

Rotary Opens Opportunities

# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary

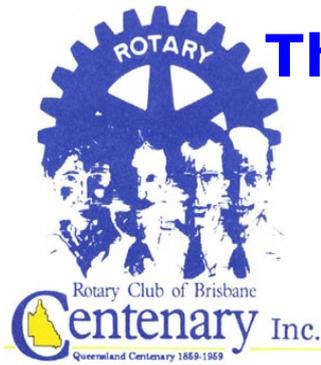
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**17<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

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

Our visit to Centenary State High School was enjoyable, it was encouraging to hear from the students their aspirations as future leaders in the community. Another benefit came from the meeting Centenary State High School will have desks and chairs available soon suitable for Donations in Kind Projects, watch this space.

The District 9630 Conference in Toowoomba provided participants moving stories of resilience, persistence, motivation, the future, compassion and last but not least FUN. It is important that ideas and goals triggered by attending the conference are actioned.

The 100-year celebration of Rotary in Australia project is now back on track the committee is working hard to make the official opening on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April a great community event.

I called Geoff Williams the other day to see how he is going; Geoff is regaining his health and strength and is planning not only his return to our meetings but also his next fishing expedition.

*Craig*



*Craig Carson*



12—16 June 2021

TAIPEI

**District 9620**

**District  
Conference**

**Caloundra**

Caloundra Civic Centre

18—20 March 2022



### The Board for 2020-21

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### *This meeting*

**Piper Frederickson**  
RYLA candidate

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

TBA

### *27<sup>th</sup> March*

**Catering for StyroMAX**  
29-41 Pradella St,  
Darra

### *31<sup>st</sup> March*

Social

### *4<sup>th</sup> April*

**Sundayz Market**  
17 Mile Rocks Park

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

**100 years Peace Pole**  
event

# That was the week that was or TW3

## CENTENARY SHS

- Staff attending: Science teacher Wendy Hepple, Science HOD (Head of Department) Alan Moodley, principal John Brew.
- Students: Yen, Tara, Anoria, Eva, Jack, Kim. They presented 2 PowerPoint presentations about their 4 day experience.
- The purpose of the workshops was to provide experience outside the classroom.
- 'The Young Scientist Experience Program' – supported by Conoco Phillips and Santos, for Year 10 students, in January, 4 days across 3 different Brisbane university campuses.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Presentation:** Yen, Tara and Kim.

- 1<sup>st</sup> day at QUT – Met mentors and peers and participated in chemistry, biology, physics etc
- They looked at different UVs through different light sources
- The campus has a large sustainability focus.
- They went into 'The Cube' – a 2 storey high interactive display.
- They became 'forensic scientists' in one exercise.
- Engineering – teams had to make a bridge using paddlepop sticks, glue etc, that could support a 1kg weight.
- They made glow in the dark bubbles

### **Griffith Uni on 2<sup>nd</sup> day.**

- They attended lectures and participated in workshops focussed on:
- Engineering – had to construct a catapult
- Workshop of wind energy - how to generate power
- Touched a snake
- Extracted DNA from a banana or strawberry

### **3<sup>rd</sup> day – UQ**

- Astronomy
- Groups – engineering workshop, marine life and animals, constructing a leg, worked with engineers to create a mini boat
- DNA extraction with dead maggots

### **4<sup>th</sup> day – UQ**

- Created a business to make products and to sell them
- 'Who's your parents' with DNA activity
- Attended a lecture about people's experiences with their science careers
- Interactive activities

### **What was your experience like?**

- 'We played many games and mind games
- We also gained more social skills to bring us out of our comfort zones.'
- 12 weeks ago they reunited with their peers from their experience

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Presentation:** Anoria and Jack (and Eva).

- Anoria and Jack thanked our club for supporting their experience.
- They described their experience as 'Amazing'.
- Key aspects: Friendship, learning experience and university experience
- In a group for 4 days.
- Good opportunity to meet new people
- Friendships grew stronger
- Jack: Learning experiences – biology, optics and engineering
- They were able to put themselves in the shoes of uni students
- Started 8-8.30 each day, until 4pm.
- Each day started with quizzes – 70 questions in total. It was an opportunity to get to know everyone. (Sometimes, dance was involved too!)
- 2 biology workshops – biology and chemistry and engineering and optics workshops – making slime!
- Engineering workshop – push and pull on bridges to make a bridge that would hold a 1kg weight. (Their group made one that held a 1.5kg weight, but then it collapsed!)
- Optics – types of light and made their own spectrum boxes

### **Day 2 at Griffith**

- Mind Game: Microwave times. (Which they played with us – but we couldn't work it out!)
- Microbiology lecture with Professor Tony Greene.
- Physics – create a catapult.
- Chemistry workshop – working out which things had been poisoned – sunscreen – Nivea was the most protective sunscreen according to their tests.
- Mind Game: Triangles. (Which they played with us – but we couldn't work it out again!)

### **Days 3 and 4 – UQ**

- DNA workshop and astrology and maths, then group business activity.
- End of the 4 days – Lecture from Conoco Phillips and Santos reps.
- Mind Game: Draw a 'good' moon. (We couldn't work that one out, either!)

The students told us how to work out the Mind Games – Microwave game involved identifying the vowels in the word, and how many. Triangles game – 1<sup>st</sup> person to talk owns the triangle, Moon game – if you thanked them when they handed you an imaginary pen, then you had drawn a 'good' moon.

**Jack:** "The information I came out with was great. I had a better understanding of uni and courses – STEM pathways. I learned so much in such a short amount of time. Each topic was extremely interesting and engaging. It allowed me to connect with others who share the same passion. ... I got so much more out of it than I thought I would."

Craig then talked about Rotary to the students.



## RI President-elect announces 2021-22 presidential theme

Incoming Rotary International President **Shekhar Mehta** urged

### SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

Mehta, a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, revealed the 2021-22 presidential theme, *Serve to Change Lives*, to incoming district governors on 1 February during the Rotary International Assembly. The assembly, a yearly training event for district governors-elect, was originally set to take place in Orlando, Florida, USA, but was held virtually because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mehta spoke about how participating in service projects through Rotary changed him as a person and made him empathize more with the needs of others. Soon after joining his club, he helped carry out projects that benefited rural communities in India.

Some of the poor conditions he saw in those communities strengthened his commitment to service. "I truly understood the plight of my brethren," he said. Mehta participated in initiatives that brought artificial

limbs to children, clean water and sanitation to homes, and better health care facilities to communities. "Rotary kindled the spark within me to look beyond myself and embrace humanity," he said. "Service became a way of life for me and I, like many others, adopted the guiding philosophy that 'Service is the rent I pay for the space I occupy on this earth, and I want to be a good tenant of this earth.'"

### Focusing on diversity, membership

For the 2021-22 Rotary year, Mehta wants members to focus their efforts on empowering girls and ensuring their access to education, resources, services, and opportunities so that future generations of women leaders will have the tools they need to succeed. Mehta asked members to use Rotary's belief that diversity, equity, and inclusion is critical in all we do as a compass to guide this work.

"There are many issues that girls face in different parts of the world, and you as leaders will ensure that we try and mitigate the disadvantage of the girl that they may have," he said.

To be able to do more through service, Rotary needs to increase membership, Mehta said. Membership has hovered around 1.2 million for the past two decades. He challenged the incoming governors to be catalysts in their districts to help increase membership to 1.3 million by 1 July 2022. Mehta's Each One, Bring One initiative asks every member to bring one person to join Rotary within the next 17 months.

Increasing membership while also continuing our commitment to eradicating polio, fighting COVID-19, and serving our communities is an ambitious goal. "And that should excite you," Mehta said. "Rotarians love challenges."

Today (a while ago)!	
432	Saint Patrick, aged about 16 is captured by Irish pirates from his home in Great Britain and taken as a slave to Ireland
1824	The Anglo-Dutch Treaty is signed in London, dividing the Malay archipelago. As a result, the Malay Peninsula is dominated by the British, while Sumatra and Java and surrounding areas are dominated by the Dutch.
1845	Bristol man Henry Jones patents self-raising flour. Rubber band patented by Stephen Perry of London
1861	Italy is unified into a single kingdom under Victor Emmanuel II following the campaigns led by Giuseppe Garibaldi
1877	Bill Midwinter completes Test Cricket's 1st 5-wkt haul, 5-78 v England. Bill Midwinter is the only person to have played both for England v Australia and for Australia v England.
1900	British troops relieve Mafeking, besieged by the Boers since 13 October, 1899.
1948	Belgium, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom sign the Treaty of Brussels, a precursor to the North Atlantic Treaty establishing NATO
1958	The United States launches the first solar-powered satellite, which is also the first satellite to achieve a long-term orbit
1961	Jaguar head William Lyons debuts the first E-Type model at the Geneva International Motor Show, creating a sensation



# SMILE!

**At the Electric Company:**  
*"We would be delighted if you send in your payment on time. However, if you don't, YOU will be de-lighted."*

**In a Restaurant window:**  
*"Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up."*

**At a Propane Filling Station:**  
*"Thank Heaven for little grills."*

**In a Chicago Radiator Shop:**  
*"Best place in town to take a leak."*

**And the best one for last:**

**Sign on the back of another Septic Tank Truck:**  
*"Caution - This Truck is full of Political Promises"*



"In the old days, your Grandma and I watched TV with rabbit ears."

In life it's important to know when to stop arguing with people, and simply let them be wrong.

**Q: Why do men whistle when they are sitting on the toilet?**  
**A: It helps them remember which end to wipe.**

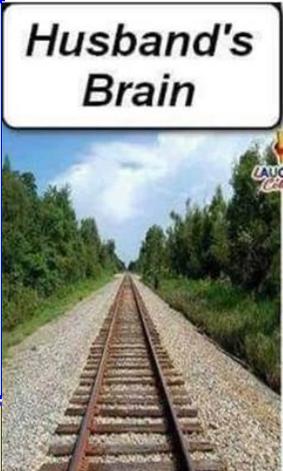


**Them:** What inspires you to get out of bed every morning?  
**Me:** My bladder mostly.

**My stomach is FLAT.**  
**The L is just silent.**

**Happy Birthday to:**  
**Michael Filer**      **19 March**  
**Emma Tucker**      **11 March**  
**Robyn Woodward**      **12 March**

**Congratulations and happy anniversary to:**  
**Nick and Jan Curry**      **17 March**



**Husband's Brain**

**Wife's Brain**

**Q:** How do you keep your husband from reading your e-mail?  
**A:** Rename the email folder 'Instruction Manuals'

**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?

<b>Duty</b>	<b>17/03/2021</b>	<b>24/03/2021</b>
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