Rotary Club of Brisbane

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

RI Membership & New Club Development Month

Chartered 29th May 1923 — Rotary International Club 17787

BULLETIN 14th AUGUST 2023

OPENING: Chairman PP Phil Gresham opened the meeting at 12.45pm with 20 in attendance, including 7 guests. Our guests for the day were; from left (rear), Rotarian Sue Roger, District Governor Paul Roger (guest speaker), George Griffin (PNG), Shirley Ume, (PNG) President Phil Saxby, Juan Laporta (new member); from left (front), Ali Ume (PNG), Treasurer Celia Grenning; and Petersen Wei (inset).

APOLOGIES: Denise Schellbach, Bruce McNaught, Don O'Donoghue, John Smerdon, James Delahunty, Rick Tamaschke.

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.

Wandjina Panel
King Edward River
Kimberley
Western Australia

TOAST to King Charles III and People of Australia

NEWS Our Board has recently voted to investigate establishing a new satellite e-Club, with a view to allowing some of our members, who are unable to regularly attend Monday lunchtime club meetings, to continue their active Fellowship online, within the Rotary Club of Brisbane.

TOAST TO ROTARY CLUB OF BOROKO, PORT MORESBY, PNG by Celia Grenning

The Rotary Club of Boroko (17829), Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, is a part of District 9620. The club's President is Stanley Arua, and they meet on Thursdays, 6.30 pm at the Aviat Club Inc.

George Griffin provided great rundown of the club's activities. George recently joined the Rotary Boroko Club after meeting with Celia Grenning. Currently, the Boroko Club is an all-male club, but progress is being made towards opening the club to female membership. The club is in the western provinces of PNG near the OK Tedi Mine. Although incredible wealth is generated by the mine, there is little trickle down effect to the vast majority of the local residents.

The majority of the club's projects focus on rural areas and include:

◊ Reparations to the mangroves at Daru Island. The mangroves on the island are used for fuel and this has resulted in destruction of habitat.

◊ Raising $20,000 to build a library.

◊ Running a warehouse which brought in wheelchairs and beds for distribution to remote hospitals.

◊ 7 km of water pipe was source to provide for water supply projects in remote villages.

Cont'd…..

This wheelchair was donated by the Rotary Clubs of Boroko and Greater Springfield.

Cont'd……. Toast to the Rotary Club of Boroko, Port Moresby, PNG

The Rotary Club of Boroko hosts the Melbourne Cup Fundraiser. This fund raising event has raised over PGK 2 million (AUD830,000) over the last 20 years that has been used on health, education and water projects around PNG.

https://postcourier.com.pg/rotary-club-of-boroko-hosts-melbourne-cup-fundraiser/

https://www.facebook.com/BorokoRotaryClubPNG/

PRESIDENT
Phil Saxby

Presents

A Weekly

BLAST FROM THE PAST

THANK YOU

TO All CLUB MEMBERS

EVERYONE CONTRIBUTES IN
THEIR OWN WAY
THEIR OWN TIME AND TO
THEIR OWN RHYTHM

PICK YOUR SPECIAL AREA
AND ACHIVE YOUR GOALS

A LOT OF ROTARY OPTIONS TO

HAVE FUN WHILST GIVING BACK

THIS CLUB NEEDS NO LESSONS IN GIVING BACK

Qld Surf Life Saving Foundation

https://slsfoundation.com.au/

Helps train new surf lifesavers, improve the skills of our current volunteers and helps replace equipment that is constantly exposed to the harsh Australian conditions.

*Have the **vision** to **develop** your own project.*

CLUB SNAPSHOT 1970— 1986

1970	244		Established Engineering Workshop for the Blind at Annerley $4,550; Four Bursaries for QIT students; RYLA
			YMCA Christmas Camp; Inbound Youth Exchange from USA; Young business Executives Seminar for 73
1971	238		Established YouthLine at West End Methodist Church $3,262; Young Business Executives Seminar with 51;
			Help Industries $419; Christmas YMCA Camp; RYLA; GSE Team from Arizona; YEP student from Japan
1972	235		District Conference in March 1973 - 50 year anniversary; Royal Flying Doctor Service major beneficiary
1973	227		Floods in Jan 1974 with $20,000 raised and passed onto District;
			YEP -one inbound and the first RCoB two outbound; GSE Team host; RYLA 4 students sponsored;
			2 Day Youth Seminar with 124 delegates; Help Indistries donation; PNG tertiary education student
1974	234		Salvation Army Mobile Canteen $6,203; Darwin Cyclione Relief $2,269; Help Industries $350 to $1,750
1975	209		FIRST PHF AWARD - PDG and PP Carl Bishop; Petrie Terrace State School assistance $5,000;
1976	213		Help Industries, Petrie Tce SS, Red Cross, Montrose Home $4,616 in total; Brisbane Art Show Commenced
1977	209		Esablished Qld Surf Life Saving Association FOUNDATION with $107,000 Initial Investment;
1978	208	15 Feb 78 Bris Mid- City	Funds provided for TVs for Early Childhood Drama Programme to be extended - schools for handicapped
			Established a Brisbane office for National Association for Disabled Office Workers; Funds raised $18,000
1979	195		Established Qld chapter of Child Accident Prevention of Australia Foundation with $70,000
			Joined with Lions and Apex raising funds at the Darra to Ferny Grove Rail Electrification Link opening
1980	168		Pony Riding for the Disabled Association at Moggill - equipment and shed, with subsidies $17,500
1981	163		Fund Raising $18,000 from Speedway Night, Art Show, Spring hill Fair, Groups
			Funds distributed to St Vincents $5,000 for a vehicle and numerous $1,000 donations to various groups
1982	168		Annual Report missing
1983	163		Annual Report missing; however $17,000 was left in Community Service account transferred to next year
1984	163		$27,000 distributed to Bridging the Gap - Job Help; Video Equipment for Children in Hospitals; established
			Safety House programme; established Work Observation. $7,000 to PNG hospitals
1985	142		Upgraded walking trails in Mt Coot-tha Reserve to Gap Creek Road - carried out by Commonwealth
			Community Employment Programme, with B C Council supervision - employed 15 youth, cost $235,000.
			Donated $19,000. Bridging the Gap programme dealt with 820 applicants and placed 360 in employment
1986	135		Donated $20,000 for the therapeutic pool at Montrose Home. First Polio Plus donation of $2,840.

1977-78
Membership: 209+25-26=208

This was one of our most outstanding years in terms of major achievement…..Cont'd

Cont'd……Club Snapshot

The Queensland Surf Life Saving Association had been for decades providing an invaluable community service while living from hand to mouth in terms of finances.

President Wal Bishop decided that we should and could establish a Foundation which would provide a sound financial base; one with sufficient capital to earn some regular income beyond what they depended on.

This was pursued with vigour and success, resulting in the establishment of a Q.S.L.S.Foundation with an initial investment of $107,000.

This was achieved through a public appeal ($28,450), a Motor Car Art Union ($8,221), and a Miss Brisbane Rotary Quest ($21,669).

There was a generous State Government subsidy of 75 cents in the dollar.

There were sufficient funds raised through the more usual channels to allow Community Service distribution of some $11,000, which included $5,000 to the new Foundation.

The continuing Art Show had raised $2,500 but the Spring Hill Fair had apparently (from the accounts) merely cut even.

In this year, the new Rotary Club of Brisbane Mid City was chartered, sharing our territory. (At that time Clubs had defined territories from which they could draw membership.)

PRESIDENT
Phil Saxby

A Board Meeting with District Governor Paul Roger was held on Monday 14th August.

Juan LaPorta was inducted by DG Paul Roger today.

The RARE Race Day Sunday 22nd October, Caloundra. The club is to co-sponsor a race with other Rotary Clubs. Trackside seats to be raffled to defray the costs of the co-sponsorship.

Sergeant—Angela Murphy is the new Sergeant and, as far as we know, is the Brisbane club's first female sergeant. President Phil Saxby wanted it known that Angela has that incredible skill of draining the wallets and purses of everyone in club to fill RCoB's coffers without you knowing about it!!! Congratulations to Angela!!! To all other club members—you've been warned!!!

SPOT THE MEMBER

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

Rotary In Action—Ambae, Vanuatu

President Phil Saxby (left) has returned from providing 96 dental services into Lolowai Hospital, Vanuatu along with Rotarian Dr Ross Stewart [Carindale Rotary Club], Dr Len Boulton and Mark Slater. Regional Director and Director of Nursing provided Registered Nurse Olive Viramalakwai (right) was training as a dental nurse – Olive was a quick learner and will assist with future delivery of dental services. Dental equipment technician, Mark Slater, repaired dental chairs, compressors, radiography machines and autoclaves in four locations, including both government clinics in Santo and Port Vila, a private clinic in Santo and the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu dental clinic in Port Vila.

Typical shot with everyone in the treatment room – observing.

The waiting room overflowed each day with many patients unable to access the dental treatment.

SPOT THE MEMBER

President Phil Saxby—Vanuatu…..Cont'd

Before

In the Chair

After

This patient was a ship's engineer and he came expecting four extractions.

If he had presented at either of the two government dental clinics in Port Vila or Santo, extractions would have been undertaken.

Interesting disease pattern, as only the four maxillary incisors were carious. The rest of his mouth was sound. This is a typical rum and coke type caries pattern.

Our treatment totals were **96 services in 7 working days**;

- 32 gross scaling
- 68 extractions
- 60 restorations

Dental Equipment Service Technician Mark Slater travelled with the three of us to Vanuatu.

Mark spent his time unravelling various messes in 9 dental chairs across four different dental clinics I both Santo and Port Vila.

This sink is the utilised in Port Vila Hospital dental clinic for cleaning of dental instruments.

Most dental chairs were in drastic need of a full service. Mark managed to totally resuscitate four chairs and a few compressors.

Mark advised that this clinic only turns on its autoclave only a few times each month – it's rarely used.

Phil is attempting to gain DFAT Australia Awards Scholarships for two workshop managers to travel to Australia for specific training in dental equipment servicing. No financial commitment is required from the Club - just social support.

SPOT THE MEMBER

Denise Schellback - London Calling….

Denise Schellback has been the typical tourist in London this past week during her travels and has sent to snaps to share with us.

The magnificent Westminster Abbey.

Denise sipping a Guinness in her previous abode while she was living in London. ☺ " ' Sipping' a Guinness and that's all I did, a sip. Didn't like it."

The Albert Memorial.

Denise gave us some travel tips for London. Firstly, bring plenty of money because "everything is so expensive." Secondly, bring wet weather gear and woollies because "the weather is lousy!!!!"

Any member activities involving Rotary affairs **will be most welcome if you wish to share with other Club members.**

Photographic Apology Notes **can also be emailed to the Bulletin Editor:**
peter.saxby1@bigpond.com

All Club members can be involved and aware of where other members are at meeting times and during non-meeting times!

MEMBER SPOTS

Celia Grenning attended the changeover for the Rotary Club of Nerang. The club has approximately 20 members.

Angela Murphy spoke briefly about the containers for change program and said there would be some Member Spots prepared in future to explain to members how they can participate.

Ali and Shirley Ume, visitors from PNG, celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary with us at the RCoB today. Shirley noted that that there were more people in attendance at this celebration than at her wedding in PNG, 41 years ago!

GUEST SPEAKER

The guest speaker was **District Governor, Paul Roger** (left). Paul provided an excellent overview of Rotary which included some 'bigger picture' thoughts about the organisation and what makes it unique.

Firstly, Paul gave us a rundown of some key numbers:

◊ Rotary has **1.4 million members** worldwide.

◊ It has **44,000 clubs**.

◊ The organisation runs in **202 countries**. The only 2 countries which do not have Rotary presence are Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Paul recounted an event where a new Rotarian made a toast to Rotary International. She made the toast to the '**unusual' people of Rotary**. From her perspective, she had observed that many people live in their own bubble and only care about those within that sphere. She noted that Rotarians are 'unusual' because they care about people outside of that bubble and take action by giving back and helping.

Paul continued by speaking about how the giving back occurs—every club is like a cog wheel, and the Rotary Foundation holds them together, allowing them to work together as a part of larger machine. Rotarians shouldn't think that a project is too large; **by reaching out to others, the wheels within the large machine start to turn**. He cited polio eradication as good example. Clem Renouf, who was a member of the Rotary Club of Nambour, saw a need to eradicate polio. By harnessing the power of Rotary, the eradication of that disease has almost been achieved.

Paul presented another enlightening figure to the meeting, just in case the message about achieving big things wasn't hitting the target. The Rotary Foundation has been responsible for the **distribution of $5 billion**.

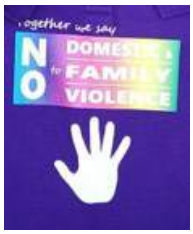
The Rotary Club of Boroko, Port Moresby, has started taking on the enormous task of eradicating malaria. To this end, Paul offered an important thought—Think big and **apply for global grants, not just district grants**.

The District 9620 Conference will be held at Sea World next March (2024). The conference will include a number of leading motivational speakers, and the Prime Minister of PNG will be attending. The theme of the conference will be to unlock your potential and your club's potential through togetherness and working together.

As part of the conference package, delegates will be eligible for room discounts 3 days prior and 3 days after the conference.

Paul's final thoughts—People create change—think about **joint projects** with other clubs where the power of more people's ideas can be unlocked and harnessed—get the AG (Bruce McNaught) involved.

Sue Roger spoke about a new campaign Rotary are becoming involved with to help end **domestic violence**. Sue (right) is holding one of the purple 'No to Domestic Family Violence' tee shirts. The campaign will include walks for awareness, making the tee shirts and banners available, involvement in encouraging Purple Fridays where people wear the tee shirts to work, and increasing awareness of where to go for help. The campaign will be zone wide across Australia.



Sue also spoke about **Shelterbox**. This program started back in 2000 and supplied boxes of essential items to community members who had been affected by disasters. The program has now evolved into providing a more tailor made approach that collaborates with agencies to provide targeted aid, for example, the supply of water filters, or lights, etc. There are currently 130 million people in need of this type of assistance. Brochures, shown below, have been produced for raising awareness and fund raising.

INDUCTION OF JUAN LaPORTA BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR PAUL ROGER

Juan Renato La Porta is an international lawyer practicing in Brisbane.

He is Venezuelan by birth and Australian by choice (2020). Juan is the CEO of Bursagro Agricultural Brokerage House in Venezuela and the founder of Agrimarket Pty Ltd in Australia. When not immersed in law or finance, Juan enjoys a round of golf, running, and cycling.

Please extend Juan a warm welcome into the Rotary Club of Brisbane.

CALENDAR DATES

AUGUST	**Fri**	**25**	**FLANNO DAY**			www.flannoforafarmer.com.au
OCTOBER	**Sun**	**22**	**RARE RACE DAY**	**CALOUNDRA**	**Gates Open at 11.30am**	https://www.sctc.com.au/event/rotary-raceday/

RAFFLE TO Help communities in Developing Countries with containers of donated goods and assist with Environmental Repurposing in South East Queensland

Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment

Drawn at the Rotary Charity Race Day 22nd October 2023 RARE RAFFLE Tickets $10

MAJOR PRIZE

10 night Papua New Guinea for 2 P&O Cruise on 'Coral Princess' or a travel voucher to the value of $4,000

BOOK BUYERS PRIZE

1st Prize - Two Night Glamping Experience at the Sunshine Coast Ingenia Holidays Rivershore Holiday and Caravan Park

2nd Prize - One dozen selected premium wines from Moffatdale Ridge Winery - Murgon

All profits of the Rotary Charity Race Day Raffle go to the Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment Program which sends containers of repurposed vital medical and educational equipment to developing countries.

FROM: **Mitch Witherington, Drought Angels Ltd**, General Manager. WAS OUR CLUB GUEST SPEAKER ON 12 JUNE 2023

I wanted to share with you some exciting news. Our national fundraising campaign **Flanno for a Farmer** has officially launched! Flanno for a Farmer is a brand-new Drought Angels initiative that's all about showing our Aussie farmers and their families some love!

Most farmers would give the shirt off their own backs if it meant helping someone in need.
It's because many have seen hard times and understand that a simple gesture can make a world of difference.
Flanno for a Farmer is just that, a great way to let Aussie farmers know that we've got their backs.
On **Friday August 25** you can join thousands of other Aussies donning their flanno in their workplace, school, and community!
For one day Australia will turn flanno and raise much-needed funds for Aussie farmers in need.

We would love you to help us spread the flanno fever by signing up a **Brisbane Rotary Club** team and helping us raise funds for farmers in need. **Signing up is easy!!**

1.SIGN UP under your name at www.flannoforafarmer.com.au and register your **Brisbane Rotary Club** team at the same time.
2.SPREAD THE WORD via socials and email to your colleagues and raise funds for our Aussie farmers!
3.(Click on Resources - Flanno for a Farmer 2023 to look at our Fundraising Guide)
3.DON YOUR FLANNO on **Friday August 25th** *(We would love to see your photos so be sure to tag @droughtangels and #flannoforafarmer)*

It's time to rally together in our Flanno's
and make a real impact on the lives of our Aussie farmers.

DON YOUR FLANNO on **Friday August 25th**

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RAFFLE was drawn by Shirley Ume, then won by Angela, who then proceeded to draw a dud card—Still not the Joker.

SERGEANT Angela levied fines for anybody not attending the Ekka. She has threatened to start using a 'tappy thing' to extract money from members who don't carry cash!!

MEETING CLOSED Phil Gresham closed the meeting at 1.55 pm.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

MEETING DATES

AUGUST	Mon 21	12.15am	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 28	12.15pm	Meeting at Fridays
SEPTEMBER	Mon 4	11.30am	Board Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 4	12.15pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 11	12.15pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 18	12.15pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 25	12.15pm	Meeting at Fridays

MEETING ROSTER

DATE		PRESIDENTIAL DUTY	CHAIR	INTERNATIONAL TOAST
AUGUST	Mon 21		CHRIS MUIR	PAUL CHOY
	Mon 28		MICHAEL STEPHENS	CAMERON GIBSON
SEPTEMBER	Mon 4	PHIL SAXBY, BOARD	KEITH WATTS	DENISE SCHELLBACH
	Mon 11	PHIL SAXBY	MARK WILLIAMS	BRUCE McNAUGHT
	Mon 18		DAN ADLER	DYMPHNA MUIR
	Mon 25	PHIL SAXBY	BRUCE McNAUGHT	ANGELA MURPHY

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE: LOG IN and DELIVER YOUR EMPTIES TOWARDS FUNDING OUR CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

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