



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary

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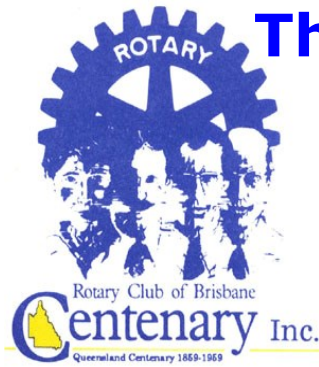
8<sup>th</sup> April 2020

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

Solitude Solutions,  
5 Wills Court,  
Mt Ommaney

P O Box 214 Mt  
Ommaney Q 4074

*Currently meeting  
on-line*



## The Carson Commentary

Momentous changes to how we live our lives have impacted us all in the last couple of weeks. In my last column there was excitement about attending the District Conference at Chinchilla, talking about our annual fun run event and many members were packing their bags for adventures overseas and in Australia.

The Chinchilla District Conference was a fantastic event where those that attended were inspired and entertained by the speakers, while enjoying true Australian country town hospitality. Students from the local high school Interact club helped out, including providing the wonderful table service for the Gala dinner event.

Our transition to online "Zoom" meetings has gone well, looking forward to Neville's presentation on the 8<sup>th</sup> April on their recent Antarctic adventure.

Look out for opportunities to give support to our community, neighbours, friends and family during this time of social isolation. A wave and a smile can brighten the day of others.

A gentle reminder that there are a couple of half yearly membership invoices that have not been paid.

*Craig*



*Craig Carson  
President  
2019—20*



**ROTARY DISTRICT 9630  
DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
5th - 7th March 2021  
Empire Theatre Toowoomba**



### The Board for 2019—20

President  
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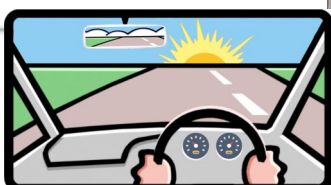
*This week's  
Meeting  
1st April*

**Board Meeting**

*This is no joke!*

*8th April*

**"Blomeley's  
Antarctic  
Adventure"  
Neville.**



◀ Looking Back  
*Moving Forward* ▶

## That was the week that was or TW3

After a minor hick-up....we had the wrong zoom code so no one could log on...we finally got our meeting under way with six members successfully navigating the uncharted waters with the new log-in code.

Craig opened the meeting with the 4-way test and welcomed everyone that had managed to log-on. He noted that staying in touch was an important part of the process and of our mental well-being. It was also a pleasure to see Geoff joining us again.

Technology is obviously going to get some getting used to with Graham O unable to unmute his sound and therefore sounding better than he usually does!

**Neville:** The club has been looking at what it can do for community service during this difficult time. The thoughts had been around assisting the elderly and mobility challenged people in the area, particularly with shopping etc.

However, a number of issues are yet to be resolved and we have yet to make real contact with a couple of the community hubs such as 4074 which has not returned our calls thus far. BCC counsellors are in caretaker mode leading up to the election this weekend. Neville will talk to Snr Constable Ben Harm and also to the BCC Community Officer, Kerry Taylor.

Graham O (by use of sign language) suggested that Foodbank might be a source of information re: community assistance although it was noted that they might be more general and less local (to 4074).

Neville to send around a discussion paper for individual comments.

**Fun Run:** At a meeting last week, the Fun Run committee decided to defer to Fun Run until Father's Day—6<sup>th</sup> September. Hopefully this date will work and, perhaps, become our new signature date. The BCC grant we have already received can be used to cover expenses already incurred (even though lost) and there is also a possibility that we can get another grant in the new financial year....assuming that we have come out of isolation by then! However, the committee was under pressure to set a date in order to book the necessary services such as time keepers etc.

**Programme:** Next Wednesday is our board meeting and Craig will circulate the zoom link shortly

Neville also noted that the ROMAC dinner at the United Services Club which was scheduled for 28th March has been rescheduled for 31 October .

**Peace Fellows:** The Peace Fellow seminar due April 4th has obviously been cancelled and other arrangements will be made.

RI has suggested that the graduating cohort (i.e. those who have been here for over a year and graduate in May/ June should make arrangements to leave now although this might be difficult in view of the lack of flights!

The new cohort will stay.

### Di Scotte:

- The Rotary Junior Community Awards scheme has commenced at both Jamboree Heights SS and Middle Park SS with 28 and 21 students respectively. Even with the current situation, students will still be able to complete some part of the programme but, obviously, not all. Di will email the two schools to let them know that their students will still be eligible for certificates and we are keen to encourage as much normality as possible.
- The redundant/superseded Middle Park SS uniforms are still sitting in Graham O's office/ garage. Di will arrange with Glen to collect these uniforms and transport them to DIK where they are destined to be packed into a container bound for Timor Leste.
- Interact...Neville reports that nothing is doing at the moment and unlikely to be in the short term.
- Neville attended a meeting of New Generations last week.

**From the desk of the President:** Craig noted that, having successfully launched zoom meetings, there was scope to incorporate guest speaker stuff. With the cancellation of all Australian District Conferences as from after ours in Chinchilla, he understood that there was a fair bit of material around from conference speakers that was available.

Social distancing does not mean we can't stay connected



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# Toastmasters Alliance



communication skills, and your impact within the community.

This alliance with Toastmasters is different from Rotary International's relationships with other organizations: It enhances your membership experience through professional development opportunities and making connections beyond your club.

## What is Toastmasters?

Toastmasters International is a non-profit, educational organization with more than 16,800 clubs in 143 countries. Since 1924, it has helped its members become more effective speakers, communicators, and

leaders through a worldwide network of clubs, much like Rotary.

As Rotarians and Rotaractors, you joined Rotary to make a difference and connect with others in your communities.

To help you achieve your personal and professional goals, Rotary International is working with Toastmasters International to provide opportunities to grow your networks, your leadership and

## How can you and your club get involved?

It's easy for Rotarians and Rotaractors to engage:

[Find a Toastmasters club](#) near you and arrange a visit.

	Today (a while ago)!
1766	1st fire escape patented, wicker basket on a pulley & chain
1820	The Venus de Milo is discovered on the Aegean island of Milos.
1838	Steamship "Great Western" makes her maiden voyage from Bristol, England, to New York
1879	Milk sold in glass bottles for 1st time
1904	Longacre Square in Midtown Manhattan is renamed Times Square after <i>The New York Times</i> .
1906	Auguste Deter, the first person to be diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, dies.
1946	League of Nations assembles for last time
1947	Largest recorded sunspot (7,000) observed
1959	A team of computer manufacturers, users, and university people led by Grace Hopper meets to discuss the creation of a new programming language that would be called COBOL.
1968	BOAC Flight 712 catches fire shortly after takeoff. As a result of her actions in the accident, Barbara Jane Harrison is awarded a posthumous George Cross, the only GC awarded to a woman in peacetime.
1983	1983 In front of a live audience of 20 tourists, David Copperfield makes the Statue of Liberty disappear

- Welcome Toastmasters members to your club so they can learn more about Rotary and Rotaract.
- Invite a Toastmasters member to be a guest speaker at your meeting or to participate in an upcoming service project.
- Explore ways to work with your local Toastmasters club.
- Raise awareness about this alliance by sharing the news with your club and Toastmaster clubs that may not be aware that we are working together.
- Take the Toastmasters-developed communication and leadership courses in the Learning Center (coming soon!):
  - Speech development
  - Speech delivery
  - Inspirational speech
  - Interpersonal communication
  - Leadership basics
  - Leading a team
  - Leadership: Collaboration
  - Inclusive leadership

# SMILE!

**THEY SAID A MASK AND GLOVES WERE ENOUGH TO GO TO THE GROCERY STORE... THEY LIED, EVERYBODY ELSE HAD CLOTHES ON!** 😐 😂

MoreCrazyStuff

## CRITICAL ADVISORY

8pm is now the official time to remove your day pajamas and to put your night pajamas on

Our cleaning lady just called and told us she will be working from home and will send us instructions on what to do.

Day 3 quarantine 🤘 🤘 🤘



**Day 4 of social distancing: Struck up a conversation with a spider today. Seems nice. He's a web designer.**

Night 1 of no sports: My wife and I just had an hour long conversation. She's really nice, apparently she works in the medical field. Also, TV's are black when they are off.

Raw toilet paper for sale \$20



**This is it. The day your dogs have all been waiting for. The day they realize their owners can't leave the house and they get you 24/7! Lol. Dogs are rejoicing everywhere. Cats are contemplating suicide.** 😂

**Now that we are working from home, what time is beer o'clock?**

**Some assembly required**

## APRIL FOOLS DAY

Is cancelled this year cause no made up prank could match the unbelievable shit going on in the world right now

**THEY SAY, "DON'T HANG OUT WITH MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE"**

**SHIT, I DON'T EVEN LIKE 10 PEOPLE!**

**The Toilet Paper "crisis" confirms that we have more assholes than we thought!** 🟡

1989: I bet there will be flying cars in the future

2020:



My three month trial of 2020 is almost over, and I would like to return it.

### 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?

**After years of wanting to thoroughly clean my house but lacking the time, this week I discovered that wasn't the reason.**