



# CREATE HOPE in the WORLD



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**1st November  
2023**

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

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## The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary Graham's Gossip!



President Graham Osterfield

Hi to All,

Over the last few weeks we have had a number of meetings, on the 18<sup>th</sup> October our club had an early board meeting at and followed with one of our normal club meeting. Next evening it was a Zoom meeting to discuss "Walk and Talk for Mental Health" the event which is on the 29<sup>th</sup> October at Rocks Riverside Park.

The next week on 25<sup>th</sup> October we visited Jamboree State School and held a meeting with students observing. The meeting was open for questions as the event was part of the students "Rotary Junior Community Award" project with our club. The students can now mark off in their log that they have observed a meeting. Our club members explained some of the projects we were doing and showed some photos from Timor Lester of children in their class rooms and wearing gifts of school uniforms Jamboree

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### ***This week***

**Club Assembly**

### ***15th November***

**Tracey Tucker**

### ***22<sup>nd</sup> November***

**Jess Pugh MLA  
And  
A Belated World Polio  
Day**

### ***29<sup>th</sup> November***

**Our usual Social Week  
meeting at a venue tba**



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### **The Board for 2022 – 23**

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Graham Osterfield  
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John Woodward  
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Nick Curry

# That was the week that was or TW3

**RARE:** John Woodward advised that the opening of the new depot for RARE has been postponed. There was simply too much to do to get the facility ready.

**FIJI:** the container has arrived and Bob has been speaking to Billy about getting the Nausori stuff sent across to the village. We still have to pay for materials for the ablution block.

**Domestic Violence:** Redundant mobile phones to go to either Graham or John Woodward. These are re-used by the victims of DV.

**Magic Show:** Sounds like fun but not possible to incorporate it into a social night as too many of us are away.

**Volunteers for Lift the Lid and Songbirds Estate community event:** Craig is calling for members for both of these functions.

**Purple T shirts:** Di to organize these 'Say No to domestic and family violence' t-shirts.

**Youth Services:** Di reminded us that the Rotary Junior Community Awards meeting is next week at 7:30 for 7:45am. Please advise attendance.

**Treasurer:** Craig has the audit of both the club and of BeefBank in hand.

**Club Admin:** Neville advises that the party will be held at a BYO restaurant in St Lucia. Apparently, Neville needs to do more reconnaissance (ice go and have dinner there again!).

*Since this meeting proper was preceded by a board meeting, a number of other topics were considered by the Board but not reported at the meeting. Minutes of the board meeting are distributed shortly after the board*

## Guest Speaker—Craig Parker—CASSE ( Centre for the Advancement and Steady State Economy)

Craig is a volunteer with CASSE, a US-based not for profit organization. The aim of CASSE is to marry up sustainability and the economy amid warnings from the UN and others that we may be on the brink of total collapse due to breaking planetary boundaries. This is called an ecological overshoot and it cannot continue indefinitely. We are using up more resources in a way that the planet is unable to cope. Eventually, pollution will bring about the collapse....and the due date is between 2070 and 2090....depending upon the parameters one uses.

Economists think that growth can be indefinite but growth requires additional resources which Craig suggested breached six of the planetary boundaries of Climate Change, Novel entities, Biochemical flows, freshwater changes, land systems, and Biosphere Integrity. Craig said that growth meant an increase in energy which, in turn, outstrips the ability to manage emissions. In Craig's view, we are already beyond reducing emissions and policies really need to concentrate on recovery.

A circular economy only works in a steady state and there are two main tenets: do not consume more than you regenerate and do not pollute more than the planet can absorb.

It might not be too difficult to reduce consumption by around 30% but we already need to reduce energy by about double this. However, continue as we are and this will lead to a hard collapse.

The basic premise espoused by Craig and by CASSE is that the economy is completely dependent upon the natural capacity of the planet to recover. Economists are not correct when they assume that growth is always



the answer. In CASSE's view, the economy has to have a purpose, it is not a free for all! It must serve the people but within the planetary boundaries.

In this, we must consider a number of things, all of which align to the purpose of the economy. These include financial health, knowledge both research, technology, and innovation, proper and sufficient enforcement of regulation of industry (Craig made the point that companies are not just about shareholders). Farms could be useful as they can use regenerative practices which provide carbon credits.

However, that the end of the day the hurdles that need to be overcome are political and also include vested interests, the media and our culture.

Much of what Craig told us is what we knew already but his talk certainly put a different slant on things!

**WE ARE THIS CLOSE TO ENDING POLIO**



Country or territory	Wild virus type 1 confirmed cases								
	Full year total						01 Jan-24 Oct <sup>1</sup>		Date of most recent case
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	
Pakistan	8	12	147	84	1	20	20	4	03-Oct-23
Afghanistan	14	21	29	56	4	2	2	6	04-Sep-23



## Rotary Junior Community Awards

### Jamboree Heights State School

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October

- 15 students were able to attend and observe. (5 club members – Di Scotte, Graham, Craig, John, and Terry.)
- John gave a report on our International programs and how JHSS and other local schools have contributed to containers. He also talked about World Polio Day and Rotary Foundation's role in eradicating Polio.

- Rosie Jamieson from Jindalee Scouts attended and spoke about the Scouts movement generally and specifically about their connections with our club eg in the refurbishment of their kitchen, assisting with fund raising at Bunnings etc. Several students were very interested in looking into the Scouts. Lyndel Ivory L'Isle (deputy) was keen to connect with Rosie and the Scouts as well, as 2024 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jamboree Heights State School. And of course, the suburb was named after the Australian Scout Jamboree held in the suburb (prior to housing development!) in December 1967 and January 1968.



- Terry Killen spoke about his connection with MOSS – fixing bikes every month. He is also very keen to assist them with raising money to purchase a bus to move students around community events and activities etc. (To be discussed further at Club Assembly on 1<sup>st</sup> November.)

- President Graham updated students on our programs, eg International, BeefBank etc.
- Treasurer Craig updated students with how we fund raise. Several students were very keen (as part of their Rotary Junior Community Awards work), to help out at a future Bunnings BBQ).



- One of the students has collected over 100 pair of used reading glasses to donate to the Lions' charity providing reading glasses to those in need. He did this as part of his RJCA program. Local councillor Sarah Hutton shared this on her Facebook page recently.

- The students are very keen to support our future connection with 'Care Kits for Kids' (who recently spoke at our meeting). They will collect items needed, prior to Christmas.

The students listened carefully, asked several questions and have achieved some wonderful things as part of their RJCA program over the year.

Di Scotte

T'was a busy old day on Sunday with our club featured in two separate



**BRISBANE  
LIFT THE LID WALK**



With about 100 participants this was an excellent result for Australian Rotary Health and mental health research.



And, of course, we also catered for the community event at the Songbirds Estate

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Heights State School had sent to the school.

The next morning we had a Zoom meeting for our BeefBank project. Discussions were regarding the postponing of our planed "Droving of Cattle from North Queensland to Roma" to a time when the cattle industry improves. Then we discussed researching the next steps to obtaining a Mobile- Abattoir similar to what operates in Victoria. The Victorian mobile-abattoir services the cattle industry by allowing cattle which cannot be sent to the sale yards to be still be processed.

Enjoy

*Graham*



Are you supporting BeefBank?

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Don't forget you can now also recycle your wine and spirit bottles—even if they do not have the 10cents coupon on the label



**Today (a while ago)!**

**All Saints' Day**, also known as **All Hallows' Day**, the **Feast of All Saints**, the **Feast of All Hallows**, the **Solemnity of All Saints**, and **Hallowmas**, is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honour of all the saints of the Church, whether they are known or unknown.

**1512** The ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, painted by Michelangelo, is exhibited to the public for the first time.

**1520** The Strait of Magellan, the passage immediately south of mainland South America connecting the Pacific and the Atlantic Oceans, is first discovered and navigated by European explorer Ferdinand Magellan during the first recorded circumnavigation voyage.

**1688** William III of Orange sets out a second time from Hellevoetsluis in the Netherlands to seize the crowns of England, Scotland and Ireland from King James II of England during the Glorious Revolution.

**1911** World's first combat aerial bombing mission takes place in Libya during the Italo-Turkish War. Second Lieutenant Giulio Gavotti of Italy drops several small bombs.

**1914** The Australian Imperial Force (AIF) departed by ship in a single convoy from Albany, Western Australia bound for Egypt.

**Welcome to our newest member!**

Bob Anderson is obviously well know to all of us but at our last meeting, he became our newest member.

Great to have you on board, we look forward to wide experience and sage advice....especially with regard to the Fiji project



# SMILE...

A blonde stormed up to the front desk of the library and with a screaming voice said, "I have a complaint!"

"How can I help you?" said the librarian looking up at her.

"I borrowed a book last week and it was horrible!"

Puzzled by her complaint the librarian asked "What was wrong with it?"

"It had way too many characters and there was no plot!" said the blonde.

The librarian nodded and said, "Ahhh. So YOU must be the person who took our phone book."

**THEM: WHAT INSPIRES YOU TO GET OUT OF BED EVERY MORNING?**



A blonde walks into a bank in New York City and asks for the loan officer. She says she's going to Europe on business for two weeks and needs to borrow \$5,000. The bank officer says the bank will need some kind of security for the loan, so the blonde hands over the keys to a new Rolls Royce. The car is parked on the street in front of the bank; she has the title, and everything checks out. The bank agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan. The bank's president and its officers all enjoy a good laugh at the blonde for using a \$250,000 Rolls as collateral against a \$5,000 loan. An employee of the bank then drives the Rolls into the bank's underground garage and parks it there. Two weeks later, the blonde returns and repays the \$5,000 and the interest, which comes to \$15.41. The loan officer says, "Miss, we are very happy to have had

your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely; but we are a little puzzled. We checked you out and found that you are a multimillionaire. What puzzles us is - why would you bother to borrow \$5,000?" The blond replies....."Where else in New York City can I park my car for two weeks for only \$15.41 and expect it to be there when I return?"



## Happy Birthday to:

Jenny Blomeley      12 November  
Lyndell Gebert      29 November  
Charlie Woodward    1 November



## 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	1 November	15 November
Chair	John Woodward	Craig Carson
Duty Officer	Nev Blomeley	Nick Curry
Fellowship Officer	Craig Carson	Nev Blomeley
Rotary talk	Gerry Gebert	Graham Osterfield