



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary

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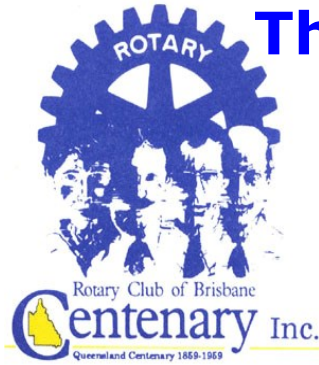
29th April 2020

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

It is ANZAC Day I have just finished attending the online District 9630 ANZAC Day celebration compiled and presented by Col Sutcliffe from the Rotary Club of Cleveland. The event was inspirational, summed up by one of Col's grandchildren with "terrific Poppy, love you". In my suburb the majority residents in our street participated in the ANZAC day on our driveway for the Lighten up the Dawn broadcast. Throughout Australia this event will help increase connection within communities, an unexpected benefit from the lockdown.

This week's meeting, we will welcome back Dr Christian & Dr Caroline Heim to present us with an entertaining and informative morning giving us ideas on how to keep up our mood during social distancing. Everyone is welcome, please invite family, friends and neighbours to join the online meeting.

Taylor Bridge Rotary Club has started their project helping International Students living in Brisbane who have lost their income due to the closing of businesses and the loss of casual employment opportunities. Boxes of food and other staple items, including toilet paper, are assembled and then distributed to the students that are doing it tough.

If you see or hear of any interesting stories, let me know and we will incorporate them into our meetings.

Craig



*Craig Carson
President
2019—20*



**HONOLULU
HAWAII 2020**
Rotary
International
Convention

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



◀ Looking Back
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The Board for 2019—20

President
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Craig Carson
Neville Blomeley
Gerry Gebert
Nick Curry
Di Scotte

PR
Membership
Foundation
Club Administration
Bulletin Editor

Terry Killen
Graham Osterfield
John Woodward
Craig Carson
Nick Curry

29th April

*Dr Christian & Dr
Caroline Heim*

*Isolation - How to stay
Happy*

1st May

On line social 6:00pm

6th May

Board Meeting

13th May

Pushing Barriers

Tracy Tucker

That was the week that was or TW3

Only one report today:

BeefBank: BeefBank has sent the last two shipments of Beef to a beef project on the Sunshine Coast being run by a celebrity chef. One of the animals just turned up at the meatworks so no one is absolutely sure where it came from! Hope it was nobody's pet!

We have another cow coming to us from Lotus Creek prison farm.

Qld Country Life are also intending to do an article on BeefBank.

We have received a COVID-19 District Grant to fund beef for FoodBank. Graham has organised two cows next month and two more early June to be funded by the grant.

From the desk of the President:

Brisbane Taylor Bridge have an interesting project with International students who are doing it tough because their jobs (usually in hospitality) have gone but they fall outside of the Government's safety net to they cannot afford necessities such as food and rent. Taylor Bridge have started to organize food parcels for these students.

ANZAC DAY REMEMBRANCE

Too many stories to give a full account of the meeting so a potted version with photos.

First up was Neville Blomeley whose father, Thomas is pictured here. He wanted to join the Commandos but was initially denied



because of his superior and much needed skills in communications.

Neville also mentioned his brother, Gary who was conscripted to Vietnam and his great uncle-in-law who sadly was killed in the 3rd battle of the Somme.

John Woodward's father served in Malaya with the RAAF at the time

of the Japanese invasion of SE Asia and was fortunate to get out before the fall of Singapore. He had an interesting war and has written a book on his experiences. I am sure that John would lend you a copy if you wanted it.

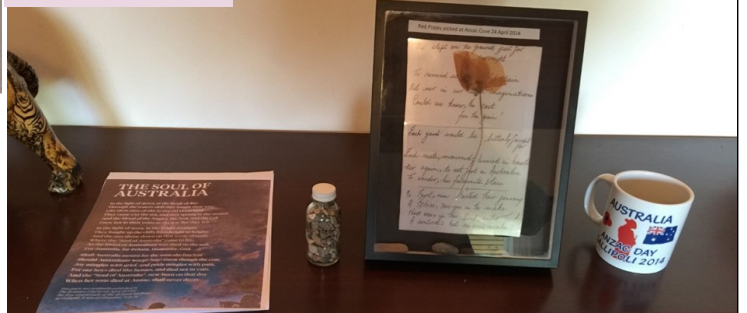
Graham Osterfield and Christie, who



Di Scott contributed their great uncle, Frank

Dawn Service: Villers-Bretonneux 2018

Geoff Williams was an apology but nevertheless contributed this picture which included sand collected from Gallipoli beach



served in 3 Field Ambulance, the same unit as Simpson. He took a demotion to transfer to 9 Battalion but regained his stripe before he was killed on the western front on 4 June 1916. Di and Graham commented that the gravestones where he is buried at Borre British Cemetery are not in terrific condition.

Graeme Stratford told us about his mother's brother, Clarence McLaren, whose Lancaster bomber was shot down. He was buried at Grob Schulendorf until his body was reburied in the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery in Berlin.

John Cridland spoke about the conditions and the politics of the Vietnam war. Initially it was fairly easy as the Australian contingent was both strong and well trained. In fact, the only casualty suffered up to 1970 had been someone who had got run

There is only one surviving airworthy Lancaster in Britain. Graeme was lucky enough to see it fly



Rotary's statement on COVID-19 and its impact on polio eradication efforts

In the midst of a global pandemic, we understand that attention to polio eradication will be temporarily diverted, and this makes it all the more vital for Rotarians to remain strongly committed to fighting polio and not let our progress be eroded.

In every corner of the world, it seems that not a single person or community is unaffected by COVID-19. You may be wondering how to stay focused on our work eradicating polio when we are dealing with a pandemic caused by a virus for which there is not yet a vaccine — a situation similar to what the world faced with the poliovirus not so long ago.

The COVID-19 pandemic response requires worldwide solidarity and an urgent global effort. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), with thousands of polio workers and an extensive laboratory and surveillance network, has a moral imperative to ensure that these resources are used to support countries in their

preparedness and response.

We can be proud that in the ever-connected world of global health, the polio infrastructure that Rotarians have helped build is already being used to address — and stop the spread of — the new coronavirus, in addition to serving countless other health needs. In Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan, where polio personnel and assets have a significant presence, workers from all GPEI partners are engaged in surveillance, health worker training, contact tracing, and more. In 13 countries, polio volunteers have been deployed to address COVID-19 preparations and response.

We recognize that the COVID-19 emergency means that some aspects of the polio eradication program will be affected. While addressing the new challenges of today, the most important thing that Rotary members can do to continue the fight to end polio is to sustain our commitment. We are aiming to reach our fundraising goal of \$50 million this year so we can work to safely reach all children with the polio vaccine. In the midst of a global pandemic, we understand that attention to polio eradication will be temporarily diverted, and this makes it all the more vital for Rotarians to remain strongly committed to fighting polio and not let our progress be eroded.

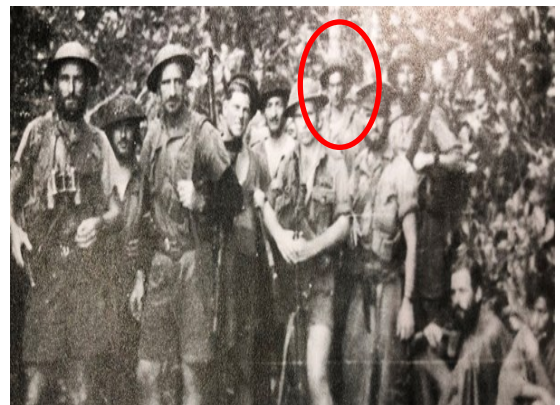


over! John was over there from Xmas 69 to Xmas 70. They went about 6 weeks at one stage without any mail from home and having to drink Budweiser (because the wharfies in Sydney were anti-war) was a good way to wean of beer. The third battalion was removed after the Americans invaded Cambodia, a move which almost won them the war. John notes that when the 3rd Battalion was withdrawn, we knew we had been wasting our time. The war was winnable, but politicians in the US and Australia were too frightened to do so.

Gerry Gebert spoke of Lyndell's Grandfather, Dennis Leahy who served in Gallipoli and who was eventually promoted to lieutenant with the British Army Ordnance Corps before being discharged as medically unfit in 1916.

Gerry also mentioned Lydall's father who joined the RAAF in Victoria in February 1942 at the age of 19. He served as a radar technician in New Guinea until 1945 and thence with CSIRO before being discharged in 1946.

Craig told us about his father, Thomas Carson who served in 2/4th Australian Commando Squadron and about winnies, the war winners. He survived Milne Bay but the attrition rate of his unit was very high.



And finally, Rebecca Carson who has served with the RAAF in Timor (in 2008 and in Afghanistan in 2019).



	Today (a while ago)!
1770	James Cook arrives in Australia at Botany Bay, which he names.
1834	Charles Darwin during the second survey voyage of HMS <i>Beagle</i> , ascended the Bell mountain, Cerro La Campana on 17 August 1834, his visit being commemorated by a memorial plaque.
1953	The first U.S. experimental 3D television broadcast showed an episode of <i>Space Patrol</i> on Los Angeles ABC affiliate KECA-TV.
1967	After refusing induction into the United States Army the previous day, Muhammad Ali is stripped of his boxing title.
1968	The controversial musical <i>Hair</i> , a product of the hippie counter-culture and sexual revolution of the 1960s, opens at the Biltmore Theatre on Broadway, with some of its songs becoming anthems of the anti-Vietnam War movement.
1986	Chernobyl disaster: American and European spy satellites capture the ruins of the 4th Reactor at the Chernobyl Power Plant.
2011	The Wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton takes place at Westminster Abbey in London.

SMILE!

**BIGGEST WASTE OF MONEY LAST YEAR:
2020 PLANNER**



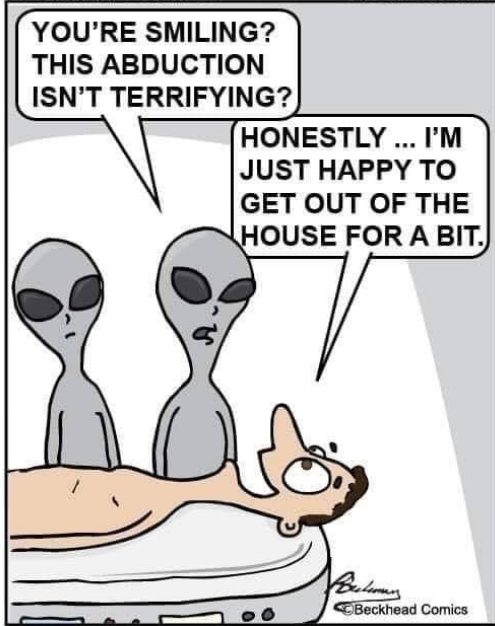
The Hills are closed



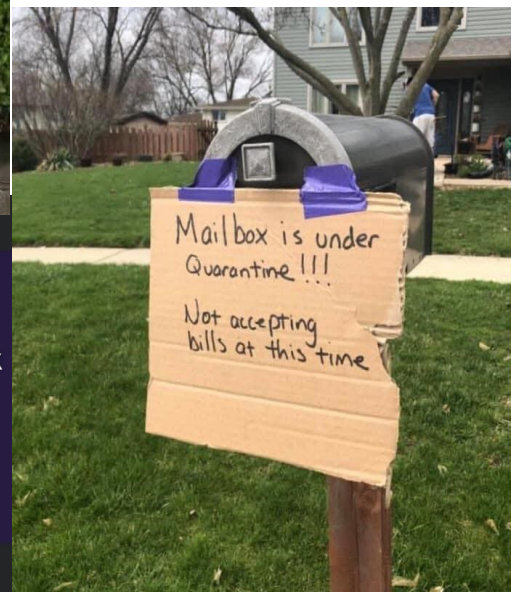
That's the kitchen drawer emptied now to start on the rest

**What covid19 has taught us.
Half of our jobs can be done from home.
The other half deserve more than they're being paid.**

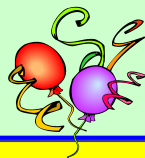
**Day 14 Self-Isolation
Learning A New Skill
Flour Arranging**



**Do Not call the police on suspicious people in your neighborhood!
Those are your neighbors without makeup and hair extensions!!!!**



**Happy Birthday to:
Geoff Williams 25 April**



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?

An Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotsman walk into a bar.

Those were the days...

Duty	29/04/2020	/05/2020
Chair	Graham Osterfield	Graham Osterfield
Rotary Talk	John Woodward	Gerry Gebert