



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary

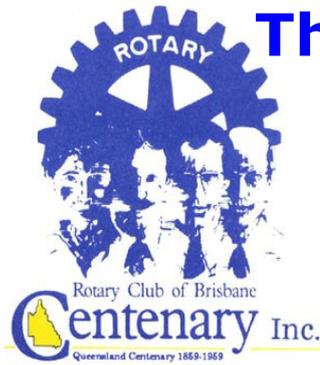
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**12th February
2020**

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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Ommaney Q 4074



The Carson Commentary

The only downside to the recent rain, for those of us that have a lawn, has been the challenge to mow in between showers! Rain has been welcomed in much of Eastern Australia abating the bush fire danger, helping to add to depleted water supplies and painting a blush of green to the landscape.

There is still a long way to go before the drought is broken and the impact of the bushfires is consigned as just a bad memory. Long after the news reporters and cameras have left there is a lot of work to be done rebuilding lives and communities.

Rotary is playing a role in helping affected communities to survive and rebuild. If you have not already signed up for the District Conference 13th 15th March at Chinchilla, please consider attending building connections between City and Country and injecting many "Rotarian Dollars" into a country town that has been doing it tough.

Everyone needs to get behind the planning and organisation of our big event the Rotary Fun Run Sunday the 17th May will be here before we know it. Do what you can when you can, combined we can deliver yet another successful event.



Craig Carson
President
2019—20



**HONOLULU
HAWAII 2020**
Rotary International
Convention
1—5 June 2020

Craig

*This week's
Meeting
(12th Feb)*

**Meeting at QMIR
(at 10:00am) and
thence to lunch**

19th February

**CSHS students -
ConocoPhillips
report**

*26th
February*

Social Week tba



The Board for 2019—20

President
Past President
Treasurer
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Effective Services

Craig Carson
Neville Blomeley
Gerry Gebert
Nick Curry
Di Scotte

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Membership
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Club Administration
Bulletin Editor

Terry Killen
Graham Osterfield
John Woodward
Craig Carson
Nick Curry



13—31 March 2020

That was the week that was or TW3

Raffle: Gerry thinks he won the Sauvignon Blanc if he could only find his ticket!

Treasurer: Gerry has (not quite) reconciled and updated the books for the six month period up to end December and has an unexpected profit of \$372. A bit of work still to do!

Yet to send out the half yearly dues but did not think they would change from last time. Gerry did note that it was difficult to work out what the current RI US/Aus exchange rate was and would be contacting Parramatta.

Our payment system went AWOL this morning so would all members please pay either on-line (don't forget to make sure your payment is clearly identified) or at the next meeting at Bev's (19 Feb).

Gerry: Also told us that Geoff Williams is well on the road to recovery after a pacemaker was inserted to speed up his heart. Best he has felt in ages.

BeefBank: BeefBank board meeting next Friday.

Satellite Club: John Woodward advises that one member has resigned for the company. Their Cash for Cans has recently yielded \$38.60 and the good news is that, finally after advice and refurbishment by an electrician over the Christmas Break, the 3D printer appears to be working as it should and has already produced a hand. John is hopeful that this will provide the impetus for new members to join.

Graham Osterfield: Bruce has put on one coat of paint but the inclement weather has thus far prevented a second.

Waiting on Bunnings to see if they will come to the aid of the party re: screens and outdoor furniture.

John Woodward's son, Charlie, will discuss the possibility of a sail next week.

Ted (Taylor Bridge) is trying to organize a mural.

Programme:

- **Board Meeting:** with a number of board members away, we will not have a quorum for the scheduled board meeting so this will be rescheduled for a week or so later.
- **QMIR:** This is our next meeting. The QMIR visit will be from 10:00am on 12 February (and then off to lunch). Details to follow but, obviously, we will not be meeting for breakfast that morning.

New Generations: We have received an email detailing the next RYLA camp.

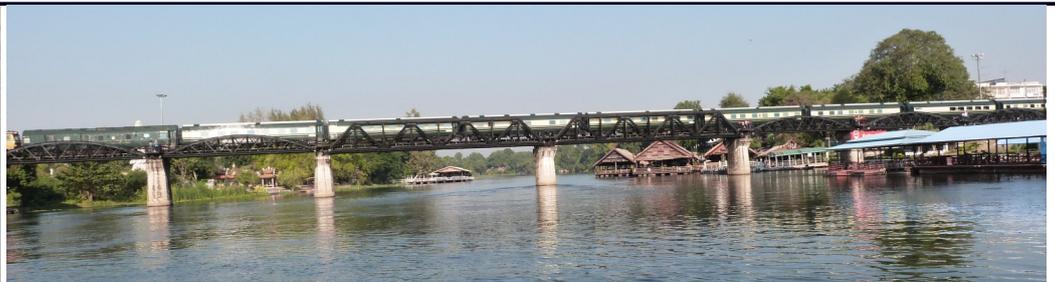
International: Glenn will be organizing a donation through RAWCS for the university education of some Nausori Village kindergarten teachers.

Glen also noted the DIK meeting on 15 February...some of the club will be attending. She thought that the invitation or notification of the meeting was couched in somewhat unnecessarily negative tones.

Bill Dalby also mentioned that we should start thinking about our elephant project with Poppy's although he also noted that the current general fundraising mood was directed towards the various bushfire appeals.

President: We participated in the Taylor Bridge Club Barefoot Bowls challenge and did not disgrace ourselves. (Is it true we got to the final and lost by one end?) Craig did observe that food was late arriving and this may have put a couple of our members off their game.

Craig also mentioned the District Conference and that the programme looked good. District Conference dates are 13 -15 March.



The Eastern Oriental Express—Bangkok to Singapore - Nick Curry

Nick told the group that his expectation was that children should keep their parents in the style to which they would have become accustomed to if they had not had children....and his son-in-law had meet this requirement by shouting the trip to celebrate Jan's 70th and Alexis' 40th birthdays....but it was his birthday on the train!



Top left: The sign board on our train. Top Right: The (real) bridge over the River Kwai

Middle Left: Afternoon tea in our cabin.

Left and centre left: Entertainment at cocktail time

Right and centre right. Rubber and palm oil plantations





Rotary Opens Opportunities

Incoming RI president announces 2020-21 presidential theme

Rotary International President-elect Holger Knaack is encouraging Rotarians to seize the many opportunities Rotary offers to enrich their lives and the communities they serve.

Knaack, a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany, revealed the 2020-21 presidential theme, *Rotary Opens Opportunities*, to incoming district governors at the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, on 20 January.

Rotary isn't just a club for people to join, but rather "an invitation to endless opportunities," said Knaack, who becomes president on 1 July. He emphasized that Rotary creates pathways for members to improve their lives and

the lives of those they help through service projects.

"We believe that our acts of service, big and small, create opportunities for people who need our help," Knaack said. He added that Rotary creates leadership opportunities and gives members the chance to travel the world to put their service ideas into action and make lifelong connections. "Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere," said Knaack.

Changing for the future

Knaack also urged members to embrace change so Rotary can expand and thrive. Rather than setting a specific target for increasing the number of members, Knaack said he's asking clubs and districts to think about how to grow in a sustainable and organic way. He wants clubs to focus on keeping current members engaged and adding new members who are the right fit for their club.

"We need to stop thinking of new members as people we can mark down as statistics and then forget about," Knaack said. "Every new member changes us a little bit. That person brings a new perspective, new experiences. We need to embrace this constant renewal. We will grow stronger as we learn from new members."

Knaack pointed to Rotary's Action Plan as a compass that can guide clubs as they evolve. He recommended that every club have a strategic plan meeting at least once a year. At that meeting, clubs should ask where they want to be in five years and how they can bring more value to their members.

Knaack also wants to see more women in leadership roles and see Rotaractors play an integral role in how new clubs are formed and run. He encouraged district leaders to create new club models and rethink what it means to be in Rotary, and allow young people to be the architects of these new clubs.

"We have to be open to new approaches, and creating unique clubs for younger people is just part of the solution," said Knaack. "Let Rotaractors decide what kind of Rotary experience works best for them. These young people are bright, energetic, and they get things done."

In stressing the need for Rotary members to embrace change, Knaack noted that time won't slow down for Rotary: "We will not let rapid change defeat us. We will capture this moment to grow Rotary, making it stronger, more adaptable, and even more aligned with our core values."

	Today (a while ago)!
1909	New Zealand's worst maritime disaster of the 20th century happens when the SS <i>Penguin</i> , an inter-island ferry, sinks and explodes at the entrance to Wellington Harbour.
1915	In Washington, D.C., the first stone of the Lincoln Memorial is put into place.
1924	George Gershwin's <i>Rhapsody in Blue</i> received its premiere in a concert titled "An Experiment in Modern Music", in Aeolian Hall, New York, by Paul Whiteman and his band, with Gershwin playing the piano.
1947	The largest observed iron meteorite until that time creates an impact crater in Sikhote-Alin, in the Soviet Union
1947	Christian Dior unveils a "New Look", helping Paris regain its position as the capital of the fashion world.
1990	Carmen Lawrence becomes the first female Premier in Australian history when she becomes Premier of Western Australia.
1994	Four thieves break into the National Gallery of Norway and steal Edvard Munch's iconic painting <i>The Scream</i> .



SMILE!

A RARE PHOTO OF A BABY CARROT CLINGING TO THEIR MOTHER BEFORE BEING EATEN BY A VEGAN



STOP THIS CRUELTY NOW!!

LOSING YOUR TEETH IN...

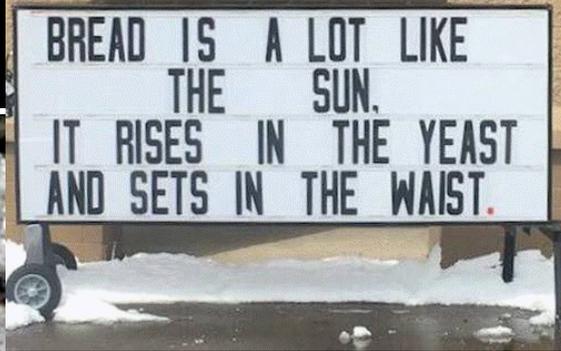


NURSE CAME IN AND SAID DOC, THERE'S A MAN IN THE WAITING ROOM WHO THINKS HE'S INVISIBLE, WHAT SHOULD I TELL HIM? THE DOCTOR SAID TELL HIM I CAN'T SEE HIM TODAY.

"Hello, President Trump... I saw what you did to that Iranian General. We're still good friends, right?"



A wife got so mad at her husband she packed his bags and told him to get the hell out. As he walked to the door she yelled, "And I hope you die a long, slow, and very painful death." He turned around and said, "So, you want me to stay?"



Angry Wife: "I should have married the devil, he would make a better husband than you."

Hubby: "They would have arrested you! Marriage between relatives is illegal in this country."

WHAT DO YOU CALL A PERSON WHO IS HAPPY ON MONDAY?



Today at the bank, an old lady asked me to help check her balance. So I pushed her over.

I bought some shoes from a drug dealer. I don't know what he laced them with, but I've been tripping all day.

I told my girlfriend she drew her eyebrows too high. She seemed surprised.



Congratulations and happy anniversary to Gerry and Lyndell Gebert 4 February



My dog used to chase people on a bike a lot. It got so bad, finally I had to take his bike away.

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	19/02/2020	11/03/2020
Chair	Nick Curry	Gerry Gebert
Duty Officer	Dianne Scotte	John Woodward
Fellowship Officer	Bill Dalby	Tracy Tucker
Rotary talk		Graham Osterfield
International Toast	Andrew Rodgers	