



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary Gebert's gossip



Quadocracy President

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**4th December
2024**

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

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This week

AGM -

Vote early, vote often!

1st December

**Club Christmas Lunch
Kerry and Andrew's home.**

18th

December

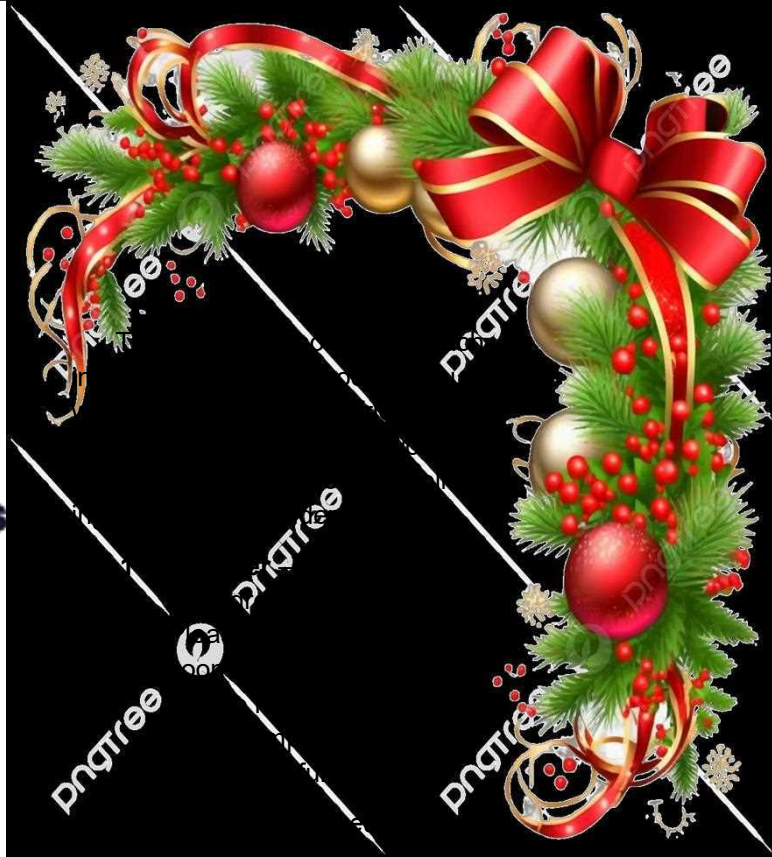
Last meeting of the year.

Christmas Break up

15th January

First meeting of the year 2025! It will be both a board meeting and a club assembly

Happy New Year!



Connecting Communities
Unlocking the Magic of Rotary

**DISTRICT
CONFERENCE 2025**

Toowoomba

28TH TO 30TH MARCH



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 3 November

Rotary Talk: Di spoke about the District Conference in Toowoomba starting 28 March through to 30 March. The theme is 'Connecting for a positive change' and we will have eight speakers drawn from a very diverse eclectic group. Also of interest is that there will be two M/Cs; Bronwyn Evans and Coreen Auld....whom we already know as she visited our own club recently.

Secretary:

- Craig will carry our proxy at the District AGM
- Our own AGM will be on 3 December.

Youth:

- Kristen will be presenting the Nichole Donaldson Award (which we sponsor) at the Centenary State High School on 6 December.
- Kristen, Lyndell and Di will be judging and presenting the Rotary Junior Community Awards at MOSS and Jamboree State High School. Apparently, some of the dairies are electronic.

- Charley, Kristen's son, is off to RYTS.

BeefBank:

- Andrew noted an enquiry to take BeefBank into NSW....discussion over a TEAMS meeting with someone in Orange.
- 4 out of the 8 legs of the cattle drive are now sold
- James Blundell has agreed to be the opening act in Longreach.

Fiji:

- Glen's niece (an early childhood graduate) visited our kindergarten in Nausori Village and was impressed.
- Billy has noted that the toilet block still needs some finishing touches but that the village is meeting to work out how to fund this.

Chris Ellis—Windeward Bound

The Windeward Bound is a sail-training ship owned by the Windeward Bound Trust and operates out of Hobart. It carries (normally) 18 crew of youngsters together with a couple of adults, i.e. Captain Sarah Perry who is a volunteer and Suzie who is likely to take over as captain next year. This presents somewhat of a challenge as Suzie, who is the only paid member of the crew, will have to be replaced in her role as manager of the children.

First built in 1848 and sailed by the Windeward family (hence the spelling!), the ship has undergone an extensive rebuild from the keel up. The rebuild and recertification took six and a half years—mostly in a Hobart council owned warehouse. All the timber used was recycled - Sarah Perry being an amazing scrounger! - with some wood coming out of a theatre in Hobart (she gave the truck driver \$20 to divert to the warehouse!). A mast came from the old Endeavour.

However, all was well as they were told that the Commissioner was very proud of them and police would not be pursuing their various misdemeanours.

Chris would like Rotary Clubs to raise \$1,000 for each of the kids that embark on the voyage from Brisbane to Gladstone from 20 May.

Each ten day voyage is life-changing for all who crew her whether they be exceptional, average or troubled—which is why Chris would like to get a mix of crew on board.

If the clubs can raise \$1,000 per crew member, this reduces the cost to \$1,950 although Chris also made the point that the Trust tries very hard not to exclude potential crew members simply on the grounds of costalthough it does like to see them also raising at least \$500 themselves—'to get some skin in the game!'

Chris also introduced us a fundraiser...Moffatdale wines who produce a Verdelho and a Cabinet Sauvignon at a cellar door price of around \$22 per bottle. \$2 will go to the Foundation and \$2 to the Trust.

Chris also noted that one of the main driving sails now has the Rotary Logo on it....albeit in blue because gold would fade.



10 of the original workers were actually street kids who were trained and housed by the Trust. All had backgrounds that had come to the attention of the police so when the seven who stayed the course were to be presented with award by the Commissioner of Police, there was some mild panic!



That was the week that was or TW3 3 November

Secretary:

- Di and Craig noted the coming District Conference and that two members had registered thus far.
- Our own AGM will be on 3 December.
- Craig had attended the District AGM
- Chris Ellis (last meetings guest speaker) had donated food to our Helen's Haven collection.
- Milton Dick having a Christmas function on 18 December

Treasurer:

- Need more volunteers for the Centenary Gardens event. One thought is to get the provisional club of Toohey to assist as they need funds.
- Our club came 15 out of 96 for *per capita* giving to the Foundation.

Admin:

- At a DV video hook-up last week, it was decided that we needed more training on how to respond to queries. The Purple Shirt launch will be at four locations, probably in February.
- Our 18 December meeting will be a social meeting with a Christmas theme.
- First meeting of the New Year will be 15 January and will be both a board meeting and a club assembly. There will be no meeting on 22 January.
- Our Christmas Party is at Andrew's place on 1 De-

cember starting 12:00 noon.

Youth:

- Some 60 RJCA awards are being made at the end of November/ early December to MOSS, Jamboree Heights State School and Middle Park State School.
- Di also noted that the Deputy head of Jamboree heights SS was also looking at some programme for the school's student council. EarlyAct might be a possible solution.
- Kristen is organizing a hamper to go to Helen's Haven in Goodna.

MOSS: Terry will be finalizing our acceptance of the quote for the trailer for MOSS (for which we have a District Grant). Delivery should be in about a month or so depending upon when MOSS start their new term. Artwork to be finalized and MOSS's CRN to be obtained so that the trailer is registered to MOSS and not to our club.

BeefBank: The Great Australian Cattle Drive. With 2,000 cattle already promised, this is very probably the largest event or project by a Rotary Club in this district and it is important that we promote it and the club members give assistance where we can. Andrew will have fuller details as more aspects of the drive fall into place

Fiji:

- Bob Anderson spoke to Billy this week. The village is working on a plan to finalize the remaining bits and pieces such as water to the ablutions block and some plastering.

On safari with Neville Blomeley.. Or out of Africa!

Neville and Jenny recently embarked on a trip to South Africa and the photos ...all taken with an iPhone!... are testament to the adventure they had.

Mainly, it was the wild life they encountered but Neville also told us that he was not impressed with Johannes-



Cape Town

burg which he described as a scary place and certainly not an attractive city. Cape Town, on the other hand was lovely and, when the cloud cover allowed, they also went up

to the top of the iconic Table Mountain where the views were fantastic. Durban also got a good mention.

Inevitably, they went to the Cape of Good Hope which is the most south-westerly point of South Africa. It is also approximately where the currents of two oceans meet. You can go for a swim and either be swimming in 20° or 8° waters....not that Neville did either!

Part of their journey took them to Swaziland which has apparently been eponymously renamed the Kingdom of eSwatin. The king is fabulously rich and, at one stage, had sixteen wives (each with her own castle!), whilst the people are fabulously poor and have the highest rate of



aids in the world and a life expectancy of 58 for males and 62 for females.

The slide show depicted a whole range of African wild life although no tigers. Kruger National Park was incredible and part of the Blomeley safari took them into another park...Sabi Sabi...a private area which was even better.

The groups going out on safari from 4:00pm to 7:00pm go out twice a day: 6:00am—9:00am and again in the afternoon. Amongst the wild life they saw were hyenas, leopards, buffalo, Elephants, Lions, Giraffes zebras and so it went on!



Right: An ostrich farm

Left: The Cape of Good Hope

Bottom: Rhinos have their tusks removed about every eighteen months



Left: Look how close the ranger is to these leopards!

Middle: A lilac breasted Roller, a crocodile speaks for itself and Victoria Falls—much reduced because they have had only 40% of their usual rain.

Bottom: Not hyenas but wild dogs who hunt as a pack and have a successful 90% kill rate



Right: Neville was drawn to the way the herd marched with the young ones chaperoned across the river.

Below: Lions like to let their food mature but here, one waits for his brother to finish before eating himself.

Leopards like to take their prey up into the trees where they can enjoy it unmolested.

Elephants can be enormously destructive, particularly at this time when the rains have not really come and they are looking for food.



	Today (a while ago)!
1154	Adrian IV elected Pope. The only Englishman to become pontiff, Nicholas Breakspear was a member of the family which until recent years brewed beer in Henley-on-Thames,
1619	38 colonists from Berkeley Parish, England disembark in Virginia and give thanks to God. Considered by many to be the first
1791	The first edition of <i>The Observer</i> , the world's first Sunday newspaper, is published.
1829	Britain outlaws "suttee" in India, a Hindu practice where a widow burns herself to death on her husband's funeral pyre
1865	North Carolina ratifies 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, followed soon by Georgia, and U.S. slaves were legally free within two
1872	The American brigantine <i>Mary Celeste</i> is discovered drifting in the Atlantic. Her crew is
1945	By a vote of 65–7, the United States Senate approves United States participation in the United Nations. (The UN had been established on October 24, 1945.)
1961	NY's Museum of Modern Art hangs Henri Matisse's picture "Le Bateau" the right side up, after stock-broker Genevieve Habert notices it is displayed upside down, the first of 116,000 people in 47 days to notice
1991	Pan American World Airways ceases its operations after 64 years.

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4 December – Club AGM. Please contact either Di or Andrew if you are considering coming on the Board for the 2024/25 Rotary year;

14 December – Centenary Gardens BBQ (from 3.30pm). All hands on deck are required so please contact Craig if you are able to assist;

18 December – last Club meeting for this year;

15 January – first meeting for 2025.

As you are aware, Kristin is organising the collection of suitable food items for the Xmas Foodbank Collection for Helen's Haven in Goodna so please bring along your food item donations to our final 2 Club meetings in December (4/12 & 18/12).

As this will be the final Bulletin Report for 2024, Andrew & Kerry wish all members and partners and families a happy and safe Xmas and New Year period and thank everybody for their contribution to another very successful year for our Club.

Gerry



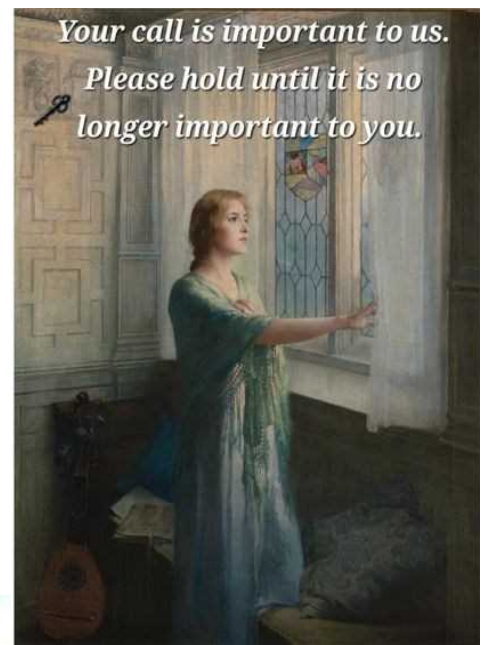


I was called into my manager's office today because of my dress code.

He said, "This has to stop. You can't wear pyjamas in the workplace."

I said, "But everyone else does!"

He said, "That's because they're freaking patients!"

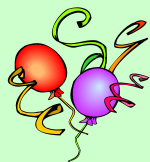


"I, for one, refuse to just sit at the door pining for his return."



Happy Birthday!!!

- Nick Curry 11 December
- Jan Curry 19 December
- Alexis Curry 6 December
- Ada Filer 13 December
- Elaine Killen 1 December



The Club welcomed:

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

Happy Anniversary!

Neville and Jenny Blomeley 12 December



Workmates Nicknames

"Cyclone" – Slow moving depression

"Treacle" – Slow moving and thick

"Scarecrow" – Just stands around all day and watches

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	4 December	18 December
Chair	Dianne Scotte	
Duty Officer	Graham Osterfield	Christmas
Fellowship Officer	Nev Blomeley	Break-up
Rotary talk	Craig Carson	