



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary

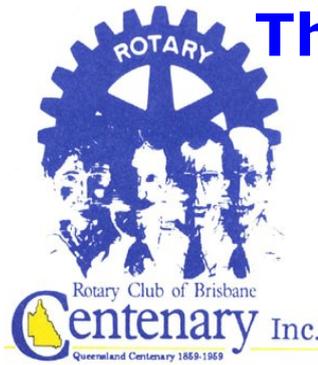
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The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary Inc. meets on Wednesday at 6:30am for 6:45am at:

Solitude Solutions,
5 Wills Court,
Mt Ommaney.

P O Box 214 Mt
Ommaney Q 4074



The Carson Commentary

Spending time on Saturday at Donations in Kind (DIK) helping to pack two forty foot shipping containers with school desks, wheel chairs, medical equipment and books was a rewarding experience. It brings home how much we take for granted living in Australia all of the items being sent would have been discarded, yet to our neighbouring developing countries such as Timor Leste, the destination of the containers, the contents are needed, valued and appreciated.

Eve Fraser from Oz Swim aquatics gave us a background on her passion to assist Asian countries, who do not have water safety skills readily available, to introduce and train local Aquatic Educators. Tracy Tucker and Eve had a long discussion developing future connections between Pushing Barriers and Oz Swim illustrating just how valuable networking can be to developing community connections.

Off to Chinchilla next weekend for the District Conference where around 300 people from throughout the district will enjoy hearing from inspirational speakers, country hospitality and great fellowship.

Another reminder our Rotary Fun Run Sunday the 17th May will be here before we know it. Let me know of any potential sponsors for the Fun Run as well as prizes for the Raffle we need these as soon as possible.

Craig



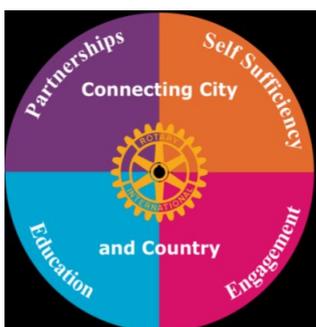
*Craig Carson
President
2019—20*



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HAWAII 2020**

Rotary International
Convention

1—5 June 2020



13—31 March 2020



The Board for 2019—20

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This week's Meeting

**"Blomeley
Antarctic
Adventure"
Neville.**

**11th March
Board Meeting**

**25th March
Social Week**

That was the week that was or TW3

Raffle: Craig donated his bottle of SB to our guest speaker.

Satellite Club: John Woodward told us that the Satellite Club is now having great success with the 3D printer but now needs to renew its contacts in Cambodia. Also looking to reduce the cost by obtaining some of the screws and bolts from Bunnings or elsewhere (Andrew?).

Treasurer: Gerry has issued the club dues invoices but only five members had paid thus far. A plea to divvy up and ensure that the club remains in funds.

DIK: John attended a meeting last weekend:

- Following the issues of recent times, there has been a lack of weekly volunteers,
- Looking at an extra roster once a month on a Saturday,
- Rosters are also causing a problem as it is unclear how many people will actually be attending.
- Might look at staggered shifts on a Saturday morning.
- Drivers with a forklift licence are in short supply but John noted that two of the Satellite club volunteers have a licence.
- The premises from where they operate is also an issue as it is cramped but also half way through the lease. Alternatives appear to include land at Wacol (but might also be required for recreational purposes) and a site in Redlands which had existing buildings.

Programme: Our outing to International House at U of Q

Eve Fraser—Oz Swim Aquatics

Eve comes with 40 years experience in swimming and coaching and founded the Global Aquatic project in 2018

The project came about following the cave rescue in Thailand when it became evident that most Asian populations were hydrophobic and that there were barriers to getting children swim proof.

Her first mission was to Payu where she took a team up to train the teachers. She was accompanied by Herbie Howard and her husband, Stuart and others.. It was a philanthropic mission with everyone paying their own way but with equipment provided by Swim Australia at very reduced prices and subsidized by Rotary. Other help was provided by Surf Lifesavers and Singapore Airlines who allowed much exceeded baggage limits.

At each course, they debriefed after each training session to see what worked but one episode persuaded everyone that it could all work. That was when there was one terrified girl and nothing was working until Eve (the team would not normally be teaching the children) jumped in. 10 minutes later that girl was swimming at least a couple of feet which gave instant credibility to the programme and proved an exciting moment.

After the teachers became qualified (with a recognised swim diploma) the party moved into other centres in Chang Mai and Phuket . They also visited the Koff Serae Burmese Refugee Camp where they noted the utter

on March 18th has been postponed because too many of the club are away.

Neville also reminded us about the ROMAC dinner at the United Services Club which appears to be remarkable value. The date for this meet is 28th March...mark in down in your diaries!

BeefBank: Nick noted that he had been approached by an ex-member about donating cattle to BeefBank. Possible donation in the future.

Secretary:

- Nick has lodged our Insurance declaration with District.
- Moorthy has now been included on our member listings. I.e., new member. Gerry to advise when the official induction is to take place.
- District has granted our District Grant request for funds for the Wesley Palliative Care Unit outdoor area.
- Will be on leave from the District Conference to just after Easter. Neville will take over the bulletin.

From the Desk of the President: Craig reminded us that:

- Last chance to return raffle tickets from the District Conference is next week (11th March).
- DIK on 7th March. Volunteers needed.
- Fun Run needs sponsors and prizes.
- Bunnings BBQs (both Fridays) on 29 May and 5 June.



poverty.

Since then they have been to Cambodia and to Bangalore. It was at Bangalore that they got another lesson in the differences between Asia and Australia. They had been informed that the children had swimming costumes but the reality was that the boys swam in their school uniforms but the girls had skirts and could not swim. Since then, they bring supplies of swimwear.

The programme has been going from strength to strength but Eve noted that organizational issues needed to be sorted to qualify as a not for profit organization and get DFAT funding

Atomic bomb trees serve as silent witness for peace



Akio Nishikiori

By Akio Nishikiori, member of the Rotary Club of Hiroshima Southeast, Japan, and an atomic bomb survivor

My Rotary club, [Hiroshima Southeast](#), has actively promoted peace for its entire 60-year existence. We built a house for orphans who lost their families during the atomic bombings in 1945 and in 1982, became [a sister club with Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, USA](#). Our two clubs continue to exchange friendship



The park is between Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

It is at the exact mid-point between Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The mayor and town council accepted and supported our project.

On the International Day of Peace, 21 September 2019, we held an inauguration event with more than 400 attendees, including community residents and local school children, the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, members of three Rotary clubs (Hiroshima Southeast, Nagasaki South, and Buzen), and members of a local Interact Club. We planted the one sapling each at two locations that we named "Hiroshima Hill" and "Nagasaki Hill." After the event, we continued the ceremony inside a community hall, where the mayors made proclamations of peace and declared that the trees would stand as a silent witness for peace.

and organize joint service projects.

This year marks two occasions: the 75th anniversary since the bombs were dropped and our club's 60th anniversary. To commemorate both, our club planned to plant two tree saplings – second-generation descendants of a tree that survived the atomic bomb – in a park in [Koge-machi](#) in Fukuoka, Japan. We chose that park because

Today (a while ago)!	
1068	An earthquake in the Levant and the Arabian Peninsula, leaves up to 20,000 dead.
1662	First public bus service begins, promoted by Blaise Pascal, operate in Paris as the Carosses a Cinq Sous until 1675
1834	Six farm labourers from Tolpuddle, Dorset, England are sentenced to be transported to Australia for forming a trade union.
1850	American Express is founded by Henry Wells and William Fargo.
1881	Barnum & Bailey Circus, travelling as "The Greatest Show on Earth", debuts in New York City and would last 146 years before closing in 2017
1923	Greece adopts the Gregorian Calendar. The Gregorian calendar was to become accepted worldwide, even though some countries stuck out for Julian (Julius Caesar). The UK did not accept Gregory until 1752, The last convert was Turkey, which finally accepted the Gregorian calendar in 1927.
1965	Cosmonaut Alexei Leonov, leaving his spacecraft Voskhod 2 for 12 minutes, becomes the first person to walk in space.
1990	In the largest art theft in US history, 12 paintings, collectively worth around \$500 million, are stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston



Members of the Fukuoka Prefectural Seiho High School Interact Club and members of Koge Junior High School Student Council plant one of the two trees.

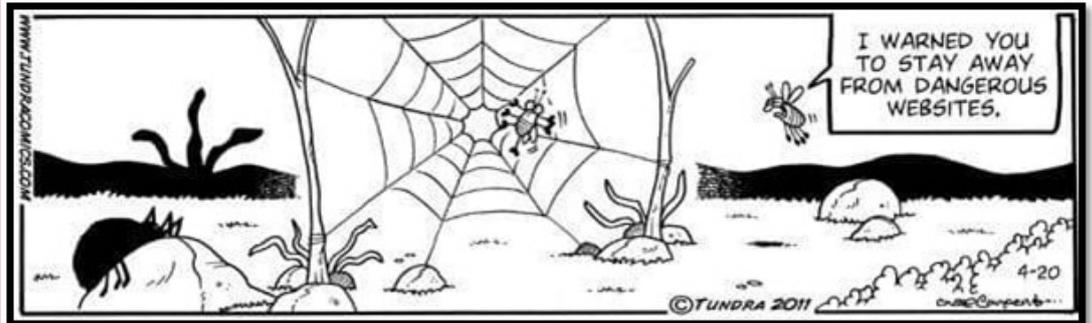
I talked about [my own experience](#) as an atomic bomb survivor. I talked about giving meaning to the deaths of those who perished from the bombs and the need for an open peace movement transcending Hiroshima and Nagasaki. A youth theatre group performed an original drama about the grave reality of atomic bombs. We hope that many peace activities will be held in Kogemachi. By collaborating with other Rotary clubs, we hope this place will become a hub where children and young people from all over the world can grow in their understanding of peace and be a witness for peace, just like the seedlings of the trees we planted in the park.

SMILE!

Scott Morrison's Chief of Staff, John Kunkle, recently hired several cannibals who had responded to his TWITT 'Odd Bods and Wierdos' wanted to help ScoMo. Once at Capital Hill, Kunkle's HR representative, during his welcome briefing, took them into the cabinet office and explained that they were all part of the team. They would get the usual benefits and they could go to the cafeteria for something to eat but please don't eat anything unsavoury. The cannibals promised they would not.



Guess who kept everyone awake last night?



Four weeks later, their boss remarked, 'You're all working very hard and I'm well satisfied with you. However, the Prime Minister has disappeared . Do any of you know what happened to him?'

The cannibals all shook their heads: 'No'.

After Kunkle had left, the leader of the cannibals said to the others, 'Which one of you idiots ate the PM?'

A hand was raised hesitantly.

The leader of the cannibals continued, 'You fool, for four weeks we've been eating senior public servants and no one noticed, but ooohh no - you had to go and eat someone important!'

A blonde woman visits her husband in prison. Before leaving, she tells a correction officer:

"You shouldn't make my husband work like that. He's exhausted!"

The officer laughs and says, "Are you kidding? He just eats and sleeps and stays in his cell!"

The wife replies:

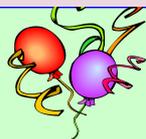
"Bullshit! He just told me he's been digging a tunnel for months!"



Happy Birthday to:

Michael Filer

19 March



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	11/03/2020	18/03/2020
Chair	Board meeting	Graham Osterfield
Duty Officer	Gerry Gebert	Nev Blomeley
Fellowship Officer		Glen Palmer
Rotary talk		
International Toast		Geoff Williams