

Rotary Opens Opportunities

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary

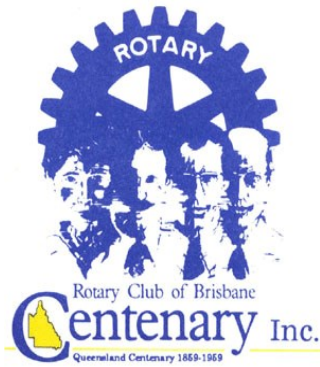
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The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary Inc. meets on Wednesday at 6:30am for 6:45am at:

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The Carson Commentary

Did you see the article on our Rotary Junior Community Award programme in the recent DG's Doorway newsletter? The article showcased the results of the work that Di. Scotte has done to make our work with the local schools so successful.

Take note Saturday 19th June we have a Bunnings BBQ; I will send around the roster soon for volunteers.

This Saturday there is another packing morning at Donations in Kind, Kingston for a container of goods bound for Timor Leste, John Woodward & Glen Palmer have been working tirelessly to compile school equipment, clothing, sewing machines and numerous other items desperately needed in Timor Leste. Any assistance you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Andrew is off to Toowoomba for the Farmfest Field Day to promote his business, unfortunately we could not muster enough people to run a stand to promote BeefBank. Perhaps we can ask for assistance from Rotary Clubs from Toowoomba or Dalby to help next year. These events are important to gain interest from the farming community, Andrew's recent attendance at Rockhampton's Beef Week has been a great success.

Craig



Craig Carson



- This meeting*
- Open meeting
- 9th June
- Board Meeting
- 16th June
- Jitendra Prasad
- Membership
- 23th June
- TBA
- 30th June
- Club Social week

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

Rotary Talk: : Craig Carson: Polio – in '80s Rotary decided to help with elimination of Polio, along with World Health, governments and Bill & Melinda Gates. Now only in Afghanistan and Pakistan – single digits per country. Implementation has helped with research developments that have assisted with Covid etc.

Secretary: A thank you letter has been sent to Amanda from 'Days for Girls' – Everton Park - for their kind donation of 178 sanitary packs which will be sent in a container to Timor Leste. (Discussion about DIK – about 50 containers sent in 2020?)

Treasurer: We have money.

Youth: RotaKids has started up at Middle Park SS, but we have not yet attended a meeting as they have been selecting students for their Board.

Fiji: Nothing to report from Fiji. Timor Leste – Sr Domingas has been based in Dili in the past. Floods have severely affected schools and kindergartens there. (All lower floors have been affected in certain kindergartens and schools.) We will now also focus on donations to kindergartens in Dili – toys etc. Our other school donations will be going up to Emera. Jitendra's club are putting together stationery packs which we will be able to send. (Rotary International club.) Please keep donating items to Glen.

Timor Leste: 42 desks and chairs are packed in current container for Timor Leste. 200 desks from CSHS and

MPSS, but chairs are needed as well. The container is half packed. Will be finished on 5th June, then another 40 foot container will be ordered. JW is contributing to payment. That container will be packed on 5th July. We need school donations.

Admin: 2nd June – Jitendra attending meeting. Mr John Christianson – a retired lawyer- available to speak to the club about the Constitution. We may get him to speak to a combined club meeting. 16th June – to be decided.

BeefBank: Meeting last night. Good results from Rockhampton with 'National Herd'. Trying to raise donations – gaining momentum. Please check out the website and # it as much as possible. (Origins of BeefBank discussed.) BeefBank is Australia wide. Anticipating BeefBank will be getting donations soon with the start of 'National Herd'.

From the Desk if the President:

Taylor Bridge have their Trivia night this Saturday.

Movie Night: Gerry reported back that if we wish to have a movie night at the DFO Reading Cinemas, it will cost \$12 pp. There is no area for group gatherings. We would not be allowed to take alcohol into the cinema. We would need to purchase their alcohol (\$5.80 per glass of wine.) They would supply nibbles @ \$3 pp. This is adding up to a cost of \$18-20 pp, so we would need to charge around \$30 pp to make a profit. It was agreed that those costs are too high. It was also agreed that we will reinvestigate the use of the Regal Cinemas at Graceville. Gerry will investigate this and report back.

Jeremy Bishop & Katrina Lambert – SEQ Water – 'Realities of Rain'.

- SEQ water manage a total of 11 billion litres of dam water, water treatment plants and pipelines.
- They deliver water to more than 3 million SEQ residents.
- Urban Utilities handle the water reservoirs and the pipelines to homes.
- By 2040, it is estimated there will be 300,000 more people in SEQ = a need for 132 billion more litres per day.
- The impacts of climate change were discussed.
- It is expected that we will have more severe rainfall events. These result in a reduction in the quality of water – it can become very turbid. This makes the water harder to clarify.

Current system:

- We have a 'water grid' system allowing movement between reservoirs (NOT dams). We are currently moving water via the grid from Baroon Pocket Dam (Montville) to Wivenhoe. Only treated water can be moved on the grid.

Statistics:

- Prior to the 'millennium' drought, SEQ water usage was 300 litres per person per day. During the drought it dropped to 120 litres per person per day. Now, it is 150 litres per person per day. SEQ uses the least water capacity of any capital city in Australia. (Canberra uses the most – more than 500 litres per



person per day.)

- It is imperative that we plan for the future. It is much cheaper than making changes at the last minute.
- We have a 'drought response' plan.
- We have 12 dams in the region in our water grid.
- Currently, combined dam capacity is at **61.7%**.
- (If we have a combined capacity of 60% we need to be on a rate of 150 litres per person per day. Thus we are already doing well.)
- Baroon Pocket is currently at 99%.
- Lesley Harrison is at 100%.
- Wivenhoe is at 42%.
- Somerset is at 75%.

- Hinze is at 100%.
- The Desalination Plant at Tugun is undergoing work and will be online from August 2021. It will provide 133 megalitres per day.
- Wivenhoe & Somerset dams have 70% of SEQ water storage capacity.
- Wivenhoe has increased by 5% recently.

Purified recycled water:

- If combined capacity drops below 60%, purified recycled water can be mobilised if necessary.
- Current plants are at Luggage Point, Gibson Island and Bundamba for SEQ.
- The treated water is pumped back into Wivenhoe dam and will be there for approximately 6 months, before it is then retreated.
- Tarong and Swanbank Power Stations currently use recycled water at the retreatment point ('Advanced Water Treatment.')

- Wivenhoe is also connected to Toowoomba via pipeline now.

What can we do?

- Outdoors: Water gardens before 10am and after 4pm. Use a pool cover to reduce evaporation by 90%.

Questions:

- Is Lake Manchester used for water supply? Not often, as it has high levels of magnesium.
- What is Brisbane's main water treatment plant? Mt Crosby. Water comes from Wivenhoe. The valves at Wivenhoe will be replaced soon, as they haven't been replaced in 50 years.

The future?

- We will need to rely less on dams in the future, as rainfall decreases. We will need to access water in other ways. e.g. Desalination, Purified Recycled Water etc. The Desalination Plant has high electrical usage. It uses as much power as a small hospital.
- Remember – All water is recycled.



First Programs of Scale grant awarded to malaria project

The Rotary Foundation is giving a significant boost to the fight against malaria in Zambia with a new \$2 million Programs of Scale grant that will scale an already successful program model. Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia is a Rotarian-led effort that will use a community health worker model proven to effectively respond to cases of malaria and prevent transmission. The program aims to help reduce malaria cases over time by 90% in 10 target districts in two of the country's provinces.

The \$2 million grant goes toward Rotary club-led Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia program; an additional \$4 million contributed by partners the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and World Vision USA

Malaria, a preventable disease caused by a parasite spread through the bites of infected mosquitoes, continues to be one of Zambia's leading causes of illness and death, especially infant and maternal deaths.

The grant will allow Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia to strengthen the country's health system by working with Zambian health officials at all levels and training 380 health facility staff members, as well as training and equipping more than 2,500 new community health workers. This will increase access to malaria diagnosis and treatment for the more than 1.3 million people in heavily affected areas in the Central and Muchinga provinces and greatly contribute to the national effort to eliminate the deadly disease.

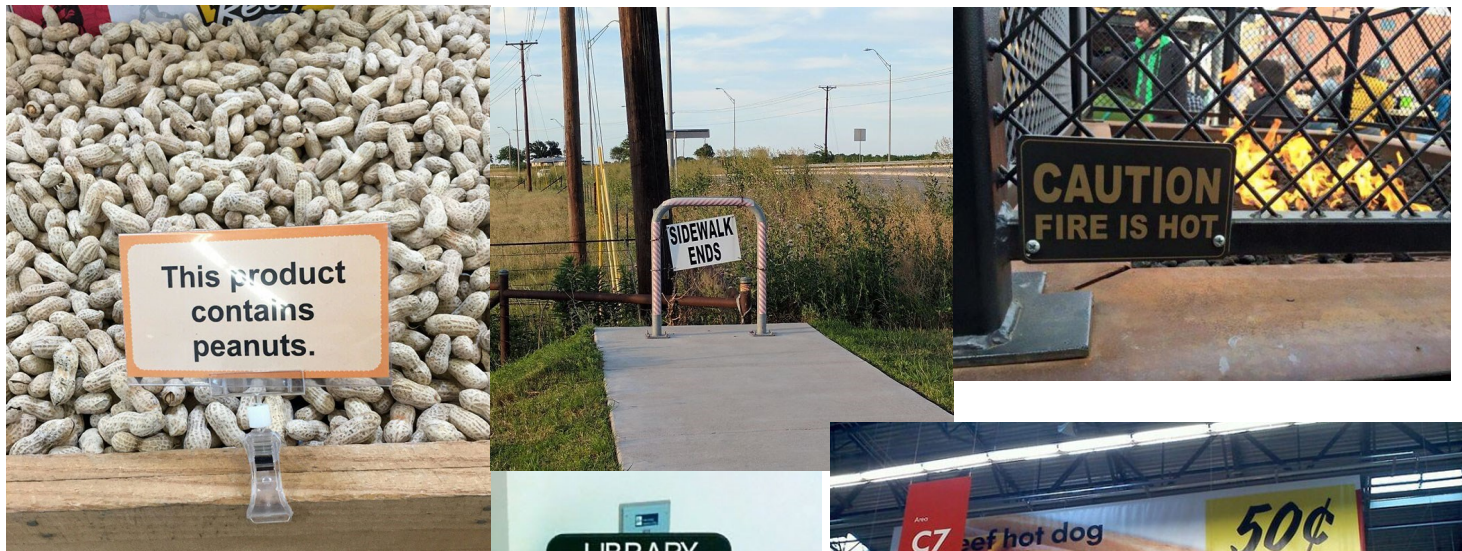
	Today (a while ago)!
1692	Bridget Bishop is the first person to be tried for witchcraft in Salem, Massachusetts; she was found guilty and later hanged.
1835	P. T. Barnum and his circus start their first tour of the United States.
1896	Guglielmo Marconi applies for a patent for his wireless telegraph.
1909	Alfred Deakin becomes Prime Minister of Australia for the third time.
1910	Charles Rolls, a co-founder of Rolls-Royce Limited, becomes the first man to make a non-stop double crossing of the English Channel by plane.
1953	The coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, who is crowned Queen of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Her Other Realms and Territories & Head of the Commonwealth, the first major international event to be televised.
1966	Surveyor program: <i>Surveyor 1</i> lands in Oceanus Procellarum on the Moon, becoming the first U.S. spacecraft to soft-land on another world.



Our usual End of the Month drinks with John Woodward and his now traditional drink!

SMILE!

Obvious Signs That Humanity May Be Doomed



It's different in the Deep South

Georgia

The owner of a golf course in Georgia was confused about paying an invoice, so he decided to ask his secretary for some mathematical help.

He called her into his office and said, "Y'all graduated from the University of Georgia and I need some help. If I wuz to give yew \$20,000, minus 14%, how much would you take off?"

The secretary thought a moment, and then replied, "Everthang but my earrings."



Louisiana

A senior citizen in Louisiana was overheard saying, "When the end of the world comes, I hope to be in Louisiana .."

When asked why, he replied, "I'd rather be in Louisiana 'cause everythang happens in Louisiana 20 years later than in the rest of the world."

Mississippi

The young man from Mississippi came running into the store and said to his buddy, "Bubba, somebody just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot!"

Bubba replied, "Did y'all see who it was?"

The young man answered, "I couldn't tell, but I got the license number."

North Carolina

A man in North Carolina had a flat tire, pulled off on the side of the road, and proceeded to put a bouquet of flowers in front of the car and one behind it. Then he got back in the car to wait.

A passer-by studied the scene as he drove by, and was so curious he turned around and went back. He asked the fellow what the problem was.

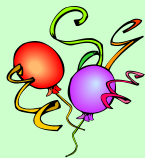
The man replied, "I got a flat tahr."

The passer-by asked, "But what's with the flowers?"

The man responded, "When you break down they tell you to put flares in the front and flares in the back. I never did understand it neither."

Happy Birthday to:

Tanya Filer 30 May
Kirsten Tucker 3 June



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	2/06/2021	16/06/2021
Chair	Gerry Gebert	Graham Osterfield
Duty Officer	John Woodward	Nev Blomeley
Fellowship Officer	Ada Filer	Glen Palmer
Rotary talk	Nev Blomeley	Glen Palmer