



Quadocracy President Andrew Rodgers

# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary Gebert's gossip



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**6/7th November  
2024**

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

Kingsford Terrace,  
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## *This week*

**Note the change of day to Thursday 7th November**

## *1st December*

**Club Christmas Lunch Kerry and Andrew's home. Details to follow.**

## *3rd December*

**AGM - Vote early, vote often!**

## *18th December*

**Last meeting of the year.**

## *15th January*

**First meeting of the year 2025!**

**Happy New Year!**



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Firstly, thank you to those who gave up their time to help Craig out with the recent Bunnings BBQ – your assistance is greatly appreciated.

The festive season is always a busy period for all of us so I would like to take this opportunity to provide a summary of important Club dates/events to assist with your planning for Xmas - New Year.

**Thursday 7 November** – next Club meeting (note the change from Wednesday 6 November)

**Sunday 1 December** – Xmas lunch @ Kerry & Andrew's home

**Wednesday 3 December** – Club AGM

**Wednesday 18 December** – last Club meeting for 2024

**Wednesday 15 January** – first Club meeting for 2025

Full details of these events, together with other Club news will of course be detailed in the upcoming monthly Bulletins.

Finally, a reminder about the District Foundation Dinner at The Jindalee Hotel on 16 November – details of the function are contained in the recent GISTs.

Have a great Rotary November.

*Gerry*

## **DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2025**

**Toowoomba**

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



## **The Board for 2024– 25**

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

President's Desk	Gerry Gebert
Effective Services	Di Scotte
Membership	Andrew Rodgers
Foundation	John Woodward
Club Administration	Neville Blomeley

Bulletin Editor

Nick Curry

## That was the week that was or TW3 2 October

**Coreen Auld – President RCBTB** attended our meeting. We had an informal chat about our two clubs and the future. Both clubs will undertake discussions with members to gauge pros and cons about possible merger in the long term. Our club will reciprocate with club representative visit to a RCBTB meeting in the future.

**Board meeting** – Only Craig and Di were able to participate in the most recent Zoom board meeting. Thus an extra face-to-face meeting to combine the September AND October board meetings will be held at KT at 6.45am on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. All will be welcome to attend.

### Club Admin:

- Evans & Partners finance talk at KT at 5.30pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October may need to be postponed or cancelled due to lack of numbers. (Currently 7/8.) Neville will notify Evans & Partners but final decision by RSVP date of 10<sup>th</sup> October. No attendees from KT yet.
- Rotary 'Lift the Lid' walk for mental health on 20<sup>th</sup> October has been cancelled due to several reasons.
- We still need more volunteers for Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October. John will recruit helpers from Stoddarts. Possibly ask Jindalee Scouts as well.
- Graham O has decided not to proceed with the

president's role for our last quadocracy between April-June 2025. Options were discussed. No final decision reached.

**Youth Services:** Jamboree Heights State School 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event 12<sup>th</sup> October. Our club is setting up a display to promote our club. Andrew, Neville, Graham, Gerry & Lyndell, Terry and Bruce will attend. Di will contact all and share set up details etc. Di and Rich are working on completion of the new club flyer and it was agreed to order a minimum of 300 through Andrew's preferred printers. Di to contact them. Kristin will represent the club at Centenary State High School Junior & Senior awards presentations. Our club is providing a \$100 gift card for a student at each ceremony.

**Foundation:** Discussed Polio Plus recruitment challenge involving individuals donating \$100 PA until polio is eradicated, as well as District Club Challenge to donate \$1000. Reminder about District Foundation dinner at the Jindalee Hotel in November.

**BeefBank:** Cattle Drive: Chris Knock has met with local council mayors in the regions. They are keen to run events alongside the drive as it moves through each region. The Drive currently has commitments of \$200,000 to fund the project. Discussed utilising Rotary clubs in the regions to help out at stops.

**Guest speaker:** Bill Dominguez – RC Toowong – spoke about Shelter Bags. After the presentation our club committed to donating \$1000 to the project to help them achieve their fund raising goal for this year. We will also take a bag and flyers to the Jamboree Heights SS event, for display.

Shelterbags were developed in the Netherlands in 2014 by a designer Bas Trimmer who went on to set up the Sheltersuit Foundation. Shelterbags are specifically designed for warmer climates in the southern hemisphere and were first imported into Australia in 2019 through



Mary Crammond, Rotary Club of Terrigal. Over 3,000 have been distributed to date.

Shelterbags offer an innovative solution to ordinary swags etc. because they are a zippered, vented sleeping swag which is waterproof, lightweight, and has a pocket to store per-



sonal items.

They are easy to carry when rolled up, backpack size (weight 2.5 kg). They cost around \$93 (including freight) which is from South Africa where they are manufactured in Cape Town by a social workshop employing disadvantaged people, using repurposed materials. Brought in in container lots of 900 bags with a load due in January/February next year.





## OUR MEMBERS IN ACTION

## DURING THE MONTH

### ABOVE: THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF JAMBOREE HEIGHTS STATE SCHOOL

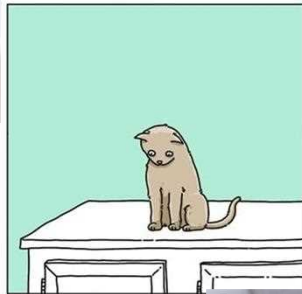
Andrew, Neville, Graham, Gerry, Lyndell, Terry and Bruce were all on duty to help the school celebrate and it was pleasing to see that our Rotary Junior Community Awards also got an airing.

### BELOW: THE CENTNENARY STATE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

Kristin presenting the Indigenous Student of the Year Award—sponsored by our club - at the Centenary State High School



	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



A man absolutely despised his wife's cat and decided to get rid of him one day by driving him 20 blocks from his home and leaving him at the park.

As he was getting home, the cat was walking up the driveway.

The next day he decided to drive the cat 40 blocks away. He put the beast out and headed home.

When he reached his driveway, there was the cat.

He kept taking the cat further and further away, but the cat would always beat him home.

One day he decided to drive hundreds of kilometres away. He drove out of town, through the desert and into the next state until he reached what he thought was a safe distance from his home. He let the cat out and headed back.

Hours later the man calls home to his wife:

"Honey, is the cat there?"

"Yes," the wife answers. "Why do you ask?"

"Put him on the phone," the man replies. "I'm lost and need directions."

Cats are more like 'Hey, what are you up to? Never mind - I just remembered I

A dog accepts you as the boss... a cat wants to see your resume.

How do you know if a cat has been using your computer?

Your mouse has teeth marks!



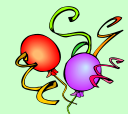
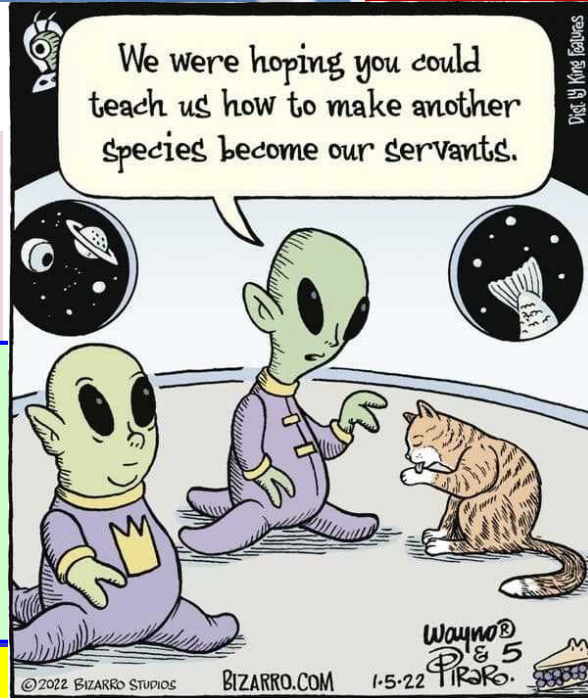
Why don't cats play poker in the jungle? Too many cheetahs!

What is a cat's favourite movie? The Sound of Mewsic.

What do cats love to do in the morning? Read the newspaper.

**Happy Birthday!!!**

Charlie Woodward	1 November
Jenny Blomeley	12 November
Mark Blomeley	18 November
Lyndell Gebert	29 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	6 November	20 November
Chair	Gerry Gebert	Graham Osterfield
Duty Officer	Graham Osterfield	Terry Killen
Fellowship Officer	Nev Blomeley	Gerry Gebert
Rotary talk	Dianne Scottie	John Woodward