Do'' some fifty years ago [with apologies to his wife Lyn, taking the photograph!] What President Phil failed to mention was that at the last particular ''I Do'' pronouncement his best man and elder brother had painted ''HELP'' on the soles of the shoes to be visible to the whole congregation when on his knees at the front of the Church. *The same applies now—please HELP this fantastic Rotary Club of Brisbane to achieve as much or more as we enter this new Century as during our first Century of Service.*

INCOMING PRESIDENT - PHIL SAXBY

I am humbled by the immense honour and privilege to be requested to provide leadership to this the oldest Rotary Club in Queensland. An even greater honour to be able to lead this fantastic Club into its Next Century.

I'll start by acknowledging – the many thousands of members of Rotary Club of Brisbane who have preceded this second Century and gifted so much to our community, locally, nationally and internationally.

We have a New Century of Service ahead of us with a magnificent 100 years of Rotary Service as our starting point.

There remains much to be undertaken in our Community – local, national and international.

Limited only by our imagination –THINK OF WHERE WE HAVE BEEN ALREADY

Polio Eradication by the boy from Ingham - Clem Renouf **Montrose Home** for Crippled Children

Our own Club project of RYLA – gone International **DIK** now rebadged as RARE **International House at UQ**

McIntyre Riding Centre at Brookfield and **HELP INDUSTRIES** **Eddies Van** **Wesley Lodge**

Qld Brain Institute - Rotary Qld's Breakthrough Project **Mater Peri-Natal Health** **Kyeema Foundation**

THERE IS NOT MUCH TO CHANGE IN A CLUB WITH THIS STATURE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

As President, I believe my role will be to keep the ship on course – and not perform any brave Centennial turn around.

In an attempt to improve the ''fun'' component of meetings, two small procedural matters I wish alter.

Firstly, **the board meeting next week July 17 will be held at 11.30, immediately prior to the normal meeting**, to allow for a special presentation and report during next week's meeting. This will also facilitate Art Show Opening Night attendance by members. The August 14 board meeting with DG Paul Roger will be held at the same time; 11.30 prior to the normal Monday meeting.

Secondly, I do believe our Rotary International organisation should be better acknowledged weekly, so a weekly Toast to another international club will allow each member to research and present not just the meeting time and place, but also the projects undertaken by the selected overseas Rotary club. **The International Toast will be rostered weekly**—if you can't make that week, please swap the duty with someone else. Many Rotary clubs provide a wide variety of Service—it is always fascinating to hear what other Rotary clubs overseas do for fun, fellowship and fund raising.

INCOMING PRESIDENT
PHIL SAXBY

Provide Leadership and Vision

Just Receiving the Baton

Commencing a 2nd Century of Club Service

Caretaker for the Year

Member Participation

Starting a New Century – A CHALLENGE for the Club to Embrace. Each member should be providing mentorship to each new member – not a task to be delegated, as it was in Dela's induction process. Likewise, greeter of each new visitor/guest. Please gather the email addresses in the Visitor's book – it enables a Bulletin to be sent to each visitor/guest. Just simple little extras to make a BIG difference for our new members. Whilst we manage to attract many new members, we also lose many; with thirteen having been lost during the past two years.

There is not one Club member who does not give back to this Club in their own way and to the best of their ability, health wise time wise and financially. We all come with differing skill sets and I really appreciate the variety and depth of skills that this Club offers back to the Community. Club Officers, Directors, and those associated with the many varied projects—everyone here has shown their true Rotary commitment and it is an enormous pleasure to see this in action. The only specifically named are the ones achieving the silent financial goals that allow the PAF to distribute over $50,000 each year. We all know who does what—it is seldom acknowledged, as everyone here just seems to understand that we all get on with whatever job suits our skills, available time, health and motivation.

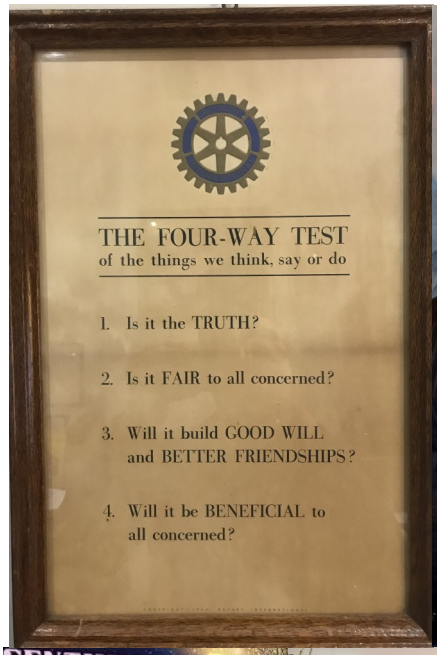
Thank you for allowing me the privilege of assisting this Club to commence another Century of Service.

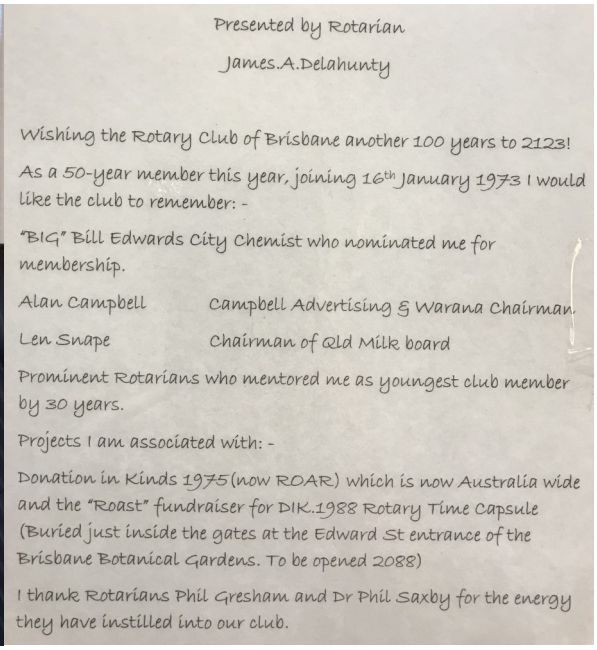
Starting a Second Century
A MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

1923	16
1924	38
1925	55
1926	71
1927	81
1928	94
1929	101
1930	116
1956/57	**217**
2001/02	**100 – PP KEITH WATTS**

MEMBER SPOTS

PHF James Delahunty Our much treasured Club member of fifty years - all served within Rotary Club of Brisbane — donated a wall plaque of ''The Four Way Test'' to the newly minted President, Phil Saxby. The front and back inscription of this historic plaque are attached. This particular plaque was presented to Dela on his induction into the Rotary Club of Brisbane on 16th January 1973 by ''Big'' Bill Edwards, City Chemist who nominated Dela for membership. Bill Edwards, Alan Campbell and Len Snape all mentored the young Dela—he was 30 years junior to any other Club member on joining. The back of the plaque makes passing reference to "Donations in Kind". Dela was instrumental in its initial establishment as a method of recycling nearly out of date pharmaceutical items out of Australia into our needy neighbours. We shall miss you Dela—resigning after fifty years of continuous membership solely due to increasing mobility issues.





Presented by Rotarian
James.A.Delahunty

Wishing the Rotary Club of Brisbane another 100 years to 2123!

As a 50-year member this year, joining 16th January 1973 I would like the club to remember: -

"BIG" Bill Edwards City Chemist who nominated me for membership.

Alan Campbell — Campbell Advertising & Warana Chairman.

Len Snape — Chairman of Qld Milk board

Prominent Rotarians who mentored me as youngest club member by 30 years.

Projects I am associated with: -

Donation in Kinds 1975(now ROAR) which is now Australia wide and the "Roast" fundraiser for DIK.1988 Rotary Time Capsule (Buried just inside the gates at the Edward St entrance of the Brisbane Botanical Gardens. To be opened 2088)

I thank Rotarians Phil Gresham and Dr Phil Saxby for the energy they have instilled into our club.

Rotarian D. Harikrishna of the Rotary Club of Madras presented both a banner from his Rotary Club of Madras—and an exceptionally well researched and presented book, documenting 90 years of Service to 2019: ''A Timeless Legacy''. The 230 page book with colour photographs presents an exceptionally active club with multiple areas of Service over many decades.

The Rotary club of Madras will be 94 years old on 19th July and is the third oldest Rotary Club in India.

Our Club may see more of Rotarian Harikrishna, as he has regular business interests in Casino.

Whilst our Club has run out of banners, new ones are being ordered and will be reciprocated to the many Clubs who have presented their banners during our many Centenary celebrations.

RAFFLE was won by Cheryl McNaught , who then proceeded to draw the King of Clubs—Not the Joker.

MEETING CLOSED President Phil closed the meeting at 2.10 pm, with thanks to our District Governor Paul Roger for conducting the Changeover Ceremony and to all for attending.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

PICTURED AFTER THE MEETING L to R

Past President 2022-23 Bruce McNaught

President 2023-24 Phil Saxby

PHF D Harikrishna Rotary Club of Madras

District 9620 Governor Paul Roger

District 9620 Governor Nominee Mark Williams

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CALENDER DATES

JULY	Mon	17	**11.30am**	**Board meeting at Fridays**
			12.15 for 12.45pm	Meeting at Fridays
				Guest Speaker Lesley Ray: Report on the Catherine House Campaign
			6.30pm	**Brisbane Rotary Art Show Opening Gala**—Tickets Available still
				https://rotaryart.au/opening-night-event-2023
	17th to 22nd			**Brisbane Rotary Art Show** https://rotaryart.au/ Central Plaza One
	Mon	24	12.15 for 12.45pm	Meeting at Fridays
				Speaker Bruce McNaught
	Sun	30	9—10.30am	**D9620 Membership Summit**. Zoom Meeting
				D9620 Membership Summit | District 9620 (rotary9620.org)
	Mon	31	12.15 for 12.45pm	Meeting at Fridays
				Speaker Professor Deborah Brown on Decision Making and Leadership
AUGUST	Mon	7	12.15 for 12.45pm	Meeting at Fridays
				Speaker John Aaskov: Reminiscences of an Arbovirologist
	Mon	14	**11.30am**	**Board meeting at Fridays with District Governor Paul Roger**
			12.15 for 12.45	Meeting at Fridays
				Speaker District Governor Paul Roger on Rotary Affairs

MEETING ROSTER

MEETING DATE	PRESIDENTIAL DUTY	CHAIR	INTERNATIONAL TOAST
MON 17 JULY	PHIL SAXBY	MICHAEL STEVENS	PHIL SAXBY
MON 24 JULY	CHRIS MUIR	CHRIS MUIR	MARK WILLIAMS
MON 31 JULY	MICHAEL STEPHENS	DAN ADLER	CAMERON GIBSON
MON 7 AUG	KEITH WATTS	MARK WILLIAMS	RICK TAMASCHKE
MON 14 AUG	PHIL SAXBY	PHIL GRESHAM	CELIA GRENNING

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