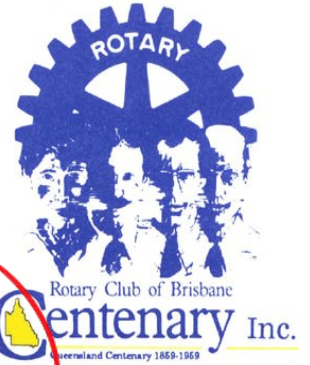


The Rotary Club



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Happy New Year Andrew's Advice

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

Kingsford Terrace,
260 Cliveden Avenue,
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Hi everyone. I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year!

It is amazing to think that we are now back at the beginning. All the madness of the last few weeks is now behind us and we look forward to what is shaping up as a very big year.

There are a few big Rotary events in the early part of the year - the District Convention and the 100 Year Celebrations. If you don't have tickets yet I would encourage you to consider both but the 100 year activities will be ones not to miss.

Thanks everyone and I'll see you all at breakfast.

Andrew

18th January

Welcome Back!

Group discussion on the rest of the current year to June.

25th January

Our usual end of month gathering at the Jindalee Hotel

1st February

TBA

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MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA | 27-31 MAY 2023
Register today at convention.rotary.org
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District 9620
District Conference
Brisbane City Hall
24-26 March 2023



The Board for 2022 – 23

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Nick Curry

That was the week that was or TW3

Our last meeting for the year was also our AGM when the accounts got presented and the new Board was elected.

Taking the reigns for next year are:

President:	Graham Osterfield
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Congratulations and best wishes for a successful year in 2023/24.

The Rotary Theme for 2023/24



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

The Day of the Long Sausage! Bunnings and Centenary Gardens 17th December 2022

The stats:

- **2112 Sausages consumed**
- **112 Loaves of Bread**
- **40 Kgs of Sliced Onions**
- **16 Litres of Sauces**





Today (a while ago)!	
1778	James Cook is the first known European to discover the Hawaiian Islands, which he names the "Sandwich Islands".
1788	The first elements of the First Fleet carrying 736 convicts from Great Britain to Australia arrive at Botany Bay.
1866	Wesley College is established in Melbourne, Australia.
1886	Modern field hockey is born with the formation of The Hockey Association in England.
1896	An X-ray generating machine is exhibited for the first time by H. L. Smith
1974	A Disengagement of Forces agreement is signed between the Israeli and Egyptian governments, ending conflict on the Egyptian front of the Yom Kippur War.
1977	Australia's worst rail disaster occurs at Granville, Sydney, killing 83.
2003	A bushfire kills four people and destroys more than 500 homes in Canberra, Australia.
2008	The Airbus A380, the world's largest commercial jet, is unveiled at a ceremony in Toulouse, France





RI president-elect, Gordon McNally, announces 2023-24 presidential theme

Rotary International President-elect R. Gordon R. McNally called for members to capture the world's attention and lead the way toward possibilities far beyond our current expectations.

McNally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, West Lothian, Scotland, revealed the 2023-24 presidential theme, *Create Hope in the World*, during the Rotary International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 9 January. He urged members to promote peace in troubled nations, help those affected by conflict, and maintain the momentum of initiatives begun by past leaders.

"The goal is to restore hope — to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and, in turn, to help us achieve lasting change for ourselves," McNally said at Rotary's annual training event for incoming district governors.

McNally spoke about a woman he met in Ban Taling Chan, Thailand, where Rotary members helped build houses, a meeting hall, and childcare and health care facilities following the tsunami that devastated South Asia in late 2004. The woman had lost her husband, her daughter, and her son in the tsunami, as well as her livelihood. But she still had a gift to offer McNally: a beautiful seashell.

"She went on to tell me that Rotary... had restored her optimism. We gave her hope," McNally said.

"This is how Rotary brings lasting change to the world," he added, "one restored or newly created hope at a time."

Promoting peace

A significant way to bring hope to the world is to put a greater emphasis on peace, McNally said. He cited the action Rotary members have taken in the past year to support the people of Ukraine after the invasion by Russia. Rotary has made humanitarian relief a priority, attracting more Ukrainian members in the process. But McNally noted that true relief won't come without peace — not just in Ukraine, but in Yemen, Afghanistan, Syria, and dozens of other places around the globe.

"Peace is the soil where hope takes root," McNally said.

McNally also emphasized the power of continuity, calling for Rotary members to continue the work of some past

leaders. He pledged to maintain the Empowering Girls initiative launched by 2020-21 President Shekhar Mehta and uphold the emphasis on diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout Rotary. He also noted recent events that underscore the importance of Rotary's continuing focus on polio. In the past year, polio cases have emerged in many areas around the world, making it more crucial than ever for Rotary members to lead the fight against the disease.



RI President-elect, Gordon McNally

To do that, McNally said, Rotary must continue to raise at least US\$50 million each year to receive the full 2-to-1 funding match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Only about 1 in 12 members currently gives to the polio eradication campaign, with fewer than 1 in 5 clubs donating each year.

McNally asked the district governors-elect for support creating a new sense of urgency in their clubs to help realize Rotary's vision of a polio-free world. "This is the time for us to go beyond what's necessary year to year and make sure we provide every resource necessary to succeed as quickly as possible," he added.

Focusing on mental health

In addition, McNally said, Rotary members should offer hope to those affected by mental health challenges — a crisis exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many people have lost family members, many more have found their social networks uprooted, and young people especially have had their educational and developmental paths interrupted. As a result, more people around the world are facing mental health issues. And yet, seeking assistance is often perceived as a sign of weakness.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," McNally said. "Reaching out for help is courageous — and continuing on a path toward wellness is even more so."

He added that Rotary will work to improve mental health services in the next year and beyond. Rotary should be known as an organization that takes care of its members as well as the people it serves, McNally said. "Any mental health professional will tell you that by helping others, we essentially help ourselves."

McNally ended his speech by describing his ideal balance of continuity and innovation. "Rotary helps create the conditions for peace, opportunity, and a future worth living," he said. "By continuing what we do best, by remaining open and willing to change, and by keeping our focus on building peace in the world and within ourselves, Rotary helps create a more peaceful world — a more hopeful world."



SMILE!

I kinda like wearing my mask in public. Now I can talk to myself in peace.



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The biggest test of my patience throughout this entire pandemic has been opening a plastic produce bag without licking my fingers.

When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.

The batteries were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a dead giveaway.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.



Paranoia has reached absurd stages...

I sneezed in front of my laptop and the anti-virus started a scan on its own

When you're at the checkout line and they ask you if you found everything, say, "Why, are you hiding stuff?"

A Senior's Version of FACEBOOK

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them "thumbs up" and tell them I "like" them. And it works just like Facebook. I already have 4 people following me: 2 police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.

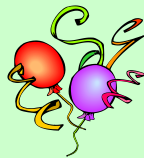
Happy Birthday to:

Gerry Gebert

8 January

John Woodward

12 January



A boiled egg is hard to beat.

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	18th January	1st February
Chair	Craig Carson	Glen Palmer
Duty Officer	Glen Palmer	Terry Killen
Fellowship Officer	Terry Killen	Nick Curry
Rotary talk	Dianne Scotte	Craig Carson