



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary

Vol 34 Edition 17  
**23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**

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

Kingsford Terrace,  
260 Cliveden Avenue,  
Corinda.

P O Box 214 Mt  
Ommaney Q 4074



## Andrew's Advice

Happy Brisbane Centenary bonus week! Yes this week we get the bonus of a third meeting!

As you will all know the big push for the Club in the immediate future is the movie night! Please email friends colleagues and even family if your running out of contacts! It looks like a great movie and should be a good night!

Thanks everyone and I'll see you all Wednesday morning!

Andrew

*Congratulations*

*Sue Malraney*

*Our new DGN (Designate)*

*from the Rotary Club of*

*Loganholme*

*This meeting*

Blue Card training and refresher.

Glen and Di

*31st March*

Our usual social week ...see you at the Jindalee on Friday

*6th April*

TBA

*13th April*

Board meeting

*20th April*

Terry Killen  
Electric Vehicles and why you should get interested in them!



President Andrew Rodgers



**District 9620**

**District  
Conference**

**Caloundra**

Caloundra Civic Centre

18—20 March 2022



The Board for 2021 –22

President  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
International

Andrew Rodgers  
Gerry Gebert  
Di Scotte  
Glen Palmer

Effective Services

Di Scotte

Membership  
Foundation  
Club Administration

Graham Osterfield  
John Woodward  
Neville Blomeley

# That was the week that was or TW3

An interesting start to our first 'proper' meeting in our new home....the guest speaker apparently got lost. Hopefully, she will be found in due course and eventually make it to the meeting.

## RJCA/ROTA:

Di told us that the numbers for the RJCA project are likely to be well above this year and that support from the whole school community (teachers, parents and pupils) appeared to be high.

Andrew wondered whether we could turn some of the interest into a membership drive or interest meeting which got approval from the meeting.

ROTA does not appear to be doing very much at the moment.

**The Thank You BBQ:** Jindalee, Taylor Bridge, and us turned out in force as part of the Thank You to Flood Volunteers sausage sizzle sponsored by the Brisbane City Council. To be honest, we thought that there were more of us than participants. Still, the free beer was excellent!

Craig mentioned that he had been speaking to Milton Dick during the BBQ and Milton noted that he was keen to develop the volunteer spirit in the community....thinking about a volunteers' day.

We did receive donations of \$136.60 which we will consult with the other two clubs about. However, the thought was that this could go to the RAWCS Flood Appeal.

## Foundation:

John Woodward is looking at setting up a stall to assist in raising funds for the Ukraine Appeal at the Mt Ommaney Shopping Centre.

**Movie Night:** Terry has booked the cinema for the Foundation film, 'The Duke'. It will screen on Thursday 31 March which is its official launch date.

## Disaster Response Grants:

Craig reported that our joint application with Jindalee, Sumner Park and Taylor Bridge has been approved. Each club will put in \$750 whilst the Grant Committee has allocated \$3,000. Funds will be used to provide assistance with back to school stuff including uniforms for those who have been flood affected. It appears that there are several families whose children attend either



Jindalee State School or Centenary State High School who need assistance.

Our other application to support BeefBank was refused. However, we have since spoken to PDG Elwyn Hodges and the Grants Committee may review its decision if we can provide additional information from FoodBank.

**BeefBank:** It is clear that, whilst the 'old' District 9630 clubs might be reasonably aware of the BeefBank programme, the D.9600 clubs would not. Since our major emphasis is now on donated cattle, clubs in the northern part of the district may have entrée to sources of livestock. Proposed that we write an article for GIST.

Andrew also noted that FoodBank is likely to receive a substantial grant from the Federal Government. Bob McMillan has intimated that some small portion might come BeefBank's way.

**Meeting Format:** It has been noted that, by putting the guest speaker on after reports etc, we sometimes cut short the time available to guest speakers. This is disrespectful to the speaker. Thus, it is proposed that the guest speaker be invited to speak after the opening formalities have been performed. This will, of course, also put pressure on those making reports to be concise.

**Fun Run:** Our new date is the weekend after Father's Day which is 10 September, although we still have to get confirmation from some of those that help us organize the run.

**Wine and cheese social:** Neville has organized that club put on a social evening at our new venue to introduce ourselves to the residents. This will take the place of our usual last week of the month social meeting and will be on 29 April, 5:00pm—6:00pm.

**Satellite Club:** John Woodward reported that, following the reorganization of the host company, Stoddarts, the satellite club has fallen into abeyance but the company has re-iterated its desire to reform and support the satellite club.

**PETS:** Andrew noted that PETS is now end May.



## February saw the 117th birthday of Rotary

### Paul Harris: Rotary's Founder

Rotary started with the vision of one man — Paul P. Harris.



Harris was born on 19 April 1868 in Racine, Wisconsin, USA. At age 3, he moved to Wallingford, Vermont, where he grew up in the care of his paternal grandparents. He attended the University of Vermont and Princeton University and received his law degree from the University of Iowa in 1891.

In 1896, Harris settled in Chicago and opened a law practice. Four years later, he met fellow attorney Bob Frank for dinner on

Chicago's North Side. They walked around the area, stopping at shops along the way. Harris was impressed that Frank was friendly with many of the shopkeepers. He had not seen this kind of camaraderie among businessmen since moving to Chicago and wondered if there was a way to channel it, because it reminded him of growing up in Wallingford.

"The thought persisted that I was experiencing only what had happened to hundreds, perhaps thousands, of others in the great city. ... I was sure that there must be many other young men who had come from farms and small villages to establish themselves in Chicago. ... Why not bring them together? If others were longing for fellowship as I was, something would come of it."

Harris eventually persuaded several business associates to discuss the idea of forming an organization for local professionals. On 23 February 1905, Harris, Gustavus

Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr's office in downtown Chicago for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting.

In February 1907, Harris was elected the third president of the Rotary Club of Chicago. Toward the end of his presidency, he worked to expand Rotary beyond the city. Some club members resisted, not wanting to take on the additional financial burden. But Harris persisted, and by 1910, Rotary had expanded to several other major U.S. cities.

Harris recognized the need to form a national association with an executive board of directors. In August 1910, Rotarians held their first national convention in Chicago, where the 16 existing clubs unified as the National Association of Rotary Clubs (now Rotary International). The new association unanimously elected Harris as its president.

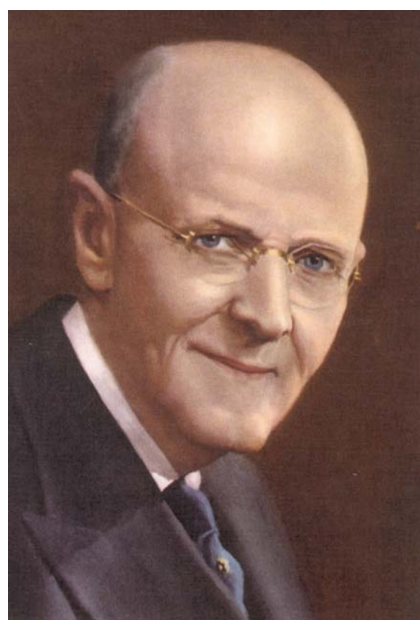
At the end of his second term as Rotary president, Harris resigned, citing ill health and the demands of his professional practice and personal life. He was elected president emeritus by convention action, a title he held until his death.

In the mid-1920s, Harris became actively involved in Rotary again, serving as the public face of the organization. To promote membership and service, he attended conventions and visited clubs throughout the world, often accompanied by his wife, Jean.



Harris died on 27 January 1947 in Chicago at age 78, after a prolonged illness. Before his death, he made it known that he preferred contributions to The Rotary Foundation in lieu of flowers. By coincidence, days before he died, Rotary leaders had committed to a major fundraising effort for the Foundation.

	Today (a while ago)!
1775	American Revolutionary War: Patrick Henry delivers his speech – "Give me liberty, or give me death!" – at St. John's Episcopal Church, Richmond, Virginia.
1848	The ship <i>John Wickliffe</i> arrives at Port Chalmers carrying the first Scottish settlers for Dunedin, New Zealand. Otago province is founded.
1857	Elisha Otis's first elevator is installed at 488 Broadway New York City.
1888	In England, The Football League, the world's oldest professional association football league, meets for the first time
1933	The <i>Reichstag</i> passes the Enabling Act of 1933, making Adolf Hitler dictator of Germany.
1956	Pakistan becomes the first Islamic republic in the world. This date is now celebrated as Republic Day in Pakistan.
2021	A container ship runs aground and obstructs the Suez Canal for six days.



Upon news of his death, Rotary created the Paul Harris Memorial Fund as a way to solicit these donations. Rotarians were encouraged to commemorate the late founder of Rotary by contributing to the fund, which would be used for purposes dear to Harris' heart. In the 18 months following his death, The Rotary Foundation received \$1.3 million, which helped support the Foundation's first program — scholarships for graduate study abroad.

# SMILE!



## (You'll never look at the game the same way again!)

Starting in 1941, an increasing number of British Airmen found themselves as the involuntary guests of the Third Reich, and the Crown was casting about for ways and means to facilitate their escape...

Now obviously, one of the most helpful aids to that end is a useful and accurate map, one showing not only where stuff was, but also showing the locations of 'safe houses' where a POW on-the-lam could go for food and shelter.

Paper maps had some real drawbacks -- they make a lot of noise when you open and fold them, they wear out rapidly, and if they get wet, they turn into mush.

Someone in MI-5 (similar to America's OSS) got the idea of printing escape maps on silk. It's durable, can be scrunched-up into tiny wads, and unfolded as many times as needed, and makes no noise whatsoever.

At that time, there was only one manufacturer in Great Britain that had perfected the technology of printing on silk, and that was John Waddington, Ltd. When approached by the government, the firm was only too happy to do its bit for the war effort.

By pure coincidence, Waddington was also the U.K. licensee for the

popular American board game, Monopoly. As it happened, 'games and pastimes' was a category of item qualified for insertion into 'CARE packages', dispatched by the International Red Cross to prisoners of war.

Under the strictest of secrecy, in a securely guarded and inaccessible old workshop on the grounds of Waddington's, a group of sworn-to-secrecy employees began mass-producing escape maps, keyed to each region of Germany or Italy where Allied POW camps were. When processed, these maps could be folded into such tiny dots that they would actually fit inside a Monopoly playing piece.

As long as they were at it, the clever workmen at Waddington's also managed to add: 1. A playing token, containing a small magnetic compass 2. A two-part metal file that could easily be screwed together 3. Useful amounts of genuine high-denomination German, Italian, and French currency, hidden within the piles of Monopoly money!

British and American air crews were advised, before taking off on their first mission, how to identify a 'rigged' Monopoly set -- by means of a tiny red dot, one cleverly rigged to look like an ordinary printing glitch, located in the corner of the Free Parking square.

Of the estimated 35,000 Allied POWs who successfully escaped, an estimated one-third were aided in their flight by the rigged Monopoly sets.. Everyone who did so was sworn to secrecy indefinitely, since the British Government might want to use this highly successful ruse in still another, future war.

The story wasn't declassified until 2007, when the surviving craftsmen from Waddington's, as well as the firm itself, were finally honoured in a public ceremony.

It's always nice when you can play that 'Get Out of Jail' Free' card!

Story verification: <<http://blogs.wsj.com/informedreader/2007/11/19/wwii-pows-perk-monopoly-with-real-money/>> Snopes: <<https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/monopoly-games-escape-kits/>>

**Happy Birthday to:** 

**Michael Filer**                      **19 March**

**Congratulations and happy anniversary to:** 

**Nick and Jan Curry**              **17 March**

**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>23/03/2022</b>	<b>6/04/2022</b>
<b>Chair</b>	<b>Glen Palmer</b>	<b>Gerry Gebert</b>
<b>Duty Officer</b>	<b>Gerry Gebert</b>	<b>Graham Osterfield</b>
<b>Fellowship Officer</b>	<b>Nev Blomeley</b>	<b>Glen Palmer</b>
<b>Rotary talk</b>	<b>Glen Palmer</b>	<b>Andrew Rodgers</b>
<b>Sergeant</b>	<b>Neville Blomeley</b>	<b>Nick Curry</b>