

Rotary Opens Opportunities

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary

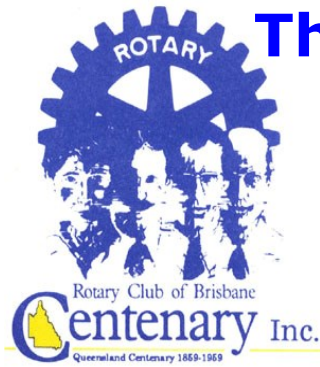
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**28th October
2020**

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

23 Hasp Street
Seventeen Miles Rocks

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The Carson Commentary

It was a privilege to meet and provide food on the platform for the combined team of Train Travellers, raising awareness and funds for the Rotary End Polio Now campaign their effort raised over \$30,000 well done all.

Fantastic to be introducing Rotary Junior Community Awards into another local school this week, we are off to Jamboree State School as part of the requirements students are required to attend a community group meeting. Rotary Junior Community Award programmed is a great reinforcement of the value of contributing to the community. Well done Dianne for your work in organising and coordinating these programmes with the schools in our area.



Craig Carson



See the photo (left) of the groceries collected by the students at Middle Park State School to be distributed through Pushing Barriers to

families in need in the refugee community, well done.

Not too late to sign up for the ROMAC Dinner on Saturday 31st October, contact Neville I am sure your participation will be enjoyable and appreciated.

Don't forget put a note in your Diary for the 12th to the 15th November for our Weekend in St George Queensland incorporating a visit to Begonia State School as well as a social event with the St George Rotary Club, watch this space!

Craig



The Board for 2020-21

President	Craig Carson	PR	Terry Killen
Treasurer	Gerry Gebert	Membership	Graham Osterfield
Secretary	Di Scotte	Foundation	John Woodward
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This week

7.30- 8.30am—Our community meeting at Jamboree Heights SS as part of their Rotary Junior Community Awards

31 October

ROMAC dinner

4 November

Holly Brain—Centenary State High School

11 November

Board Meeting



12—16 June 2021

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



◀ Looking Back
Moving Forward ▶

That was the week that was or TW3

Rotary Talk: Gerry Gebert spoke about the Peace Fellow programme and the difference the individual Fellows can make. In particular, Gerry was surprised to find police officers on the programme and noted the example of a Philadelphia police officer who did the short course at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. Growing tensions between the residents and the police troubled members of the Philadelphia Rotary Club who thought that the professional development certificate program would be a perfect fit for a police officer and so it turned out to be with Lt D F Pace relishing the challenge very successfully.

Secretary: Noted that there were updates on our Facebook page.

Foundation: Great Train Ride this year is on and our club is catering supper on Darra Station. Craig would like an assistant around 8:15pm.



Treasurer: Gerry is still collating the figures but it appears that the Polio Movie may have netted over \$1,000 despite the limitations imposed.

Satellite Club: John Woodward tells us that the club is seriously looking at supporting the 'Share with Dignity' programme and is collecting handbags.

Youth: We will be visit Jamboree Heights State School next Wednesday—**details on the front cover and will also be sent out. Note that parking may be difficult.**

BeefBank: Graham noted that one of our donors had been surprised at the number of meals a cow produced. Graham also mentioned that there are half a dozen old cows which are currently being fattened up to go into the programme.

International: When the Fiji container was unloaded, there appears to have been a miscommunication and some of the books intended for the Nausori school got diverted to the local hospital.

ROMAC: Neville Blomeley is organizing a ROMAC dinner at the United Services Club on 31 October—cost \$70. Full details should appear on the weekly updates.

AG Steve Genko: Great to see Steve who told us about the last DLT and presented us with our District Directories and also conference raffle tickets. He noted that the Conference was going to have great speakers but because of COVID-19, sponsorship was much reduced. Thus the more people who actually attend, the better.

Steve also spoke about Rotary Australia 100, that RYTS was going ahead in December and about the 9th November on-line seminar for new and potential members. He commended us to use My Rotary and noted that the cut-off for the editorial for the club histories was end of November.

Steve also mentioned the on-line Youth Protection course, the District AGM on December 12 and the Bostock House Clean-up on 9 November.

From the desk of the President:

Bunnings: have contributed a \$150 voucher to our project at the Palliative Care wing of the Wesley. Bunnings also indicated the BBQs are now going better but that volunteer groups were a little in short supply. Craig will try and get us more gigs both for the Brisbane Centenary and for BeefBank.

We are trying to get out to St George 12– 15 November and, especially, visit Begonia State School which was the recipient of our school project at the end of last year.

Craig also noted the 'I am Woman' screening and that it was successful with more seats sold than we should have sold. It was interesting remembering all the songs that Helen Reddy had made hits.

Ramanathan Thurairajoo—Peace Fellow

Raman is a fourth generation Singaporean of South Indian descent. His family saw the Japanese occupation and the post-colonial European era.

He noted that most Singaporeans grow up speaking at least two different languages, usually English and another, but he also spoke Tamil, Mandarin and Malay. Most males have to serve in the army at some stage and his service also included a stint with the police force. He is still active although with a leave of absence. Raman also noted that his father had been a police officer and his mother a broadcaster.

Since the age of six, Raman had always had an environmental conscience which he acquired at his grandparent's home. There, they had some land on which one could grow things. Many families lived in a three tier arrangement of grandparents, parents and children, Nowadays, most of his family live in high rise complexes but Raman has kept his environment credentials alive as a sustainability consultant advising on what can be re-used,



recycled or made with more sustainable materials. He advises on the lifecycle of products and the implications for the environment and for resources. *Continued next page*



The Great Polio Train Ride

What a great evening meeting some of the team that rode the 227 stations from Gympie to Rosewood!

By now, the train riders were on their last leg—which was from Darra to Rosewood. After feeding a very appreciative ...and hungry...team with burgers from Poppy's (always the best!), we presented them with our cheque for \$300 for World Polio Day.

Note DG Patrice holding the full-size baton celebrating both the End Polio Now campaign and the 100 years of Rotary in Australia.



Today (a while ago)!

1492	Christopher Columbus lands in Cuba on his first voyage to the New World.
1636	The Massachusetts Bay Colony votes to establish a theological college, which would later become Harvard University.
1664	The Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment of Foot, later to be known as the Royal Marines, is established.
1726	The novel <i>Gulliver's Travels</i> is published.
1835	The United Tribes of New Zealand are established with the signature of the Declaration of Independence.
1916	Australian government holds a national referendum seeking support for the proposal of compulsory conscription; it is rejected
1962	Cuban Missile Crisis: Premier Nikita Khrushchev orders the removal of Soviet missiles from Cuba.

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Raman's background includes a B of Environmental Policy Management at Adelaide University and it was at Adelaide that he became a Rotaractor in Australia's largest Rotaract Club. One of his initiatives was tree planting and he was delighted to see that this continued some ten years after his time there. It was part of his signature of environmental sustainability.

He was at the Atlanta conference for the Rotaract Pre-conference and where he also was doing some work on gap analysis for the Boulder Council; following a devastating flood of melted snow (a one in one hundred years event). It was at the conference that he was approached to become a Peace Fellow but he was surprised at the length of time of the selection process.

Rama also told us about Enviropeace which he set up a while ago and now has 750 members. The premise is that people can be happy when they build a relationship with the environment but one only needs to do small projects, one step at a time. You do not need massive projects.

As part of the Masters course, Fellows usually complete an Applied Field Experience (AFE) but with COVID, this has been reduced to a virtual AFE. Raman is commencing a virtual internship in Suva which should prove interesting

ROMAC

ROMAC is a project of the Rotary districts in Australia and New Zealand.

ROTARY DISTRICT 9630 - Fund Raising Dinner

Saturday 31st October 2020 -6pm for 6.30pm



UNITED SERVICES CLUB -183 Wickham Tce, Spring Hill

Great food, beautiful venue with plenty of parking

Guest speaker Rosie Lotawa – ROMAC ambassador

and one of the first ever ROMAC patients.

Cost -\$70 including sumptuous 2 course dinner, live music and a drink on arrival. A \$50 donation (tax deductible) would be appreciated. Bar purchases available. **Auctions on the night.**

Payments -Bendigo bank Springwood BSB 633 000 Acct 158 393 298
Ref ROMAC and your surname. Contact

PP Neville Blomeley niblom@bigpond.com ; 0477 762 044 or

PDG Jitendra Prasad- jitco@powerup.com.au ; 0402 422 777

SMILE!



News flash!!
 Sticking your tongue on an outdoor bug zapper lamp will cure the virus. Yep, I read it on the internet.



The doctors are mad as Hell and they aren't going to take it anymore! No one knows what they want though. 😬

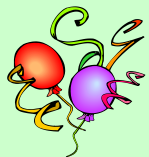


Historians in Ireland have discovered what they believe to be the headstone of the worlds oldest ever living man.
 He was 193 and his name was Miles from Dublin



Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pyjamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.

Happy Birthday to:
John Woodward 24 Oct
Charlie Woo0dward 1 Nov
Geoff Williams 31 Oct



The World Health Organization has announced that dogs cannot contract Covid-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs out.

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	4/11/2020	11/11/2020
Chair	John Woodward	Tracy Tucker
Duty Officer	Gerry Gebert	Graham Osterfield
Fellowship Officer	Andrew Rodgers	John Woodward
Rotary talk	Graham Osterfield	Craig Carson