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

Chartered 29th May 1923

Rotary International Club 17787

BULLETIN 20th NOVEMBER 2023

OPENING: PE Angela Murphy (left) opened the meeting at 12.45 pm with 15 in attendance, including 3 guests (right), Peterson Wei, Fr Rodel Enriquez and the guest speaker, Helen Blaber—Legal Assistance for Disadvantaged Prisoners.

APOLOGIES: Denise Schellbach (still ill), Juan Laporta (Spain), Mark Williams (Parental Care), Edouard van Goethem (work), Dickson Ken, 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.

Kimberley, WA

Our club was awarded a 2022-23 **Certificate of Appreciation** for our USD12,176 contribution to the Rotary Foundation.

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This certificate is presented to

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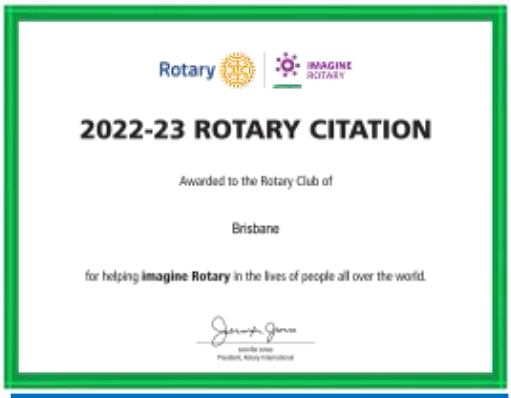
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2022-23 ROTARY CITATION

Awarded to the Rotary Club of

Brisbane

for helping **imagine Rotary** in the lives of people all over the world.

President, Rotary International

Our club earned a **2022-23 Club Citation** from Rotary International.

Read this week's edition of The Brain to discover what the image above is.

Keep reading to find out more about this interesting little device.

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL TOAST

TOAST TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF Ulaanbaatar Peace Avenue, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia by Peter Saxby.

The Rotary Club of Ulaanbaatar Peace Avenue, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia was chartered in meets on the 2nd Floor VIP, Seoul Restaurant, National Amusement Park, Sukhbaatar District, Ulaanbaatar from 7.00 to 8.00 pm every Thursday.

Dear Rotarians of all around the World,

I am pleased to welcome you to Ulaanbaatar Peace Avenue Rotary Club Web Site. As for the last 10 years, we have been working with many fellow Rotarians of the world to serve the community needs in Mongolia.

As one of the few **English-speaking clubs** in Mongolia, we are always open to everyone sharing their experience, ideas, and joint efforts to serve above ourselves.

About Mongolia:

Mongolia, with a land area of about **1.6 million sq. km.** and a population of about **3.0 million** is the world's most sparsely populated country. The land ranges from desert to semi-desert to grassy steppe, with mountains in the west and south-west. **Arable land is estimated to constitute only 0.8 percent** of this vast country. **Landlocked between Russia and China,** Mongolia has shown steady growth in the recent years.

Modern humans reached Mongolia approximately **40,000 years ago**. In **1206 Genghis Khan** founded the Mongol Empire which became the largest land empire in world history. Mongolia later came under Chinese rule and won its **independence from China in 1921**. The Mongolian People's Republic was then established with **Soviet influence**. Mongolia became a **UN member state in 1961**. Following the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Mongolia saw its own relatively peaceful **democratic revolution in the early 1990's** which led to a multi-party system, a new constitution of 1992, and a transition to a market economy. This transition resulted in an upheaval of structures that had been in place for 70 years and saw **Mongolia's trade with Russia decline by 80% and had a strong impact on peoples' lives.**

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL TOAST….Cont'd

Downtown Ulaanbaatar— Blue Sky Hotel (left), Government Buildings (upper right), Soviet era apartments (lower right)

Yurts (pronounced gers) in the countryside (below)

Camels and horses are common place in the country-side (left)

Chinggis Khan Museum— View from the horse's head (above), Inside the Museum (top far left), Khan (bottom far left, Outside the museum (left)

Country Markets—Roadside stores (bottom left and centre), Holding birds of prey (bottom right)

PROJECTS

Let's Read

Project aim:

To improve to quality and accessibility of education in English, Mongolian language literacy as well as the environment.

Project Result:

Since its inception in 2016, we have reached out to all 21 Aimags [Provinces] in Mongolia, including truly rural schools as well as special education. It has:

- ◊ Created and donated 40,000 books, created special needs education/reading materials including bilingual, braille, daisy and sign language video books.
- ◊ Provided training to parents, teachers and librarians for preparation for school as well as inclusive education.
- ◊ Travelled over 4,000 km across Mongolia to provide training and conduct 6 years of sustainable collaboration and expanding networks, including youth involvement in Mongolia and the USA.

Partners:

Local professional partner Mongolian Education Alliance. Overall over 300 organizations (Rotary and non-Rotary business, NGOs and more in Mongolia, USA, Hong Kong and Japan) and numerous individuals.

Gate to Education III

We are continuing the "Gate to Education" project for the third year, which aims to provide textbooks and other training materials to support early childhood education. In 2019-2020 RY, PAG George Maybee D5450 organized an inventory to ship from the US to Mongolia, and the Rotary Club of Ulaanbaatar Peace Avenue received more than 10,000 books, 24 leap pads, 160 pad books with chips, 15 projectors, 16 laptops, one desktop computer, 12 cassette, and CD players, 228 toys, 88 basketballs and footballs, 41 audiobooks, 223 books with CD, 100 video cassettes and children's movies, 6 world globes, and 9 black/whiteboards.

PAG George bought textbooks, reading books, and other training materials from school libraries during the auction of their old books, as well as items on sale at Amazon. PAG George and his team put Rotary logo stickers on each item individually.

As Rotarians, we categorized and sorted the books, counted all of them, and divided them into 50 schools, 8 libraries, and 6 recreational centres for children with disabilities. We also contacted the Mongolian Education Alliance, received contacts of trained teachers, posted ads on their Facebook group, and gave a call to all the teachers who requested to receive books and other teaching supplies.

Midwifery Simulation Centre

Aim: To build /renovate Simulation Centre at one of the Maternity Hospitals in Ulaanbaatar *(Maternal and Child Health Centre)*

Every year more than 82,100 babies are newly born in Mongolia. More than 60% of the new babies are being delivered in Ulaanbaatar city. However, Mongolian midwife sector lacks of proficient well educated midwife doctors in most clinics:

- ◊ Lack of knowledge and lack of proper training
- ◊ Lack of equipment and lack of facilities
- ◊ Nationwide there is no Simulation Centre

District Grant Project Proposal

To install a water purification system at rural area where the water is contaminated and not suitable for drinking. We aim to improve the health and well-being of mothers and children who are exposed to greater risks of infectious diseases.

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[The Rotary Foundation Showcase - YouTube]

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PHIP Barry Rassin
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The Rotary Foundation THANK YOU

A **Certificate of Appreciation** was presented to our Club at the Foundation Dinner on November 8th.

Our Club contributed USD12,176 contribution to the Rotary Foundation. During the 2022—2023 Rotary year.

Most Australian Rotarians assume our donations to The Rotary Foundation are solely for international causes.

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

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BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

Several Rotary Clubs and Districts in Australia and the USA came together to help improve the exposure to reading and counting in the home environment of pre-school children in Yarrabah, Far North Queensland.

Yarrabah is one of the most disadvantaged communities in Australia and suffers from very low levels of literacy and numeracy amongst both children and adults.

A critical issue has been that so many children entering the primary school system have had very low exposure to reading and counting in the home environment, putting them at a serious disadvantage. This problem tends to persist throughout their time at school and this often results in children leaving the education system early, perpetuating the cycle.

Several Rotary Clubs and Districts in Australia and the USA, led by Cairns Trinity, came together to create a project that would help break this cycle, by providing a pathway into the homes of pre-school children.

The project budget was A$100,000 and this was reached when **The Rotary Foundation provided a Global Grant of about A$50,000.**

It's still early days but the team is very confident of achieving significant long term improvements in educational and social outcomes in this community.

The Rotary Foundation has supplied the first tranche of US $25,000 DISASTER FUNDING to our own District 9620
Multiple Disaster Funding can be applied for the one disaster following acquittal of the previous round of funding.

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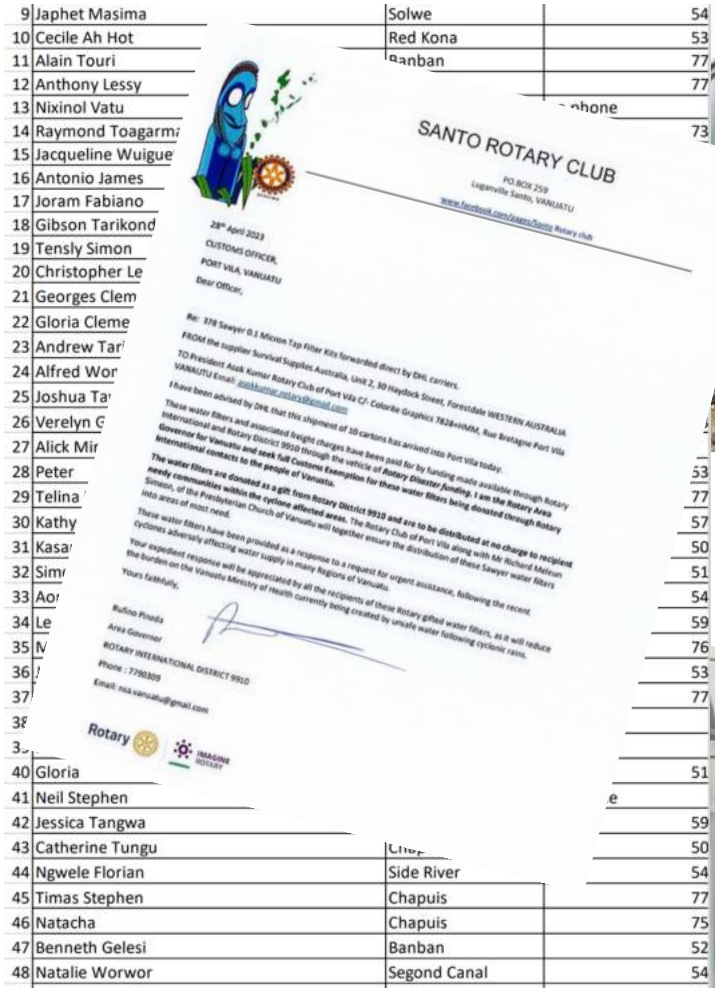
The Rotary Foundation: DISASTER FUNDING OF US $25,000 HAS PROVIDED 387 +200 WATER FILTERS INTO VANUATU IN 2023



SANTO ROTARY CLUB

PO BOX 259
Luganville Santo, VANUATU
www.facebook.com/santo/Santo Rotary club

28th April 2023

CUSTOMS OFFICER,
PORT VILA, VANUATU

Dear Officer,

Re: 378 Sawyer 0.1 Micron Tap Filter Kits forwarded direct by DHL carriers.

FROM the supplier Survival Supplies Australia, Unit 2, 30 Haydock Street, Forestdale WESTERN AUSTRALIA

TO President Asok Kumar Rotary Club of Port Vila C/- Colorbe Graphics 7828+HMM, Rue Bretagne Port Vila VANUATU Email: asokkumar.rotary@gmail.com

I have been advised by DHL that this shipment of 10 cartons has arrived into Port Vila today.

These water filters and associated freight charges have been paid for by funding made available through Rotary International and Rotary District 9910 through the vehicle of **Rotary Disaster funding. I am the Rotary Area Governor for Vanuatu and seek full Customs Exemption for these water filters being donated through Rotary International contacts to the people of Vanuatu.**

The water filters are donated as a gift from Rotary District 9910 and are to be distributed at no charge to recipient needy communities within the cyclone affected areas. The Rotary Club of Port Vila along with Mr Richard Melvun Simson, of the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu will together ensure the distribution of these Sawyer water filters into areas of most need.

These water filters have been provided as a response to a request for urgent assistance, following the recent cyclones adversely affecting water supply in many Regions of Vanuatu.

Your expedient response will be appreciated by all the recipients of these Rotary gifted water filters, as it will reduce the burden on the Vanuatu Ministry of Health currently being created by unsafe water following cyclonic rains.

Yours faithfully,

Rufino Pinda
Area Governor
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9910
Phone : 7750309
Email: nsa.vanuatu@gmail.com

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Rotary District 9910 applied for the Disaster Funding and received $US 25,000 approval within 24 hours.

This was supported by Santo and Port Vila Rotary Clubs.

Disaster Fundings can continue for a lengthy period.

ROTARY ACCOUNTABILITY

The filters were redirected by PDG Lindsay Ford from Tanna to Santo following untimely delivery of the Filters into Tanna communities

Water Filter Unpackaged Parts

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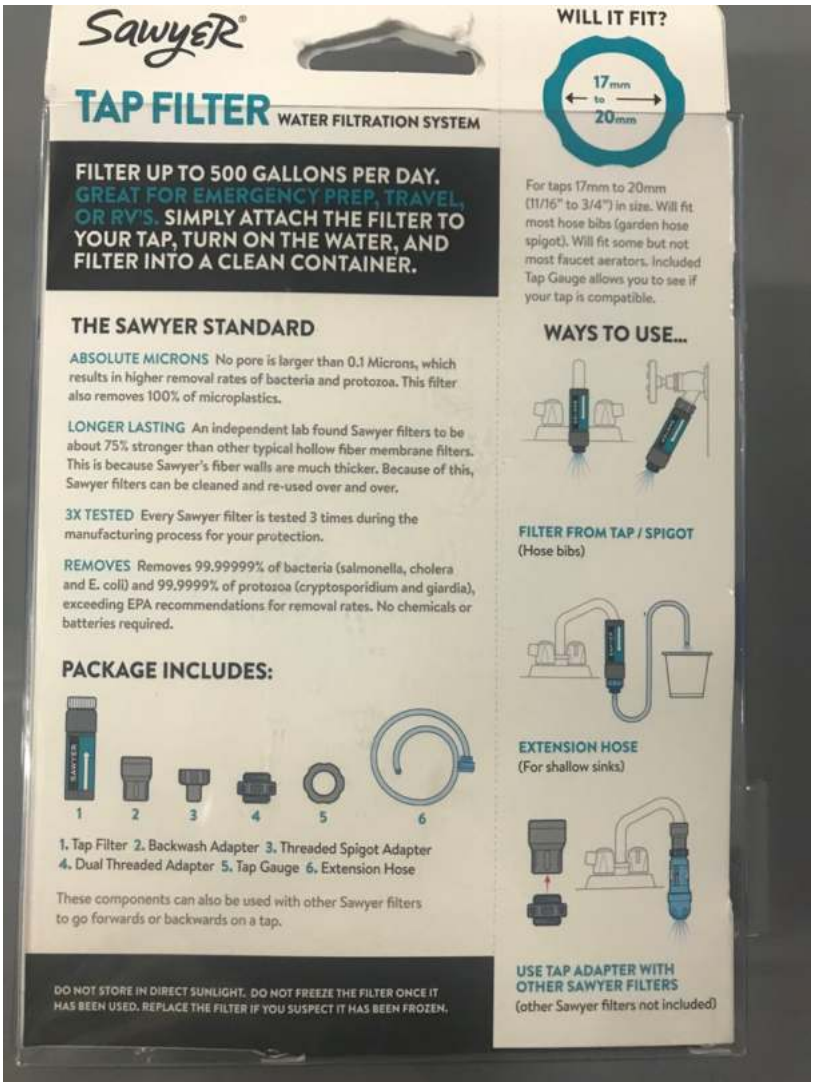

CHRISTMAS BREAK UP	**Friday 24th November, 6.00 pm at President's Home**
BOARD MEETING	**Monday 27th November 11.30 am, Fridays**
RARE LOADING DAY	**CLUB ROSTERED ON Saturday 2nd December, 8.00 am Start**
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	**Monday 4th December, 12.15 pm, Fridays**
FINAL 2023 MEETING	**Monday 11th December, 12.15 pm, Fridays**
FIRST 2024 MEETING	**Monday 15th January, 12.15 pm, Fridays**
RARE OPEN DAY	**Saturday 3rd February, 10 am Registration**

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ROTARY CLUB of BRISBANE CHRISTMAS BREAK UP

DATE:	Friday 24 November 2023
TIME:	6pm Onwards
VENUE:	President Phil Saxby's home
ADDRESS:	7 Sumar Street, Wavell Heights
DRESS:	Smart Casual
FORMAT:	Totally Informal
PLEASE BRING:	One Secret Santa Gift, to value about $15
COST:	NIL
WEATHER:	**No Snow Forecast**

ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Monday 4th December 2023

TIME: 12.15 for 12.45pm

VENUE: Fridays Riverside

AGENDA: Minutes of Previous AGM
President's Report 2022-2023
Financial Report 2022-2023
Election of Office Bearers
General Business

APOLOGIES: Please send to secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au

PRESIDENT
Phil Saxby

The Rotary Club of Brisbane is now a member of the Circle of Centennial Rotary Clubs

From: Purnendu Roychowdhury <purnendurc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 8:07 PM
To: kwatts@bigpond.net.au
Cc: Rtn. Saumen Ray <ray_saumen@rediffmail.com>
Subject: Re: Congratulations - Your entry to CCRC - Projects

Dear Keith,

Welcome to CCRC and we are very happy to have you as a member.

Since I am the current chair of the CCRC, I would like you to list who are the members from your club wanting to meet at our monthly Zoom meetings. I will need the following from you :

1. Name of members

2. email address

3. WhatsApp phone numbers to include into the group.

I will include all that you recommend into our CCRC mailing and WhatsApp groups.

With best wishes,

Purnendu.

The Circle of Centennial Rotary Clubs (CCRC) was established in February 2020.

It is recognized as a Rotary Action Group.

The CCRC is an organization whose members are 100 year old plus Rotary Clubs and the individual members of each of these clubs.

As of May 10, 2022 the CCRC had eight member Clubs. The Rotary Club (RC) of Manila, RC Shanghai, and RC Calcutta are the first three centennial clubs in Asia. They are the founding members of the CCRC. The CCRC also has RC Seattle (4), RC Minneapolis (9), RC Washington DC (46), RC San Francisco (2) and RC Madrid (the oldest Club in continental Europe) to complete its current cast of member clubs.

All Clubs put together, we have a population of over 1300 Rotarians as members.

PRESIDENT
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Rotary Australian Districts | RAWCS WE BACK 'DOING GOOD'

Northern Region

Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment (RARE)

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE WITH US

THE OPENING OF OUR NEW PREMISES AT
61-73 MACARTHUR STREET
ALEXANDRA HILLS, QLD 4161

SATURDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY 2024

10:00am – 10:30am Registrations
10:30am – 12.00 Formalities
12:00 – 2.00pm Free bar-b-cue and open House
(Cold drinks available for purchase)

RSVP by 26th January 2024 to
0466 556 042 or rare.rawcsnorthern@gmail.com
(Numbers needed for catering)

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

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
QUEENSLAND

Dr P Saxby
GPO Box 2909
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Via email: president@brisbanerotary.org.au

Dear Dr Saxby

Thank you for submitting a request for Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD to be Patron of your organisation. The Governor is delighted that her husband, Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD, has accepted the request to be Patron for the duration of Her Excellency's term in office.

To assist Professor Nimmo in providing support and advocacy for your organisation, I have enclosed Patronage Protocol Guidelines for your reference. Within two months of receiving this letter, please ensure Professor Nimmo is acknowledged as Patron in printed material and on your website. More information about Professor Nimmo, including his biography, can be found at https://www.govhouse.qld.gov.au/.

The Governor and Professor Nimmo are interested in the opportunity to engage with their patronages as much as possible but especially on occasions of great significance to the organisations. To assist the Office in planning Her Excellency's program, please provide Government House with details of any anniversaries or major events you have planned over the next five years. This information can be sent to govhouse@govhouse.qld.gov.au.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office via govhouse@govhouse.qld.gov.au or on (07) 3858 5700.

Yours sincerely

Kerri Neuendorf
Acting Official Secretary

15 November 2023

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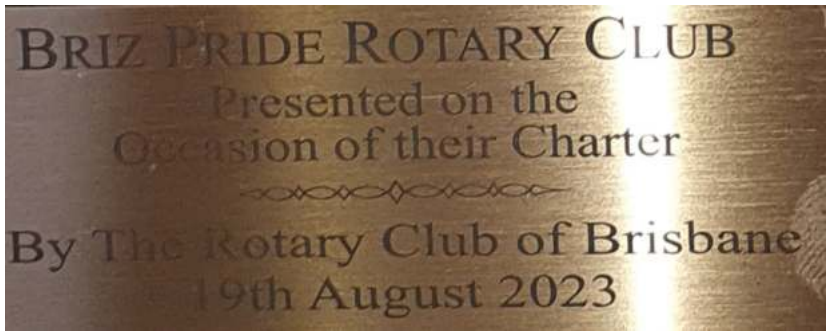
TEL: 07 3858 5700 EMAIL: govhouse@govhouse.qld.gov.au WEB: www.govhouse.qld.gov.au ABN: 19 108 283 540

The Charter Rotary Bell for the Rotary Club of Briz Pride has finally arrived and it will be presented at their December 5th meeting at Easts Rugby Club, Coorparoo, 7pm.



SPOT THE MEMBER

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

Round # 2 of the removal of no longer wanted surgical and medical goods from the Operation Smile warehouse near the Mater Hospital was completed on Saturday 18th November. All items surplus to their continuing operations were relocated to RARE warehouse for recycling into our Pacific neighbouring countries. A rough estimate by the RARE recyclers put the total value of the donated medical goods well in excess of $250,000.

Missing in Action: Cam Gibson managed to avoid the cameras. President Phil Saxby thought he had avoided the cameras, but he was caught taking a photo of Phil Gresham. (top centre)

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

PP Bruce McNaught attended the District Foundation Seminar and passed on milestone type news to the Club. During 2023 there were only 9 cases of polio in the world. These case were in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and all cases could be traced. **If there are zero cases in 2024, the world will be declared free of polio in 2025.**

Keith Watts informed the meeting about his activities regarding the containers for change initiative. Keith approached the Body Corporate of Sylvan Grove Apartments and obtained agreement to place a containers for change bin on the premises. There are 40 units in the complex.

Keith will call a meeting of the International Service Committee in the next week or so. In relation to our membership of the CCRC, Keith will assume that all members of the committee will participate in the virtual meetings and has passed on member contact details to the Chair of the CCRC, Purnendu Roychowdhury.

GUEST SPEAKER

Helen Blaber
Prisoners' Legal Service

Helen Blaber provided an extremely interesting and thought provoking presentation today.

Average Queenslanders are unnecessarily being left to languish in prison, often for days on end in solitary confinement because they have extremely limited access to legal advice, according to the state's peak prisoner legal advocate.

Prisoners' Legal Service Director and Principal Solicitor Helen Blaber said the restrictions on freedoms and risk of transmission due to the global Covid-19 pandemic are taking a toll on all Queenslanders but have been far worse for people in prison.

Helen said inmates are currently being subjected to severe conditions such as solitary confinement, loss of family contact and overcrowding, without access to basic technology such as mobile phones or the internet to help maintain well-being.

However, she said many current prisoners are serving unnecessary time locked behind bars and would otherwise be living in the community simply because they are unable to make contact with their legal representatives.

Many prison inmates are **illiterate**, and unable to read or write, and **yet they are expected to understand 20 page legal documents explaining their parole conditions**. These inmates are often left to languish in prison simply because they are unable participate in the parole process.

40% to 90% of prisoners have some form of brain injury which can result in anger management issues and irrational behaviour. These prisoners are often subjected to solitary confinement, which can exacerbate the issue, rather than dealing with the underlying issue, which is mental health.

RAFFLE & SERGEANT

RAFFLE The raffle was drawn by Cameron Gibson and won by Chris Muir, however Chris drew a dud card.

SERGEANT PE Angela Murphy was back in fine form today, but was suffering some form of cruise lag (?) after being on cruise!!! And to top it off, she wanted to fine anyone who hadn't been on a cruise recently!! Multiple reasons for fines were generated, and these were done so quickly and stealthily, that proper records couldn't be kept. John Smerdon had to call in a crane and low loader to facilitate transfer of the coloured plastic stuff to the bank……

MEETING CLOSED PE Angela Murphy closed the meeting at 1.48 pm.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

CALENDAR DATES

NOVEMBER	Fri	24	Christmas Break Up	President's Home	6.00 pm	
	Mon	27	Board Meeting	Fridays	11.30 am	
DECEMBER	Sat	2	RARE LOADING DAY	CLUB ROSTERED ON	8.00 am	
	Mon	4	AGM	Fridays	12.15 pm	
FEBRUARY	Sat	3	Rare Open Day		10.00 am	Registration at 10.00 am

GUEST SPEAKERS

TBA

MEETING DATES

NOVEMBER	Mon 27	11.30 am	Board Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 27	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
DECEMBER	Mon 4	12.15 pm	Annual General Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 11	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
JANUARY 2024	Mon 15	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays

MEETING ROSTER

DATE		PRESIDENTIAL DUTY	CHAIR	INTERNATIONAL TOAST
NOVEMBER	MON 27	PHIL SAXBY	PETER SAXBY	CELIA GRENNING
DECEMBER	MON 4	PHIL SAXBY	DENISE SCHELLBACH	KEITH WATTS
	MON 11	BRUCE McNAUGHT	BRUCE McNAUGHT	PAUL CHOY

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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40th Anniversary
19th APRIL 2024

RI CONVENTION
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