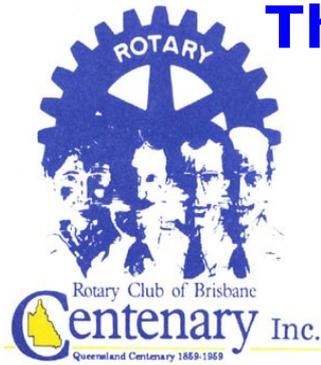


Rotary Opens Opportunities

# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary

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## The Carson Commentary 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021



Craig Carson

Welcome to 2021!

We managed to cram in a lot of activity during our Christmas break. Our Christmas function at Southbank, a Bunnings BBQ, planning for the combined clubs park project to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Australia and providing the BBQ for the local Australia Day Pool Party at Jindalee pool for Brisbane City Council.

Thank you to all the team for your help and support of these events—our active participation in these community events helps our club and Rotary in general to generate awareness and potential new members from the public.

Planning is now underway for the Rotary Fun Run. Mark 5<sup>th</sup> September in your diary for the return of this event, a wonderful morning in a fantastic location.

We are going to participate in the local Sundayz Markets to raise awareness and interest in Rotary locally where we can promote our achievements such as BeefBank, Fun Run, 100 years of Rotary in Australia as well as worldwide activities such as the End Polio campaign.

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

23 Hasp Street  
Seventeen Miles Rocks

P O Box 214 Mt  
Ommaney Q 4074



12—16 June 2021

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



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*Craig*



### The Board for 2020-21

President	Craig Carson	Effective Services	Di Scotte
Treasurer	Gerry Gebert	Membership	Graham Osterfield
Secretary	Di Scotte	Foundation	John Woodward
International	Glen Palmer	Club Administration	Neville Blomeley
		Bulletin Editor	Nick Curry

### *This meeting*

**Lesley Brooks,  
Treasurer of Paws and  
Brooks Nature  
Sanctuary located at  
Summerholm in the  
Lockyer Valley**

### *10<sup>th</sup> February*

**Board Meeting**

### *17<sup>th</sup> February*

**TBA**

### *24<sup>th</sup> February*

**Social week—Jindalee  
Hotel**

# That was the week that was or TW3

**Raffle:** John Woodward will undoubtedly enjoy drinking his Sauvignon Blanc tonight. Personally, I'm a chardonnay man myself!

**Rotary Information:** Gerry Gebert found a rather surprising COVID snippet which he shared with us. Members of the Vilnius Lituania International club noted that traditional ventilators can be extremely intrusive and also require trained medical staff to fit them. A think tank back in March led them to consider bubble helmets which are non-invasive and easily fitted. The supply of oxygen and air can be easily maintained and pumps used to push more into the helmet if necessary and patients do not need to be intensive care...any hospital bed with an oxygen supply is fine.

**Secretary:** Di noted that the rules of the club need to be updated since much has changed since the last revision in 2013. We need to reflect current circumstances. Steve Genko (Taylor Bridge) said that his club had recently updated their constitution and by-laws and promised to make a copy available to comparison purposes.

**Treasurer:** We need to have all remaining raffle tickets in by next week which Gerry has set as our cut-off date. Glen did not think she had been given any but Gerry thought that this could be corrected very quickly!

Gerry Gebert has done the figures and found that the US\$/A\$ exchange rate has advantaged us to the tune of around \$8 per member. He hadn't seen the district invoice, nor the one from RDU, but felt confident to leave the club dues at the same rate as last time, i.e.; \$185 per half year.

**Foundation:** Nick Curry said that, not only had the exchange rate benefited us on RI dues but that the current rate had made A\$ donations more valuable in terms of US\$ and that this was further likely to improve in the next week or so when the February exchange rates were published.

**Youth:** Di Scotte is ordering dairies for the next round of Rotary Junior Community Awards. Three schools have now signed up for this with the Mt Ommaney Special School

being the latest recruit.

**BeefBank:** Graham Osterfield told us that Shultz's were going to supply hams through BeefBank and that the total weight was 2,424.7 kilos (or nearly 25,000 meals!).

We also have a large cow (around 700 kgs) being supplied by Abby Parkes who has a buffalo and cattle property in Northern NSW. We are also about to receive a cow from Numinbah prison farm although Andrew Rodgers noted that some of the prison farms are reluctant to supply even one cow to BeefBank because of the effect it has on their budgets. Nick Curry has been told by John Odium that he will be earmarking another cow from his farm when next they send cattle to market.

Our target, currently, is to provide 100,000 meals each year which, this last year, has come at a cost of \$124,000.

We have also had an enquiry from Florida about how to set up the BeefBank programme in the US. Happy to help!

**Wesley:** Graham Osterfield and Bruce Wilson are meeting the Wesley people to finalize things including furniture, painting, lights etc.

**International:** John Woodward told us that the Satellite club is very keen on a DIK container. Apart from the normal stuff, the satellite club would also like to combine other projects such as school materials. John suggested that schools might also like to be part of the project whilst our good contacts with Timor and Fiji gave us something to work towards.

## From the Desk if the President:

Craig advertised the District Conference and its array for excellent guest speakers.

The four local clubs are also working together and with Sarah Hutton on a Rotary 100 project, the erection of a Peace Pole in a park. BCC have laid down a number of measures but it appears that there will be an 8m radius concrete pad with seats. Proposed launch is 24 April which

## Tim Keeler—Membership

It was a delight to have Tim visit the club. Ostensibly, he was there to talk about membership but his discussion before the meeting also gave great insight into how the merge of the two districts is happening.

Tim told us that he has been Membership Director for the past five years. He has been privileged to see what has been happening both within the district and overseas. His work with Griffith University has also given insight to what makes a good volunteer organization club, e.g. Rotary Club.

He noted that there were five points that highlighted good clubs. The first was leadership but not necessarily the president of the club. It meant that people took responsibility for getting things done.

The second was being well organized. Thus the members understood the what, why, where and when.

Thirdly, nobody ever joined a club to sell Bunnings sausages! It's all about projects, not fundraising. Good projects will attract good members.

Fourthly, a good club establishes relationships with external organizations. Tim noted that Boonah became a centre for the Fire and Rescue services over the bushfire season and he saw how well Boonah Rotary Club worked with the CWA

and the Salvation Army.

Finally, Tim made the point that it was not necessarily fellowship that was important but the shared experiences that became the glue that held everything together.

Tim also told us about a club in Northern NSW which was failing...down to four members. However, they elected one as their leader who had a strategy to focus on the town and to have fun. He wanted to produce a calendar although the club had practically no funds. He spoke to the local school and got the students to enter a photography competition. \$100 for each of the twelve photos that would be featured in the calendar. He got twelve local firms to sponsor the prizes. He then got all the local organizations to list their events and sold the calendar through the school kids. Profit and community engagement ensued plus 16 new members!



DGN Tim Keeler being congratulated by President Craig

# Australia Day at the Jindalee Pool



# Our Social at Prima Vera

Today (a while ago)!	
1488	Bartolomeu Dias of Portugal lands in Mossel Bay after rounding the Cape of Good Hope, becoming the first known European to travel so far south.
1690	The colony of Massachusetts issues the first paper money in the Americas.
1830	The London Protocol of 1830 establishes the full independence and sovereignty of Greece from the Ottoman Empire as the final result of the Greek War of Independence.
1917	The American entry into World War I begins when diplomatic relations with Germany are severed due to its unrestricted submarine warfare.
1958	Founding of the Benelux Economic Union, creating a testing ground for a later European Economic Community.
1959	Rock and roll musicians Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and J. P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson are killed in a plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa.



# SMILE!

Yesterday my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He sprayed everything down and cleaned thoroughly. Today I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom.

**Overheard at auto parts store**

**"I need a headlight"**

**"What's it for?"**

**"So I can drive at night"**

I had someone ask me the other day "How do you know which side are the good guys?" I told her it's usually the side that doesn't support burning buildings, erasing history, attacking the police, race baiting, taking away your rights and silencing free speech.

**A SIGN IN A SHOE REPAIR STORE IN VANCOUVER:**

*We will heel you  
We will save your sole  
We will even dye for you.*

**In a Podiatrist's office:**  
*"Time wounds all heels."*

**At an Optometrist's Office:**  
*"If you don't see what you're looking for, You've come to the right place."*

**AS I LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP, ANY MINUTE I'LL FALL DEEP**



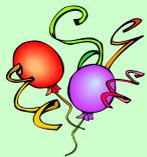
There's nothing like a little tomato soup to soothe the soul. Even if it's cold. Over ice. With a celery stalk. And vodka.

**TAKING A DOG NAMED SHARK TO THE BEACH IS A BAD IDEA**



**Happy Birthday to:**

**Gerry Gebert 8 January**  
**Danielle Rodgers 28 January**  
**Melanie Rodgers 17 January**



**Congratulations and happy anniversary to:**

**Gerry and Lyndell Gebert 4 February**  
**Tracey and Clive Tucker 30 January**



**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?

Duty	03/02/2021	17/02/2021
Chair	Nick Curry	Gerry Gebert
Duty Officer	Geoff Williams	John Woodward
Fellowship Officer	Nev Blomeley	Tracy Tucker
Rotary talk	John Woodward	Nev Blomeley