



CREATE HOPE in the WORLD



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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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The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary Graham's Gossip!



President Graham Osterfield

Hi All!

REPAIRS to Shade Umbrella in Atrium on 4th Floor at Wesley Hospital.

On Saturday Terry, Bruce, and myself removed the old shade umbrella and I acted as supervisor to erect the new one. It looks and works really well (I must admit that I was the observer). Today I should have the plaque to place on one of the walls of the Atrium area which notes: "The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary and Rotary Club of Taylor Bridge provided the original refurbishment to this area". All looks good.

Di Scott, who organizes our Rotary Community Awards Certificates, this year will be presenting Graduation Certificates (with Lindell and Gerry Gebert). to some of the primary school students in the Jindalee area who have completed the requirements of the award. The Graduation Certificates will be signed and given by our club to 4 students from Moss special school, 20 students from Jamboree Heights SS, 15 from Middle Park SS which is a total of 39 Students this year.

Congratulations to all those who participated.

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This week

**Our AGM
Our guest speaker is a surprise...I suspect even to the guest speaker!**

8th December

Our Christmas Party at Kingsford Tce 5.30pm

20th December

Last meeting of the year

17th January

First meeting of the new year



DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2024

SEA WORLD RESORT

8TH TO 10TH MARCH 2024



The Board for 2022 – 23

President
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Graham Osterfield
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John Woodward
Neville Blomeley
Nick Curry

That was the week that was or TW3

Rotary Junior Community Awards: Di and Lyndell are in the middle of assessing the work books of the students participating in RJCA. Two reports, in particular, were rated exceptional and were shown to the club by Gerry.

Reports from MOSS being picked up this week.

BeefBank: Our first cattle for the Melbourne FoodBank have been acquired and have been slaughtered by an agricultural training college in Melbourne.

Possibility of a further small animal in Chinchilla now that the owner has some grass (otherwise, it was to be the bullet!).

Foundation: Nick and Jan attended one of the four zone Foundation recognition dinners (Auckland, Wellington, Sydney and Brisbane). Foundation Chair, Barry Rassin was an excellent speaker with loads of interesting anecdotes.

There have been four new cases in the last couple of months (two in Pakistan and two in Afghanistan) Fortunately, these cases are confined to a couple of relatively small areas or provinces where polio is known

to be still endemic.

District Grants: With Craig already qualified for next year the club needs a second qualified person. Nick to do the on-line course.

Membership: Graham noted that we still had to induct our first corporate member, Nick from Stoddarts, whilst James has also expressed some interest in the club.

Wesley Hospital: The sunshade in the palliative care terrace has been damaged and needs replacing. Graham has organised a replacement with Bunnings also coming to the aid of the party. Craig Clark (Taylor Bridge) is producing the plaque to go with it.

Lift the Lid Walk: Distribution of funds (circa \$5,000) to be discussed with the joint organizers, Taylor Bridge, although our club's preference is to send all the funds to ARH.

Administration: Our next social will be at the Jindalee Hotel on 1st December.

The caterers at Kingsford Terrace will be away for our next meeting so breakfast will be limited to croissants.

Guest Speaker: Jess Pugh MLA for Mt Ommaney

Jess came to speak about the work being done on the Centenary Highway.

Firstly, the Jindalee Bridge. This was identified as a priority as it was a major choke point, particularly because of the short run-in of the Jindalee merge lane. It will be done over two stages with the city-bound side being first.

Jess noted that it was not only a major choke point in rush hour but even on weekends with weekend sports and shopping. All this contributes to congestion on the rest of the city's road network.

The 17 Mile Rocks Road congestion was also discussed but this is a Brisbane City Council responsibility.

Jess also noted that current thinking on roundabouts was that they only worked well where traffic was even from all directions. However, most traffic flows were uneven which caused issues.

A case in point is the Mount Coonah roundabout which is a recognized pinch point on the trip into Brisbane...as is, also, the Queens Wharf construction. However, community consultation has identified that the next major issue is the Fig Tree Pocket intersection, again partly because of the short slip roads or exits. Both Jess and her LNP counterpart in the neighbouring constituency have broad agreement on this...a unity ticket! Consultation is continuing and the final results will be published in the new year.

Jess also noted that the new Centenary Bridge will have a new bitumen surface to reduce road noise, especially



for the nearby residents. Boral has a product called "low noise" although Jess was not sure whether this product or a similar alternative was actually going to be used. There will also be "post production planting". The Main Roads Department says that this does not reduce traffic noise but Jess still regarded this as essential as it changes residents' perceptions of the noise.

Funding has been kept by the Federal Government who fund this 50/50 with the State. The Centenary Highway used to be a solely state-funded road but when it was found that this highway now carries more traffic than the Ipswich Highway, representations through Milton Dick's office resulted in the Feds accepting that the road was one of 'national significance.'

Jess was asked about the Walter Taylor Bridge duplication. However, as this bridge, very unusually, is owned

by the Brisbane City Council (Most river crossings are 'owned' by the state). Thus, it is up to the BCC to make the first moves although it was accepted that they would need both State and Federal assistance .

Public consultation is also happening re: the Ipswich Highway in particular the Oxley/Darra stretch and all those present promptly signed up to be kept informed!

Jess also noted that, in her constituency, roads was the major issue raised with her.

MOSS was mentioned, especially with regard to their buses...now past their use-by-date....and the fact that MOSS was spending \$1,000 per week on taxis as a result. Jess noted that a new round of gambling grants was starting in January and that these grants would be much larger than normal...up to \$100K. The thought at the table was that we should provide assistance in applying for these grants. P&Cs would normally look such things but the MOSS P&C faced particular challenges.

Finally, Jess faces re-election next year for her fourth term in office. In the next election, there will be no boundary changes but, because the electorate is slightly under quota, she expects a small addition to the electorate, possibly including part of Wacol (the Commission likes to use roads and rivers as natural boundaries).



Graham's Gossip...from page 1

Thank you to all at KT Café at Kingsford Terrace and Residents, and to Club members who donated dozens of Christmas Gifts for presentation via "Child Safety at Forest Lakes" to (0-17yr olds).

Graham

	Today (a while ago)!
1877	Thomas Edison enters the offices of Scientific American and turns the crank on his cylinder phonograph, astonishing those present with the recording, "Good morning. How do you do? How do you like the phonograph?"
1882	Transit of Venus, second and last of the 19th century.
1897	London becomes the world's first city to host licensed taxicabs.
1917	rench munition ship SS Mont Blanc collides with Norwegian SS Imo in Halifax harbour, Canada, resulting explosion kills at least 1,700 and injures more than 9,000 people - world's largest pre-atomic explosion.
1921	The Anglo-Irish Treaty is signed in London by British and Irish representatives.
1922	One year to the day after the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty, the Irish Free State comes into existence.
1956	Australian women's 4 x 100m freestyle relay team of Dawn Fraser, Faith Leech, Sandra Morgan & Lorraine Crapp swim world record 4:17.1 and beat powerful US team to win the gold medal at the Melbourne Olympics.
1971	Pakistan severs diplomatic relations with India, initiating the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971.
2006	NASA reveals photographs taken by Mars Global Surveyor suggesting the presence of liquid water on Mars.

Fiji



Wesley Cancer Centre



Bruce, Terry and Graham....Erecting the new umbrella at the Wesley Cancer Centre....just a tad worried about the piece left over!

And the plaque! Great picture of Graham!



Fiji

Sports uniforms and other (mainly women's) clothing arrives at Nausori village....not to be confused with Nausori Airport—the major international terminal! Also in the shipment were books for Nausori Kindergarten and for local schools.

Our contact in the village is Villi Nawaiklaou whose wife, Miri, is the local kindergarten teacher.

The village often shares stuff with a nearby poverty-stricken settlement made-up of people who are displaced and have no land. When Glenn and Bob took some stuff over for them a while back, this was the first time that these people had ever received anything from abroad.



SMILE...

Two friends run into each other while walking their dogs.

One suggests lunch. The other says, "They won't let us in a restaurant with pets."

Undeterred, the first guy and his German shepherd head into the restaurant.

The maître d' stops them, saying, "Sir, you can't bring your dog in here."

"But I'm blind," the man replies, "and this is my guide dog."

The maître d', apologizing profusely, shows both man and dog to a table.

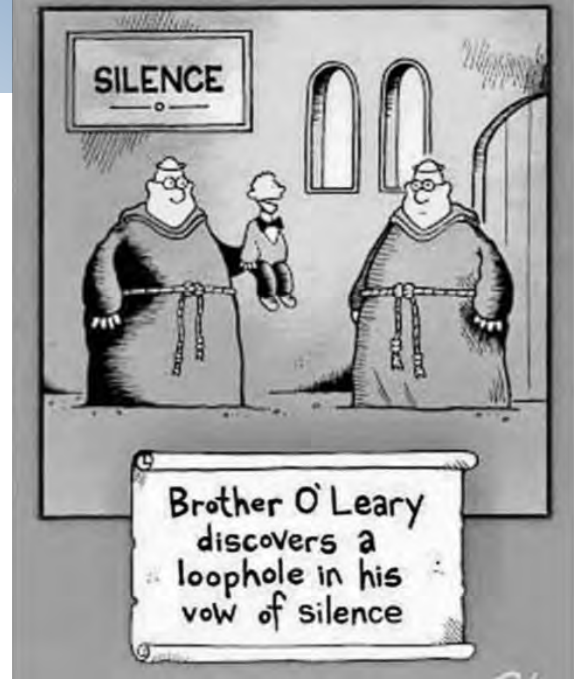
His friend waits five minutes, then tries the same routine.

"You have a Chihuahua for a guide dog?" the sceptical maître d' says.

"A Chihuahua?" the man says. "Is that what they gave me?"

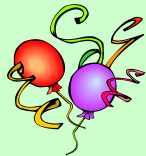


THEY SAY 40 IS THE NEW 30 AND 50 IS THE NEW 40, BUT ALL I KNOW IS THE OLDER I GET, THE MORE 9PM IS THE NEW MIDNIGHT.



Happy Birthday to:

Nick Curry **11 December**
Jan Curry **19 December**
Alexis Curry **6 December**
Elaine Killen **1 December**



The Club welcomed:

Nick Curry **17 December 1987**
Graham Osterfield **1 December 1991**
John Woodward **1 December 2000**

Congratulations and happy anniversary to:

Neville and Jenny Blomeley 12 December



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	6 December	20 December
Chair	Nick Curry	Gerry Gebert
Duty Officer	Andrew Rodgers	Dianne Scotte
Fellowship Officer	Nev Blomeley	Nick Curry
Rotary talk	Dianne Scotte	John Woodward