

Rotary Opens Opportunities

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary

The Final Carson Commentary

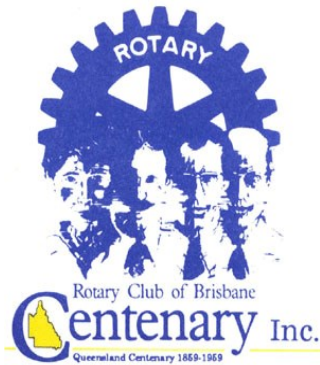
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The Rotary Club of
Brisbane Centenary Inc.
meets on Wednesday at
6:30am for 6:45am at:

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Craig Carson

By coincidence, my last Carson Commentary as my time as President draws to a close is also the 60th that I have written. Some weeks, it can be slow before the topics emerge. That is not very often as there are so many Rotary endeavours happening in our community, region, state, country and internationally to participate in at whatever level we choose.

Looking back over the last 2 years, our club has done much to build better outcomes in so many areas as well as developing connections on personal and collective levels.

Back to School in the Bush, Wesley Palliative care ward outdoor space, continuing the connection with the Fijian Kindergarten - rebuilt after a cyclone, celebrating with the other local clubs, and 100 years of Rotary in Australia & New Zealand are just a small selection of achievements we have made over the 2 years.

There are many areas that we need to develop as a group, especially gaining interest from our community to participate in Rotary. I use the word participate as, when we use the phrase join Rotary in our first conversation with someone interested in Rotary, it can be confronting. Growing membership in Rotary has been one theme that I have heard for the 5 years that I have been a Rotarian. It will only happen when we make it happen individually.

The Rotary Fun Run will be back on Sunday 22nd May 2022 (02/05/22). This is a wonderful local community event; let us all be involved in making it a continued success.

Craig

This meeting

Meeting at Café 63
Start time 7:00am

30th June

Club Social week

7th July

TBA

14th July

Board Meeting

21st July

TBA

28th July

Changeover
6:00 for 6:30pm
La Bonne Saigon



District 9620

District
Conference

Caloundra

Caloundra Civic Centre

18—20 March 2022



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

That was the week that was or TW3

Raffle: Graham Osterfield won the bottle of Sav Blanc and donated it to our guest speaker, Jitendra.

Treasurer:

Gerry noted that he had transferred the Disaster Response grant to BeefBank and had also transferred funds remaining from the 2019 Fun Run.

Geoff Williams: Gerry reports that Geoff is currently undergoing a course of chemo (one full week every five weeks) to treat a particularly unpleasant and disabling form of leukaemia.

Changeover: The date has now been set for Wednesday evening, 28th July, at La Bonne Saigon, Jindalee. 6:00pm for 6:30pm.

Admin: Next week's meeting will be at Club 63 because our current facilities will not be available for a couple of weeks or so.

Rotakids: Rotakids will be delayed for the next semester at Middle Park State Scholl due to the absence of the teacher / leader, Tahlia Joliffe. She is away because of the sudden death of her husband. Di has organized for flowers to be

sent to her.

BeefBank:

- We have now processed the freebie cow from Brian of Highchester Abattoir. Weighed in at around 280 kgs.
- The Clem Jones Foundation has also stumped up a further \$20,000 which makes it the third donation from them in the past twelve months.

Fun Run: This has been a major fund raiser in the past, especially for the Wesley (who have been slow to the party when it comes to volunteer assistance). However, competition from the free fun runs that are held weekly in many local parks and COVID-19 has meant that these functions have not been as lucrative as they have been. The point was also made that we need to define the purpose of the event, i.e. raise revenue or promote Rotary and the club within the community.

The Fun Run committee had contemplated running the event in September (in lieu of the cancelled event this May) but has decided to revert to the usual date of the third week in May next year. Gerry will be further discussing this with our co-organizers; Taylor Bridge.

From the Desk if the President:

- Bunnings roster now out. See you all on Saturday!

Jitendra Prasad—Membership for District 9620

Jitendra started with asking us to smell the roses—accept that the club had done a lot of good work both locally and internationally, and that we should be proud of what we had achieved. However, he also asked us what more we could have achieved if we had twice the members and what the club would look like if we only had half our members. The buzz in the club would be very different in both cases!

Obviously, we could do so much more with more members and this becomes a theme of doing more and growing more because the more that you do, the more the club would grow.

He noted that a major problem with smaller clubs that they often try to do too much, they become overextended. This is not a new problem, Rotary, globally, has been suffering from declining membership and issues with retention. The time and cost of Rotary may be a recent factor as might the structure which doesn't appear to attract millennials.

What we need to do is become engaged at both a club and at a personal level. This requires some strategic thought about where we are, where we are going over the next three years or so, what projects are we going to take on and who are we going to take on. The last point is that not everyone will make a Rotarian.

Jitendra also mentioned exit interviews. If a person is going to leave, you simply have to let them but it might be useful to ascertain exactly why they are leaving because this gives feedback to the club. As does checking the pulse of the club



with members. The board might find out some home truths!

Mentoring and nurturing are things that all clubs should be doing. Friendship and the value of being part of the Rotary family come high on the agenda.

Things that a club should be thinking about are member behind the badge talks - especially in larger clubs - and more joint meetings with other clubs. The larger numbers at these meetings increase the vibe. Also, consider zoom meetings with clubs overseas for a different perspective.

When you become a member of Rotary, Rotary provides you with personal development and gives you confidence. So the idea is to increase membership value.

In fact, there are several ways in which you can increase membership value including RLI and increasing Rotary knowledge. Other aspects should also be part of the mix. Become involved in Rotary Action Groups and Fellowships. If you do, your Rotary journey becomes that much more exciting.

Is what we are doing relevant? Are you relevant? You can do it for the club but you also get value doing it for yourself. That is part of the reward of membership.

When reaching out to new members the theme is 'each one bring one'. Jitendra asked when the last time anyone in the club had introduced a new member. And, in attracting new members, the question was also asked about how flexible a club was. Jitendra noted that there are so many different formats and different types of meetings.

'He profits most who serves best' was an original motto of Rotary for the things that you do now remain your legacy in Rotary and the community.

Jitendra noted six pillars:

- Leadership
- Communication
- Organization
- Relationship building
- Projects, and
- Shared experiences

Bunnings last week



	Today (a while ago)!
1868	Christopher Latham Sholes received a patent for an invention he called the "Type-Writer".
184	The International Olympic Committee is founded at the Sorbonne in Paris, at the initiative of Baron Pierre de Coubertin.
1960	The United States Food and Drug Administration declares Enovid to be the first officially approved combined oral contraceptive pill in the world.
1961	The Antarctic Treaty System, which sets aside Antarctica as a scientific preserve and limits military activity on the continent, its islands and ice shelves, comes into force.
1969	IBM announces that effective January 1970 it will price its software and services separately from hardware thus creating the modern software industry.
2016	The United Kingdom votes in a referendum to leave the European Union, by 52% to 48%.
2018	Twelve boys and an assistant coach from a soccer team in Thailand were trapped in a flooding cave, leading to an 18-day rescue operation



Many thanks to all who helped including:

Graham Osterfield

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Michael Wilson

Nick Curry

Di Scotte

Terry Killen

Lillian Lim

Tom Yong

Nick Corcoran

And, of course, Craig Carson

SMILE!

Obvious Signs That Humanity May Be Doomed

Now That I'm older...

Don't be worried about your smartphone or TV spying on you. Your vacuum cleaner has been collecting dirt on you for years.

If you can't think of a word, say "I forgot the English word for it." That way people will think you're bilingual instead of an idiot.

I'm at a place in my life where errands are starting to count as going out.

I'm getting tired of being part of a major historical event.

I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.

At what point can we just start using 2020 as profanity? As in: "That's a load of 2020." or "What in the 2020." or "abso-2020-lutely."

My goal for 2020 was to lose 10 pounds. Only have 14 to go.

Ate salad for dinner. Mostly croutons and tomatoes. Really just

Happy Birthday to:

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

Congratulations and happy anniversary to:

Terry and Elaine Killen **14 July**




one big round crouton covered with tomato sauce, and cheese. FINE, it was a pizza.... OK, I ate a pizza! Are you happy now?

I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.

I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet food supply in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

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	23/06/2021	7/7/2021
Chair	Dianne Scotte	Craig Carson
Duty Officer	Glen Palmer	Terry Killen
Fellowship Officer	Nick Curry	Gerry Gebert
Rotary talk	Gerry Gebert	Dianne Scotte