

Quadocracy President Andrew Rodgers

# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary Gebert's gossip



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2024**

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

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The 1<sup>st</sup> of October sees the second phase of the Quadocracy commencing with Andrew assuming the role of President of our Club for the next 3 months, taking over from Di – thank you Di for a great job whilst also performing a number of other official Club roles!

Our Club will be sponsoring Charlie Cook, Kristins' son, to attend the next RYTS in December – it is a wonderful program and we will certainly look forward to hearing from Charlie about his experience when he returns.

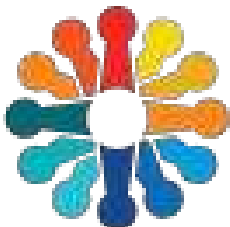
Again this year, our Club will be sponsoring two community service awards (Junior & Senior) at the CSHS awards events and both will be presented by Kristin – thank you Kristin.

The first meeting of a number of Clubs to discuss a way forward for a local DV Project has taken place – look out for further info on this exciting initiative from Neville in the near future.

Reminder – Evans & Partners finance information presentation 5.30pm on 15<sup>th</sup> October at KT (nibbles & drinks provided). Please let Di or Neville know if you are able to attend as soon as possible.

October is shaping up as a busy month for our Club with the following being the highlights:-

- 12 October – our Club will be setting up an information stall at the JHSS to take part in their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. The event runs from 2-6pm and any assistance from members would be appreciated. Students are running the Donate a Teddy Bear community service charity drive and you can assist by dropping off your old or new teddy bears at a Club meeting or at the KT Café;
- 20 October – Lift the Lid Walk at Rocks Riverside Park – Volunteers will be required so keep an eye out for more info from Craig;
  - 27 October – Bunnings BBQ @ Bunnings Rocklea. Again, volunteers are required – please contact Craig if you are able to help out.



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**DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2025**

**Toowoomba**

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



Have a great Rotary  
October.

**Gerry**

### The Board for 2024– 25

Quadocracy President	Di Scotte
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Secretary	Di Scotte
Executive Secretary	Nick Curry
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Nick Curry

# That was the week that was or TW3 4 September

## BeefBank – Cattle Drive update – Andrew

- Prospectus done to send to possible sponsors for donations
- Jillian Fennel – a social media influencer residing in northern South Australia and lives on a cattle station, will do all the social media for the event
- 15 or 18 'saddles' have so far been sold
- Bim has spoken to the Qld Governor – Janet Young.
- Andrew did an ABC radio interview. 8 minutes. He spoke about the club, BeefBank and the Cattle drive.
- Andrew has also been in discussions with Charles Sturt University in Armidale and the Victorian Department of Agriculture about a deer culling program and the meat going to BeefBank.

## Rotary Talk – Polio in Gaza – Gerry

- Gerry said that there has been a confirmed case of polio in Gaza....a 10 month old boy. There is to be a 4 day 'pause' to allow W.H.O.to enter Gaza and carry out vaccinations. Their aim is 640,000 children.

## Treasurer – Craig

- Subs—\$235 per half year—will be sent soon.

## Club Admin – Neville

- DV Project – Successful initial meeting of 55 + attendees. First sub-committee Zoom meeting tonight – 4.9.24. \$550 raised at the first meeting to go to purchase of DV purple t-shirts for future events.
- Next meeting will be Child Protection training from Nick plus a speaker from RYTS.
- Financial talk – Evans & Partners – 15<sup>th</sup> October. Di will email flyer to all members and other local clubs. Graham will follow through with advertising at Kingsford Terrace.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Bill Dominguez (RC Toowong) will speak about Shelter Bags.

## International – Bob.

- Building of Fiji ablutions block is continuing. Bob will follow up.

## President + Secretary + Youth Services report – Di

- RYTS – board agreed to pay \$1000 - \$1100 cost. Position offered to Kristin's son, Charlie. Kristin, Charlie and family to consider and Di to follow up.
- District Conference 2025 Showcase of Club Projects – Agreed that BeefBank and DV Project will both have a showcase. Di will email information to Andrew and Neville.
- RARE – Our club roster this Saturday – 7<sup>th</sup> September – John and Robyn, Craig, and Di to attend. (Maybe Nick Cook.)
- MS Moonlight Walk sponsorship – Lester has asked if

our club would like to support a regular Rotary helper (Zach Davis) in his MS Walk fundraising efforts. He has so far raised \$4,200 of his \$30,000 goal. It was agreed by members to support Zach for \$100. Di and Craig to follow up.

- Centenary State High School – Awards and presentations. Board previously agreed to donate \$100 gift card to CSHS for the student achieving the 'Nicole Donaldson' community award for 2024. Di to purchase and take to the school today. Kristin Cook has agreed to represent our club at both awards presentations – Yrs 10,11,12 awards evening Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, and Yrs 7,8,9 awards morning Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Di to notify high school.
- Teddy Bear Project – Matilda – a RJCA student at Jamboree Heights SS is collecting teddy bears to donate to local stroke and dementia patients. Our club has agreed to support her. Di will email all members and set up collection from Kingsford Terrace through KT Café, if they agree.
- Scouts - \$ needed to complete kitchen renovations. How? 'Helping Hands' project run by 'The Lion' sports club at Richlands may be an option for attaining funds. Di to follow through.
- Lift the Lid – Walk for Mental Health – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October.
- Presidents' District meeting – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Di and Graham to attend.
- Board Meeting – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September- 6.30am via Zoom.

## Further discussions:

### Cattle Drive Dinner fundraiser February 2025:

- Discussed raffle prize – 2 'saddles' for a 3 night ride in the end July leg of the drive? Discussed flights etc. First prize would be worth approx. \$6,500. Sell tickets at \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Funds raised to go towards RC Brisbane Centenary.
- Venue – possibly Jindalee Hotel or Brisbane Golf Club (at Tennyson)
- Format – a sit down dinner
- Guest speaker – Andrew
- Who target? Rotary clubs, businesses, horse groups e.g. Pony Clubs etc
- Promotion – Social media – 4047 community page etc
- Cost to attend dinner - \$80 pp.

## Club flyer design:

- Noted that Jindalee club flyer has photos of members plus projects
- Noted that we need to include benefits to individuals of being members plus current projects

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# That was the week that was or TW3 18 September

**RYTS:** Arch Downie, the District Chair, and Kane Hart, a senior leader, spoke about the power of youth programmes generally but, specifically about RYTS which



Charlie, Kirstin and Di

some participants had described as 'life changing'. However, the pair were loathe to discuss too much about what happens on camp as Charlie Cook, Kristin's son, was at our meeting and is a likely to be a participant. Participant rather than student of any other title as the whole point is that those who attend the course are transitioning between school and adult life. The point of the week is to provide them with the skills they will find useful in navigating their next few years. It was also acknowledged that the leaders also gain valuable experience.

By not saying too much before the event, it ensured that participants got their experience 'at the camp' and not before.

**RJCA:** Di noted the teddy bear project being undertaken by Matilda, one of the students.

**October evening meeting:** Di will re-confirm numbers for this event..

**CHSH:** Kristin will be our representative at the two award nights. We are also sponsoring a prize for each night.

**Jamboree Heights 50th:** Our club has been invited to attend and have a booth at the celebrations which are on 12 October 2-6:00pm.

## BeefBank:

- Noted the article in RDU about the great Cattle Drive.
- 25 sheep have been donated to us in W A.
- We have made a submission to the Senate Committee considering a Bill to provide tax deductions

for goods provided to Foodbank and similar organizations.

**Foundation:** The District are apparently considering a named endowment fund in honour of Past RI president, Glen Kinross.

*Our 'guest speaker' this week was Nick Curry who ran us through the requirement of the District's Child Protection Policy.*

The overarching principle is that participants in Rotary youth programmes are provided with a safe environment where they feel comfortable.

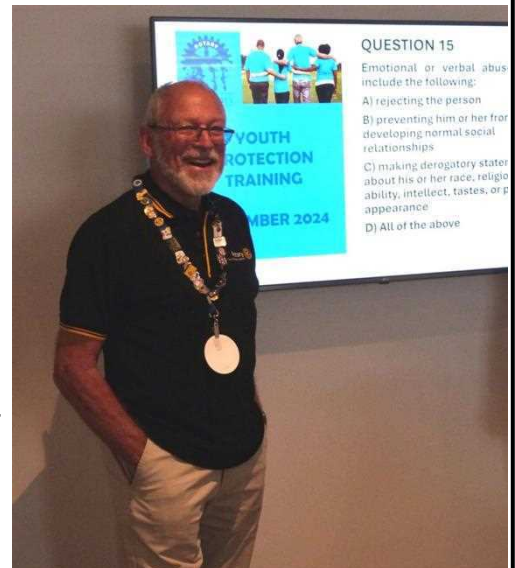
Although most would this would be automatic in a Rotary circle, the District still finds itself dealing with at least a couple of incidents each year.

Nick noted that those who were working with youths needed to complete a Volunteer Information and Declaration form and that this was not only an RI requirement but both a legislative and an insurance requirement. The District had to report any incident to Evanston and to our insurer who had an excess of \$25,000 in the event of any actual claim. The form was not required if one was only a Responsible Adult although we still needed to be satisfied that the person was suitable.

Nick also spoke about what constituted harassment and abuse. It included almost any behaviour which was likely to cause offence such of colour jokes and comments or behaviour which made youth feel uncomfortable.

He also talked about some of the signs that one should watch out for but noted that this was sometimes difficult because behavioural and physical changes could also be attributed to other things such as cultural differences of homesickness.

However, any report of harassment or abuse must be taken seriously and reported to the DG and YPO. If necessary, the police should be involved at the earliest opportunity.



From previous page

- Review 'Seaford' club brochure
- Rotary Pacific Hub have specialist members who may be able to assist with making a new brochure
- Photos – need updating and current members.
- Include a QR code
- Include local and International projects e.g. Beef-

Bank, DV Project, Youth projects etc

- Cost to produce – Andrew knows a company that could produce a professional flyer at \$125 per hour
- Include meeting details on front of flyer and how to get in touch
- Mention corporate membership, an active club, statistics

# Around 560 000 children vaccinated in first round of polio campaign in Gaza

**At a recent club meeting, it was reported that a 10 month old boy had contracted polio in the Gaza and that efforts were being made to vaccinate all the children in the enclave.**

**The child had contracted vaccine derived type 2 polio in August but environmental samples in July had also pointed to the virus be present then as well.**

**Vaccine derived polio cases happen in extremely poor vaccination rates because the vaccine, which is attenuated (or very much dumbed down but live vaccines) is allowed to flourish in the environment where it is able to mutate back to a dangerous state. Virtually all of the vaccine derived polio cases are of the type 2 variant, cVDPC2. To counter this, a new 'Novel' type 2 vaccine has now been developed and has been successful in meeting the challenge of cVDPC2. This year, cases of cVDPC2 are not much more than half of last year's cases.**

**You might like to see the report from the GPEI on their progress in Gaza.**

**Editor**

**13 September 2024, Jerusalem/Amman/Geneva –** Around 560 000 children under ten years old were vaccinated against polio during the first round of an emergency vaccination campaign conducted in three phases from 1-12 September 2024 in the Gaza Strip.

The 12-day campaign provided novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2) to 558 963 children, following meticulous planning and coordination. This involved the use of an extensive network of teams, vaccinating at selected fixed sites at health facilities and outreach posts. Mobile and transit teams actively reached out to families living in shelter homes, tents, and camps for the displaced, alongside community workers engaging families to raise awareness ahead of and during the campaign. For each phase, an area-specific humanitarian pause of nine hours daily was agreed to ensure the safety of communities and health workers, and enable vaccination efforts.

“Health and community workers have shown incredible resilience, carrying out this campaign at unprecedented scale and speed under the toughest conditions in Gaza. Swift action by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative—from the moment the virus was detected to the launch of the vaccination campaign—speaks to the effectiveness of the polio programme. In areas where humanitarian pauses took place, the campaign brought not just vaccines,



*Polio detected in Gaza sewage water — CNN*

but moments of calm. As we prepare for the next round in four weeks, we're hopeful these pauses will hold, because this campaign has clearly shown the world what's possible when peace is given a chance,” said Dr Richard Peepkorn, WHO Representative for the occupied Pal-



*The Gaza Strip gets its first vaccine doses—The New York Times*

estinian territory (oPt).

“It was critical this ambitious campaign was carried out quickly, safely and effectively to protect children in the Gaza Strip and neighbouring countries from the life-altering poliovirus,” said Jean Gough, UNICEF Special Representative in the State of Palestine. “The progress made in this first round is encouraging, but the job is far from done. We are poised to finish the task and call on all involved to ensure we can do so in the next round in four weeks' time, for the sake of children everywhere.”





*The second phase of Polio Vaccination Campaign begins in Gaza amid raging war - NDTV*

Partners at all levels recognize common operational challenges faced during these efforts, including devastated infrastructure, from health facilities to roads, limited trained healthcare workers, access issues due to insecurity, limited fuel for generators used to safely store vaccines and freeze ice packs, and constant population movements. However, these issues were addressed in a timely manner, with the key support of the Palestinian Ministry of Health and UNRWA, to enable planned vaccination activities.

Despite these challenges and the conditions that families in the Gaza Strip have endured over the past 11 months, families flocked to health facilities to get their children vaccinated. This can be attributed to traditionally positive health seeking behaviour among the Palestinian people and an impactful campaign to raise awareness and mobilize the public.

The original target for the campaign was 640 000 children, estimated in the absence of an accurate survey, which may have been an over-estimate, as the population continues to move from place to place, and people are fleeing and being killed due to the ongoing hostilities. During the campaign, trained monitoring teams were deployed to oversee vaccination efforts. As next steps, an additional 65 independent monitors are being deployed to cross-check the proportion of children vaccinated across the Gaza Strip to independently assess the level of cover-

age achieved in the first round. They need safe, unimpeded access so they can visit households, markets, transit points, and health facilities to check children for the prominent purple dye marked on their little finger when they are vaccinated. These efforts will provide an independent measure of the percentage of vaccination coverage achieved and reasons for any unvaccinated children.

A second round of the campaign will follow, ideally within four weeks, to provide a second dose of nOPV2 to children in Gaza to stop the outbreak and prevent its international spread.

To repeat this ambitious intervention, reach enough children, and successfully stop further transmission of the poliovirus, WHO, UNICEF and UNRWA are calling on all parties to the conflict to commit to another round of humanitarian pauses, with unimpeded access to children in areas that need special coordination.



*In race against Polio, Gaza begins vaccination drive - The New York Times*

Ultimately, we need a long-lasting ceasefire as all families in the Gaza Strip need peace so they can begin to heal

	Today (a while ago)!
1187	Sultan Saladin captures Jerusalem from Crusaders
1836	After 5 years at sea Charles Darwin returns to England aboard the HMS Beagle
1866	J Osterhoudt patents tin can with key opener
1870	Italy annexes Rome & Papal States; Rome made Italian capital
1871	US Mormon leader Brigham Young arrested for bigamy
1872	Phileas Fogg sets out on his journey as depicted in Jules Verne's "Around the World in Eighty Days"
1895	American Civil Rights Movement: 1st cartoon comic strip is printed in a newspaper
1902	Beatrix Potter's "The Tale of Peter Rabbit" is published by Frederick Warne & Co. in London

## ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

“The ultimate resource in economic development is people. It is people, not capital or raw materials that develop an economy.”  
- Peter Drucker

OCTOBER

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Nearly 800 million people live on less than \$1.90 a day. Rotary members are passionate about providing sustainable solutions to **poverty**.

**Our members and our Foundation work to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.**

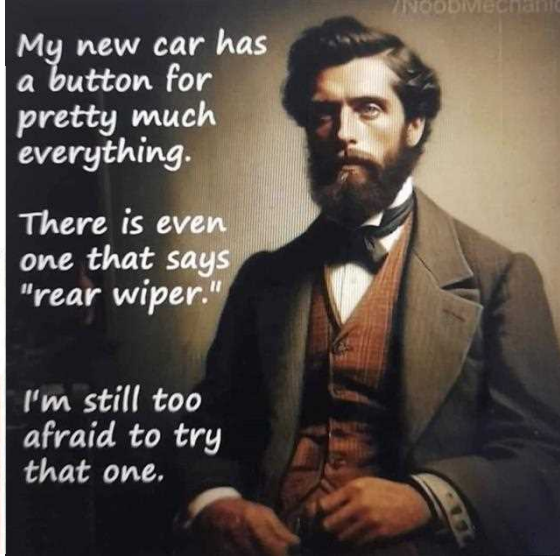
We provide training and access to well-paying jobs and financial management institutions. We create opportunities to help individuals and communities thrive financially and socially.

**SMILE...**

**I failed maths so many times at school, I can't even count.**

**I used to play piano by ear, but now I use my hands.**

**...so my nutritionist said the more colourful the dish, the healthier it is.**



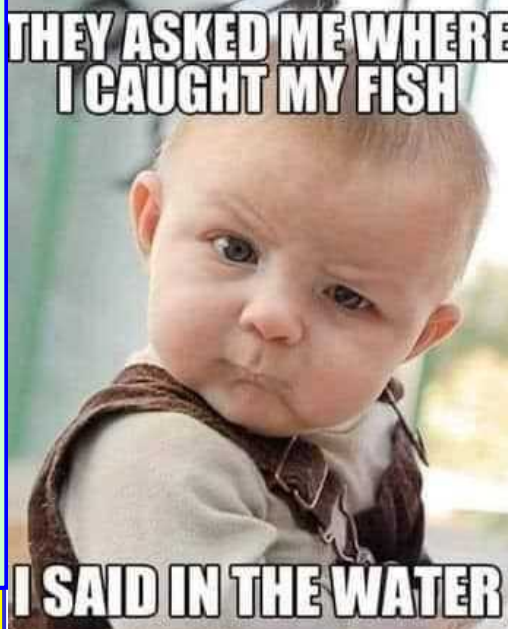
**Workmates Nick-names**

**“Cyclone” – Slow moving depression**

**“Treacle” – Slow moving and thick**

**“Scarecrow” – Just stands around all day and watches**

**“Minerals” - Silver in his hair, gold in his teeth and lead in his arse**



**Happy Anniversary!**

**John and Robyn Woodward 24 October**



**Happy Birthday!!!**

**Jade Filer 5 October**  
**Merlin Killen 15 October**  
**Natasha Woodward 1 October**



**The Club welcomed:**

**Ada Filer 1 October 2015**  
**Craig Carson 15 October 2016**

**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?

<b>Duty</b>	<b>2 October</b>	<b>16 October</b>
<b>Chair</b>	<b>Nev Blomeley</b>	<b>Gerry Gebert</b>
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<b>Fellowship Officer</b>	<b>Nick Curry</b>	<b>Nev Blomeley</b>
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