Rotary Club of Brisbane

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

Vocational Service Month

Our Patron for Rotary Qld's Centenary Project for the UQ Queensland Brain Institute is Prof Graeme Nimmo RFD.

Chartered 29th May 1923 **Rotary International Club 17787**

BULLETIN 29th JANUARY 2024

OPENING: PP Mark Williams (left) opened the meeting at 12.45 pm with 15 in attendance, including 2 guests (right), Guest Speaker PE Glenn Stafford (RC of Sydney via Zoom), and Chris Rutter (Rotary Club of Prestwick).

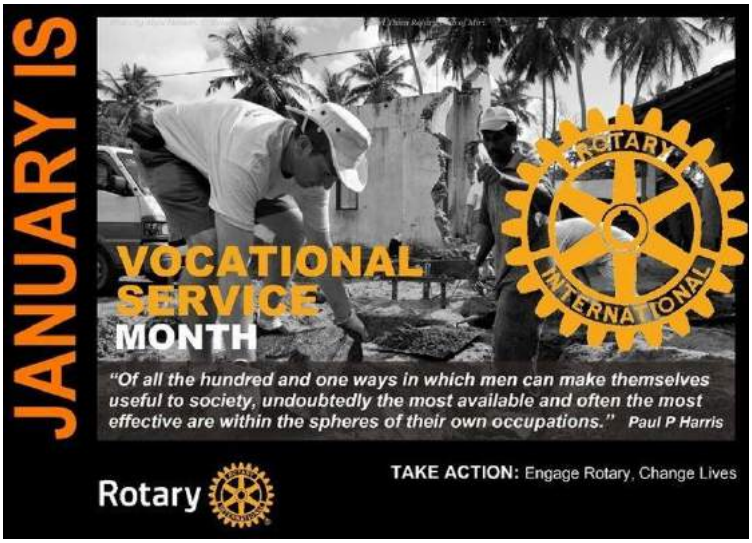
APOLOGIES: Celia Grenning, Paul Choy, Ed van Goethem, Don O'Donoghue, James Delahunty.

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.

TOAST to King Charles III and the People of Australia.

Little Mertens Falls West Kimberley, WA

Two distinctly different art forms with carbon dating indicating vastly differing art periods, by tens of thousands of years.



"Vocational service gives Rotarians the opportunity to help others escape poverty and gain a measure of self-respect. As business and professional leaders, we have a duty to lead and encourage good ethics through vocation."

Why has Denise got a flag in her right and left ears, and one in her mouth!? To find out more, keep on scrolling through.

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL TOAST

ROTARY CLUB OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
by Michael Stephens

Historic Rotary Club of Charleston

President–Cleave Ham

The historic Rotary Club of Charleston meets on Tuesdays at 12:30PM. The Rotary Club of Charleston, founded in 1920, is the "father" club of more than almost a dozen Rotary clubs in the Charleston area.

The 150-plus members of the historic Rotary Club of Charleston has over 100 years of distinguished public service to our community, nation and world. We contribute time, money and leadership to dozens of Charleston-area projects.

Members of the club, for example, provided the seed money to build the Francis Marion Hotel in the 1920s. Fifty years later, they again gave the seed money to start the Trident Community Foundation, which has morphed into the regional Coastal Community Foundation, managing more than $150 million in assets.

These days, club members spent a lot of volunteer time working with local schools, seniors and veterans. Members adopted Water Missions International as a partner to work with to provide clean water to people throughout the world.

Among the programs that club members work on are:

- ◊ Adopt-A-Highway
- ◊ Day of Caring
- ◊ Hootie Home Grown Round-Up
- ◊ Dictionary Delivery
- ◊ Senior Holiday Giving
- ◊ Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- ◊ Literacy Day Book Drive
- ◊ Swimming Lessons
- ◊ Honoring Outstanding Teachers & Students
- ◊ Rotary Windows
- ◊ Walk For Water

Rotary Club of Charleston
... serving Charleston, South Carolina, since 1920

During the 2011 Brisbane floods, our sister club, the RC of Charleston donated USD 5,000 to the RC of Brisbane to disburse as we saw fit. The RC of Brisbane did not make a request; RC of Charleston made the donation of their volition.

Historic Rotary Club of Charleston

PRESIDENT
Phil Saxby

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Presents

A NEW YEAR with a

ROTARY SNAPSHOT

Vocational Service: a pillar of Service Above Self

ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

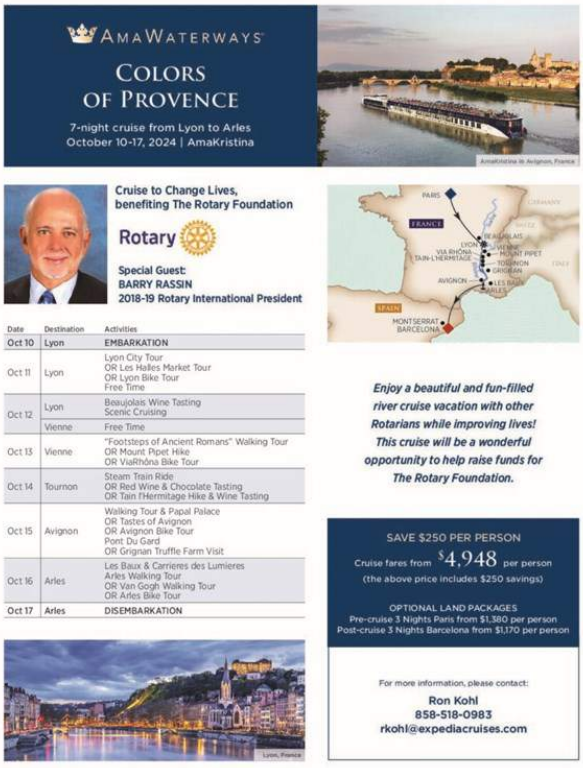
Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion.

Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.

Antique Automobiles
Astrology
Badminton
Bathouse
Beard and Moustache
Bee
Beer
Bird Watching
Bowling
Camping
Caravanning
Chess
Coffee Lovers
Comedy
Composting
Computer Users
Corporate Social Responsibility
Cricket
Cultural Heritage
Curling
Cybersecurity
Cycling
Doll Lovers
Draughts (Checkers)
E-Clubs
Editors and Publishers
Educators
Entrepreneurs
Empowering Women
Esperanto
Ethics
Fine Arts
Fishing
Flying
Francophonie
Genealogists
Gift and Estate planning
Gin
Global Development
Go
Golf
Gourmet Cooking
Graphic Designers
Healthcare Professionals
Hiking
Home exchange
Horse Racing
Horseback Riding
Hunting
Internet
Italian Culture
Jazz
Kites
Latin Culture
Lawyers
Leadership
LGBT+
Magicians
Magna Graecia
Marathon Running
Mental Wellness Counsellors
Metalhead
Metaverse
Military Veterans
Motorcycling
Music
Old and Rare Books
Palmwine
Past Presidents, Officers, Friends
Peace Fellows
Performing Arts
Photographers
Pickleball
Public Health
Public Speakers
Quilters and Fiber Artists
Railroads
Real Estate
Recreational Vehicles
Rotary Global History
Rotary Means Business
Rotary on Pins
Rotary on Stamps
Rowing
Rugby Fans
Scouting
Scuba
Shooting SportSkiing
Startup Investors- RING
Strategic Planning
Surfing
Table Tennis
Tea Lovers
Tennis
Total Quality Management
Travel and Hosting
Triathlon
Urban Gardening
Vegans
Vintage Collectables
Weather Enthusiasts
Whisk(e)y
Wildlife Conservation
Wine
Yachting
Yoga
Young Rotarians

CLICK and Join with Like Minded Rotarians

PP Bruce is Director of the Railroaders Fellowship.
Other Club members are Golfing Fellows.
Bundaberg Sunrise had Rotarians in the Cricketing Fellowship, where they travel to India an-d Pakistan for matches.
Start Extending YOUR ROTARY EXPERIENCE



PRESIDENT
Phil Saxby

RARE OPEN DAY **Saturday 3rd February, 10am Registration**

PEACE POLE DEDICATION **Monday 12th February, 12.00 Noon.** **Petrie Terrace State School**

Lunch afterwards at the Normanby Hotel

Rotary Australian Districts | RAWCS WE BACK DOING GOOD

Northern Region
Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment (RARE)

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE WITH US

THE OPENING OF OUR NEW PREMISES AT
61-73 MACARTHUR STREET
ALEXANDRA HILLS, QLD 4161

SATURDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY 2024

10:00am – 10:30am Registrations
10:30am – 12.00 Formalities
12:00 – 2.00pm Free bar-b-cue and open House
(Cold drinks available for purchase)

RSVP by 26th January 2024 to
0466 556 042 or rare.rawcsnorthern@gmail.com
(Numbers needed for catering)

District 9620 Conference 2024
8 – 10 March | Sea World Resort

Register online https://conference24.rotary9620.org/speakers/

PRESIDENT
Phil Saxby

An Invitation from our Sister Rotary Club of Taipei Tatung

To join with them to

Celebrate their 40th Charter

Thurs 18th April

Fri 19th April

Please liaise with Secretary Paul

to co-ordinate our travel arrangements

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President Phil Saxby
The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.
January 12th , 2024

Dear President Phil ,

Good day! I hope this mail finds you well!

I am writing to invite you, the members of your Rotary Club, and the partners to our 40th Charter Anniversary. The celebration events will take place at Taipei from April 18th (Thu.) till April 19th (Fri.) 2024. Please refer to the below schedule for more information.

- April 18th (Thu.), 2024
  18:00 Welcome dinner party

- April 19th (Fri.), 2024
  08:00-15:00 Golf/ Tour/ Free time for Optional activities
  17:30 Registration
  18:00 Celebration party / meeting
  (SHERATON GRAND TAIPEI HOTEL:
  No. 12, Sec. 1, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City 100024, Taiwan)

Dress code for the celebration party & meeting will be suit and tie; for other activities will be casual. It is highly appreciated if you could provide the names of your club members and the partners who would be able attend the celebration in advance. I deeply look forward to seeing you and your members in Taipei this April!

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.

Yours truly,
Chien-Yu Chuang (Rtn. Alex)
President 2023-2024
Rotary Club of Taipei Tatung

PRESIDENT
Phil Saxby

Rotary NEW FARM | PEOPLE of ACTION

INVITE YOU to our

INAUGURAL COMMUNITY DINNER

7TH FEBRUARY 2024

STRATTON BAR AND KITCHEN

3 STRATTON ST NEWSTEAD

COST $60 pp*

*Share plates on the table - entrées and main meals with cash/EF bar for beverages

GUEST SPEAKER FROM QUEENSLAND BRAIN INSTITUTE

RSVP 24TH JANUARY 2024 https://www.trybooking.com/COAVF

Please notify of any dietary requirements by Jan 24th :president.newfarm@rotary9620.org

RAFFLES AND AUCTION PRIZES

RECEPIENT OF FUNDS RAISED : PERMANENT CHAIR QUEENSLAND BRAIN INSTITUTE

STRATTON BAR & KITCHEN | VILLAGE VOICE

ROTARY QLD'S CENTENARY
BREAK THROUGH PROJECT
for UQ's Queensland Brain Institute

SPOT THE MEMBER

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

EDDIE'S VAN serving breakfast to Wickham Terrace homeless Monday to Friday during Christmas school holidays.

DENISE let everyone know that it was Australia Day—flags were growing out of her head!! Right and left ears, mouth, and a cap too!!!

Denise Schellbach has now been arranging this for 23 years.

SPOT THE MEMBER

EDDIES VAN – A SHORT HISTORY OF A LONG COMMUNITY SERVICE

As part of their Campus Ministry, students, staff, parents and Old Boys of St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace, supported by friends and community groups, conduct a Big Brekkie for homeless people (and those merely hungry) in and around the gardens of the inner city each weekday morning. The van is affectionately named after Edmund Rice, Roman Catholic missionary and educationalist, founder of the Congregation of Christian Brothers and the Presentation Brothers and it has in fact been operating for well over 23 years.

23 years ago, however, it came to the attention of Rotary Club of Brisbane Rotarian Denise Schellbach that over the Christmas holidays, Eddie's Van was retired to its garage because staff and students of St. Joseph's were all on holidays, and this period is in fact one in which demand for the van's services is very high. Ever since then, Denise has organised for Eddie's Van to continue operation over the Christmas holiday period.

The Rotary Club of Brisbane has embraced the effort as a club project and provides many of the volunteers who operate Eddie's Van each weekday morning from 6.00 am to 8:30 am, but the operation would not be possible if there was not also significant help from Friends of Rotary and the wider community, so it is a genuine community project.

Running Eddie's van is a significant job. First of all, consumables like food, petrol, and gas need to be procured on a regular basis. Then a roster of helpers needs to be drawn up and maintained. Last but not least, a minimum of 3 people need to get to the Eddie's Van garage each morning at 6.00 am, prepare the food for cooking, load the van, drive to Wickham Park, cook and distribute an average of 70 hot breakfasts per day, and then drive back to the garage and clean the utensils ready for the next day.

Denise will hand the keys to Eddie's Van back to the staff and students at St. Joseph's school for another school year in February. In the meantime, **if you wish to assist, please contact Denise to be placed on the roster.**

MEMBER SPOTS

Dickson Ken—Two PNG containers have arrived at Lae but awaiting for tribal disputation to reduce prior to be transported to their final destination of Mendi.

Angela Murphy advised the meeting that her company would be donating their services to film the 2025 District Conference in Toowoomba.

GUEST SPEAKER — PE Glenn Stafford — Creating Hope Across Pacifica

Institute for Economics and Peace

Introduction: Peace is more than the absence of violence — it's creating and sustaining societies that allow all people to flourish. By collaborating with the Institute for Economics and Peace, Rotary is able to offer members the resources and tools they need to become effective peacebuilders in their communities.

When Rotary members volunteer their time and skills — whether they're approving economic development grants to support local businesses, installing bathrooms to help students stay in school, or building accessible playgrounds that every child can use — they're investing in their communities. And what all Rotary projects have in common is that ultimately, they contribute to a more peaceful society.

This is Positive Peace — when we create communities where neighbors can thrive socially, emotionally, and economically. Positive Peace is not simply a lack of conflict; it's the active effort to create equitable and resilient societies where people can reach their potential.

Rotary's partnership with the **Institute for Economics and Peace** (IEP), an organization dedicated to the study of peace, strengthens our commitment to creating this kind of world and to empowering effective peacebuilders.

The Eight Pillars of Positive Peace are:

- ◊ Low levels of corruption
- ◊ Acceptance of the rights of others
- ◊ Free flow of information
- ◊ Sound business environment
- ◊ High levels of human capital
- ◊ Equitable distribution of resources
- ◊ Good relations with neighbors
- ◊ Well-functioning government

https://youtu.be/9rdmCA0uiEY?t=4Acceptance of the rights of others

PE Glenn Stafford from RC of Sydney delivered an excellent presentation entitled **Creating Hope Across Pacifica**. It was presented via Zoom as a virtual meeting. The slides from the meeting follow.

GUEST SPEAKER — PE Glenn Stafford — Creating Hope Across Pacifica

Rotary Creating Hope Across Pacifica (RCHAP)

RCHAP - Program Goals

To unlock and build climate transformation capacity in communities across Australia and the Pacific through creating a platform that puts community at the front and center.

Capacity-building in this programs' context is the process of developing and strengthening the skills, instincts, abilities, processes and resources that organisations, communities and individuals need to survive, mitigate, adapt, and thrive in the face of climate change.

Key enablers:

- First nations led engagement, supported by research, amplifying First Nations and Pacific experience, knowledge and voices.
- Communities across all the Pacific to have their say, tell their stories, and identify opportunities.
- Transition for prosperity, leveraging renewable energy sources, and economic inclusivity. Bring in investments from Pensions, Superannuation, enterprises and governments.
- Address Labour Mobility issues including Modern Slavery, Worker Exploitation, Brain Drain etc
- Build Community Capacity for sustainable adaptability and resilience in the face of climate change to create the conditions for humans to flourish and nature to restore and regenerate.

RCHAP will be rolled out across all countries that make up the The Pacific Islands Forum (PIF), an intergovernmental organization that consists of 18 member nations. Here is the list of all the countries that make up the PIF.

Australia	Nauru	Republic of Marshall Islands
Cook Islands	New Caledonia	Samoa
Federated States of Micronesia	New Zealand	Solomon Islands
Fiji	Niue	Tonga
French Polynesia	Palau	Tuvalu
Kiribati	Papua New Guinea	Vanuatu

Estimated Program Duration – 60 months

Primary Area of Focus

- Environment

Impact Area(s) of Focus

- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Community Economic Development
- Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention

RCHAP – The Problem to be Addressed

Environment

According to the **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)**, the Pacific region is one of the most vulnerable areas to climate change.

"The region is already experiencing the impacts of climate change, including rising sea levels, ocean acidification, and extreme weather events such as cyclones, floods, and droughts[1]. These changes are affecting the health and well-being of Pacific islanders, as well as economic and social development[2]."

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Disease Prevention and Treatment

"Extreme weather events, especially cyclones, floods, and droughts, are displacing populations, causing injuries and psychological trauma, and are increasing the risks of infection and malnutrition."

The Fourteenth Pacific Health Ministers Meeting noted that the prevalence of NCDs in Tuvalu was very high – around 11% of the total population – and rising. The Environmental Health Officer spoke about how climate change is impacting the spread of disease-causing mosquitoes, leading to outbreaks of dengue fever

The same issues are present across the Pacific Region. Currently, three out of every four I-Kiribati, are at high risk of developing an NCD which accounts for as many as 70 per cent of all deaths on the island.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

Rising seas are posing a threat not only to the habitability of small island nations but to their very existence and survival as a nation.

Coastal inundation and saltwater intrusion are affecting the already fragile water security of Pacific people and communities[1].

In Australia 96% of the population has access to safely managed sanitation services, this drops significantly across the Pacific e.g. Kiribati 25%, Tuvalu 37%,. Marshall Islands < 12%, Soloman Islands < 60%.

Maternal and Child Health

The average temperatures have already increased by about 1.1°C and will continue to rise, impacting **human health** and affecting agricultural output and food security. Climate change and disasters lead to increased diseases such as dengue fever; and water and foodborne diseases from higher temperatures, including diarrhoea and typhoid fever.

The Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands and Kiribati have not met SDG targets for Maternal Mortality and Kiribati, Nauru, Marshall Islands and Fiji have not met SDG targets for Child Mortality.

Cases in Point:

Examples of under-5 mortality rates measured by deaths per 1,000 live births range from:

- Kiribati – 28.2
- Marshall Islands – 29.7
- Tuvalu – 21.3
- Vanuatu – 23.2
- Australia – 3.7

Basic Education and Literacy

The impacts of climate change on education are not well understood, but it is clear that the education sector is vulnerable to climate change impacts. Extreme weather events can disrupt schooling, and the impacts of climate change on health and livelihoods can affect school attendance and performance[4].

Climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution have led to a planetary crisis that requires an urgent response. UN Secretary-General António Guterres calls the climate crisis 'a battle for our lives', as we struggle to transform our societies to reach the 1.5-degree path recommended by the Paris Agreement. an increasingly complex and interconnected world with a real, existential threat such as climate change, there is a growing call for education to enable individuals, as agents of change, to acquire knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes that lead to for the green transition of our societies, as enshrined in SDG Target 4.7, and, indeed, in the entire 2030 Agenda.

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Community Economic Development

Climate change is affecting the livelihoods of Pacific islanders, particularly those who rely on subsistence agriculture and fishing. Changes in the environment are already and will continue to be the single greatest threat to the security and well-being of Pacific people[1].

According to the World Bank Climate change poses major challenges to environmental stability, economic growth and human development in the East Asia and Pacific region. The region includes 13 of the 30 countries most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, and without concerted action, the region could see an additional 7.5 million people fall into poverty due to climate impacts by 2030.

Peacebuilding and Conflict

Climate change serves to multiply and amplify existing risks to peace and development.

"It can obstruct access to water, food, health, and housing3."

Analysis by the Institute of Economics and Peace in their 2023 Ecological Threat Report IEP analysis found that changes in a country's

RCHAP – Why Rotary

- Issues emanating from Climate Change require action from both governmental and non-governmental organizations, Rotary is uniquely positioned to address and positively impact this problem.
- Rotary members are in every sector of society and occupation, from all backgrounds, races, ages, religions and political understanding. Rotary works closely with and has members in local government, chambers of commerce, school systems, police and communities engaging in service projects from developing public policy to supporting grass-roots initiatives.
- Moreover, Rotary's long history of addressing community issues make it uniquely suited to address the need to engage communities across the Pacific region.
- As the founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary has reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since its first project to vaccinate children in the 1990's. This is a powerful testament to Rotary's ability to building cooperative partnerships and deliver Programs of Scale.

In the Pacific Region the Rotary Give Every Child A Future program is a further powerful case study of Rotary's ability to building cooperative partnerships.

Rotary Give Every Child A Future (RGECAF) has its origins at Rotary Sydney , Melbourne, Auckland and Wellington and is now the largest joint Rotary/UNICEF program since Polio plus.

The project supported the introduction, roll-out and uptake of 3 new vaccines (HPV, PCV, RV) in nine Pacific Island countries and territories by contributing towards the following three outputs:

1. National capacities enhanced to strengthen immunization policy and legislation in nine Pacific Island Counties and Territories (PICTs)
2. Health system capacities strengthened to deliver quality immunisation services that are adapted to climate change in nine PICTs.
3. Caregivers in nine PICTs have improved knowledge and skills to adopt recommended immunisation practices.

The partnerships and experience gained during RGECAF will form an important part of the foundation of the RCHAP program.

Rotary District 9910 covers a geographic area covering half of Auckland and the northern tip of New Zealand, Norfolk Island, New Caledonia, and Vanuatu.

There are 50 Rotary, Satellite, Rotaract and Interact Clubs in the district.

Rotary District 9920 covers a geographic area covering a half of Auckland, New Zealand and the seven Pacific nations of American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Samoa and Tonga.

This is the largest maritime district in Rotary and this unique Pacific influence provides Rotarians with wide ranging and interesting service opportunities. In this area there are 86 Rotary clubs of which a third are in the Pacific countries.

Australia and New Zealand there are 21 Australian Districts with over 1100 clubs and 30.000 plus members. In addition to Districts 9910 and 9920 the NZ District of 9930 covers 60 Rotary Clubs.

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Rotary Zone 8 includes all Districts of Australia and New Zealand and with Districts 9910 and 9920 includes American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Nauru, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tonga and Vanuatu.

The Rotary Clubs of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Wellington and Auckland, amongst other Australian and New Zealand clubs, will be invited to provide critical expertise and capacity to the program.

By approaching Climate Change Community Transformation through the lens of its **7 areas of focus** Rotary can bring to bear its enormous expertise, local resources and focus on helping communities adapt and build resilience in the face of climate change.

A key partner to Rotary is the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), a strategic partner of Rotary International.

The Rotary-IEP Peace Activators Program prepares Rotary Peace Activators to facilitate IEP Workshops in May 2024 IEP will facilitate the Rotary-IEP Peace Activators workshop for Oceania.

These Rotary Peace Activators sign up to a minimum of 2 years commitment to community projects and initiatives. They join 100's of Rotary Peace Activators and 1,000's of IEP Peace Ambassadors worldwide. These form a pool of trained resources who can assist in rolling out the Community Workshops that form an important part of this Program of Scale.

They will leverage existing programs, contacts and networks to make the this Program of Scale the first step in a long-term Pacific wide program of community capacity-building and transformation needed to face the challenges and opportunities that Climate Change is bringing.

RCHAP – Why Rotary - Partnerships

While Rotary is uniquely placed as a leader, we recognise the work and value of the many other organisations and people already working to solve these problems.

Leveraging this grant Rotary will include and work with key partners, leveraging and amplifying their investments, expertise and impact.

Potential partners already approached include:

- Reece Foundation (WASH),
- UNICEF (Children Welfare)
- Institute of Economics and Peace (Research, Community Cohesion and Resilience)
- Credit Union Foundation Australia (Financial Literacy and Inclusion)
- Edmund Rice Centre (Pacific Calling Partnerships)
- World Wildlife Fund
- Green Climate Fund
- Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- National Governments
- Local Councils
- Church Groups

RCHAP – Long Term Change Goals

Our aim is for program participants and beneficiaries to achieve higher levels of social cohesion, equity and resilience to the Climate Change crisis.

Other key benefits include capacity-building with a focus on helping Communities to mitigate and adapt to Climate Change to ensure sustainability of systemic improvements in areas of:

- Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention
- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Community Economic Development
- Environment

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Using the Rotary Positive Peace Activator Program as an evaluation model, during and at the end of the program, communities will be able to identify tangible improvements across the following 8 areas:

- **Well-Functioning Government:** A strong, responsive government is pivotal in creating and implementing policies that mitigate climate change impacts, regulate emissions, and foster international cooperation towards environmental agreements and goals.
- **Sound Business Environment:** Encouraging environmentally responsible business practices, supporting sustainable innovation, and incentivizing companies to adopt green technologies and reduce carbon footprints are essential in combating climate change within the private sector.
- **Equitable Distribution of Resources:** Ensuring fair access to resources like clean water, arable land, and renewable energy fosters climate resilience, particularly in disadvantaged communities most vulnerable to the adverse effects of environmental degradation.
- **Acceptance of the Rights of Others:** Acknowledging and respecting the rights of communities impacted by climate change-induced displacement or ecological disruptions is crucial for social stability and peace preservation amidst environmental challenges.
- **Good Relations with Neighbours:** Cooperative relationships between nations, states and communities are imperative in addressing transboundary environmental issues, sharing resources sustainably, and collectively responding to climate-related crises.
- **Free Flow of Information:** Access to accurate and timely information about climate change and its impacts fosters public awareness, promotes informed decision-making, and empowers communities to engage in climate action and advocacy.
- **High Levels of Human Capital:** Investing in education, health, and skill development equips societies to adapt to changing environmental conditions, fostering innovation and resilience in the face of climate change.
- **Low Levels of Corruption:** Combatting corruption ensures effective allocation of resources towards climate change initiatives, enhances transparency in environmental governance, and bolsters public trust in efforts to address ecological challenges.

Rotary

RCHAP – Who Benefits

IEP Institute for Economics & Peace

The population of each participating community will be the primary and long-term beneficiary of the program.

Over 10,000 direct recipients of training, resources and support will benefit, consisting of:

- **Elected officials:** Using the framework, elected officials will be able to better understand the multidimensional impact of their Climate Change transformation policies, past present and future.
- **Community Leaders:** The program will open up important civic space for community leaders who will be able to more effectively advocate for community and social group needs.
- **Local Businesses:** Will benefit from more favorable conditions fomented by a deeper community understanding of the critical role local businesses play in the response and adaptation to Climate Change.
- **Service Clubs:** The program will enable Service Clubs to enhance and amplify their community service and greatly increase the impact of their work.
- **Faith-based leaders:** The Rotary Peace Activators Framework will provide faith leaders with new ways to articulate their mission, providing them with opportunities to grow their congregation, particularly as it pertains to the engagement of their congregations in climate change adaptions.

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- **Service Clubs:** The organisational values of local service clubs intersect strongly with the community-led Climate Change adaption initiatives. The program would enable them to enhance and amplify their community service and greatly increase the impact of their work.
- **Faith-based leaders:** The beliefs of most if not all people of faith include the desire for a greater community cohesion, resilience and peacefullness. The Rotary Peace Activators Framework will provide faith leaders with new ways to articulate this mission, providing them with opportunities to grow their congregation, particularly as it pertains to the engagement of their congregations in climate change adaptions.
- **Educators:** The program will reinforce the impact of education on aspects of socioeconomic development which can lead to new funding for both school and extracurricular programming. Training and resources received as part of the program will also enable educators to include Climate Change education into their curricula in a more practical way, impacting the lives of students and creating connections between the community and the school.
- **Health Services:** investing in community capacity building not only benefits the health of individuals but also alleviates pressure on health services, enabling them to respond more efficiently and effectively to climate-related health risks.
- **Indirect beneficiaries across the region:**
  - Male 6,542,000
  - Female 6,227,000

RCHAP – Planned Program Activities

1. A baseline assessment of Capacity for Climate Change adaptability and resilience across all Pacific Island countries.
2. Enhancement of the existing Rotary Activators Curriculum.
3. A public awareness and communications campaign.
4. Community Climate Change Adaption Workshops.
5. Post-training accompaniment.
6. Post Workshops Projects and Advocacy Programs (inform Policy, COP31 etc)
7. A final assessment of capacity for Climate Change Adaptability and Resilience across Country and Community areas.

RCHAP – Short-term impacts

1. A comprehensive evidence-based understanding of Capacity for Climate Change Adaptability and Resilience across the Pacific at Nation and Community level.
2. A more informed country and citizenry, with access to new information and tools for the construction of Climate Change Adaptability and Resilience locally and countrywide.
3. A change in local perceptions and a nationwide community of more prepared, enthused and empowered community leaders, both formal and informal.
4. Delivery of Community Climate Change Adaption Workshops identifying and designing and delivering Advocacy programs and Community Projects
5. Countries and communities progressed toward greater resilience and capacity to adapt in the face of Climate Change over the duration of the Program and sustainable into the future

RCHAP – Supporting inputs and resources

Resources needed for the program include:

- publicly available data to inform Rotary research,
- survey results from surveys conducted in each community,
- local trainers for delivering the curriculum,
  - Rotary Peace Activators
  - Rotayr Members
- physical space to hold in person workshops,
- a platform for virtual workshops,
- printed materials distributed during the program,
- IT and communications equipment and maintenance,
- custom website and online channels for communications
- Rotary Pacific Foundation funding for projects

GUEST SPEAKER — PE Glenn Stafford — Creating Hope Across Pacifica

RCHAP – Summary

RCHAP is a cross-cutting program tailored for climate change capacity-building and benefits extend across multiple sectors:

- **Environmental Conservation:** Through awareness and engagement, the program supports conservation efforts, biodiversity protection, and the reduction of carbon emissions, contributing to broader environmental goals and mitigating climate impacts
- **Community Resilience:** It empowers communities to understand, adapt, and mitigate the impacts of climate change on multiple fronts, such as agriculture, infrastructure, livelihoods, health, education and disaster preparedness.
- **Sustainable Development:** By providing education, training, and resources, the program fosters sustainable practices, encouraging the adoption of eco-friendly technologies, renewable energy, and responsible natural resource management.

RCHAP – Summary

- **Economic Stability:** Capacity-building initiatives promote resilience in industries vulnerable to climate change, enhancing economic stability by creating opportunities for diversified livelihoods, eco-entrepreneurship, and sustainable business practices.
- **Community Empowerment:** By involving local stakeholders, the program encourages participation, inclusivity, and ownership in climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies, fostering a sense of empowerment and unity within communities.
- **Knowledge Sharing and Innovation:** It facilitates knowledge exchange, innovation, and best practices across regions, promoting collaboration between diverse stakeholders and encouraging the development of novel solutions to climate challenges.

In essence, RCHAP not only build capacity and community resilience to climate change but also promotes sustainable development, economic stability, environmental conservation, and community empowerment through inclusive and collaborative initiatives.

RAFFLE & SERGEANT

RAFFLE The raffle was drawn by Chris Rutter and won by Dymphna Muir. The joker was not drawn and Dymphna became slightly angry and did what all good wives do—blamed her husband, Chris, for the outcome.

SERGEANT PE and Sergeant Angela Murphy has decided to adopt a draconian fine levying process, which was dreamt up by the ultimate autocrat, President Phil Saxby. The subservient Editor has been instructed to include a deliberate typo in every issue of the Bulletin. Members attending a meeting must bring along either a marked up page of the Bulletin showing the typo, or a handwritten note giving the location of the type. If the Sergeant fails to carry out this fining process, she will be fined double by each of the members. Who said the government is the only institution to raise money by using fines! Go RCoB!!!

MEETING CLOSED PP Mark Williams closed the meeting at 1.44 pm.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

MEETING DATES

FEBRUARY	Mon 5	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 12	12.00 noon	Petrie Terrace School—Peace Pole Dedication—Lunch at the Normanby after at 12.30 pm
	Mon 19	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 26	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
MARCH	Mon 4	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 11	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 18	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 25	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
APRIL	Mon 1		No Meeting—Easter Monday

MEETING ROSTER

DATE		PRESIDENTIAL DUTY	CHAIR	INTERNATIONAL TOAST
FEBRUARY	Mon 5	PHIL SAXBY	ANGELA MURPHY	JOHN SMERDON
	Mon 12	PEACE POLE DEDICATION	PETRIE TCE SCH 12.00 Noon	12.30 PM LUNCH at NORMANBY
	Mon 19	PHIL SAXBY	RICK TAMASCHKE	DYMPHNA MUIR
	Mon 26	PHIL SAXBY	CAM GIBSON	PAUL CHOY
MARCH	Mon 4	PHIL GRESHAM	PHIL GRESHAM	DENISE SCHELLBACH
	Mon 11	PHIL SAXBY	DAN ADLER	MILES MURPHY

GUEST SPEAKERS

FEBRUARY	**Mon**	**5**	Cathy Booth	Umoja Orphanage Kenya
	Mon	**19**	Ronnie Baker	Brisbane River
	Mon	**26**	Brian Flannery	The Flannery Foundation
MARCH	**Mon**	**4**	Dr Jeannet Kessels	Vets for Climate Action
	Mon	**11**	PP Peter Morley	Shelter Box
	Mon	**18**	PP Roger Crawfoot	Australian Rotary Service
	Mon	**25**	Tegan Hood	RCoB Outgoing Peace Scholar
APRIL	**Mon**	**8**	Zach Woodward	Eddie's Van—St Joseph's College (Gregory Terrace)

CALENDAR DATES

JANUARY			**Eddie's Van**	**Wickham Park**	**6.00 am**	Daily until 2-2-24. Meet at 177 Water St., Spring Hill
FEBRUARY	**Sat**	**3**	**Rare Open Day**	**Alexandra Hills**	**10.00 am**	Registration at 10.00 am. Click here to book.
	Mon	**12**	**Peace Pole**	**Petrie Tce Sch**	**12.00 noon**	Peace pole dedication at Petrie Terrace State School

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