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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.

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Neville's Narrative

Hi all ,

The French trip is coming to an end and I look forward to being back there at meetings. The highlight has been the dawn service at Villers-Bretonneux which was very moving and the tour of the Somme battlefields - very humbling to be there and hear about what our soldiers did for us .

At present, we are on a cruise on the Seine River which has been great. I have met a member from Ballina Rotary who is a past ADG. He has told me about their big fund raising event - Ballina Food and Wine festival in October. Looks a great event and it would be a lot of fun if we could get a group of us. The main event is the Asahi After Dark Gala Dinner on Friday October 18th which is evidently a great night . There are accommodation packages available so we can get that organised quickly - the Ramada is evidently the best.

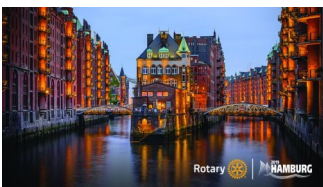
I will discuss when I return.

See you soon

Neville

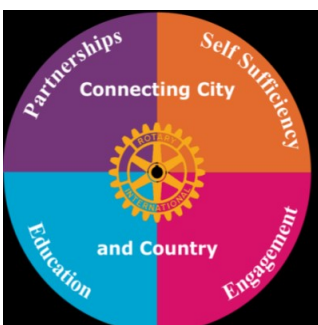


*Neville and Jenny Blomeley
President*



**Rotary International
Convention**

1—5 June 2019



**13—31 March 2020
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This week's Meeting

**Vocational Visit -
Andrew Rodgers
Bolts & Industrial
Supplies, Salisbury**

15th May

**Lisa Baillie
4074 Community &
Beyond
Community Social
Networking**

22nd May

Club Forum

That was the week that was or TW3

Raffle: Won by Bill Dalby...I think!

Rotary Talk: Dianne told us about Rotakids...which is around the world and especially in the UK and Ireland. Di has a cousin in Wales who is a member. However our club has started the first one in this district at Middle Park State School which is large enough to need splitting into two groups of 25 each. Activities include Huff and Puff fitness and the Fiji Kindergarten project where one group is collecting things whilst the other group is looking at fundraising.

Secretary: Our Insurance Declaration Form has been submitted with the Insurance Officer and the District Secretary.

Satellite Club: Should be entering a team in the Fun Run following a 50% subsidy from Stoddarts. Belinda (was P/E) has taken over as president following the resignation of the current incumbent. Belinda noted that the 3D hands

project was getting back on track following discussions with an expert in Melbourne. It is thought that a faulty 3D card or faulty software may have been the cause of issues thus far.

New Generations: We have now paid for our RYLA student, Nick Corocan.

Fiji: Glen has mounting concern about fund-raising for materials for the volunteer team in a few months. Movie night?

ANZAC Day: Craig Carson and Steve Stonely went to the MOSS Anzac Day celebrations whilst Diane Scotte went to the Middle Park School celebrations.

Craig Carson: Also noted that MOSS raised \$9,000 from Christmas wrapping—great effort!

Bunnings was the biggest ever with our take being \$2,100 (912 snags) although expenses were up, too.

Snr Constable Ben Harm—Community Liaison

Ben is well known to us as he has been the beat officer for the last 10 years.

The area does not have a high crime rate but does have its moments. Current targets appear to be factories and warehouses from which criminals steal copper...prevalent in the Darra area. Ben has also noticed shipping containers in the Wacol area being targeted. 80% of the break-ins etc have been of unlocked doors and unlocked cars. He had noticed some break-in attempts on locked doors but, apart from minor damage, these break-ins had largely been unsuccessful and, for at least the past ten years, cars have had a chip in them which render them undrivable without the appropriate key. So the moral of this story is.....

Another trend relating to car theft was number plate theft—mainly from car parks such as Darra Station or shopping car parks. Often it is staff that bear the brunt since they usually have to park away from the centre but personalized plates are also popular. Number plates are taken to fit onto other stolen cars to make them look 'clean'. The police will fit anti-theft screws to number plates and Ben will advise the club when the next 'screw day' is being held.

Ben also noted that the push to get us all onto the digital platform is presenting more opportunities for fraud. Scammers used to ask for payment through Western Union but, since Western Union lost a court case and had to pay restitution, scammers have moved to requiring payments by i-tune of similar cards. Shops seeing a person buying unusual amounts are now being pulled up and advised.



However scammers are getting increasingly more sophisticated and are being advised by Australians in things such as language. A further development was that some



are posing as law enforcement officers pretending to try and catch scammers in a sting...but it is the victim who is being stung!

Ordinary people are now also being picked up for failing to register cars because there is no sticker any more. If you changer address and forget to notify DMR, you may miss the renewal notice.

Ben is also part of the counter-terrorism network although targets in this area are few and minor. Public intelligence is most important; if you see anything that does not fit, then report it to the police or Crime Stoppers—even if you are sceptical of your information. However, our area was fortunate in that it lacked the usual target groups. Ben noted that, in the US, there was as much concern about the ultra right wing groups as there was for other groups and that it was frequently the second generation, rather than the actual immigrants, who were becoming radicalized.

Any suspicious behaviour involving drugs should also be reported. There have been instances of rented properties being used as drug labs and greenhouses. However, a current report suggesting huge numbers of properties were virtually unliveable because of contamination was roundly condemned by both Ben and by Geoff Williams as being widely inaccurate.

At the end of the talk, several members signed up for the police blog on activity in the area.



The Bunnings Experience!
 Many thanks to all who manned(?) the stall. The middle shift didn't even get time to scratch themselves. A great effort by all and many thanks. 912 snag is a lot of cooking!

Sushil Gupta resigns as RI president-nominee

My Fellow Rotarians,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce my resignation as the president-nominee of Rotary International. While it was my dream to serve as your president, my health prevents me from giving my absolute best to you and the office of the president at this time. I believe Rotary deserves nothing less than that from those elected to represent this great organization of ours.

I have made this difficult decision after much soul searching and conferring with my family. This is not only a disappointment for us, but I am also keenly aware that

this will be a disappointment for many Rotarians in India who were so proud to see someone from our country again named as president. I know that this is what is best for Rotary International.

I have been a Rotarian for more than 40 years and it has given me everything I could ask for. I can think of no higher honour than to have been selected by the Nominating Committee as president of Rotary for the 2020-21 Rotary year. I will continue to proudly serve as a Rotary member and pursue some major initiatives that I wanted to accomplish during my year as president, because I know that we are poised to achieve more great things in the future.

I wish nothing but the best to the candidate who succeeds me as president and thank you all for the support and encouragement you have shown me in the past year.

-Sushil Gupta



	Today (a while ago)!
1886	Pharmacist John Pemberton first sells a carbonated beverage named "Coca-Cola" as a patent medicine.
1919	Australian Journalist, Edward George Honey, proposes the idea of a moment of silence to commemorate the Armistice of 11 November 1918 which ended World War I.
1927	Attempting to make the first non-stop transatlantic flight from Paris to New York, French war heroes Charles Nungesser and François Coli disappear after taking off aboard <i>The White Bird</i> biplane.
1942	World War II: Gunners of the Ceylon Garrison Artillery on Horsburgh Island in the Cocos Islands rebel in the Cocos Islands Mutiny. Their mutiny is crushed and three of them are executed, the only British Commonwealth soldiers to be executed for mutiny during the Second World War.
1945	World War II: German forces in the west agree to an unconditional surrender.
1978	The first ascent of Mount Everest without supplemental oxygen, by Reinhold Messner and Peter Habeler.
1980	The World Health Organization confirms the eradication of smallpox.

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CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

SMILE!

Do you like to read a good murder mystery? This is an example of an unbelievable twist

of fate! At the 1994 annual awards dinner given for Forensic Science (AAFS), President, Dr. Don Harper Mills astounded his audience with the legal complications of a bizarre death.

Here is the story:

On March 23, 1994, the medical examiner viewed the body of Ronald Opus, and concluded that he died from a shotgun wound to the head.

Mr. Opus had jumped from the top of a ten-story building intending to commit suicide. He left a note to the effect indicating his despondency. As he fell past the ninth floor, his life was interrupted by a shotgun blast passing through a window, which killed him instantly.

Neither the shooter nor the deceased was aware that a safety net had been installed just below the eighth floor level to protect some building workers, and that Ronald Opus would not have been able to complete his suicide the way he had planned.

The room on the ninth floor, where the shotgun blast emanated, was occupied by an elderly man and his wife. They were arguing vigorously and he was threatening her with a shotgun! The man was so upset that when he pulled the trigger, he completely missed his wife, and the pellets went through the

window, striking Mr. Opus.

When one intends to kill subject 'A' but kills subject 'B' in

hmmmm... and yet another day has passed and I did not use Algebra once...very interesting.

the attempt, one is guilty of the murder of subject 'B.'

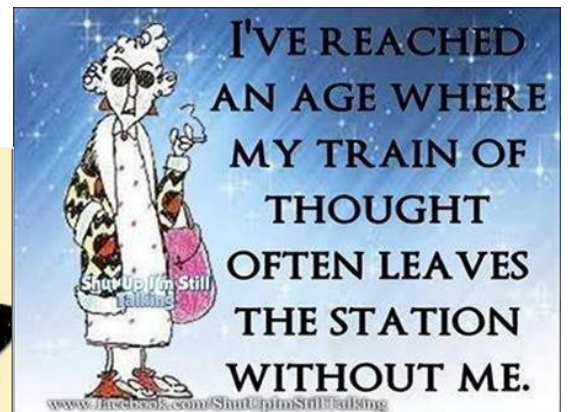
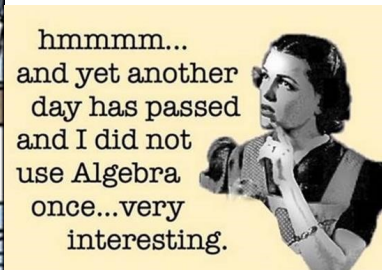
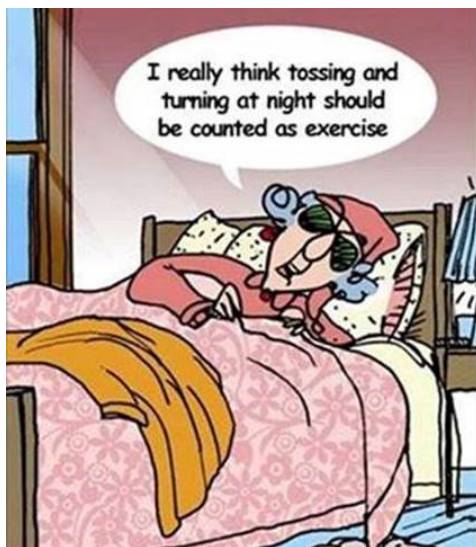
When confronted with the murder charge, the old man and his wife were both adamant, and both said that they thought the shotgun was not loaded. The old man said it was a long-standing habit to threaten his wife with the unloaded shotgun. He had no intention to murder her. Therefore the killing of Mr. Opus appeared to be an accident; that is, assuming the gun had been accidentally loaded.

The continuing investigation turned up a witness who saw the old couple's son loading the shotgun about six weeks prior to the fatal accident. It transpired that the old lady had cut off her son's financial support and the son, knowing the propensity of his father to use the shotgun threateningly, loaded the gun with the expectation that his father would shoot his mother.

Since the loader of the gun was aware of this, he was guilty of the murder even though he didn't actually pull the trigger. The case now becomes one of murder on the part of the son for the death of Ronald Opus.

Now comes the exquisite twist...

Further investigation revealed that the son was, in fact, Ronald Opus. He had become increasingly despondent over the failure of his attempt to engineer his mother's murder. This led him to jump off the ten-story building on March 23rd, only to be killed by a shotgun blast passing through the ninth story window. The son, Ronald Opus, had actually murdered himself. So the medical examiner closed the case as a suicide.



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	8/05/2019	15/05/2019
Chair	Dianne Scotte	Steve Stoneley
Duty Officer	Graham Osterfield	Dianne Scotte
Fellowship Officer	Gerry Gebert	Graham Osterfield
Rotary talk		Steve Stoneley
International Toast	Graham Osterfield	