



BE THE INSPIRATION

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary

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The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary Inc. meets on Wednesday at 6:30am for 6:45am at:

Solitude Solutions,
5 Wills Court, Mt Ommaney.

P O Box 214 Mt Ommaney Q 4074

Neville's Narrative

It was a pleasure at the last meeting for me to be able to do a presentation on ROMAC to the Club. I am passionate about the Rotary project and there is so much to be done to help the lives of underprivileged children from our Pacific neighbours. It is not cheap to bring a child to Australia for the surgery that is so desperately needed – on average it costs around \$30,000 per child. So fund raising is a big part of my role in ROMAC as well as the best part- helping the children when they are in Australia for the surgery. Recently, I received a donation from a member of RC Cleveland for \$20,000 so that really has inspired me to achieve a lot more for ROMAC.

As part of working on improving the service given to the children, I met this week with a gentleman named Don Murray who, with his wife, was the founder of an organisation called Rosie May Foundation. I hope to have Don come to our Club soon to talk about it so I won't explain much of what he does. His Foundation has worked particularly in Sri Lanka, where it's main focus now is getting children out of government orphanages where they become totally institutionalised back with relatives, and in Nepal where he set up a school after the devastating earthquakes. It is incredible work and so inspiring. I look forward to Don sharing the work of the Foundation with the Club.

I am away now for 3 weeks including attending the dawn service at Villers Bretonneux which I feel so privileged to be able to attend after also attending Gallipoli dawn service 5 years ago. It is count down to the Fun Run, so I just urge everyone to contribute as much as you can for that event and again thank Graham for all his work. See you soon.

Neville

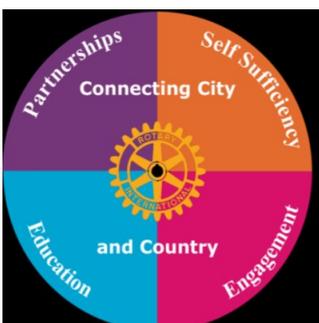


Neville and Jenny Blomeley
President



Rotary International
Convention

1—5 June 2019



13—31 March 2020
Chinchilla



The Board for 2018-19

President
Past President
Treasurer
Secretary
Effective Services

Neville Blomeley
The Quadocracy
Gerry Gebert
Nick Curry
Di Scotte

PR
Membership
Foundation
Club Administration
Bulletin Editor

Brad Butcher
Graham Osterfield
John Woodward
Craig Carson
Nick Curry

This week's Meeting

Christine Starr
Blue Lighthouse
Relocations

24th April
End of Month Social

Jindalee Hotel 5:30pm

1st May

Const. Ben Harm

Mt Ommaney Police

Community update

That was the week that was or TW3

Raffle: Won by Glenn Palmer

Rotary Talk: Gerry Gebert discussed the Rotary Foundation (TRF). TRF has been awarded the highest rating of 4 stars by Charity Navigator for 10 years in a row, A summary of Charity Navigator findings includes:

% of expenses spent on service delivery 91.5%

Admin expenses 2.9%

Fundraising expenses 6.4%

Year ending December 2017 (\$US)

Total income \$333 m

Total expenses \$284 m

Net assets \$1.058 billion

Overall ratings (out of 100)

Financial 96.49

Accountability and transparency 100.00

Overall 97.51

Rotary Foundation is strong and well regarded

Membership – nothing to report. Terry Killen is currently in Melbourne visiting his sister who is in Palliative care

Fun Run: Requested members hand out brochures

◇ 71 current registered. Not that different to past years at the same time. Graham noted that Wesley are to enter a good-sized team this year (didn't last year)

◇ We need more sponsors. Glen and Bill have been doing some great work in this area

◇ Costs this year will be higher than last year

ROMAC— Neville Blomeley

Neville is currently the district chair for Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC). ROMAC started in 1988 and some 500 children have now been treated.

Medical specialists generally donate their time *pro bono* and perform life changing surgery. However as Australian hospitals are generally at capacity and under regulations are required to charge for services there are costs involved. Average costs are around \$30k and can be up to \$100k. A lot of the operations are performed in New Zealand where the new hospitals have spare beds built. Limited surgery takes place in Brisbane.

Who qualifies for ROMAC treatment?

- Children up to age 15 from nearby developing countries who be left to die or are hidden away
- who can't be treated by outreach teams or local doctors
- from countries with inadequate medical facilities
- whose treatment will enable them to lead a normal life when return home

It is quiet a complicated process to get children into Australia and New Zealand – there are visa, passport, parent support and accommodation etc. Often children and not allowed in because of some of the diseases they have or have had. Anyone can refer a child for consideration of life changing surgery. Demand exceeds supply. The

BeefBank: A stall has been booked for the Farm Fest in Toowoomba. This is 2-3 days and a roster will be setup. The Farm Fest is expecting in the order of 60,000 to attend

◇ As was done for Beef Week in Rockhampton last year Foodbank will also be using our site and sharing the costs.

◇ A BBQ will be organised at the Farm Fest.

◇ A donated buffalo is to be made shortly.

◇ BeefBank expenses are to rise with the appointment of specialist to help, particularly PR.

◇ Encouraging members and colleagues to use Facebook more and use the bottle exchange number—BeefBank has to fundraise.

Craig Carson: Advised that Mt Ommaney Special School are holding an Anzac Day ceremony 1:45 – 2:30pm.

Di Scotte: advised she will be representing the club at Middle Park School as part of new generations.

President Neville Blomeley

- Noted the district change over
- World immunization week shortly 24 – 30 April. Craig to organise end polio shirts for the Bunnings BBQ and roster.
- Members to check My Rotary and ensure birth date is entered
- There will be live streaming of the International Conference in Hamburg for a small fee

Neville will be away for the next 3 weeks and Craig will be acting President.

medical director has a rigorous process is in place to select the children who will have surgery. There is a budget of \$750k in our district. In 2017 \$717k was spent. Global grants are available.

ROMAC facilitates

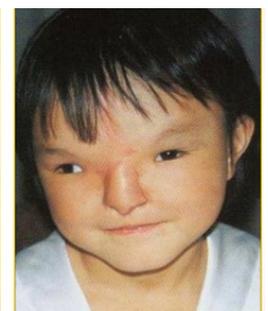
Cardiac surgery	Abdominal
Neurosurgery	Orthopaedic surgery
Plastic surgery	Burns
Vascular	Ophthalmic
Maxillofacial surgery	AND MANY MORE

We are focussed on northern region including PNG, Solomon Islands etc. 40 – 50 children per year go through the system. Even when a child is accepted for surgery, the wait time is still several months.

It is noted that there are not the resources to have regular follow up.



From this...



To this!

Council on legislation to review changes to RI policies

Rotary members from all over the world will gather in Chicago this week (14-18 April) to consider changes to the Constitutional documents that guide Rotary International and its member clubs.

The Council on Legislation meets every three years and is an essential part of Rotary's governance. The representatives — one from each Rotary district — review and vote on proposals that seek to change Rotary's constitutional documents.

This year, the council will consider more than 100 proposals, including one new item and three recently amended motions from the Rotary International Board of Directors:

1. Authorize the RI board to change RI to a 501(c)(3) organization

Proposed enactment 19-117 seeks approval to change Rotary International's charity status from a 501(c)(4) organization to a 501(c)(3) organization under the United States tax code. As a 501(c)(3) organization, RI would be eligible for benefits, such as tax reductions, vendor discounts, and certain corporate sponsorships.

2. To admit Rotaract clubs to RI membership

Proposed enactment 19-72 would acknowledge Rotaract

clubs in the RI Constitution and Bylaws and elevate them to being more equal to Rotary clubs. The Board believes that now is the time to emphasize the important role that Rotaract clubs play in the Rotary family by formally recognizing them in the constitutional documents. Rotaract clubs will continue to have their own standard constitution, maintain their own identity as Rotaractors, and preserve their unique club experience but will receive greater support from RI.

3. To amend the term of reference for the Rotaract and Interact Committee

Proposed enactment 19-75 would remove Interact from the responsibilities of the committee in order to emphasize Rotaract as a membership experience distinct from Interact as a youth program conducted by Rotary clubs. It allows the committee to focus efforts on improving the Rotaract experience, which was identified by the strategic plan as showing great potential as a new channel into Rotary. The RI president may still appoint an Interact committee.

4. Revise policy on financial reserves

The RI Board seeks to modernize RI's policy for reserves to meet future circumstances, in accordance with principles of good governance. Proposed enactment 19-95 would provide a clearer definition of reserves and specify that the appropriate level of reserves is 55 percent of annual operating expenses instead of 85%

Are you supporting BeefBank?

Only two members have made deposits to the container scheme thus far.

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	Today (a while ago)!
1397	Geoffrey Chaucer tells <i>The Canterbury Tales</i> for the first time at the court of Richard II. Chaucer scholars have also identified this date as the start of the book's pilgrimage to Canterbury.
1492	Christopher Columbus signs a contract with the Spanish monarchs to find the "Indies" with the stated goal of converting people to Catholicism. This promises him 10% of all riches found, and the governorship of any lands encountered.
1521	Trial of Martin Luther over his teachings begins during the assembly of the Diet of Worms. Initially intimidated, he asks for time to reflect before answering and is given a stay of one day.
1860	Champion of England Tom Sayers and American John Heenan fight out brutal 2 hour, 27 minute draw near Farnborough, England; police stop fight acknowledged as first world title bout
1876	Catalpa rescue: The rescue of six Fenian prisoners from Fremantle Prison in WA.
1961	Bay of Pigs Invasion: A group of Cuban exiles financed and trained by the CIA lands at the Bay of Pigs in Cuba with the aim of ousting Fidel Castro.
1875	Modern Snooker invented by Sir Neville Chamberlain, a bored British officer in Jabalpur, India



Trivia

Butterflies taste with their feet.

Nev Blomeley giving his presentation.

Looks like he didn't even get a certificate!

The Board meeting was held *al fresco*.

This is why we live in Brisbane in the autumn!



SMILE!

You know you're a redneck when...

You have the local taxidermist on speed dial.

You come back from the dump with more than you took.

You keep a can of Raid on the kitchen table.

Your wife can climb a tree faster than your cat.

Your grandmother has 'ammo' on her Christmas list.

You keep flea and tick soap in the shower.

You've been involved in a custody fight over a hunting dog.

You go to the stock car races and don't need a program.

You know how many bales of hay your car will hold.

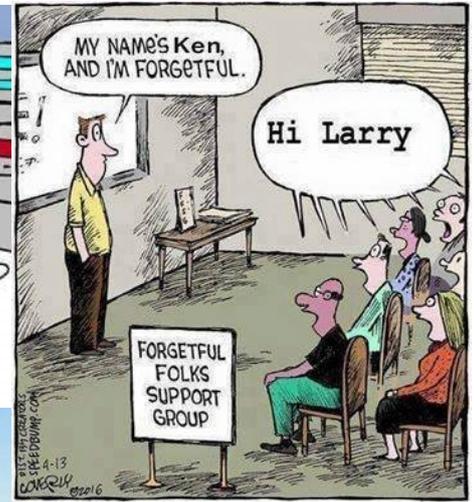
You have a rag for a gas cap.

Your house doesn't have curtains, but your truck does.

You can spit without opening your mouth.



"Nurse, get on the internet, go to SURGERY.COM, scroll down and click on the 'Are you totally lost?' icon."



Did I read that Right?

In an office:
AFTER TEA BREAK, STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD.

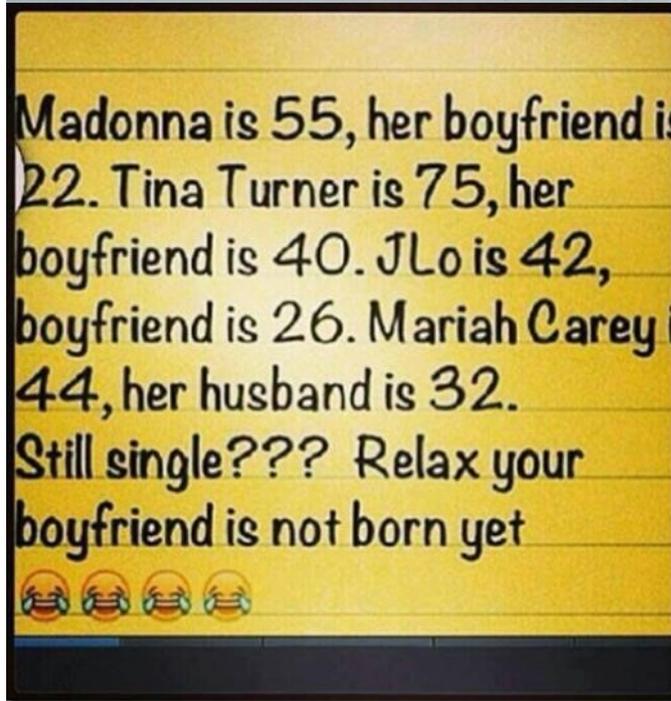
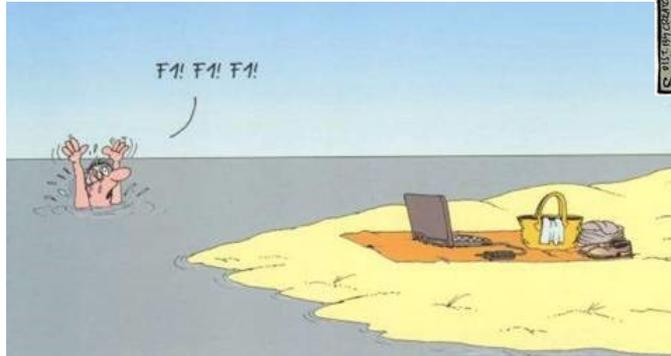
Outside a second-hand shop:
WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC.

WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

Notice in health food shop window:
CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS...

Seen during a conference:
FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR.

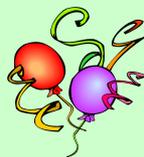
Notice in a farmer's field:
THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.



Happy Birthday to:

Jeffery Stratford 30 April

Geoff Williams 25 April



Trivia

Turtles can breathe through their ass.

Message on a leaflet:

IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS.

The 4-way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Duty	17/04/2019	1/05/2019
Chair	Gerry Gebert	Graham Osterfield
Duty Officer	John Woodward	Gerry Gebert
Fellowship Officer	Glen Palmer	Nick Curry
Rotary talk		Dianne Scotte
International Toast	Gerry Gebert	