

Rotary Club of Brisbane



Chartered 29th May 1923

Rotary International Club 17787

CENTENARY MEETING BULLETIN 22nd MAY 2023

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President Bruce McNaught welcomed all to the meeting at 12.45pm with 72 present.

President-Elect Phil Saxby proceeded to **Welcome the Club Presidents** to the meeting. Without the Service of all Presidents both attending this meeting and many others, this Club's Centenary milestone would not have been possible.

Keith Hamburger AM 1990-91

Dr John Puttick 1995-96

Yvonne Levien 1996-97

Dr Keith Watts 2001-02

Graeme Whitmore 2013-14, 2014-15, 2016-17

Phil Gresham 2015-16

Dr Daniel Vankov 2017-18

Dr Chris Muir 2018-19

Michael Stephens 2019-20

Dan Adler 2020-21

Mark Williams 2021-22

Bruce McNaught 2022 - 2023

President Bruce McNaught **Welcomed our Special Rotary Guests:**

Past Rotary International Director John Lawrence OAM

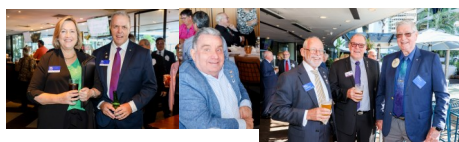
DG Tim Keeler AM

PDG Neil Black

PDG Darryl Iseppi

PDG Patrice Robinson

PDG Elwyn Hodges



A further **Welcome was extended to our International Guests:**

From one of our Sister Clubs -

The Rotary Club of Taipei-Tatung

PDG Medicare

PE Alex Chuang

Linda Chou

PP Thomas Kou

Wen-Jan Kou

Rtn Sumo Li



From the Rotary Club of Patu, Malaysia PAG Keng Hwa Low.



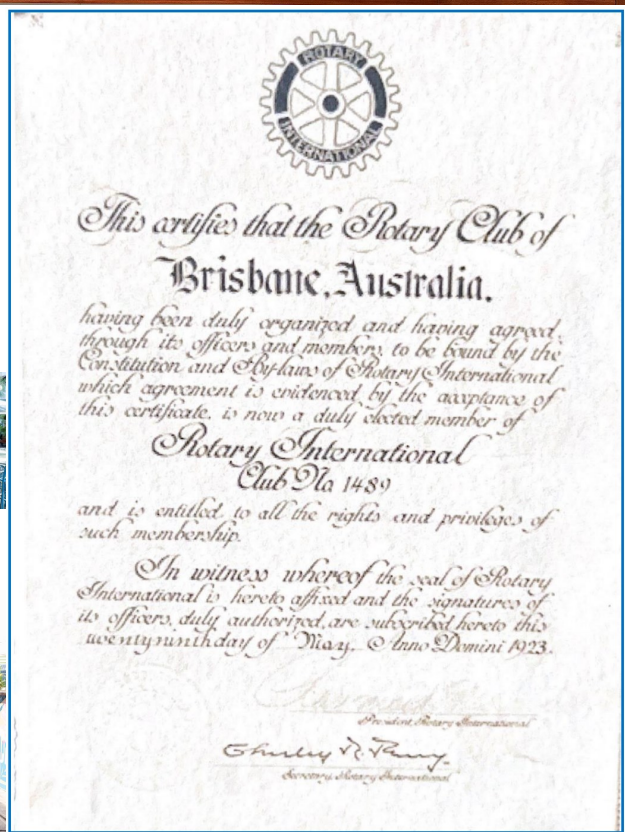
APOLOGIES: PDG John Leddy, Harold Sandrasagara of RC Colombo Reconnections, Don O'Donoghue.

TOAST to King Charles III and People of Australia was followed by a Toast to Rotary International.

RESPONSE TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL TOAST was delivered by District Governor Tim Keeler who indicated that 1.4million Rotarians in over 36,000 Clubs residing in over 200 countries currently give back to their communities. Whilst Rotarians can't do everything, we can certainly try. There are no barriers to race, colour or creed. We can develop international peace. With "Imagine Rotary" - this year's theme - all things are possible. The Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" is the common motive to all Rotary activities, worldwide.



CHARTER NO 1489			
ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE			
PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
BRUCE MCNAUGHT	JOHN LAWRENCE	BRUCE MCNAUGHT	JOHN LAWRENCE
KEITH HAMBURGER	JOHN LAWRENCE	KEITH HAMBURGER	JOHN LAWRENCE
DR JOHN PUTTICK	JOHN LAWRENCE	DR JOHN PUTTICK	JOHN LAWRENCE
YVONNE LEVIEN	JOHN LAWRENCE	YVONNE LEVIEN	JOHN LAWRENCE
DR KEITH WATTS	JOHN LAWRENCE	DR KEITH WATTS	JOHN LAWRENCE
GRAEME WHITMORE	JOHN LAWRENCE	GRAEME WHITMORE	JOHN LAWRENCE
PHIL GRESHAM	JOHN LAWRENCE	PHIL GRESHAM	JOHN LAWRENCE
DR DANIEL VANKOV	JOHN LAWRENCE	DR DANIEL VANKOV	JOHN LAWRENCE
DR CHRIS MUIR	JOHN LAWRENCE	DR CHRIS MUIR	JOHN LAWRENCE
MICHAEL STEPHENS	JOHN LAWRENCE	MICHAEL STEPHENS	JOHN LAWRENCE
DAN ADLER	JOHN LAWRENCE	DAN ADLER	JOHN LAWRENCE
MARK WILLIAMS	JOHN LAWRENCE	MARK WILLIAMS	JOHN LAWRENCE
BRUCE MCNAUGHT	JOHN LAWRENCE	BRUCE MCNAUGHT	JOHN LAWRENCE



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of COUNTRY

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 100 YEARS OF ROTARY IN QUEENSLAND

Why would an organisation that gives Service to people who are not family, whom they would likely never meet, has no religious motivation and has no political payoff SUCCEED?

Well it did succeed as a concept due to a commitment to philanthropy within decent people. Three legs of philanthropy are Fun, Fellowship and Fulfilment: this makes Rotary the success it is. The fourth F is our Rotary Foundation.

Cynics will say:

"That's terrible! – Somebody should do something"

People of Action say:

"That's terrible! – We will do something"

We don't need to look far for people of action in Queensland:

- Clem Renouf – We will eliminate polio
- John Leddy – We will build Humming Bird House
- Lorelle Holcroft – We will to start Earlyact
- George Grant – We will vaccinate girls in PNG against cervical cancer
- Keith Watts – We will build a world class brain institute

Ordinary people achieving extraordinary things with the help of their mates.

CLUB CALENDER is to be found on the last page

President Bruce reminded members attending the Lord Mayor's Civic Reception to enter City Hall through the main King George Square entrance prior to 5.45 pm for a 6pm start.

MEMBER SPOTS

Angela Murphy advised guests to log on to the **Galabid Raffle**, as per printed instructions available on each table.

Angela also advised that the printed A3 **Placemat History of the Rotary Club** of Brisbane can be taken as souvenirs.

Mark Williams advised that Her Excellency the Hon Jeanette Young **Governor of Queensland** will be attending the Gala Dinner on Wednesday 24 May at 7pm.



GUEST SPEAKER Associate Professor Dorothy Watts AM, Honorary Research Associate Professor in Classics

Associate Professor Watts' research interests include Roman and pre-Roman (Celtic) Britain, Early Christianity, and Roman Provincial Government.

Associate Professor Watts has a BA and PhD (Qld), ATCL (London), AMusA, is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London, and a Member of the Australian College of Educators.

She is currently a Reader in Classics and Ancient History.



The first one hundred years 1923-2023

Rotary Club of Brisbane Family Tree

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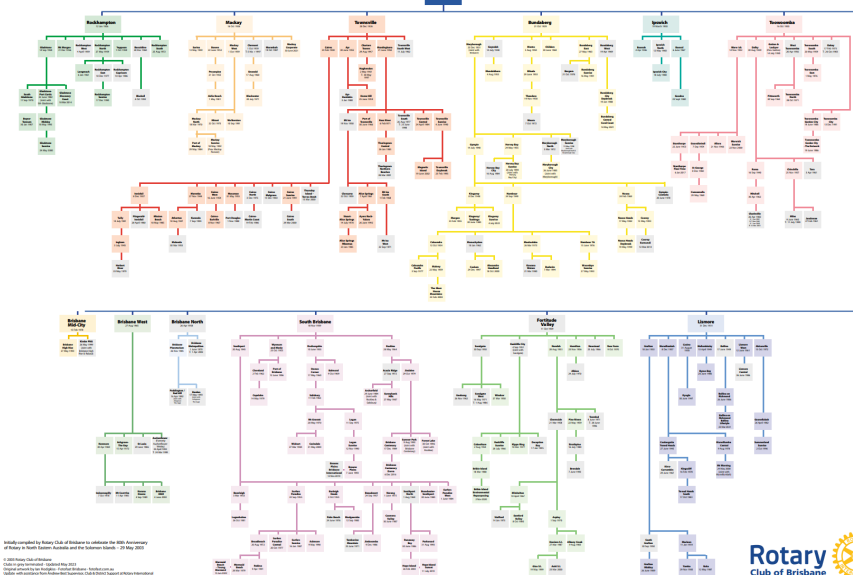
Fortitude Valley

South Brisbane

Brisbane North

Brisbane West

Brisbane Mid-City



ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE - SISTER CLUBS

TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, HONG KONG

TAIPEI TATUNG, TAIWAN

KOBE EAST, JAPAN



AMSTERDAM INTERNATIONAL, THE NETHERLANDS

CHARLTON EAST, SOUTH CAROLINA USA

COLOMBO RECONNECTIONS, SRI LANKA



CLUB MEMBERSHIP Charter membership was 16 in 1923, increasing to a high of 246 in 1969, reducing until 2001/2002 when a membership drive saw 101 members. Currently 36 members.

FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT was Yvonne Levien 1996-97. Second female President was Marjorie Carrs AM 2004-05.

"Service Above Self" Focus of activities has changed as society has changed over the years.

ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE - BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION / PUBLIC ANCILLARY FUND

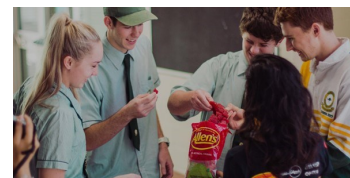
Established 28 August 1999 with initial funding from two member bequests, Lionel Walpole and Rotarian Clive Morman along with excess funds from the 2003 RI Brisbane Convention.



By May 2011 it had grown to \$501,570.16, whilst today it stands at about \$1,200,000. A legislated and prescribed feature of the Public Ancillary Fund is that it must donate at least \$50,000 each year to ACNC publicly registered Australian Charities.

Whilst most years these funds are spread across a range of charities, in 2016-17 \$30,000 was donated from the PAF to the Salvation Army for a mobile canteen trailer to replace the mobile canteen donated in 1974-75.

In 2017-18, \$50,000 was donated to Red Frogs. Red Frogs is a support network for young people, aiming to provide safety responses, referrals to professional services, education and alternative event programming. Each year 24 tons of 'Allen's Red Frogs' (provided by Nestle), are used as an ice breaker to connect Red Frog volunteers with 1.43 million young people in environments such as Schoolies, Universities, Festivals, Schools, Skate Parks and Sports Events.



In 2019-20 \$50,000 was donated to the Mater Foundation for the Best Start Grants Program – emphasis on Families dealing with parental and perinatal mental health.

ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE - MAJOR HEALTH & SAFETY PROJECTS

Queensland Surf Life Saving Association

Royal Flying Doctor Service

Queensland Society for Crippled Children >
Help Foundation of Australia

Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia

Diabetes Australia

McIntyre Riding for the Disabled

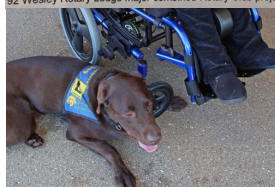
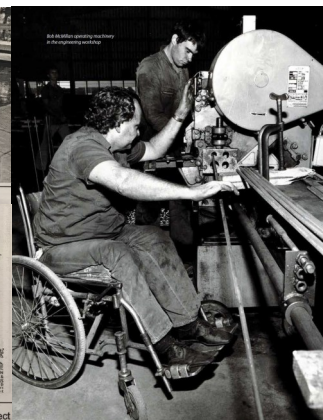
Vision Queensland

Canine Helpers Guide Dogs for the Disabled

Rotary Lodge at Wesley Hospital

Rotary Queensland Centenary Chair in Neuroscience at UQ

<https://qbi.brisbanerotary.org.au/>



ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE

SOME COMMUNITY AND YOUTH PROJECTS

Gundoo Week 1959-60 which later developed into Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.

Salvation Army mobile food truck 1974-75
Construction of reception Centre at Shaftsbury Citizenship Centre 1987-88

Replaced Salvation Army food truck 2001-02
The Salvation Army's Women's Shelter
International House at UQ
Teen Challenge 1991-92

Youth groups
School communities
Rotaract and RYLA initiatives
Eddie's Food Van for the Homeless



ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE – INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Tsunamis, Floods, Earthquakes - Many have received support from the Rotary Club of Brisbane.

Donations in Kind was commenced through the efforts of pharmacist James Delahunty, who this year celebrated his 50th year of Service in Rotary. He was able to divert medical waste from a ship and then from the drug wholesalers to our needy neighbours in the Pacific. This has now grown to include medical and educational equipment and materials; whilst the advent of the PBS scheme saw pharmaceutical items no longer allowed to be exported. Over 1,000 containers have been shipped, with strong support still continuing from this Club.

Our Sister Club of TAIPEI TATUNG, TAIWAN in District 34 provided overwhelming hospitality during our visit in 2019.

ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE – A SENSE OF SERVICE - OF BELONGING

Many social events over many decades have provided the sense of belonging - Balls, Dinners, Art Shows, Golf Days etc

A belief in members of the "Four Way Test" has provided the basis for our continuing Service to our community—here and abroad.

TAIPEI TATUNG, TAIWAN PRESENTATION

PDG Medicare Hsu invited our Club to share in their 40th Anniversary celebrations on 19th April 2024. An invitation was also extended to attend the June 2026 Rotary International Convention in Taipei. We became Sister Clubs in 2002 with President Keith Watts and attended the 2003 Rotary International Convention in Brisbane with John Puttick as President. SARS prevented our coming to Brisbane for your 80th Anniversary in 2003, but we have made it here for the Celebration of your 100th year.

President Bruce responded that our relationship with Rotary Club of Taipei Tatung has been valued and we give thanks for your overwhelmingly generous gift.



RC TAIPEI TATUNG

40th Anniversary

19th APRIL 2024

RI CONVENTION

JUNE 2026



PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARDS

A Paul Harris Fellow is "An individual who contributes US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation or has that amount contributed in his or her name".

To recognize a person as a Paul Harris Fellow should always be an honor to the individual, because it demonstrates significant support for the wonderful work of The Rotary Foundation.

But, just as a Paul Harris Fellow can be a "recognition of exceptional service," it can also be many other things, as well.

Rotary Club of Brisbane has 122 individual Paul Harris Fellowships and 2 Major Donors

District Governor Tim Keeler and President Bruce McNaught proceeded to Induct eight new Paul Harris Fellows and a further six upgrades to existing PHF Awards, as follows:



Secretary Paul CHOY, Angela MURPHY, Miles MURPHY, Dymphna MUIR, Treasurer Celia GRENNING, PP Dan ADLER, PP Daniel VANKOV, PP Cameron GIBSON

UPGRADES TO SIX EXISTING PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS as follows:



Chris MUIR 2nd PHF

James DELAHUNTY 3rd PHF

Phil GRESHAM 3rd PHF

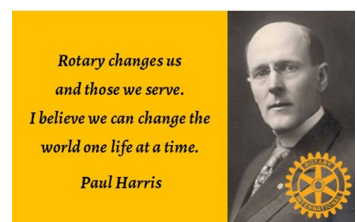
Denise SCHELLBACH OAM 4th PHF



PRESENT AT MEETING, BUT LEFT PRIOR TO PRESENTATION

PP Michael STEPHENS
PP Mark WILLIAMS

3rd PHF
6th PHF





EIGHT PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARDS—PRESENTED BY DG TIM KEELER

Paul CHOY, Angela MURPHY, Miles MURPHY, Dymphna MUIR,

Celia GRENNING, Dan ADLER, Daniel VANKOV, Cameron GIBSON

JAMES DELAHUNTY

REFLECTIONS ON 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

"Still with a twinkle in his eyes"

I joined Rotary Club of Brisbane on 16th Jan 1973 -some 50 years ago. I was the youngest member by 35 years.

Requested to join by Chemist Big Bill Edwards of Edward St. who was open Saturday and Sunday evening. Tennis and boating were "compulsory activities."

Six Knights of the Realm in the Club. Sir David Longlands (my mother's fellow teacher!) and all Director Generals were an inspiration and I was grateful to live up to their high standard.

Club with over 200 members had a Secretary and an office in the "new" Lennon's in Queen St.

The Club Honour Board was the cream of Brisbane who's who - all goers and doers. Thank God for young Phil Gresham who has been a Godsend taking on the archive new home!

First Club work event was The Spring Hill Fair where Wal Bishop turned up with a tip truck from his Canungra Farms full of fruit and vegetables which we sold. He was a real man - getting his hands "dirty".

I was shepherded into Rotary by two great men: Alan Campbell (think soups, signs, Warana Procession etc) and Len Snape (Milk Board).

My saddest day in Rotary was visiting the Wacol Prison to try to establish a youth Rotary club . The overall feeling of the walls, the silence with five young offenders with 55 years of sentence to complete. Great Rotarian Director General Keith Hamburger organized it!

Women into Rotary! At first I was against it but the great Yvonne Levien here today changed my mind when as the first woman President stood up on her first day in office and shut down unacceptable sexist jokes! I grew up a lot that day!

My greatest project was getting Donations in Kind off the ground . It has saved countless lives in our near neighbours in PNG and near Pacific Islands. I was a medical ship provider and was able to divert the waste from the ship and then the drug wholesalers to the poor in the Pacific. Over \$85 million and over 1,000 containers at last count has been shipped!

DIK name has been trademarked by Rotary in Victoria and Qld has had to rebadged to Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment. Getting Doctors like Dr Peter Drum (Now a Hon member of this club) to scour the S/East Qld hospitals for all sorts of items.



CAKE CUTTING CEREMONY

With PDG Medicare Hsu, President Bruce McNaught, DG Tim Keeler, PHF Angela Murphy.

The Centenary cake was as delicious to eat as it was to look at.

MEETING CLOSED President Bruce closed the Centenary Meeting at 2.25 pm, with some guests remaining until 3.30pm

NEXT CLUB MEETING

MONDAY 29th MAY 12.15pm for 12.45pm @ FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE.

THIS IS OUR ACTUAL CHARTER DATE

Come and BE PREPARED TO CELEBRATE, AGAIN

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE: LOG IN and DELIVER YOUR EMPTIES TOWARDS FUNDING OUR CLUB ACTIVITIES

https://member.containersforchange.com.au/team-member/add/qld?team_link=qld/the-rotary-club-of-brisbane-inc-6420eda5a5afb

CHAIR ROSTER

May	29	Michael Stephens	ACTUAL CLUB CHARTER DAY	12.15 for 12.45pm	FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE
June	5	Jonathon Harris		12.15 for 12.45pm	FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE
	5	CORPORATE STRATEGY MEETING		5.30PM	NORMANBY HOTEL
	12	Chris Muir		12.15 for 12.45pm	FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE
	19	Board Meeting President Bruce		12.15 for 12.45pm	FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE
	26	Rick Tamaschke		12.15 for 12.45pm	FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE

If unable to perform the rostered Chair, please arrange for a replacement. Rick Tamaschke has agreed to act as reserve.

CALENDER DATES

MAY	Sat 27 to Wed 31st	Rotary International Convention		Melbourne
		https://convention.rotary.org/en/melbourne		
	Mon 29th	Club Meeting	Actual Charter Day 12.15 for 12.45	FRIDAYS RIVERSIDE
		Club Dinner for Convention attendees	7pm	Athenium Club, <u>Melbourne</u>
JUNE	Tues 27th	Induction of Her Excellency the Hon Jeanette Young Governor of Queensland,		
		and Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD	5pm	Government House, 168 Fernberg Rd. Paddington
		<i>This event needs to be booked online through the link emailed direct to members</i>		
JULY	Mon 10th	Club Changeover Meeting		Friday's Riverside, Grand Deck Meeting Room
	17th to 22nd	Brisbane Rotary Art Show	https://rotaryart.au/	Central Plaza One, 345 Queen Street

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