



The Rotary Club

of

Brisbane Centenary

The RI President

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



President Andrew Rodgers



I wish each of you and your families a great Rotary New Year! Together, let us make it the best year of our lives, by making it a year to *grow more and do more*. Let this be a year of changemakers, and let us begin with our membership.

That is precisely why the Each One, Bring One initiative is so important. During this year, I urge you to dream of new ways in which Rotary can expand its reach into your community and therefore the world. If each member introduces one person to Rotary, our membership can increase to 1.3 million by July 2022. So, let's just do it!

Imagine the change we, as Rotary members, can make when there are so many more of us! More people to care for others, more people to *Serve to Change Lives*. Think of the impact we can have through *grow more, do more*. More members will enable us to embark on bigger and bolder service projects. And each of us can also continue to serve in our own personal ways, responding to needs in our communities.

The beauty of Rotary is that service means different things to different people around the world. One element, however, that we can incorporate into all of our service initiatives is *empowering girls*. Unfortunately, even in this day and age, girls and young women face disproportionate challenges all over the world. We have the power to lead the charge for gender equality. Empowering girls and young women to have greater access to education, better health care, more employment, and equality in all walks of life should be embedded in every Rotary project we launch. Girls are future leaders, so we must ensure that we help them shape their future.

This year, let us challenge ourselves to do more such projects and programs that have national reach and impact. This year, let us *Serve to Change Lives*.

Shekhar Mehta

RI President 2021-22

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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
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This meeting

Informal meeting

Café 63

7:00am start

14th July

Board Meeting

21st July

Back at our old venue

28th July

Changeover

6:00pm for 6:30pm
The Windermere Room
Jindalee Hotel

4th August

TBA



District 9620

District Conference

Caloundra

Caloundra Civic Centre

18—20 March 2022



The Board for 2021 –22

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That was the week that was or TW3

Rotary Talk: Topically, Gerry spoke about the immunization effort going into combating COVID-19 across the poorer nations. At the International Convention, Rotarians were told that the pandemic has highlighted that unprepared and undeserving communities anywhere are a threat to health of everyone. And that Rotary's investment in Public Health would inspire generations to live up to the Rotary motto of Service above self. Dr Seth Berkley, CEO of GAVI, the vaccine alliance told the Conference that more than 1.4 billion people have now been vaccinated, 'The largest and most complex vaccine development in history,' and that more than 1.8 billion doses of the vaccine should be come available to people in the lowest-income countries that would otherwise have limited or no access to the vaccine. GAVI is co-leading COVAX, an initiative aimed at establishing equitable access to the vaccine and of which Rotary is a valued partner with a key role to play.

Changeover: The date has now been set for Wednesday evening, 28th July. However, Neville reported that he was having problems negotiating with La Bonne Saigon.

Stop Press, with La Bonne Saigon closing, and much discussion afterwards, the Changeover will now be at the Jindalee Hotel in the Windermere Room. Invitations have already been sent out.

Admin:

- The first meeting of the new year will be at Club 63 because our current facilities will still not be available. However, we will be back at 17 Mile Rocks on 21st July.
- Nick also said that he had seen DGE Wendy Protheroe the day before and she had confirmed her attendance/DG's visit at the EKKA breakfast in August...She just needs to know how to get there!
- Di Scotte is organizing three separate dates for our breakfast meetings with the three schools involved in Rotary Junior Community Awards.

Christmas in July: Some lucky people will be down at Andrew's farm for Christmas in July. They will be staying at Braeside, the luxury retreat next door. Very envious of John Woodward, Neville Blomeley, Graham Osterfield and Gerry Gebert. Hope we have a sergeant back in good working order by then even though what goes on tour, stays on tour!

BeefBank:

- Brian of Highchester Abattoir acquired a monster bullock for us...380kg dressed weight...as a cost of around \$2,000.
- Graham Osterfield also confirmed that the Disaster Response Grant funding would be spent this week.
- Haven't seen the grant from The Clem Jones Foundation yet.

Membership: Gerry is still waiting to introduce a potential new member but illness has intervened.

Satellite Club: John Woodward reported that things are still a tad disjointed but they are sending another container out with funding provided by Stoddarts.

Computers for Timor Leste: Glen reported that she has been in contact with Computers for Learning (who refurbish old desk top and laptop computers). She has been able to acquire ten at the princely sum of \$35 each! These computers come fully-loaded with Windows10 and Office Libre.

Glenn also told us that the group, based at Nudgee, are desperate for volunteers (one day / month) although it was not certain exactly what skills are needed. Victoria can be contacted on 0478 397 638 or 2101 3414 if you can help or have a surplus desk top or laptop to donate.

Glen will also follow up with Sumner Park on a similar scheme.

From the Desk if the President:

- Craig's "last hurrah"
- Craig noted that the Bunnings BBQ had produced a COVID record amount that even Bunnings were surprised about. We netted around \$1,160.
- Bunnings have offered another date to us...24th July which is the date of the Christmas in July shenanigans. However, we will work with Tracy and get people from Pushing Barriers to assist. Since Pushing Barriers is having problems fund-raising, the proceeds will go towards them.
- Craig also mentioned that we have a fund-raising gig with Styromax on 31st July.



Are you supporting BeefBank?



WE ARE
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The logistics of shipping and storing vaccines

A mass, worldwide vaccination effort is crucial to defeating the COVID-19 pandemic — but the logistics of getting it done are incredibly complex. Two of the most complicating factors? Storage and transportation.



What is a cold chain

Distributing vaccine doses is much more elaborate than simply putting vials in a box and loading them onto a truck. From the time a vaccine leaves the manufacturer to the time it's administered to a patient, it needs to be kept in ideal and highly specific conditions. For example, Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine needs to be stored at a frigid -70° C. That's why the success of large-scale immunization efforts is dependent on a reliable cold chain: a system of safely storing and transporting vaccines at recommended temperatures.

What makes up a cold chain?

A seamless cold chain combines three equally important elements:

- **Equipment:** in most cases, the best storage option is a pharmaceutical-grade unit, specially designed for housing vaccines. Unlike the freezer where you keep your ice cream, [these can cost upwards of \\$15,000](#). Specialized portable coolers are also important for moving vaccines from one location to another.
- **Personnel:** staff and volunteers tasked with handling vaccines must be thoroughly trained on safe storage and transportation practices. This is particularly important because different vaccines require different conditions.
- **Processes:** vaccinating facilities must have clear, detailed, and up-to-date instructions for vaccine handling — plus contingency plans in case of emergency. What if the facility loses power? What if there's a weather event? These questions and more should have thorough answers.

What happens if the chain breaks?

Vaccines can only protect against disease if they're delivered safely. Overexposure to heat, cold, or light can compromise vaccine quality. Not only does this diminish the vaccine's effectiveness; it also leads to wasted vaccine supply and financial loss. [Between spoiled vaccines, replacement costs, and administrative expenses, cold chain errors cost healthcare shippers billions of dollars a year.](#)

How we help

For more than 30 years, Rotary members have been supporting the safe transport of polio vaccines to every corner of the globe. When it comes to COVID-19, we're just as committed to bringing vaccines to all. Learn more about how we're playing our part: <http://on.rotary.org/covid19efforts>

	Today (a while ago)!
1456	A retrial verdict acquits Joan of Arc of heresy 25 years after her death.
1865	Four conspirators in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln are hanged
1911	The United States, UK, Japan, and Russia sign the North Pacific Fur Seal Convention of 1911 banning open-water seal hunting, the first international treaty to address wildlife preservation issues.
1916	The New Zealand Labour Party was founded in Wellington.
1928	Sliced bread is sold for the first time (on the inventor's 48th birthday) by the Chillicothe Baking Company of Chillicothe, Missouri.
1954	Elvis Presley makes his radio debut when WHBQ Memphis played his first recording for Sun Records, "That's All Right".
1985	Boris Becker becomes the youngest player ever to win Wimbledon at age 17.
1992	The New York Court of Appeals rules that women have the same right as men to go topless in public.

SMILE!

Now That I'm older...

A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag pile carpet to change the TV channel.

Senility has been a smooth transition for me.

Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below **freezing** outside they closed school? Yeah, Me neither.

I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented. I forgot where I was going with this.

I love approaching 80, I learn something new every day and forget 5 other things.

A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money so I got up and searched with him.

I think I'll just put an "Out of Order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day.

Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.

Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.

It's weird being the same age as old people.

When I was a kid I wanted to be older...this is not what I expected.

Life is like a helicopter. I don't know how to operate a helicopter.

It's probably my age that tricks people into thinking I'm an adult.

Marriage Counsellor: Your wife says you never buy her flowers. Is that true? **Me:** To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers.

Happy Birthday to:

Caitlin Blomeley **9 July**
Craig Carson **4 July**



Congratulations and happy anniversary to:

Terry and Elaine Killen **14 July**



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?

Obvious Signs That Humanity May Be Doomed



'Now that I am old and slow and on a fixed income, I have disconnected my home alarm system. I also decided to turn off my external light and resigned from Neighbourhood Watch. I have raised two flags in my front garden, one at each corner and have the black flag of ISIS in the centre.

It is so good now, my neighbours, the local police, the Federal Police and the Armed Forces are all keeping watch on my house 24/7. In addition, I am followed and watched everywhere I go. I have never felt safer!

Duty	7/7/2021	21/07/2021
Chair	Craig Carson	Glen Palmer
Duty Officer	—	Gerry Gebert
Fellowship Officer	Gerry Gebert	Graham Osterfield
Rotary talk	Dianne Scotte	John Woodward