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Rotary International Club 17787

BULLETIN 7th AUGUST 2023

OPENING: Chairman Mark Williams opened the meeting at 12.45pm with 16 in attendance, including 2 guests. Our guests for the day were Peterson Wei and John Aaskov (guest speaker—shown left).

APOLOGIES: Denise Schellbach, Bruce McNaught, Don O'Donoghue, Phil Saxby, James Delahunty, Rick Tamaschke.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of COUNTRY We acknowledge the Jagera and Turrbal people as the Traditional Custodians of Meanjin (Brisbane), the lands on which we meet. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

*"Bradshaw" Panel,
Mitchell River
Kimberley
Western Australia*



TOAST to King Charles III and People of Australia

TOAST TO ROTARY CLUB OF TAIPEI TATUNG by Keith Watts



President Elect Alex (right) and PDG Medicare (left) presenting the Liuboil (flow glass) sculpture to President Bruce at our May 2023 100th anniversary meeting.

The Rotary Club of Taipei Tatung is one of our sister clubs and some of their members recently visited us for our centenary celebrations. The club is Chinese speaking, has 108 members, is very formal, and has a paid secretariate. It meets most Fridays for luncheon meetings at the Caesar Palace Hotel, Taipei.

The club has its 40th anniversary in April and we are all invited; some of our members have already indicated that will be attending the celebrations.

A number of RCoT members attend our recent centenary celebrations, including, Rotarians PE Alex, PDG Medicare and wife Linda, PP Y.Y. And wife Frances, Rotarian Sumo (Intl Service Chair).

Our contact is Past President T.Y., who owns a factory in Shanghai, China, but lives in Taipei. All Rotarians in Taiwan use nicknames. Travel tip: One of the airlines that flies to Taiwan is Eva Air—it arrives in Taipei on a Friday morning and departs on a Friday night, which is convenient for attending club meetings. This can be done while travelling to Europe.

PRESIDENT
Phil Saxby
Presents

*A Weekly
Blast
From The Past*

THANK YOU

To All CLUB MEMBERS

EVERYONE CONTRIBUTES IN
THEIR OWN WAY
THEIR OWN TIME AND TO
THEIR OWN RHYTHM

PICK YOUR SPECIAL AREA
AND ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

**A LOT OF ROTARY OPTIONS TO
HAVE FUN WHILST GIVING BACK
THIS CLUB NEEDS NO LESSONS IN GIVING BACK**



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Have the **vision** to **develop** your own project

I'm delighted to recognise and celebrate 50 years of support that Help Enterprises has offered our community. Over this time, their dedication has enriched the lives of countless people with disability and disadvantaged job seekers, while also developing strong partnerships with employers, industries and communities to achieve diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

Since its humble beginnings in 1968 when the Rotary Club of Brisbane established a sheltered workshop for people with disability, Help Enterprises has continued to grow and now provides assistance for over 2000 people with disability into work.

This book reflects on the journey of Help Enterprises and the people who have been part of this story. It is impossible not to be touched by the remarkable work of this organisation and, as a community, we remain committed and positive about achieving greater inclusion and diversity.

On behalf of the people of Brisbane, I extend my sincere appreciation to Help Enterprises for their tremendous work over the past 50 years and offer my congratulations on this significant milestone.



Enhancing the lifestyle and independence of people with disability

1968 – 2018

**2023
NOW 55 YEARS**

Wallace Best, Chairman	State Manager Dunlop Australia Ltd
Cec Grimley MBE	Not recorded
David Picking	Manager Frank Mason Advertising Pty Ltd (Club President)
Wallace McAlpine	Public Curator (Club Vice President)
Douglas Mabbett	Department of Health
Alan Vivian	R.M. Gow & Co Ltd
Roderick O'Loan	State Manager David Jones (Brisbane) Ltd
Stewart Kerr	Comptroller General of Prisons
Les Padman	Managing Director Press Etchings Pty Ltd
Brian Eggleton	Thomas Cook & Son (A'asia) Pty Ltd
Heaton Blackman	White & Hancock
Frank Vidgen	Commonwealth Department of Works
Andrew Gibson	Department of Labor and National Service
Jack Lewis	A.E.I. Engineering Pty Ltd
Col Atkinson	Department of Social Services
William Rudder	Not recorded

A 16-man Sheltered Workshop Project Committee comprising Rotary Club of Brisbane members was established in mid-1966



Early days at Eagle Farm



A meeting hosted by the Queensland Governor Sir Alan Mansfield at Government House on 16 April 1968 formed a public committee to implement the project. Included were seven Rotary Club of Brisbane members.

Patron	His Excellency Sir Alan Mansfield KCMG (Governor of Queensland)
President	Hon Jack Pizzey MLA (Premier of Queensland)
Vice-Presidents	Senator Dame Annabelle Rankin (Federal Minister for Housing) Hon P.R. Delamotho OBE MLA (Member for Bowen) Hon Mr Justice Mostyn Hanger (President, Industrial Court of Queensland) Sir Abraham Fryberg (Qld Director-General of Health & Medical Services)
Executive Committee	
Chairman	Mr Wallace Best (Rotary Club of Brisbane, incoming President) ←
Vice-Chairman	Mr D.W. Picking (Rotary Club of Brisbane, past President) ←
Secretary	Mr W.L. Rudder MBE (Rotary Club of Brisbane) ←
Members	Mr C.A. Edwards CBE Mr A. Gibson (Rotary Club of Brisbane) ← Lt Col A.S. Gehrman Mr B.R. Lyne (Rotary Club of Brisbane North) Senator Bert R. Milliner Mr R.J.C. O'Loan (Rotary Club of Brisbane) ← Mr A.J. Stratigos CBE Mr B.T. Tunley (Rotary Club of South Brisbane) Mr J. Egerton Dr J.N. Heales Dr P.G. Livingstone Mr J.D. Mabbett (Rotary Club of Brisbane) ← Mr W.R.A. McAlpine (Rotary Club of Brisbane) ← Sir Arthur Petfield (Rotary Club of Salisbury) Mr E.D. Summerson Mr C.W. Williams



March 1966	The idea of a Sheltered workshop project of The Rotary Club of Brisbane resulted from a visit to Australia by Dr Trevethan of Goodwill Industries, USA
1967	Rotary Club of Brisbane's "Year of Initiation" project decided to investigate concept of a sheltered workshop
1968	Rotary Club of Brisbane raised over \$100,000 with community support, to fund a sheltered workshop project
March 1968	Negotiations initiated with State Government to purchase land at Hamilton Industrial Estate, Eagle Farm
25 July 1968	Help Industries registered as a not-for-profit, company limited by guarantee
26 July 1968	First Directors of Help Industries appointed, chaired (to 1985) by Wallace Best
23 September 1968	Pilot sheltered workshop commenced at Rosemount Hospital with six employees, growing to 30 within nine weeks
May 1971	Construction at Fison Avenue, Eagle Farm commenced: administration building and a 1000m ² workshop
October 1971	All operations and the 50 employees transferred from Rosemount to completed premises in Fison Avenue
24 February 1972	Help Industries workshop at Eagle Farm officially opened by Queensland Governor Sir Alan Mansfield
1976	Tennis court and BBQ area were provided by the Hamilton Rotary Club
1983	Construction of first Gateway Bridge commenced
1986	<i>Disability Act</i> changed to make services to people with disability more community based
1987	Eagle Farm had expanded to three sheds: general, engineering and woodwork
1988	Rand Plastics was acquired, making plastic sheeting and plastic bags
1988-1990	Max Stegman and HELP registered several patents for the Pegman machine
1991-1992	Operations restructured from helping people in a sheltered workshop environment, to include providing employment opportunities and industry-based skills training
1992	Engineering department (except MailSafe) and woodworking business both sold as part of restructure
May 1992	Company name changed from Help Industries to HILCOM
June 1992	First Network Employment Services office opened at Toombul Shoppingtown
October 1995	Company renamed Help Enterprises Limited
1996	Skills Training Centre launched, offering pre-vocational training for people with disability and disadvantaged job seekers
1997	Plans began with local MP Rod Welford to start the Mitchelton hub
2000	3000m ² of nursery beds constructed at Eagle Farm site to deliver work experience pathways and training opportunities for young people with disability
2001	Rand Plastics sold to QIS Packaging
2002	10 acres purchased at Mitchelton on former Grovely TAFE site
2003	New MailSafe range was introduced
October 2003	Helpwest Skills Training Centre and wholesale nursery built at Mitchelton
2005	A second training building constructed at Mitchelton, including a commercial kitchen, bathroom, bedroom and laundry facilities to deliver life skills to participants
2008	Sheds at Eagle Farm expanded

CLUB SNAPSHOT 1966 – 1977

1966	228	➡	Sheltered Workshop for Disabled seeding \$2,548; Tasmania Bushfires \$1,416; Nth Qld floods \$569; Youth Exchange from Pennsylvania; Group Study Exchange from California;
			Northampton UK Migrant family sponsored; RYLA; YMCA Christmas Camp; Garden Parties continue
1967	233		Establishment of Help Industries - Sheltered Workshop with \$6,374 raised; Dental Hut, New Guinea \$429 Rabaul Rural Health Centre 10 Cots; Christmas Camp; RYLA; Group Study Exchange from Kansas, USA
1968	243	➡	Launched Help Industries - \$7,549 with \$5,000 from Dunlop Australia for running their Golf Tournament
			After 9 months, Help had reached break even point with 40 employees and 8 returned to outside work
			Additional space was acquired from the State Govt at Hamilton; RYLA; Christmas Camp; Rotaract Club of Brisbane formed with 24 members
1969	248		RCoB office premises moved to the top floor of Canberra Hotel 2 Mar 1970; Bursaries to 4 QIT students; RFDSA \$190; Help Industries \$546; YMCA Christmas Camp for underprivileged boys; RYLA
1970	244		Established Engineering Workshop for the Blind at Annerley \$4,550; Four Bursaries for QIT students; RYLA YMCA Christmas Camp; Inbound Youth Exchange from USA; Young business Executives Seminar for 73
1971	238		Established YouthLine at West End Methodist Church \$3,262; Young Business Executives Seminar with 51;
		➡	Help Industries \$419; Christmas YMCA Camp; RYLA; GSE Team from Arizona; YEP student from Japan
1972	235		District Conference in March 1973 - 50 year anniversary; Royal Flying Doctor Service major beneficiary
1973	227		Floods in Jan 1974 with \$20,000 raised and passed onto District;
			YEP -one inbound and the first RCoB two outbound; GSE Team host; RYLA 4 students sponsored;
			2 Day Youth Seminar with 124 delegates; Help Industries donation; PNG tertiary education student
1974	234		Salvation Army Mobile Canteen \$6,203; Darwin Cyclone Relief \$2,269; Help Industries \$350 to \$1,750
1975	209		FIRST PHF AWARD - PDG and PP Carl Bishop; Petrie Terrace State School assistance \$5,000;
1976	213	➡	Help Industries, Petrie Tce SS, Red Cross, Montrose Home \$4,616 in total; Brisbane Art Show Commenced
1977	209		Established Qld Surf Life Saving Association FOUNDATION with \$107,000 Initial Investment;

PRESIDENT Phil Saxby

The Club Bulletin is uploaded and on-line. It appears that these are being read in Government House.

The Catherine's House "Thank You" book has been uploaded. Thanks to Cam and Mark.

The RARE Race Day Sunday 22nd October, Caloundra. The club is to co-sponsor a race with other Rotary Clubs. Trackside seats to be raffled to defray the costs of the co-sponsorship.

Any Guest Speakers? - To Jonathon Harris please.

Next week's guest speaker is District Governor Paul Roger on Rotary Affairs.



MEETING DATE	PRESIDENTIAL DUTY	CHAIR	INTERNATIONAL TOAST
MON 14 AUG	PHIL SAXBY	PHIL GRESHAM	CELIA GRENNING

SPOT THE MEMBER

ENTER YOUR OWN PHOTOGRAPH TO HIGHLIGHT MEMBER ROTARY ACTIVITIES
ALSO ACCEPTING PHOTOGRAPHIC MEETING APOLOGIES FROM ANY ABSENT MEMBERS

Rotary in Action – Ambae, Vanuatu



From left: Drs Ross Stewart, Phil Saxby, Len Boulton and RN Olive Viramalakai – all waiting for the local anaesthetic to work on Matron!

Phil Saxby is working on a Rotary Project delivering dental services to Ambae, a remote island in Vanuatu. This project is now into its 8th year and commenced in 2016. It is covered by an MoU with the Vanuatu Ministry of Health, Phil's old club of Bundaberg Central, and a dental team from New Zealand.

The project commenced when a team of Bundaberg West Rotarians volunteered to paint the Lolowai Hospital maternity ward as part of three \$100,000 RI global grants to refurbish the 3rd largest hospital in Vanuatu. Godden Memorial Hospital was built in 1936 as a direct result of a tragic series of events occurring in both Bundaberg and Ambae during the blackbirding days of 1906.

Delivery of the Project has been interrupted by 2 volcanic eruptions in 2017 & 2018, which included a full evacuation of the island of 13,000. Further interruptions resulted from Covid and the slow resumption of Vanuatu's internal domestic air services.

From left, Dr Len Boulton (Phil's step-uncle), with Rotarian Dr Ross Stewart of Carindale Rotary Club along with patient the Lolowai Hospital general services manager and Registered Nurse Olive being trained into dental nursing.

Dr Ross Stewart greeting three inquisitive children of the hospital staff.....



.....all were welcomed into the dental chair with vastly varying treatment needs (perfect dentition to 4 first molar extractions!)

Melanesia School Games held at Ambaebulu School for three days - exodus to nearby Pentecost and Maewo islands via barge from Lolowai Hospital beach. Selecting the best sport performers to represent Penama Province.

SPOT THE MEMBER

Other Overseas Clubs - Bruce



Bruce attended a meeting of the Rotary Club of Winslow (UK) last Wednesday night. He was the guest speaker and spoke about the Rotary Club of Brisbane and gave them a run down about the Centenary Project.

The club is quite small with many older members and has a high female participation rate. They have some active younger members.



The Winslow Club's main project at the moment is to create gardens at the large female prison (200 inmates) and encourage the girls to get involved in gardening and gardening skills. Having pretty gardens for them to enjoy assists in rehabilitation.

Other Overseas Clubs - Denise



Denise exchanging banners with Club President Doug Wills.



Denise attended the luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of London. It was founded in 1911 and was the first club out of the USA after Rotary was established in 1905. Their weekly meeting is held at the Chesterfield Hotel in Mayfair.

She was one of 6 visiting Rotarians, 3 were from the USA, 1 from Bangkok and the other from Nigeria. During the lunch, Denise spoke with a retired dentist from San Francisco. They exchanged photos of Eddie's Van and homeless San Franciscan people on the streets in tents.

The London Club was aware of Rotary in Australia celebrating 100 years this year.

Denise's travel tips: Remember that the Clubs in Northern Hemisphere close for summer holidays. Also, watch out for the caviar on Emirates Flights – it made Denise sick.

Any member activities involving Rotary affairs will be most welcome if you wish to share with other Club members.

Photographic Apology Notes can also be emailed to the Bulletin Editor: psaxby@ozemail.com.au

All Club members can be involved and aware of where other members are at meeting times and during non-meeting times!



MEMBER SPOTS

Angela Murphy attended Cocktails by Sea, an event which was put on for the Windeward Bound Trust by Paddington Rotaract. Mark Williams also attended with Angela. The Windeward Bound Trust has a close connection with Rotary and Angela told the meeting about what was discussed. One of the key points made was, '*the why*'. Some examples given included helping to provide an autistic boy autonomy and providing an experience to refugees which allows them to learn about themselves and teach them not to be sad. Many participants reported that the enjoyment of the sea led to a 'calming and release.' Angela will try to obtain the video.

Keith Watts reported that the International Service Committee was in the process of being setup. It would serve to reach out to other clubs by using Zoom and support other Rotary Clubs.

Allistair Blanchard provided a terrific summary of the recent Rotary Art Show. The committee would like feedback on the event in any area which may require improvement, including:

- Sponsorship
- The opening event
- Running
- Visibility and promotion

The attendance was good and sales were strong. Over \$100,000 was sold and most pieces were in the range of \$1,000 to \$2,000. The artists were very happy with the results and the exposure they received. There was a total of 300 art works displayed. Of all the art works received, approximately 1/3rd were accepted—about 1/3rd were curated and the other 1/3rd couldn't be displayed because of space.

GUEST SPEAKER

The guest speaker was John Aaskov. John spoke on the Reminiscences of an Arbovirologist. An arbovirologist studies viruses



that are transmitted by arthropod vectors (viruses that are spread by insects).

John provided an excellent presentation which covered the history of dengue fever throughout Queensland and other locations in the world. Although the disappearance of backyard out-houses in Brisbane reduced the incidence of dengue fever through the 1920s, it remains prevalent in North Queensland. A trial is currently being carried out in NQ whereby bacteria are being introduced to suppress the population of the Aedes Aegypti mosquitoes which spread the disease.

Interesting insights into the confluence of politics and disease were provided by John. The Cubans had a dengue out-

break in the 1960s, but they wouldn't allow testing to determine the strain of the disease. The reason: the disease emanated from some of their advisers that were secretly in Vietnam providing assistance to the Viet Cong. If the strain was identified, then it would be known that the Cubans were in Vietnam because the strain was specific to that part of the world.

Another interesting anecdote provided was about the disassembly of the germ warfare in the Soviet Union after the cold war in the 1990s. One of the top germ warfare scientists emigrated to the US, but has recently returned to Uzbekistan.

FROM: **Mitch Witherington, Drought Angels Ltd, General Manager. WAS OUR CLUB GUEST SPEAKER ON 12 JUNE 2023**

I wanted to share with you some exciting news. Our national fundraising campaign **Flanno for a Farmer** has officially launched! **Flanno for a Farmer** is a brand-new Drought Angels initiative that's all about showing our Aussie farmers and their families some love!

Most farmers would give the shirt off their own backs if it meant helping someone in need.

It's because many have seen hard times and understand that a simple gesture can make a world of difference.

Flanno for a Farmer is just that, a great way to let Aussie farmers know that we've got their backs.

On **Friday August 25** you can join thousands of other Aussies donning their **flanno** in their workplace, school, and community!

For one day Australia will turn **flanno** and raise much-needed funds for Aussie farmers in need.

We would love you to help us spread the **flanno** fever by signing up a **Brisbane Rotary Club** team and helping us raise funds for farmers in need.

Signing up is easy!!

1. SIGN UP under your name at www.flannoforafarmer.com.au and register your **Brisbane Rotary Club** team at the same time.

2. SPREAD THE WORD via socials and email to your colleagues and raise funds for our Aussie farmers!

3. (Click on [Resources - Flanno for a Farmer 2023](#) to look at our Fundraising Guide)

3. DON YOUR FLANNO on **Friday August 25th** (We would love to see your photos so be sure to tag @droughtangels and #flannoforafarmer)

It's time to rally together in our **Flanno's** and make a real impact on the lives of our Aussie farmers.

DON YOUR FLANNO on **Friday August 25th**

FRIDAY 25 AUGUST

**SPORT A FLANNO
SUPPORT A FARMER**



RAFFLE was won by **Peterson**, who then proceeded to draw a dud card—Still not the Joker.

SERGEANT Dymphna Muir was fined for not wearing a badge. Fines were issued to anyone that was guilty of not supporting the Matildas completely and whole heartedly.

MEETING CLOSED Mark Williams closed the meeting at **1.45 pm**.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

CALENDER DATES

AUGUST **Mon 14 11.30am** **Board meeting at Fridays with District Governor Paul Roger**

12.15 for 12.45 Meeting at Fridays

Speaker District Governor Paul Roger on Rotary Affairs

MEETING ROSTER

MEETING DATE	PRESIDENTIAL DUTY	CHAIR	INTERNATIONAL TOAST
MON 14 AUG	PHIL SAXBY	PHIL GRESHAM	CELIA GRENNING

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Club of Brisbane



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40th Anniversary

19th APRIL 2024

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SINGAPORE

25-29 MAY 2024

