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The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary

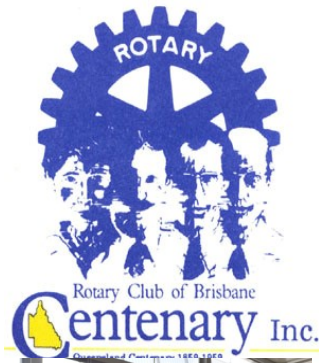
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The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary Inc. meets on Wednesday at 6:30am for 6:45am at:

Solitude Solutions,
5 Wills Court, Mt Ommaney.

P O Box 214 Mt Ommaney Q 4074



Neville and Jenny Blomeley
President

Neville's Narrative

It was great to have Lisa Baillie from 4074 Community and Beyond speaking at our last meeting. Certainly her organisation is doing really good things in our community and we can tap into those resources.

We had a Board meeting after our normal meeting and things are progressing well in our Club, I believe. Craig has identified a number of possible projects that we can start and develop into the new Rotary year.

The RAWCS team project to Fiji, I was hoping to have developed under Glen's guidance is still likely to happen but probably not until September.

Rotakids is going well and Di and I will continue to support and develop the Club at Middle Park SS. We would like other members to attend meetings as well – they are held at 11 am on Wednesdays. We will draw up a roster for everyone to attend. It only goes for about 45 minutes.

At this week's meeting, we have a Club assembly for everyone to express their thoughts on how the Club is going and Craig will give an insight into where he will be leading us. Unfortunately, I have just heard that 6 members of my old Club in Stanthorpe have resigned presumably due to a disagreement in the Club's direction. This includes at least 2 members who have been in the Club for over 40 years – one is a PDG. It is sad to see that and I am just glad that we have, what I believe to be a stable, happy Club. I look forward to hearing your ideas this coming meeting.

See you then.

Neville

This week's Meeting

Club Forum

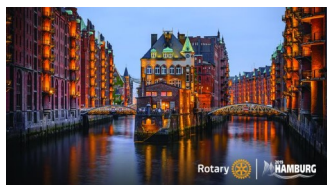
29th May

Social week
Meet at the Jindalee Hotel
Friday 31st May

5th June

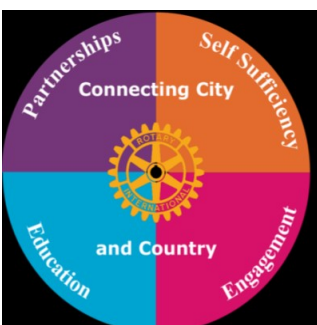
Don Murray
Rosie May Foundation

11th June



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

That was the week that was or TW3

Raffle: Won by Nick Curry...for the second week!

Rotary Talk: Steve Stonely gave an interesting talk about why he joined Rotary. Essentially he saw an opportunity to serve the community at a local and at an international level. He saw personal growth and development but he also saw Rotary as a huge source of friendship. Steve enjoyed the cultural diversity of Rotary and also the family-based programmes such as RYLA and YEP. And he, especially, appreciated the ethical nature of Rotary and the 4 way test.

Secretary: Nick noted the useless content of the mail box this week.

Fun Run: 266 registrants thus far. Need more since the more we have the greater the revenue!

Administration: Craig Carson noted:

- The visit to Andrew Rodgers had been entertaining. From that has been mooted a weekend expedition to Andrew's property in Warwick which would be a fantastic idea.

BeefBank: Farm Fest is coming up (4-6 June). Volunteers welcome for each day.

Pushing Barriers: Tracy mentioned that one of her boys had got selection into the Australian Junior Deaf Soccer team. Because it is Sydney-centric, training is costly as is the actual tournament = fundraising, etc. Tracy also mentioned that 8 of their girls were into netball and others were trying out other sports. Three recent recruits had arrived from Noumea.

From the desk of our President: Neville noted:

- The Ballina Food and Wine Festival...we might get a contingent to go down for that.
- The dawn service at Villers Bretonneux and the stall run by the French clubs there
- District Changeover at Picnic Point, Toowoomba.
- Other local club changeovers
- The Eastern Members Forum on 9 June.

Lisa Ballie—4074 Community & Beyond

Lisa, a Kiwi who has lived in the area for the past 30 years (and, therefore, qualifies as local), is a graphic designer and event planner.

In April 2013 she realised that the power of the community is greater when everyone is heard and launched 4074 Community and Beyond (beyond because the community might extend beyond 4074). There is nothing like this elsewhere but the purpose is to get the vibe of the community and to enable people to come together and know each other. It gives local charities a voice where, before, they would have struggled against the majors.

Lisa told the story of the Duray family in Jamboree Heights whose father had terminal cancer. Their story was shared and local tradies came up to offer assistance to renovate their home and garden before he passed away. It showed the power of the community.

When the group reached 1,000 members, they held a celebration...a community BBQ which raised \$3,000. This celebration grows each year and, last year, they raised \$13,840. Beneficiaries of this fund raising have included MOSS, Project Love and Care, Mirror House and, more recently, Logan Home because of the support they gave during the local Westlake fires.

The community group was approached for advertising space and now receives revenue from its banner advertising. The group now also has 22,000 members.

Lisa mentioned that they have been thinking about turning the enterprise into a Not for Profit entity but, as our own experiences go with BeefBank, this is not the easiest thing to do and their accountant has advised against this.

Lisa also has offshoots:

- 4074 Pets and beyond
- 4074 Events and beyond
- 4074 Jobs and beyond and so forth.



Lisa also has RACKS (Random Acts of Community Kindness) and a tie up with Charleville....Centenary Charleville United.

Lisa has Facebook rules. No one is allowed to put negative or disparaging comments up on the web site but you can advertise community events.

Lisa also has organized several including the Largest Garage Sale and, when the Brisbane City Council rejuvenated the Curragundi Road shopping precinct, The Festival that followed was extremely successful. Lisa said that it was obvious that the community (in fact all communities) needs events like this.

WE ARE
THIS CLOSE
TO ENDING
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Climate change and The Four-Way Test

By Rick Olson, Rotary Club of Prior Lake, Minnesota,



Rick Olson visits with children in Tanzania.

USA

Climate change is an impersonal, ambiguous term, which denotes negative impact on people around the world. But on a recent trip to Tanzania in Africa I met some of the innocents who will be most affected by the increased droughts caused by carbon dioxide emissions.

On a 10-day biking safari to visit Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti, we camped in a school yard in a Maasai village west of Arusha, Tanzania. Three boys came to visit, and after giving them some treats, I took their photo with my phone. I showed them the photo, and a boy about 8 or 9 years old gestured to me he would like to hold the phone.

So, I showed him how to take a photo with it and handed it to him. I also taught him how to take selfies and videos. Before long a group of about 15 children were gathered around us, looking at photos he had taken, enlarging the pictures of some of the kids, all to gales of laughter. It was so much fun. Seeing how quickly he learned to use the phone, without our knowing a word of each other's language, was such a kick.

These Maasai children live in a very dry area. The March-

May "rainy" season had not produced a drop of rain by the time I left on 23 March. These young ones and the rest of their tribe are the least capable of adapting to even drier conditions projected by the climate scientists than the desert they already live in, hanging on by a thread.

Yet, we in the United States who are in the most wealthy of countries and have produced and continue to produce the most carbon dioxide can't even agree that human-caused climate change is real, much less agree on what to do about it.

Is it the truth?

As a Prior Lake Rotarian, I join my club weekly in reciting [The Four-Way Test](#). The first two lines are: "Is it the truth?" and "Is it fair to all concerned?" A guest commentary I wrote for the Prior Lake American, [Commentary: Acting on climate change can make difference](#), outlines why it is *the truth* that climate change is real and caused by humans burning fossil fuel. *Is it fair* that those least able to adapt to the negative changes bear the greatest impacts while we do nothing? I think not.

We are not helpless in mitigating the consequences of our past and present actions. We as Rotarians can support actions including government legislation that promote feasible measures to effectively reduce carbon dioxide emissions. We can support Rotary projects that seek to alleviate or reduce the impact of climate change.

Join us in minimizing the damage to not only our economy and our lives, but that of the innocents in Africa and India who will be most affected.



Maasai children learn to take selfies with Olson's smartphone.

	Today (a while ago)!
760	Fourteenth recorded perihelion passage of Halley's Comet.
1570	The first atlas, <i>Theatrum Orbis Terrarum</i> , is published with 70 maps.
1762	The Trevi Fountain is officially completed and inaugurated in Rome by Pope Clement XIII.
1819	SS <i>Savannah</i> leaves port at Savannah, Georgia, United States, on a voyage to become the first steamship to cross the Atlantic Ocean.
1826	HMS <i>Beagle</i> departs on its first voyage.
1840	The penal transportation of British convicts to the New South Wales colony is abolished.
1987	First ever Rugby World Cup kicks off with New Zealand playing Italy at Eden Park in Auckland, New Zealand.

Paddington Rotary Club

is looking for old laptops which it repurposes as Teacher in a Box servers.

They have requests from PNG and other needy places. So if you have an old laptop that is being used as a ship's anchor, contact Stephen Kirby at

stephenk@elstar.com.au

SMILE!

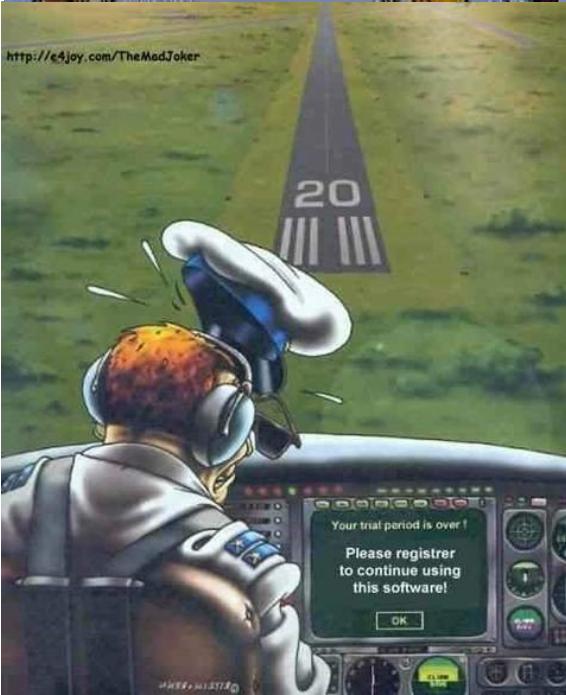
In a train from London to Manchester, an American was berating the Englishman sitting across from him in the compartment.



"The trouble with you English is that you are too stuffy. You set yourselves apart too much. You think your stiff upper lip makes you above the rest of us."

Look at me: I'm me! I have a little Italian in me, a bit of Greek blood, a little Irish and some Spanish blood. What do you say to that?"

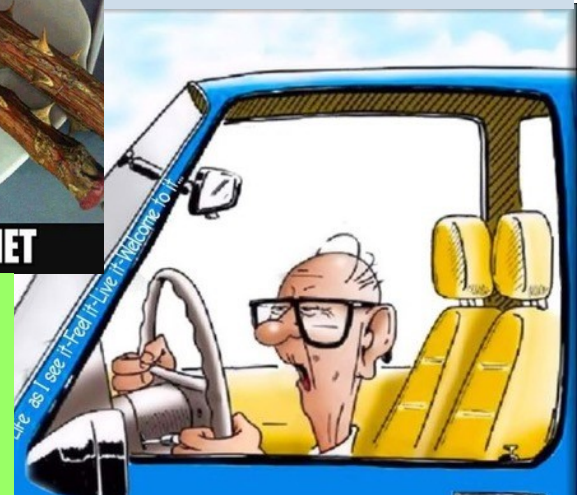
The Englishman lowered his newspaper and replied, "How very sporting of your mother."



Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead

Did I read that right?

You never appreciate what you have till it's gone.



I think more about running away now than I did as a kld.. but by the time I put my teeth In, my glasses on and find my keys I forget why I'm going..

Happy Birthday to:

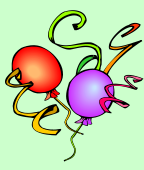
Matthew Dalby 31 May

Benjamin Dalby 21 May

Tanya Filer 30 May

The Club welcomed:

Andrew Rodgers 28 May



Toilet paper is a good example.

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	22/05/2019	5/06/2019
Chair	Graeme Stratford	John Woodward
Duty Officer	Steve Stoneley	Graeme Stratford
Fellowship Officer	John Woodward	Steve Stoneley
Rotary talk		Graeme Stratford
International Toast	Graeme Stratford	