



Quadocracy President Di

Firstly, a big congrats to Club member Ada and partner Michael & Kristin who operate Silver Dove Funerals which won the Professional Services Business Award at the recent Mount Ommaney Business Awards organised by local State Member Jess Pugh. A well deserved accolade. In addition Kristin, our newest member was a finalist in the Customer Service Award – great effort Kristin.

The Quadocracy is back! Four Club members have agreed to undertake on the role of Club President for 3 month stints as follows:-

- Di – July/September
- Andrew – October/December
- Neville – January/March
- Graham – April/June

Thanks to you all – our Club will continue to be in good hands.

A reminder about the following up-coming events:-

- Tuesday 6 August 5.00/7.30pm @ Kingsford Terrace Villages. This event has been organised by Neville in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Ballina. Cost is \$25pp and is BYO;
- Wednesday 14 August 7.00am. This is our annual meeting/changeover held at the Jindalee boat ramp;
- Wednesday 21 August 7.30am @ JHSS. This will be a usual Club meeting in conjunction with the RJCA program with the participating students.

Have a great Rotary August

Gerry



**Connecting Communities**  
Unlocking the Magic of Rotary

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2025**

**Toowoomba**

**28<sup>TH</sup> TO 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025**

# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary

## Gebert's gossip



Vol 36 Edition 2

**7<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

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

### *This week*

**Colin Lee, Ballina RC Domestic Violence programme**  
**Meeting of 7th August cancelled in lieu**

### *14th August*

**EKKA Day**

**Our changeover down on Boat Ramp Park**

### *21st August*

**Jamboree Heights State School—RJCA**

**7:45am—8:30 am**

### *End of August Social*

**TBA but probably at the Jindalee Hotel**



### The Board for 2024– 25

Quadocracy President Di Scotte  
Treasurer Craig Carson  
Secretary Di Scotte  
Executive Secretary Nick Curry  
International John Woodward

President's Desk  
Effective Services  
Membership  
Foundation  
Club Administration

Bulletin Editor

Gerry Gebert  
Di Scotte  
Andrew Rodgers  
John Woodward  
Neville Blomeley

Nick Curry

## That was the week that was or TW3 3 July

**International Talk:** Bob Anderson introduced us to Glen's connection with the early days of East Timor. When the people of East Timor voted 82% in favour of independence, the occupying Indonesian soldiers went berserk and burnt practically every single building to the ground. In 1999, East Timor was a wreck and the UN intervened with forces from Australia, New Zealand, and the Gurkhas. In 2001, Glen, looking for a sabbatical project, determined that she, and Bob, would go to East Timor where Glen was found by Care International and asked to assist teacher training at Latoka University. When the organization realized that Glen was an expert in early childhood education, the move became fulltime and Glen left Griffith University in 2006–2009. Life was interesting, not least because there was a coup during the period!

In 2016, a cyclone cut swathes through Fiji and left the nation with virtually no kindergarten schools. Friends of Glen advised her of one such village where there had been an excellent teacher. Glen started looking a fund-raising but found that she needed the organizational support of a service club. Enter Graham Osterfield and the Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary—the rest is history!

**Club Admin:** We have invited Colin Lee from the Rotary Club of Ballina to talk about his club's domestic Violence project. The meeting will be on Tuesday 6th August at Kingsford Terrace. Format to be determined but looks like drinks and nibbles to start at 6:00pm Wednesday's meeting therefore will be cancelled. Partners are invited and the local clubs have also been invited.

**The (not quite) Extant Satellite Club:** Nick Cooke

(currently out of town) believes that Stoddart's will field a significant team to walk for Mental Health and that several would be interested in attending our Domestic Violence meeting.

**The Quadocracy:** With Graham Osterfield now unable to complete a full term as president, the club has decided to revert to a Quadocracy. Di Scotte begins the year but Graham, Neville Blomeley, and Andrew Rogers will pick up a quarter term each.

**Strategic Plan:** to be circulated for brief comment this week.

**Taylor Bridge:** Over an informal discussion, that club mentioned that they had had a tentative approach about Inner West RC merging with them. The thought was that if the club was to merge, it would be more appropriate to merge with Brisbane Centenary but that was not yet on the cards. Nevertheless, this is an idea that might be considered later.

**Fund-raising:** Andrew noted that the BeefBank cattle drive was moving ahead well but the club was also proposing an additional fundraiser to 'piggy-back' onto this to raise funds for other club projects. Early February looks right with a raffle prize of a three-day leg on the cattle drive to be offered. Format will be a dinner and an organizing committee was now formed.

**Changeover:** EKKA Day 14 August. Invitations are being issued...Cost \$10!

## That was the week that was or TW3 17 July

**Quadocracy:** It was decided at the meeting that Di Scotte would take the reigns for the first quarter, Andrew Rogers would take the second quarter (because his was the best place for a Christmas party!). Neville Blomeley would be next whilst Graham Osterfield brought up the rear.

**Piano Tuning:** We are also replacing some strings on the piano which will up the amount we originally budgeted for.

**Girl Guides, Sherwood:** Need a new hot water system but the club felt that it was more appropriate for Taylor Bridge to field this enquiry.

**MOSS trailer:** It appears that the District Grant being offered is for \$2,500. Club happy to take up the difference but we will be looking at other quotes to get the best value.

**Club Admin:** Do not forget to wear your purple shirts for the DV evening. It will be a BYO for the night...Neville will make arrangements for the guests. Also looking at a Financial Planning evening on 15 October with Evans and Partners...private wealth management specialists.

**Youth Services:** Di and Kristen met with Jamboree Heights teachers and kids to enrol them into RJCA and were also meeting MOSS today.

We will be having our usual joint meeting at Jamboree Heights State School on Wednesday 21 August starting at 7:45 am.

**Peace Poles:** Noted that the original target of 100 peace poles had been well exceeded and the number now distributed is 352.

*Continued on next page*

From previous page

**Domestic Violence meeting.** Confirmed for Tuesday evening 5:30 pm – 7:00pm. Appeared that we have a fair amount of interest in this from outsiders.

**Treasurer:** ASIC needed updating, John Mulroney's partner project this year was Polio Plus.

**BeefBank:** Craig confirmed that our \$7,000 District Grant had been reimbursed. Brief update on the cattle drive and on the lobbying for better tax treatment of donations. Noted that with the increased activity, BeefBank would have to become more professional..ie may need to hire an administrator. Donated sheep in WA is a bit of an issue because the slaughter expenses are almost the same as for beef but the yield is much less.

**Guest Speaker:** Nick Curry spoke about his recent excursion to Vietnam following the International Convention. Vietnam seemed to be both a first world country and a third world country...extremes of sophistication and he rudimentary at the same time...but, at all times, a great place to visit. He noted that you cannot completely get

away from the Vietnam war and that history is written by the victors...as was the case in Saigon's War Remnants Museum. Certainly no angels on either side...and, perhaps a war that could have, and should have. been unnecessary.



## Meanwhile, at the Small Business Awards.....

Congratulations to the Silver Dove team of Ada, Michael and Kristen! (PS: love the shoes, Kristen!)



# ....And, in Fiji.....

Works goes ahead to finish the ablution block part funded by our recent district Grant.



# August is



## Membership and New Club Development Month

In August, Rotary International focuses on **Membership and New Club Development**.

Clubs around the world engage in activities related to membership growth and the establishment of new Rotary clubs.

It's a time to encourage more people to join Rotary and expand our impact.

Dear fellow Rotarians, I joined Rotary in 1978, when I was relatively young and had just started my accounting practice. My reason for doing so was because I thought that it would be good for my business to be associated with the

	Today (a while ago)!
1588	English set alight eight fireships, with pitch, brimstone, gunpowder and tar, and cast them downwind towards the closely anchored vessels of the Spanish Armada, scattering the armada.
1606	Possible first performance of Shakespeare's tragedy Macbeth, performed in the Great Hall at Hampton Court Palace for King James I
1858	The first Australian rules football match is played between Melbourne Grammar and Scotch College.
1908	1st train to travel the length of New Zealand's North Island 'main trunk line' - the 'Parliament Special' leaves Wellington for Auckland to greet US Navy's 'Great White Fleet'; passengers include Prime Minister Sir Joseph Ward and members of Parliament, trip takes 20.5 hours
1954	Englishman Roger Bannister beats Australia's John Landy in the mile at the Empire Games in Vancouver; first time 2 men run sub-4 minute mile in the same race
1947	Thor Heyerdahl's balsa wood raft, the <i>Kon-Tiki</i> , smashes into the reef at Raroia in the Tuamotu Islands after a 101-day, 7,000 kilometres (4,300 mi) journey across the Pacific Ocean in an attempt to prove that pre-historic peoples could have traveled from South America.
1987	Lynne Cox becomes the first person to swim from the United States to the Soviet Union, crossing the Bering Strait from Little Diomedes Island in Alaska to Big Diomedes in the Soviet Union. <i>Editor's note...its not actually that far!</i>

movers and shakers of my community. But it didn't take long for Juliet and me to realize that Rotary offered us so much more. Yes, Rotary provided us with ways to make friends and help build a business. But it also became the best way I know of to make a difference in our communities, both local and globally.

Every August we celebrate Membership and New Club Development Month. I hope that you not only take time to reflect on your path to Rotary, but also to think about what you can do to help others in your community begin theirs. There is a potential Rotarian in anyone who wants to make a difference, regardless of age or gender, and you can help them join us.

As the world changes, Rotary changes with it. I'm happy to say that Rotary has changed too much since I joined to think that your Rotary path has been anything like mine. The future of Rotary will not be my story to tell; it will be yours. As club and district leaders today, you pave the way for the leaders of tomorrow. Thank you again for all that you do and all that you will continue to do to be part of *Rotary: Making a Difference*.

Sincerely,

Ian Riseley

Rotary International President, 2017-18



## Workmates Nicknames

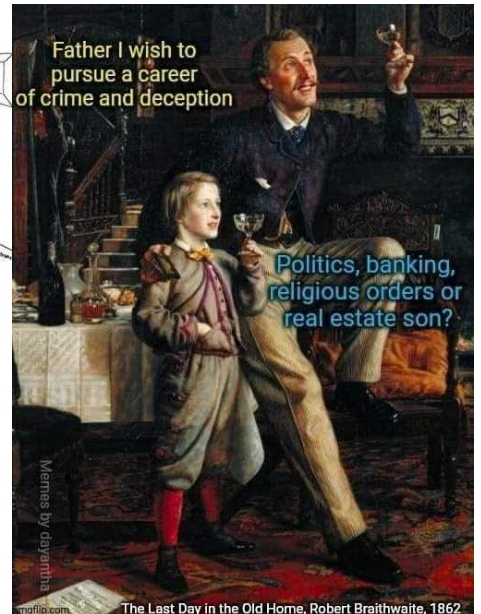
"Wicket keeper" - puts on gloves and stands back

"Harvey Norman" - 3 years, no interest

"Grenade" - waiting for him to pull the pin



"Aside from the wholesale abandonment, and the immediate mad dash from predators, I'd say my childhood was pretty good."



"Lantern" - not very bright, and has to be carried

"Penguin" - always on the ice

"Deck chair" - always folds under pressure



"Sensor light" - only works if someone walks past

"Blister" - appears when the hard work is done

"Showbag" - full of shit

"Seaweed" - floats around all day and stinks

"2-stroke" - hard to get started, and always smokes



Happy Birthday!!!

Kellie Filer	16 August
Eleanor Killen	15 August
Graham Osterfield	10 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	6 August	21 August
Chair	Evening Meeting	Jamboree Heights State School
Duty Officer		7:30 am
Fellowship Officer		
Rotary talk		