



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary

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**10th August
2022**

Andrew's Advice

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

Kingsford Terrace,
260 Cliveden Avenue,
Corinda.

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Hi everyone!

I'd like to say a big thank you to all those who attended our meeting at jamboree state school. It was great to see how many kids were there and how many are participating! Thanks to Di and Nev for running this all year.

This week is party week! Wednesday is our traditional boat ramp BBQ also combined with our change over! Followed by our wine and cheese afternoon at Kingsford Terrace!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all there! Have a great week everyone!

Andrew

This meeting

Our usual EKKA breakfast and also our changeover

12th August

Wine and cheese evening at Kingsford Terrace

17th August

Board Meeting

And 9:30am - Rotary Junior Community Awards at MOSS

23rd August

Foundation evening with PRIP Ian Riseley at the Cricketers Club

IMAGINE WHAT'S NEXT
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District 9620
District Conference
Brisbane City Hall
24-26 March
2023



The Board for 2021 –22

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Di Scotte
Graham Osterfield
John Woodward
Neville Blomeley
Nick Curry

That was the week that was or TW3

Rotary Junior Community Awards at Jamboree Heights.

Di opened the meeting with the Four Way Test, explaining to the students that this represented an ethos by which all could live.

Neville Blomeley then spoke about ROMAC and showed some lurid pictures and a very heart-warming video about one child's journey from having club feet to playing soccer and running wild with his mates.

Neville explained that ROMAC operated in the Indo-Pacific region where many countries simply do not have the resources to treat the health issues that, in Australia, would be relatively commonplace and easily treated. Often, these children are hidden away or even left to die. The major problems found are heart issues, burns (because of the use of open fires for cooking) and tumours.

ROMAC accepts children who are under fifteen at the time of reporting but accepting them is only part of the matter. Passports (and often there is no birth certificate or even date of birth), visas, immunizations, transport and language are all issues which have to be addressed.

On average, it costs around \$25,000 per patient but can cost up to \$100,000. ROMAC's budget is, therefore, around \$7-800,000 pa. Since 1988, ROMAC has treated some 500 children—on average 50 per year although in these pandemic years, this has not been possible.

Neville also mentioned that, paradoxically, we usually get free treatment at private hospitals but have to pay at public hospitals!

Once the patient has been brought into New Zealand or Australia, there are often other conditions that have to be treated first. For instance, dental problems must be sorted before heart issues can be treated whilst tuberculosis and rheumatic fever are also common. Epilepsy, malnutrition and psychological issues also have to be considered and, on their return home, excess baggage from all the presents and gifts is a common feature.

John Woodward spoke about DIK—now renamed RARE. John explained that things like hospital beds and school desks are only given a certain life in Australia before they are required to be replaced. John noted three years is usual which meant that the beds and desks still had years of useful life. Rotary, therefore, collects stuff that can be recycled to send them to less developed countries; often Timor Leste, PNG, and Fiji. It costs Rotary around \$12,000 to send a container. When it gets to its destination, other Rotary clubs arrange for the containers to be unloaded and the contents to be distributed to the various villages. John noted the local examples of desks and chairs from Centenary State High and Middle Park State School now being used in schools in Fiji where the people had built a senior school but had children sitting three to a chair. Now, each child had their own desk and chair.

When Middle Park SS changed their uniforms, the redundant uniforms went to Fiji. Computers are also needed but, often, there are electricity supply issues to be managed first.

John made the point that we do not do this for personal reward, rather it is the satisfaction you get from being able to help others.



Also:

- our wine and cheese night at Kingsford Terrace is on Friday 12 August with funds raised going to St. Jude's,
- The District Foundation dinner at the Gabba is on Tuesday 23 August,
- The Board to consider how best to make a presentation to the Foundation in memory of Geoff Williams.

Our Container to Fiji

The container that was sent to Fiji and which contained stuff from our club arrived in June but, unfortunately, time and space conspired to delay a report in the Bulletin until now.



Goods unloaded and ready for pick-up.

Viliami has sorted and parcelled things so they can be fairly distributed around in Nausori village, to the neighbouring Lau Settlement, as well as local schools and sports teams which are outside the village but used by the village.

Lau Settlement is a very poverty-stricken squatter settlement of people who have been displaced, for one reason or another, and permitted to squat on a tribe's land, rent free. It is about 5 kms over hills from Nausori village. About 40 years ago, the same tribe gave displaced people possession of about 5 acres, that is now Nausori village.

From Viliame, our Nausori village correspondent in Fiji.



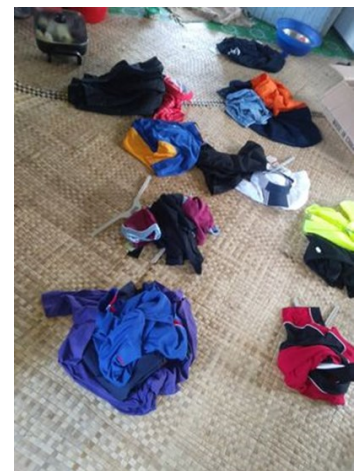
Viliame Nawaikalou, from Nausori Village, Ra, talks to a member of the RC of Suva about the goods consigned for him to him to pick up.

In Sept 2019, when Glen and Robert were in Fiji with a group of about 8 of their Rotary colleagues, they did some work around the village as well as delivering a couple of dozen cartons of clothing, school supplies, sports goods and so forth, primarily for Nausori village.

Nausori Women's Club has adopted the Lau women into their Club

and so they work as the

	Today (a while ago)!
1519	Ferdinand Magellan's five ships set sail from Seville to circumnavigate the globe. The Basque second-in-command Juan Sebastián Elcano will complete the expedition after Magellan's death in the Philippines.
1628	The Swedish warship <i>Vasa</i> sinks in the Stockholm harbour after only about 20 minutes of her maiden voyage.
1675	The foundation stone of the Royal Greenwich Observatory in London, England is laid.
1776	American Revolutionary War: Word of the United States Declaration of Independence reaches London.
1793	The Musée du Louvre is officially opened in Paris, France.
1897	German chemist Felix Hoffmann discovers an improved way of synthesizing acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin).
1990	The Magellan space probe reaches Venus.
2001	Space Shuttle program: The Space Shuttle <i>Discovery</i> is launched on STS-105 to the International Space Station, carrying the astronauts of Expedition 3 to replace the crew of Expedition 2. ^[14]



Back home in Nausori Village (Ra), Viliame has unpacked the goods and laid them out on the floor.

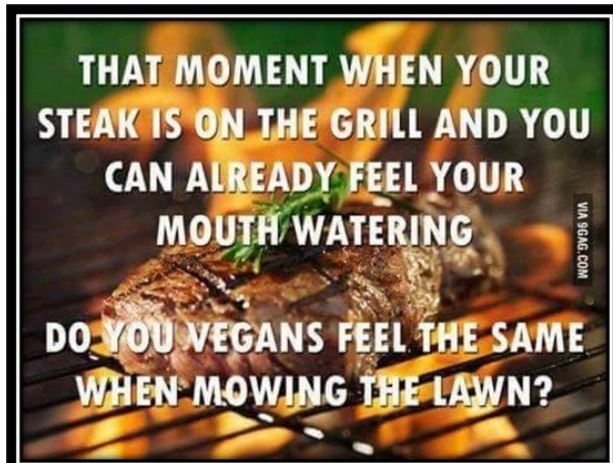
one club. When we arrived with the cartons of stuff for Nausori, the Women's Club said, "We should share this with Lau", which they did.

At the ceremonial presentation meeting/assembly, the ladies from Lau came up to us and said, "Thank you for all these things. Nobody has ever given our settlement *anything* before."

To those of you who have contributed to filling and/or sending this container from Brisbane to Suva, a big *vinaka vuka levu*, "a big thank you".

SMILE!

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

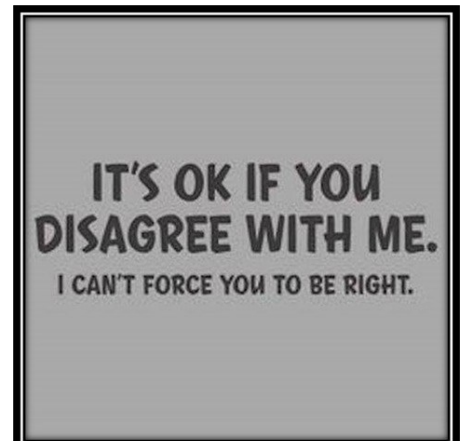


Why were the Indians here first? They had **Reservations!**

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

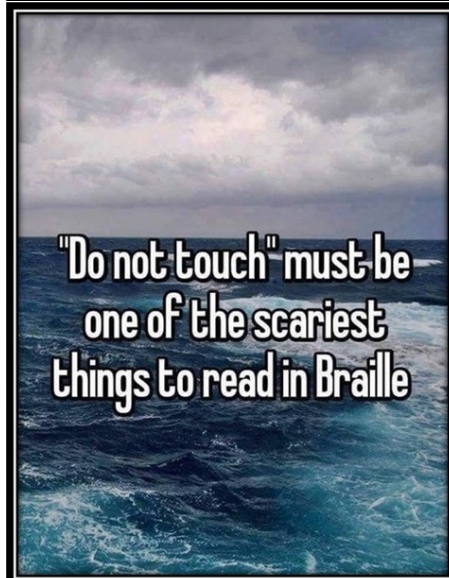
Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.



Arguing with a women is like reading the Software License Agreement.

In the end, you ignore everything and click "I agree".



Broken pencils are pointless.

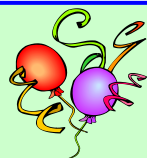
Yes officer, I did see the 'speed limit' sign, I just didn't see you.

Velcro
-
what a rip off!

Speed is now so important in financial trading that a new \$300 million transatlantic cable was laid down in order to shave 5 milliseconds off communications between New York and London



Happy Birthday to:
Elaeanor Killen **15 August**



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	10 August	24 August
Chair	EKKA breakfast	Nev Blomeley
Duty Officer	and Changeover	Glen Palmer
Fellowship Officer	And Graham Osterfield's	Nick Curry
Rotary talk	birthday	John Woodward
Sergeant		Di Scotte