



Rotary
Club of Brisbane



End of Year Report – year ending 30 June 2021

President's Executive Summary

As submitted by President Dan Adler

As a club, we continued on from where Past President Michael Stephens left off. PP Michael Stephens started his President's Report with "we punched well-above our numbers, participation levels, and average age," ... I am pleased to say we can add to this opening statement with "*and* we introduced more diversity, cultures and more women to our club."

Similar to PP Michael Stephen's year, COVID continued to challenge us, however hybrid Zoom / in person meetings allowed us to connect with more Rotarians locally and globally. We strengthened existing projects from previous years, and introduced our club to new diverse charities. Rotary International was encouraging all clubs to embrace diversity. We did just that with our connection to Open Doors and their Jelly Beans Program. This worthy charity helps the LGBTQI+ youth lift their mental health and reconnect with the local community. We raised over \$14,000 for their cause, across two hosted events, right when the Qld Government were withdrawing their financial support! We also raised over \$17,000 at our Centenary Gala Ball for Polio Plus, in a year when infectious diseases are the number 1 priority around the world. I know I speak on behalf of all members when I say Rotarian Angela Murphy has been instrumental in producing outstanding events like the Gala Ball, The RI Learning Workshop and The President's Dinner at Home. We are honoured Rtn Angela and Rtn Miles joined our club this year. They have brought such a high standard of professionalism and lifted our image to the outside world. Thank you both.

On other positive news, I'm proud to announce that right now, our PAF (Public Ancillary Fund) is experiencing all-time highs, thanks to the amazing decisions being made by Director John Smerdon and his team of share trading wizards, comprising of Rtn Don O'Donohue and PP Alistair Smith. I'm happy to state our membership also grew throughout the year, which was a big focus for all clubs, thanks to the tireless efforts by Chair of Memberships Keith Watts. The other big game changer for our club was our push to embrace social media, with all platforms reporting triple digit growth.

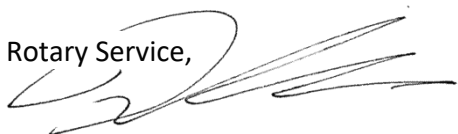
This year was truly a huge year, one we can all be proud of, full of activities, quality outcomes, new connections and engagements (on the theme of Rotary Opens Opportunities); all achieved by respectfully standing on the shoulders of past RCoB Presidents and Members. I am confident I am handing over the President role to incoming President Mark Williams, with the club in a fine state. Let's continue the trend upwards and onwards.

Thank you all for your support and efforts. It's been an honour and a privilege.

Together in Rotary Service,

Dan Adler

President 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021



Fast Facts – What a Year

- \$51,000 CHARITY FUNDS RAISED
- \$40,000 OPERATIONS ACCOUNT GROWTH
- \$160,000 PAF GROWTH
- \$50,000 DONATED TO LONG LIST OF CHARITIES
- \$5,800 DONATED FROM CHARITY ACCOUNT TO SEND A CONTAINER OF DONATED HOSPITAL SUPPLIES TO PORT MORSBY PNG
- 9 x NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED
- ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS ROSE FROM 50% to 70%
- ALL SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS GREW OVER 100%
- 4 x NEW CHAIRS INTRODUCED TO BOARD
 - MATT: SERVICE PROJECTS
 - CHI-CHI: ADMIN
 - NICK: FUN
 - CELIA: PNG
- ALTERNATING MONDAY EVENING COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- HYBRID MEETINGS (ZOOM & IN PERSON)
- 15 x GUEST SPEAKERS
- 2 x SOCIAL DINNER EVENTS HELD AT BREWERIES
- SUCCESSFUL CENTENARY GALA DINNER & POLICE COMMISSIONER'S LUNCH
- LAUNCHED SPONSORDEA 'GRANTS FOR HUMANITY' ONLINE PORTAL
- SIGNED SISTER CLUB ARRANGEMENT WITH ROTARY CLUB OF COLOMBO RECONNECTIONS IN SRI LANKA
- DONATED TIME AND MONEY TO HELP PNG VILLAGERS RECEIVE HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT DURING THE WORST COVID PERIOD IN THEIR REGION
- DENISE SCHELLBACH RECEIVED OAM FOR HER GENEROUS EFFORTS FEEDING THE HOMELESS VIA EDDIE'S VAN
- 11 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS WERE HANDED OUT TO ROTARIANS
- 2 x PEACE FELLOWS COUNSELLED
- KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE, GUEST SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES AT OTHER CLUBS, INCLUDING TO ROTARACTORS TO BRIDGE THE GAP
- EVERY BOARD MEETING HELD DUE TO HIGH ATTENDANCE

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Membership Report

As submitted by Chair Membership Committee Keith Watts

- Membership grew by 6.6%. During the year we had 8 new members join, and 1 member who joined but then resigned early because an employment change. Briefly we reached 37 active members, but we also had 6 long-term members resigning so that our membership at year end stands at 32 active members, 26 male (81%) and 6 female (19%) plus 1 honorary member. Five of the new members were inducted at our regular meeting on 14th December 2020, including 2 active members under our new Corporate PaRtner program.
- Rotarian Denise Schellbach, the Club's Public Relations Director received an OAM in the Queen's Birthday Honours in June 2021 "for service to the community through a range of organisations".
- The Club's Corporate Partner program was approved and published to the club in October 2020.
- The Board approved in July 2020 a change in policy to provide that any member may send an alternate to any meeting with the alternate paying the same luncheon fee that the member would pay if he had attended.
- 11 members attended the District 9600 annual general meeting and The Rotary Foundation seminar in October 2020.
- 1 member who is also a Rotaractor (Rotaract Club of Brisbane RiverCity) was sponsored by the club to attend the RYLA 2021 (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) program.
- 8 membership prospects requested and have been sent the application for membership form.
- 51 enquiries about membership from active prospects were received during the year. All active prospects after review were sent invitations to the next club meeting and were sent information about Rotary and about our club. There are now 162 active prospects in the prospect register in ClubRunner.
- A very successful Rotary Learning and Information workshop was held at the Normanby Hotel on 29 May 2021, with 8 participants plus the presenters and workshop Chair, comprising 3 past presidents from our club, the District Governor Neil Black and 3 past district governors, 2 from D 9600 and 1 from D 9630.
- The board agreed to sister club arrangements with the Rotary Club of Colombo Reconnections, Sri Lanka, and the agreement and certificate of recognition were signed by President Dan Adler for the Rotary Club of Brisbane and President Harold Sandrasagara for the Rotary Club of Colombo Reconnections.



PIC: 5 x NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED AT SAME CLUB MEETING

(Left to right: Terrance Munroe, Jane Toohey, President Dan Adler, Andreas Anderson, Miles and Angela Murphy with daughter Silva)

PIC: 3 x NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED



(Left to right: 1. President Dan Adler, Bec Philips, PP Bruce McNaught switched clubs from Albany Creek, DG Elect Tim Keeler. 2. Nick Bailey, Manesha Marambe, President Dan Adler)



PIC: 1 x NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED
(Left to right: DG Neil Black, Jake Kelder, President Dan Adler)



I WANT YOU
to join our club



Financial Report

As submitted by Treasurer Warren Walker

The revenue raised for Charitable purposes is shown on the draft P&L as \$51,387 (2020 \$7,056). Note the COVID lockdown closed down most of our planned fundraising events for 2020. The revenue raised for Operating is shown as \$40,518 (2020 \$46,391). This is revenue raised for Member's dues, Lunch fees, Sergeant's sessions, raffles etc. The counterintuitive result of comparing the two years is largely due to the Club this year holding a lot of its meetings outside of the Brisbane Club while in 2020 it was the COVID Lockdown that forced members to stay at home.

The donations to date from the Club, excluding the PAF, was \$17,944 (2020 \$11,750). John Smerdon's PAF report shows over \$50,000 was donated from that entity. Please refer to John's report.

The net surplus of in 2021 from both Charitable and Operating revenue and expenditure was to date \$18,094 (2020 \$(7,421)).

Operating Income

Interest Income	464.10
Member Meals Billed	15,867.10
Membership Dues	21,000.00
New Member Fees	700.00
Raffles	1,345.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	1,126.81
Member's Functions income	15.00
Total Operating Income	40,518.01

Operating Expenses

Meals Expense	16,605.00
New Member Activity	168.37
RDU Subscriptions	1,438.99
Rotary District Dues	2,421.10
Rotary International Dues	3,837.98
Total Operating Expenses	24,471.44

Other Expenses

Bank Fees	935.64
Consulting & Accounting & Bookkeeping	207.60
Newsletter and IT Admin costs	726.10
Office Supplies, Postage, Courier	242.00
Total Other Expenses	2,111.34

Operations Surplus

16,046.57

Charitable Income

Donations	500.00
Fundraising Dinners	41,188.53
Jams, Pickles, Puddings and Cakes	1,980.00
Other events Income	7,500.00
Raceday receipts	218.87
Total Charitable Income	51,387.40

Charitable Expenses

Fundraising expenses	
Fundraising Dinners expense	28,226.21
Other events expense	1,452.70
Jams Pickles Jellies Cakes expenditure	1,716.00
Total Fundraising expenses	31,394.91

2021

Money Spent on Programs

Donations - PAF	15,350.00
Donations - RYLA	1,800.00
Donations - Rotary Misc	794.60
Total Money Spent on Programs	17,944.60

Total Charitable Expenses

49,339.51

Charitable Surplus

2,047.89

Nett Surplus

18,094.46

Public Ancillary Fund (PAF) Financial Report 2020 – 2021 Financial Year

As submitted by John Smerdon

Rotary Club of Brisbane Public Ancillary Fund (PAF) is very important to the long-term financial viability of our Club. From humble beginnings in the 1990s it now provides a significant role in our annual donation program to Australian based charities. An Independent Investment Committee comprising of Rotarians John Smerdon (Chair), Don O'Donohue and Alistair Smith manages the investments, while the overall running of the PAF is managed by the RCoB Board as Trustee.

John and his Investment Committee are pleased to report that the PAF's Investment Portfolio has performed very well in the year following the COVID-19 outbreak. The Fund balance has enjoyed growth to the tune of \$160,000.

This is a great outcome considering the PAF has also provided donations totaling over \$50,000 to many worthy charities during the year. These donations were all approved by the RCoB Board and organisations supported were as follows -

- Motor Neuron Disease Assoc. of Qld \$5,000 - providing support and research into MND
- Kyeema \$5,000 - Supporting communities in PNG and Africa to establish sustainable food production to improve nutrition.
- Donations in Kind \$5,000 - providing containers filled with much needed medical supplies, school desk desks and other essential supplies and equipment to neighboring countries
- Rotary Foundation Polio Plus \$17,550 – ongoing program using proceeds from the Gala Ball
- Australian Rotary Health Mental Illness Fund \$4,000 – a huge ongoing problem
- Rotarians Against Malaria \$5,000 – the fight continues against this tropical disease
- Mission Australia \$1,000 – a charity assisting the long-term wellbeing of Australians in need
- Epilepsy Queensland \$1,000 – providing education and support for people with Epilepsy
- Downs and West Community Support \$1,000 – supporting communities in Western Qld
- Beddown Limited \$1,000 - taking spaces that are commonly used and busy during the day but at night are left vacant or empty. Beddown then activates and repurposes the space at night into pop-up accommodation for homeless people.

During the year, the PAF also received generous donations totalling over \$20,000 from members and friends of the Club. Our members' efforts in running fundraising activities have ensured that the PAF and the Club's finances are in a very healthy state.

SPONSORDEA Report

As submitted by President Dan Adler

SUMMARY: This year The Rotary Club of Brisbane launched Sponsordea – ‘Ideas for Humanity’, aiming to be the next ‘Kickstarter’. The reason why this sub-brand was created separately to our Rotary Club of Brisbane / Rotary International brand was to skip a generation, attracting a younger audience. We invited them to bring an injection of positivity and new projects to our club. This was designed to attract our older, core prospective members to get involved and help budding charities, startup NGO’s, and worthwhile entrepreneurs realise their dreams.

THE WHY: 2020 / 21 has been a period like no other. We’re all doing it tough. But between the hardship, people have picked each other up and soldiered on. There are some great projects that have started across Australia that are uplifting our communities. Driven by young millennials with big hearts - new ideas from startup charities seem to be popping up everywhere. And while they come with the best intentions, some might struggle to realise their potential. The Rotary Club of Brisbane introduced Sponsordea: a platform to open applications for Ideas for Humanity.

Rotary Club of Brisbane President, Dan Adler, said “It’s all about great ideas for products and services that help people, the environment, anything and everything is eligible for assistance. If you’ve got one that could help your community and the people in it, by all means, get on the website and apply for a grant today. Whether you’re making soup for the homeless in your family kitchen or creating a plant nursery in your garage and brightening up your neighbourhood. Whatever your idea, if it’s a keeper, check out our website and get amongst it. Together we can make the world a better place.”

The Rotary Club of Brisbane through its fundraising and foundation supported charities and humanitarian causes to the tune of almost \$80,000 in 2019-20. The Club has almost 100 years of history supporting charities and humanitarian causes. Our community contribution over the last 10 years’ totals over \$750,000 and thousands of hours of volunteer time. This year we are looking to deliver some of that assistance to young entrepreneurial charities and causes that need help to elevate their product or service and make a worthy difference. But Sponsordea is about so much more than just the money. Sponsordea calls upon a stable of highly successful business people from the Rotary Club of Brisbane, each with their own unique skill sets and experiences waiting to mentor and guide successful applicants along their journey.

Mr Adler added, “We also help sponsored organisations with presentation skills, marketing & advertising, social media drive, business plan development; you name it - our team of mentors has been there and done that. We can definitely help them realise their dreams.”

THE RESULT: The very first call for applications went live on Wednesday, 11th November, 2020. Entries closed on 28th January 2021, with six quality applications received that were culled down to a shortlist of three which were announced on the 1st of February. Short

listed applicants were then asked to pitch their idea in person to the Rotary Club of Brisbane board; like they do on the successful TV show 'Shark Tank'. From there, the winner PP Bruce McNaught and Sue Cole's 'SOUND WORDS' was awarded a grant in the means of marketing mentoring and promotional support. The process 'Round 2' then happen all over again in April / May 2021 and we received a credible applicant <https://www.flicks4good.com.au>, who is scheduled to pitch in person on Monday 28th June, 2021.

Visit the Sponsordea website here: <https://sponsordea.org>

SPONSORDEA

Ideas for humanity.

To profit, or not for profit?

Our grants don't require that you be registered as a charity, or not for profit organisation (NGO). That said, you might decide it's the best model for your idea. And if your application is successful, we can assist you throughout the applications process in becoming an NGO, or charity, in your own right. So, if you have an idea that helps humanity, what are you waiting for? Apply for a grant today.

Sponsordea Brisbane Mentors



Sponsordea Brisbane in action



PIC: Screen dump of website home page



PIC: Example of promotional assets pushed out on all social media channels to advertise website is now live... submit your idea for good today!



SPONSORDEA WINNER ROUND 1

PP Bruce McNaught and Sue Cole pitched their SOUND WORDS app to Club members.

SUMMARY OF APP BY BRUCE: “My colleague and I have developed a software tool which is intended to mitigate against the difficulties experienced by illiteracy. The product enables the user to photograph a document, sign or menu using a mobile phone and then it will read the text back either on the speaker or headphones. My colleague Sue was a teacher teaching adult literacy, and she became aware that there are a great many folks in the community who do not have the necessary neural connections to enable them to read - despite making considerable effort to do so.

This app enables people to become employed

who would otherwise be unable to get a job. There was a case on an Australian mine site where a haul truck operator was fired because she was unable to read an important sign which nearly caused an accident. The users need only to take a photo of the sign and then choose the text that they wish to have read and select it and the audio commences. The interface is extremely simple and fast to use, unlike other products which are not purpose designed for this situation. It will work in most languages.”

OUTCOME: PP Bruce and Sue asked to be supported by promotional means (not asking for money), and the RCoB Sponsordea Committee agreed to offer such support by promoting the app via the website, eDM newsletters and social media channels.



SPONSORDEA POSTER BOY – JAMES

PETERSON, CEO OF BREAKING FREE

<https://www.breakingfree.org.au>

James pitched his initiative to RCoB Sponsordea Committee. His charity organisation aims to equip teenagers with the tools to manage their anxiety and stresses in the age of social media and trolling in High School. Breaking Free has been in high demand since COVID-19 Isolation has made it even harder for high school seniors completing their final year.

OUTCOME: RCoB agreed to provide him financial support to the tune of \$8,000 to help promote his charity organisation. Watch James’s video of saying thank you to our club which we captured at the Brisbane Club:

<https://www.facebook.com/brisbanerotary/videos/1287396188259141>

Service Chair Report

As submitted by Matt Christopher

There have been many challenges during the 2021 period due to COVID-19 affecting our face-to-face contact with the community. The club and board under President Dan Adler have been able to adjust and successfully adapt to our 'new normal' _to achieve our Rotary mission. Some of the achievements and initiatives for the 2021 period include:

- **Donations in Kind – PNG:** Special Thanks to RNT Celia Green that has delivered outstanding service to the PNG community.

- **The Centenary Gala:** raising over \$67,000 in collaboration with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation who chip in \$2 for every \$1 we raised. Recipients of the money raised were the Polio Plus Program and Open Doors Youth Services. Special Thanks to RNT Angela and RNT Miles Murphy of Happy Film Production Company, Incoming President Mark Williams, President Dan Adler and [nextThursday](#) whom spearheaded the production of the event.

- **Peace Poles initiative:** while the COVID restrictions have made it difficult to gain access to schools, we have had in principle support to install the Peace Poles in the following schools:
 - o Coorparoo State Primary School
 - o Whites Hill State College
 - o Red Hill Special School

- **Dog Olympics:** lead by PP Bruce McNaught for the purpose of fundraising is well under way with over six months of preparation.

- Two legacy initiatives were commenced in the 2021 period, these being:

- o **Sponsordea initiative:** lead by President Dan Adler and the [nextThursday](#) team, inviting the best and brightest to pitch for funding and support from our club to address a variety of community issues.

- o **Lifetime Achievement Award:** lead by President Dan Adler and Service Chair Matthew Christopher, to recognise the dedication and service of past and present members of the Rotary Club of Brisbane.

The Rotary Club of Brisbane has a legacy of outstanding achievements, and under the Presidency of Dan Adler has excelled in lifting the club's profile, raising considerable funds during one of the most difficult periods in living memory. This together with the above-mentioned activities and initiatives has certainly not prevented the fine work from continuing in the Rotary spirit.

All members of the Board and the Club are to be congratulated for their outstanding service to the community and the Rotary cause.

Matthew Christopher, Service Chair.



KYEEMA Foundation

Report

As submitted by Celia Grenning



Rotary funded support for village chicken keeping in Papua New Guinea

March 2021

Background to Project

The Rotary Club of Brisbane (RCOB) has been supporting Kyeema Foundation, a Brisbane-based not-for-profit organisation, in the breeding and conservation of indigenous village chickens in Papua New Guinea (PNG) since November 2018. RCOB initially supported set-up of a village chicken farm for Haus Pikinini in Wau, Morobe Province, which is a community home that looks after 30 children from the local community who have no-one to provide for them. We supported the set-up of the chicken shed and yard, purchase of local chickens for breeding and training in village chicken keeping. We are still providing support to Haus Pikinini with the management of their chickens. In April 2020, RCOB provided a donation of A\$3,980 to support setting up of another village chicken farmer in Gabagaba village.

The RCOB support is part of a larger project being supported with funds from the Australian Government's NGO Cooperation Program, which means that every dollar provided by RCOB has been matched by an additional five dollars from the Australian government. This project also includes support of community-led no fish zones and coral reef gardening activities, with the village chicken work as an alternative food and livelihood activity for the coastal communities on the project.

Gabagaba Master Farmer progress

Kopure Airi (Kopsi) was trained as a Master Farmer in Fiji in October 2019. Since then, he has returned to his village in Gabagaba, Central Province and with funds provided by RCOB, has been set up as a Master Farmer of village chickens for his community. While he still has a way to go to build his chicken numbers up (currently he has 32 chickens), he is slowly getting there and will commence training for his community once he has sufficient stock to give to community members after they complete the training. He is also hoping to set up a coral garden later this year with the funds provided by Rotary.



Gabagaba Master Farmer, Kopure Airi (Kopsi), delighted with his materials delivered to expand his farm and Tubusereia Master farmer/Coral Gardener, Kevin Egu helping set-up up the chicken shed.



Kopsi with some of his chickens

Chicken house built with Rotary funds

Summary of achievements against activity plan:

Activity	Input	Outcome	Progress
Develop Master Farmer Infrastructure	Source Materials & resources	Build chicken shed & raising area Acquire foundation breed & collection of wild breeders Acquire Incubator Acquire Solar systems Acquire initial feed for breeding stock	Chicken shed and raising area built. Foundation breed stock purchased and transported to Gabagaba (10 chickens and two roosters) Initial feed for breeding stock purchased. Now using local feed Farmer has access to electricity, so electricity cards are being used rather than solar. Farmer is not yet ready to trial an incubator

Activity	Input	Outcome	Progress
Run farm-based practical training	Use printed training materials and practical demonstrations	Training days implemented for villagers buying chicks (expected to be one training day per month, for up to 20 farmers throughout the year)	Kopsi is not yet ready to commence training. However due to COVID, we have had to suspend direct on-farm training until it is felt it is safe to do so with other Master Farmers.
Undertake monitoring and evaluation on outcomes from breeding and training activities	Collect data from Master Farmer and Central government	Monitoring and evaluation reports	Monitoring reports are being sent via Facebook Messenger. From last report, Kopsi is not doing as well as he would like with the chickens, but he is working hard to build up the numbers.

Financial Summary

Items for Village Master farmer set-up	Units	Unit cost	Total Budget (A\$)	Total Spent (A\$)	Funds remain-ing	Comments
Incubators and Chicken Brooders	2	400	\$800.00	0	800	Not ready yet
Solar Power System	1	1,300	\$1,300.00	43	1257	Electricity cards
Breeding Shed and Chicken raising area	1	1,800	\$1,800.00	935	865	Constructed
Foundation Breeding Stock and transport costs	30	20	\$600.00	359	241	
Initial Starter Feed for chicks	6	100	\$600.00	356	244	
Fencing materials	1	2,000	\$2,000.00	1247	753	Constructed
Transportation cost of materials to Gabagaba village	1	400	\$400.00	593	-193	
Additional training for Kopure Airi			\$0	16	-16	Bus fares
Communication costs			\$0	191	-191	Includes mobile phone.
Total budget			\$7,500.00	\$3,740	\$3,760	
Funds raised			\$3,520.00			
Funds provided by RCOB			\$3,980.00			

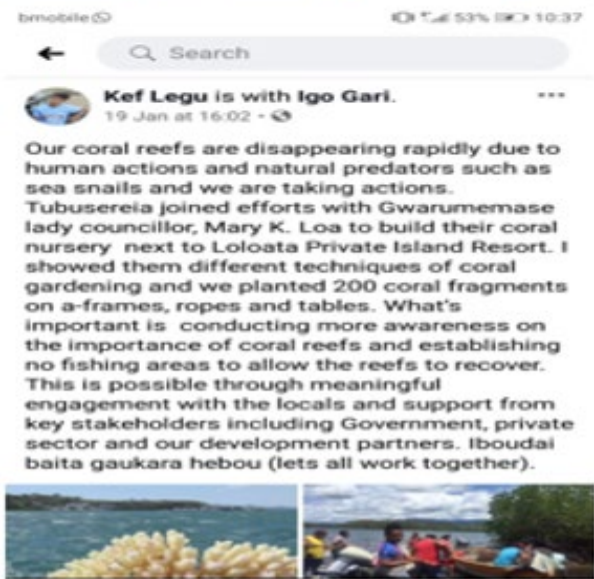
General Project Progress

The project encompasses establishment of breeding and training centres in Central and Morobe Provinces and training activities to ensure the specialised skills needed for this work are provided, so that improved village poultry keeping and conservation of indigenous chickens can be sustained. Families receive chickens to raise after their training session, which will provide both a source of food nutrition and income. To date, under the larger project:

- Six PNG Master Farmers (four male, two female) were trained in Fiji over a four-week period in coral reef restoration, permaculture, participatory community decision making and improved village chicken keeping.
- Baseline surveys have been undertaken in four Villages in Central Province and in Markham Valley, Morobe Province.
- Six village chicken breeding centres have been set up: Vanapa, Tubusereia and Gabagaba in Central Province; Markham Valley and Wau (Haus Pikinini) in Morobe Province. Two have been funded by RCOB.
- 52 farmers have been trained in village chicken keeping (42 in Central Province, 10 in Morobe Province: 35 women, 17 men).
- Two coral gardens have been established in Central Province.
- System set up to provide farmers who do not have the means to purchase chickens with three chickens and a rooster and a roll of chicken wire to set up a basic chicken shed after they complete basic training in village chicken keeping.



Training of local female farmers in Markham Valley, Morobe Province



Photos above: Explaining the A-Frame technique; Master coral gardener, Kevin Egu demonstrating the cement cookies method to restore coral reefs. Strong community participation and sharing of activities on Facebook.



Using local resources to feed chickens and raise baby chicks.



The children are big fans of the village chickens!

More information on our PNG program and the PNG Master Farmers is available on the Kyeema website using the following links:

<https://kyeemafoundation.org/explore-our-work/png/>

<https://kyeemafoundation.org/buildinglocalflockinpng-prrfoundation/>

<https://kyeemafoundation.org/communityvillagechickenkeepingtrainingpng/>

<https://kyeemafoundation.org/newbreedfarmerpng/>

Kyeema PNG Champions:

Melissa: <https://kyeemafoundation.org/making-a-real-difference/melissa/>

Ali: <https://kyeemafoundation.org/a-true-png-champion/>

Kevin: <https://kyeemafoundation.org/making-a-real-difference/kevin-3/>

Grace: <https://kyeemafoundation.org/making-a-real-difference/grace/>

Amedio: <https://kyeemafoundation.org/making-a-real-difference/amedio/>

Special Guest Speakers



PERINATAL MENTAL HEALTH GETS A LIFT FROM ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE DONATION

PIC: Senior Psychologist, Dr Constanze Schulz

Mater's newly established Perinatal Mental Health Team celebrated a win this year with the support of a financial donation from The Rotary Club Brisbane. The Mater Family Wellbeing Service Best Start Grant has been established to foster research and educational activities that will have an immediate, direct and positive impact on achieving the service's aims. As one of four winners of Mater's inaugural Best Start Grant, Senior Psychologist Dr Constanze Schulz and her team,

will continue to work to help pregnant women and new mothers who experience some mental health issues. Their work will help contribute to shape services offered through Mater's upcoming Family Wellbeing Service.

"The grant would allow clinicians from this service to attend the Perinatal and Infant Mental Health Intensive Training. Specifically aimed at providing an overview of contemporary approaches of assessment, formulation and treatment in both the antenatal and postnatal phases. Our team would then be able to ensure that we are all offering a uniform approach, guided by best practices as outlined by the Centre of Perinatal Excellence."

The Best Start Grant provides funding to support project staff salaries, direct project costs and education or training expenses for clinical research. The Perinatal Mental Health team will offer individual therapeutic interventions and groups addressing adjustment to parenthood, self-care and bonding with the baby.

The Mater Family Wellbeing Service will be established in 'Catherine's House', the soon to be refurbished convent on Mater's South Brisbane campus, with plans to expand beyond South East Queensland in future. The service will provide specialist perinatal and infant mental health services for women and their families across a spectrum of care and treatment options from preconception through to pregnancy, birth and into the postnatal period.

The new service will be available to all mothers, babies and families in need. It will focus on giving families the 'best possible start' during the first critical, early years of life and will offer services and care that promote wellness, parental mental health, healthy relationships and child development.

The Rotary Club of Brisbane's President Dan Adler said, "Our club has been a big supporter of the hard work that The Mater does to help people in need, and this area around mental health is so important as it can affect so many in the family and the community, the ripple affects are huge. We couldn't be prouder to do our bit to deliver a great outcome for their cause."



HOW DO YOU PIVOT WHEN COVID SHUTS YOU DOWN?

PIC: LACHLAN FURNELL, CEO QLD CRICKETERS' CLUB

Today we were privileged to experience the exceptional hospitality of the Queensland Cricketers Club (QCC). Blessed with a pristine view of the Gabba oval and delicious meals, we heard from the CEO of the QCC, Lachlan Furnell. In an eloquent Q&A with President Dan Adler, Lachlan's passion and resilience for the QCC throughout the pandemic was evident. Working in two industries- sport and hospitality- that took the full force of COVID everywhere in the world, the QCC was able to thrive under Lachlan's leadership. Perhaps the largest takeaway from his character, is that he views setbacks as opportunities. Although, he highlighted the support from his wife as another contributing factor to the club's success. The excellent service that Rotary received at the club was exemplary of Lachlan's ethic.



SME'S TOOK ADVANTAGE OF COVID-19

Morgan Elliott - Financial Strategist Starling Finance Advisory

Morgan shared his insights about what COVID-19 did to SME's in the last 6mths, vs what he's hearing and seeing what businesses are predicting in the next 6 months.



WHAT IS IT LIKE BEING AN OLYMPIAN BEING TOLD YOU'VE GOT AN EXTRA YEAR DUE TO COVID

PIC: Julie McDonald OAM.

Thank you Julie for your time with us, sharing your stories, and for giving us an insight into what it must be like for our Olympians who have given their life to be at the peak of their sport, physically and mentally, only to hear the Olympics have been postponed due to COVID-19. Deciding 'does this extra year become an opportunity' vs feeling victimised is an interesting subject, and something we can all take home and apply in our everyday operations.

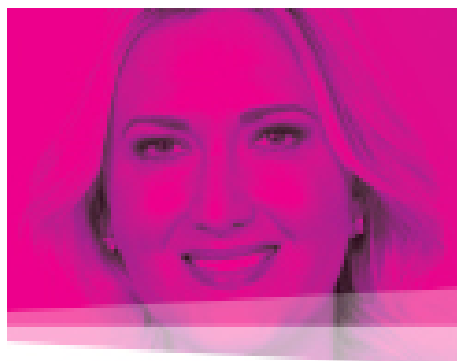


ISOLATION DUE TO COVID-19 WASN'T EASY ON OUR YOUTH WORKING HARD TO GRADUATE

PIC: Founder of Breaking Free, James Peterson

James came into the Rotary Club of Brisbane to say thank you for the continued support. James and his team of dedicated professionals have been focussed on helping High School students in years 11 & 12, giving them tips and tactics on managing their feelings, stress and anxiety as they inch closer to graduation day.

These tips and techniques in mindfulness has been in high demand since COVID-19 isolation and home schooling hit. Breaking Free has been invited back to 95% of all Gold Coast schools each year to talk to their students, and James has dedicated his career to helping others. Please join us in helping Breaking Free make a big difference in the lives of our younger generation who will soon become our future leaders. We wish James and the team at Breaking Free all the best and, of course, all the year 12 students that have had the hardest year of their lives. We send you our well wishes for a successful end to your High School years and the best of wellness and happiness in the years to come. Visit <https://www.breakingfree.org.au> for more details, or follow them on their instagram @breakingfreecharity and facebook breakingFree pages to follow their journey helping others.



Rebecca Lawrie

CHANNEL NINE ROSE TO THE OCCASION TO BECOME THE NUMBER 1 SOURCE FOR UPDATES DURING QLD'S COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

PIC: Rebecca Lawrie, Director of Sales NINE Entertainment

We would like to thank our guest speaker, Rebecca Lawrie for sharing her stories, and for giving us an insight into what it must be like to lead a division/state leadership team of the largest locally owned media company in Australia (Channel Nine). We were privileged to hear her stories about the importance of mentors, women empowerment, resilience during and before COVID-19, and also brief insights into market dynamics and strategy as Director of Sales at Channel Nine Brisbane.



NATURAL GAS IS THE NEW COAL

PIC: Georgy Mayo, QLD director of APPEA (Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association)

We were privileged to hear from Georgy Mayo. Georgy spoke with great passion about the changing climate, and the necessity to transition from coal to natural gas to secure Australia's energy future. She spoke about the role natural gas could play in Australia's energy mix, and how it complements renewable energy, by providing on tap supply when required.



HOW CONPAGO HELPS AGED CARE PROVIDERS AND CONSUMERS STAY CONNECT WITH FAMILY AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS

PIC: Ali Galadari, Conpago

We heard from a passionate and successful entrepreneur, Ali Galadari. Ali is an entrepreneur and Co-founder of Conpago, an Australian tech start-up that focusses on communication in the aged care sector. Conpago offers consumers the opportunity to seamlessly connect with friends, family and health care workers through integrated software. Unfortunately, healthcare software is largely fragmented and clunky to deal with.

Aside from Ali's obvious passion and high work ethic to see the success of Conpago through, he revealed a big secret in how he found success as an entrepreneur. Compared to other similar companies, Conpago strives to deliver an incredible customer experience as a community that actually cares for the individual, rather than a business to make money. In his words, Conpago 'puts the care back in aged care.'



PAYING IT FORWARD, ONE BOOK, ONE SHIPPING CONTAINER AT A TIME

PIC: Stephen Kamal, Founders of One In Four Children

We had a special guest presentation from some of Rotarian Chi-chicheery Keister's new friends. The Rotary Club prides itself on its inclusivity of people from different backgrounds, religions and walks of life. This has been at the heart and vision of the organisation.

We were able to realise that again when Rotary Club of Brisbane had the opportunity to invite Stephen Kamal and Duku Fore of One In Four Children to come and speak to our club members.

Stephen and Duku were Sudanese refugees who escaped war and were welcomed by Australia to be a part of this amazing country. Both of them took the opportunity provided to them to follow their dreams which for Duku, led him to represent Australia at the UN Headquarters in New York and Stephen to founding One In Four Children.

The Charity donates books to children in Africa and PNG. To date, One In Four has donated more than 50,000 books in a 40ft and 20ft container and has more than 100,000 books in possession. Stephen and Duku were accompanied by their team and supporters including Peter Sambia, Conchilatta, Franko and Dickson Ken.

It was refreshing listening to both Stephen and Duku share their personal stories and remind us all again Why the Rotary Club exist.



WHY IS THE GLOBE GETTING WARMER?

PIC: Professor Brian Towler

Our special guest speaker, Professor Brian Towler did a good job of making a lot of scientific data accessible to us non-scientists and answered some questions that many of us have like: Are CO2 levels rising (ans: yes). Is the source of this CO2 anthropogenic? (ans: definitely).

Have temperatures really been rising (ans: yes). Does this increase in anthropogenic CO2 explain all of the climate change we are seeing? (ans: possibly not.).



YES – YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES IS THE FUTURE

PIC: Past President, Daniel Vankov

Today we heard from past president and current member of the RCoB, Dr. Daniel Vankov. Brisbane Rotary is embarking on a one-of-a-kind journey to support young social entrepreneurs globally. Over the next two years, alongside local Rotary Clubs, the Rotary Club of Brisbane will work in partnership with not for-profit social enterprises from Argentina, Belgium, Bulgaria, China and Romania

within the "Youth Employment and Social entrepreneurship" (YES) project. Daniel has been instrumental in orchestrating these partnerships, and envisioning a transformation in the way young people engage with entrepreneurship. With a prestigious Cambridge MBA, and his Doctorate from QUT in 2020, Daniels expertise was in full view for the members and guests of the RCoB.



POLIO – THE STING IN THE TAIL

PIC: Guest speaker, Suzanne MacKenzie

Suzanne gave an inspiring and surprising talk today on both her own journey to combat a debilitating disease, and recent developments that require continued campaigning and education.

Despite the near elimination of polio as an infectious disease, it continues to cause suffering as it becomes apparent that those who contracted polio up to 60 years ago are now developing what is known as Late Effects of Polio (LEoP).

Suzanne has spent many years speaking for [Polio Australia](#) but this recent development also needs advocacy as many young people are unaware of the polio story and many in the medical profession (as well as the general public) are unaware of LEOp.

So, despite a lifetime of discouragement and living with a considerable disability, Suzanne's life achievements have been many and remarkable, and now she has started on a new chapter of informing people about this ongoing challenge of polio.

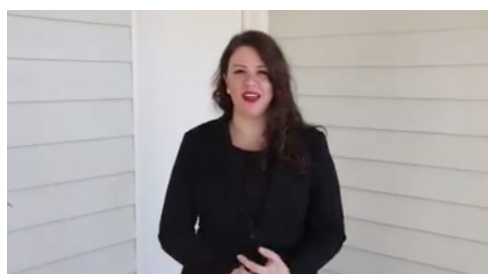
Suzanne's story of overcoming pronounced difficulties throughout her life to excel in a number of fields is a reminder of how important the PolioPlus program is. It was an honour to have her at the club today.



TARGETING THE LINK IDENTIFIES THE BIGGER PICTURE

PIC: Christel Middeldorp, Professor Child and Youth Psychiatry

Today our speaker was Christel Middeldorp, Prof Child and Youth Psychiatry @ The University of Queensland. Her research focuses on identifying factors influencing the outcome of mental disorders in children and developing treatments targeted at the children in highest needs. Christel explained parents with mental health issues are associated in influencing children's issues and how important it is to address both in order to help change the future.



WHEELS ON THE BIKE HELP KIDS GO FROM A TO Z

PIC: Mikaela Stegert

Mikaela Stegert, who kindly gave up her time from working at The Brisbane Club to contribute back to her people in Cambodia: "Thank you to The Rotary Club of Brisbane donation to be sent to the Sala Bai Hotel School. This donation will contribute to changing the lives of many Cambodians. I hope to continue this

partnership and create awareness of how important an education can be." Watch Mikaela's video saying thank you to our club

<https://www.facebook.com/brisbanerotary/videos/586875711978187>



YOU NEED TO EMBRACE CHANGE TO THRIVE

PIC: Sage, Celebrity Portrait Photographer

We're very proud to have had SAGE as our guest speaker. Sage's career spans from being a professional photographer, making celebrities feel comfortable in front of the camera, to now running a gym SAGE FIIT for over 40yr olds. The recent pivot to survive COVID-19 isolation restrictions was Sage advice, "You need to embrace change to go from survive to thrive."

Lifetime Achievement Awards

President Dan took some artistic license in the lead up to the Centenary Gala Ball and invented a new award called a Lifetime Achievement Award, nine of which were handed out on the night when we celebrated Rotary International turning 100 years in Australia. The following Club members were recognised for their lifetime of dedication, loyalty and hard work.

1. Director of our Public Ancillary Fund John Smerdon
2. James Delahunty who has contributed greatly over many decades at our club
3. Past President Michael Stephens
4. Treasurer Warren Walker
5. Incoming President Mark Williams
6. Director Denise Schellbach who has been running Eddie's Van for last 20 years
7. Past President Chris Muir (accepted by Dymphna Muir in Chris's absence)
8. Past President Keith Watts
9. And it wouldn't be a complete list of Lifetime Achievers without acknowledging the contribution the Bishop family has given to our club, with one of the forefathers of our club Wallace Bishop (Wal's father) being President in 1957-58. So naturally, we must include Past President Wal Bishop in this list (accepted by Wal's daughter Georgina Bishop).





This award is now a legacy within our club and districts and can be awarded to those who should be acknowledged for their generosity, loyalty, dedication and demonstration of service over self.

Interestingly, since posting these photos on social media and presenting them at the Gala Ball, DG Neil Black began receiving requests from other clubs to get the working files of the artwork, and details of the trophy manufacturer, as the other clubs wanted to produce their own for worthy recipients. How flattering that they would want to follow in our footsteps!



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PRESENTED TO PHIL GRESHAM AND DON O'DONOHUE

President Dan Adler presented a Lifetime Achievement Award, to long time member, Past President Phil Gresham, who has dedicated his life to our club. Phil has brought smiles and laughter to our club as Sergeant of Arms, he was always on hand to lend some muscle and sweat packing shipping containers (even during a heat wave), and has been our 'go-to-guy' whenever any print or electronic media needed publishing. Never shy, very quick witted, always having a finger on the pulse of latest technology, and always humble. It was an honour to award Phil his Lifetime Achievement Award which was well earned.



Don O'Donoghue joined Brisbane Rotary Club on 15th March 1985. He is a Paul Harris Fellow, and served as a Director of University of Queensland, International House for many years.

Don was heavily involved with Donations in Kind along with Rotarian James Delahunty, who was among those present when he received his Lifetime Achievement Award. The presentation was made at Don's home at Brookfield in the presence of a number of his fellow Rotarians.

Ian A. Wilson introduced Don O'Donoghue to The Rotary Club of Brisbane on 15th March, 1985. There were 180 club members when he joined. Don said, "you could sit next to a different member each meeting, and you wouldn't get to know every member in the

club for 3.5 years!" Don said it was the best decision he ever made, having made life-long friends through Rotary International.

One of the highlights of his history with Rotary was meeting Sir Clem Renouf. Sir Clement William Bailey Renouf AM was an Australian accountant and President of Rotary International from 1978–79. Don explained that in his opinion, Sir Clem probably did more for Rotary International than anyone, except the founders, with the eradication of Polio globally. Don describes him as an Ingham boy, nice guy, genuine Australian, reserved, tenacious, courageous, kind and highly intelligent man.

The next unsung hero of The Rotary Club of Brisbane, who has done some amazing things, was James Delahunty (who was in attendance today). James helped start Donations In Kind (DIK). As a Pharmacist, he was astonished how many good quality medicines, which were quite usable but almost out of date, were being thrown out, and he organised to send them to PNG and third world countries to help save lives. Don said, "DIK, after Polio Plus, has done more good for more people than any other project, and that's a Rotary Club of Brisbane initiative."

Don said he is very grateful for the Lifetime Achievement Award, and that it is a great honour. Don even generously donated \$1,000 today to the Rotary Club of Brisbane Public Ancillary Fund, and his request was to donate it to CEO James Patterson, founder of BreakingFree.org.au who are doing amazing work to help with youth suicide.

President Dan Adler said, "On behalf of all our club members, past, present and emerging, you've earned this award Don. It's a humbling experience being the 98th President, hearing your story and being the one presenting you with this trophy today as a small, but significant, symbol of our thanks for your time, energy, loyalty, passion and generosity."

Thank you from Rotarians James Delahunty, Keith Watts, Chris and Dymphner Muir, Denise Schellbach, to Deanne O'Donohue for inviting us to your wonderful home and for a delicious morning tea.

Peace Fellows



PIC: Incoming President Mark Williams, President Dan Adler with wife Danielle Adler dedicated their time this year to be Counsellor for two Peace Fellows shown left, Megan McKeown and Anthony Pemberton. The Class XVIII Rotary Peace Fellows held an outstanding event at the University of Queensland Rotary Peace Centre where they delivered their annual class seminar talking about their passions, projects and plans. This year the theme was "From Feeling to Healing: Embracing Emotions in Peacebuilding and a Pandemic." It was great to be able to go along to hear what they have been doing and bask in a little of their reflected glory.

Social Media Report

As submitted by President Dan Adler

It is fair to say we started building from a low base, however I must say the growth, engagement and quality of the content our club has been posting over the last 12 months has received very positive responses. In fact, we are often positioned as the centre of excellence in this space. I've heard from other Rotarians that we are the example to other clubs, encouraging them to utilise these powerful and free communication platforms to broaden their reach beyond the traditional word of mouth.

Don't get me wrong here, word of mouth is still without a doubt, the number 1 way of introducing and attracting prospective members with the aim to join our club – so please don't stop spreading the good word!

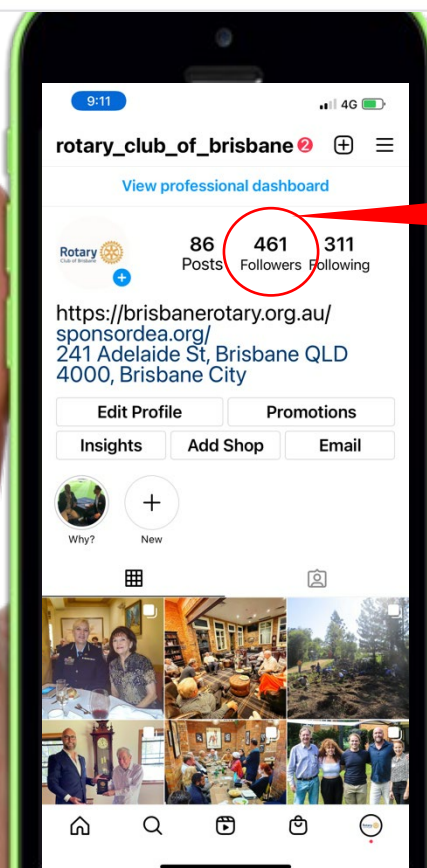
Yes, posting on Social Media is free, but our time creating the content, the dedication to post regularly across multiple channels, capturing and sharing stories, highlighting our networking connections and showcasing our experience in our fields of expertise is priceless. I would like to thank the digital team comprising of Secretary and Webmaster Mark Williams, Rotarians Phil Gresham, Jake Kelder, Chi-chicheery Keister, Nicholas Baily and Manesha Marambe for integrating our website, emails and social media activity. We had updates going out on a weekly basis and the program ran with military precision. Considering some Rotarians in our club don't have a Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn account, we experienced some odd looks when taking photos, putting posts up, and asking Rotarians to like, comment and share the posts in the early stages. However, no one can argue the amount of attention it has directed towards our club is incredibly valuable. Now our job is to maintain the attention and leverage the momentum.

Total Page Followers: 1,429

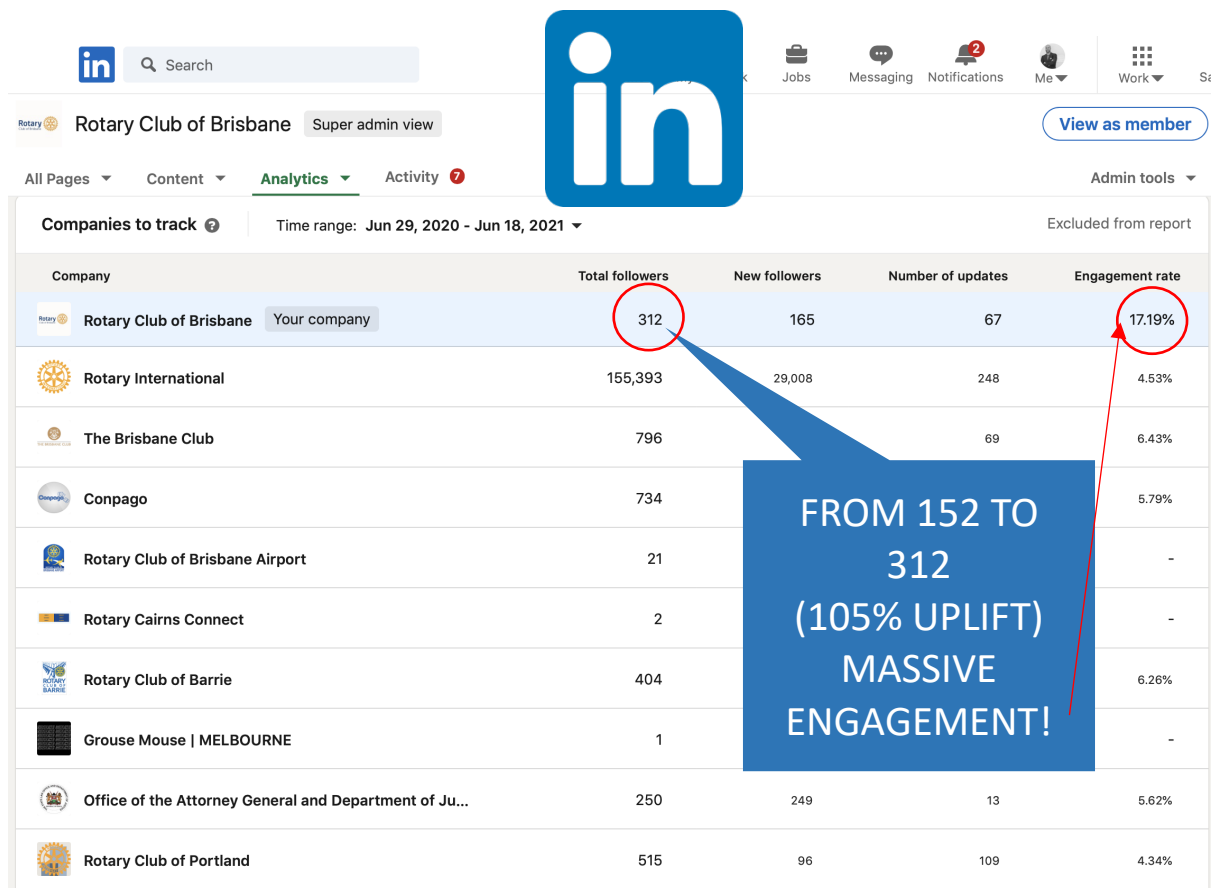
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@ 30 JUNE 2020
NOW 1,429
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Rotarians all over the world are connecting and reacting to our content and communicating with us directly.



Socialising in Person

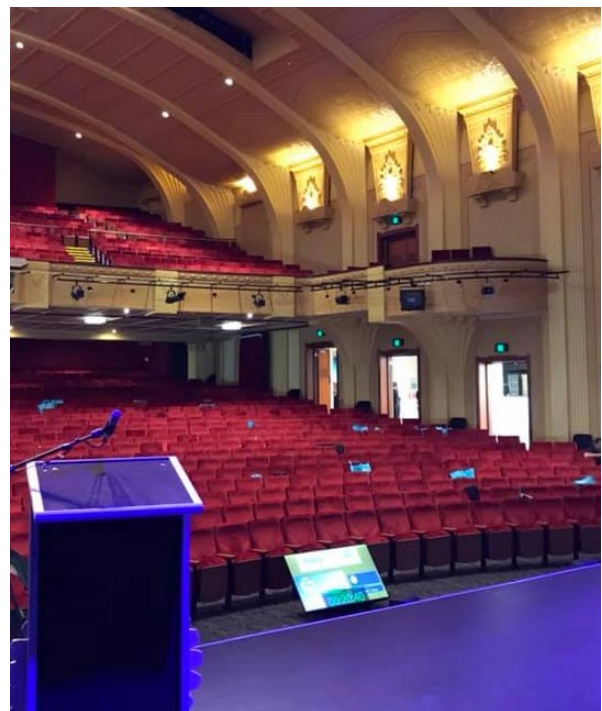
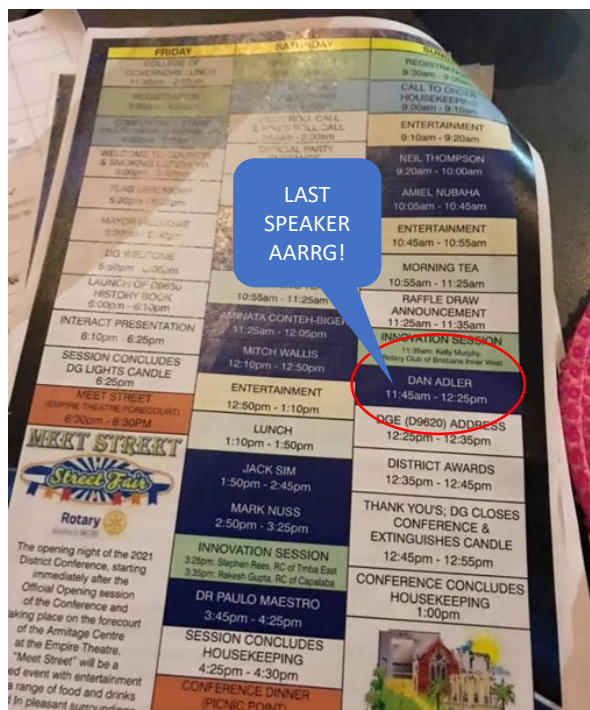


Throughout the year our club mixed things up by hosting a fun night out in two fun venues, Newstead Brewery in Milton, and Soapbox Beer Brewery in The Valley. Rotarians brought their partners, colleagues and friends to mingle and chat over a beer and bite to eat. This was a nice change from only catching up at our club meetings held on Monday lunch time at The Brisbane Club. Special thanks to our new Chair of Fun Nick Bailey who did a fantastic job organising tonight's event.

Promotions and Public Relations Report

As submitted by President Dan Adler

It was an honour to be invited by DG Patrice Robinson to be Keynote speaker at the District 9630 Conference at The Empire Theatre in Toowoomba. Feedback I received from many sources suggested the stories, tips and tricks I shared to help build their club's brand and maintain member engagement were very well received. So much so, I have been invited back to be Keynote speaker at next year's District 9620 Conference. I know I personally grew from the experience, as this was the first time on such a big stage! I am grateful to Rotary International for the opportunity to get outside my comfort zone at this event, and throughout the year as the 98th President of The Rotary Club of Brisbane.





Being Queensland's first Rotary Club, we felt a sense of duty to fly the flag for all the other clubs in our state, and let the members of Queensland's largest club 'RACQ' know that they too can reach out and join their local Rotary Club to continue the legacy in the next 100 years to come.

GUEST SPEAKER SPOTS

PIC: I was invited to be guest speaker at Rotary Club of Brisbane International and Rotaract Club Rivercity. President Soko said some of their club members had heard the Keynote in Toowoomba and asked me to share some of the tips with their members to help grow the club and achieve similar success that we're enjoying at The Rotary Club of Brisbane.





BRONZE CERTIFICATE AWARD

PIC: President Dan gratefully accepting, on behalf of all the member of The Rotary Club of Brisbane past and present, the Bronze Certificate as Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation. This award signifies we have contributed over \$100,000 USD in the Club's history. This certificate was given out at the District 9600 Annual General Meeting held in Lawnton which was very well represented by our club members.



END POLIO NOW WALK

PIC: Rotarian Chi-chicheery Keister donned her walking shoes to raise awareness for End Polio Now, an initiative that is very close to the hearts and values of The Rotary Club of Brisbane. The excellent work done by Rotary International, Rotary and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has contained polio to just 3 countries. But we can't give up till it's gone for good.



ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE SUPPORTS MATER FAMILY WELLBEING SERVICE TO TUNE OF \$50,000

The Club was pleased to announce a grant of \$50,000 to the Mater Hospital, South Brisbane, to assist in the establishment of a service to provide perinatal mental health support to mothers, babies and the broader family network in our community.

This new service will offer a wide spectrum of programs including inpatient admissions and an outpatient clinic focussing on supporting babies and families to have the best start in life.

In recognition of the Club's gift, the Mater will establish the Rotary Club of Brisbane – Best Start Grant to provide professional development for staff who will work in the service to further their knowledge base and expertise in infant and perinatal mental health.

The project involves renovations to an existing heritage building and a new build for inpatient admissions commenced in January 2021 and was officially opened in May 2021. Big thank you to Rotarian Cameron Gibson who has been the driving force behind supporting this charitable cause and thank you to PP Michael Stephens for representing our Club on the day of the opening, in the absence of President Dan, who was in Sydney for work at the time.



DONATIONS IN KIND

The Rotary 'Donations in Kind' Northern Region warehouse in Kingston has already shipped half a MILLION dollars worth of pre-loved but very useful goods to our near neighbours since the start of the Rotary year in July 2020.

This week, the RCoB Donations in Kind convener Paul Choy (shown left) collected a load of high-school textbooks from Ferny Grove State High School and delivered them to the warehouse, whence they will most likely be shipped to Papua New Guinea.



Jonathan Hall from the Ferny Grove State High School did a great job making sure they went to DIK, and not to recycling. Mary Grant from RC Bribie Island, shown top left next to Paul, is an integral leader in helping manage the Kingston warehouse.



DICKSON KEN CHANGES LIVES BACK HOME

Our new friend of RCoB, PNG ambassador Dickson Ken (shown left), has been changing lives for the better by filling shipping containers with books, school furniture and medical supplies for his village back home.



\$5,800 DONATED TO SHIP HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO PNG

When PNG put their hand up for help because COVID-19 was sweeping across their region, our Club immediately chipped in for the cost to freight a shipping container full of desperately needed hospital and medical supplies. We can definitely say our Club has 'People of Action'. Kudos needs to be given to PP Chris Muir who raised the early alarm, and ensured the Board of Directors knew what steps to take.

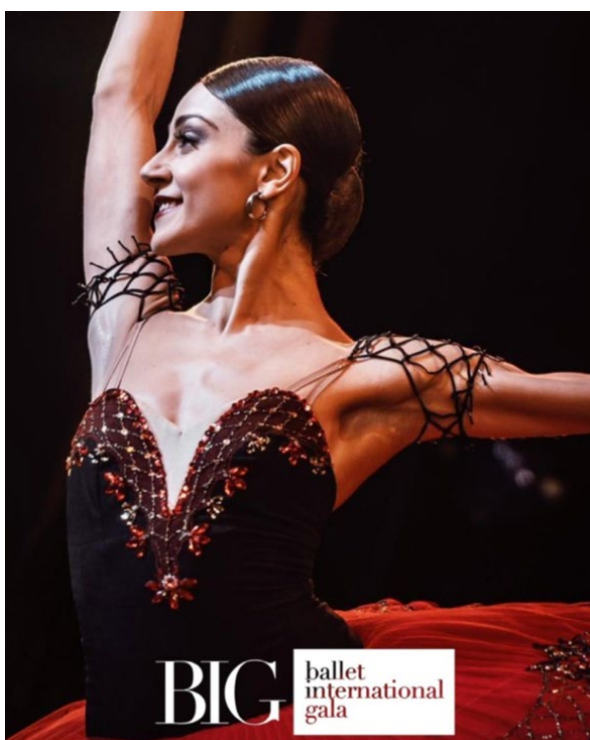


PIC: PNG locals inspecting the goods that landed on the docks which will be disseminated the areas that need them most.



CLUB MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

During the year we did spotlights on our members. Shown left, we see our Club members listening to one of our new Rotarians, Jane Toohey. We were privileged to learn about Jane's proudest and toughest moments in her interesting career. Starting in computer science at IBM, Jane moved into the sales division within the business and became IBM's top performing sales professional. Now, Jane runs three successful businesses and it was great to see and feel her passion for life. We are honoured to have Rotarians such as Jane join the RCoB and we look forward to working together.



BALLET INTERNATIONAL GALA

The Rotary Club of Brisbane is proud to support what is set to be the foremost ballet gala to ever come to Australia. Bringing together 10 world-class dancers from companies across the world at Brisbane's own South Bank Piazza.

10% of all proceeds are being provided to Roadies' Retreat; a charity established to care for retiring roadies as they finish their careers with no retirement options following a career in entertainment, often resulting in homelessness and severe depression. Roadies' retreat provides them with shelter and a caring community."

This event has now been taken over by Queensland Performing Arts and has been rescheduled and will be held in the Performing Art's Centre for a longer season in 2022.



CENTENARY GALA DINNER

The Centenary Gala was a wonderful evening that simply could not have happened without the help, effort and support of the many people, businesses and organisations who decided to lean in and make it a night to remember. Big shout out to Angela Murphy who impressed everyone on her skills in producing major events, it ran like clockwork!

From the pink velvet ropes to the stunning venue, glittering guests and dancing till midnight it was a magical night and fitting way to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Australasia. Rotary Club of Brisbane would like to thank those who attended, those who made financial and auction contributions, those who bid on the auctions, Mark Frater from Place Estate Agents for parting our guests with their hard earned, those who braved the stage to perform, encourage and inspire the audience;

GalaBid, W Brisbane and their team, Richard O'Leary from eventphotography.com and who could forget the spectacular Ben Trigger Happy.

Together we raised \$10,000 for Jelly Beans via Open Doors Youth Service Inc., which enables them to continue their critical work supporting vulnerable young people in the Brisbane area. We also raised \$17,375 for PolioPlus which, matched with a 2 for 1 contribution from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, will supply 150,000 polio vaccines to children who would otherwise be susceptible to this debilitating disease.



HANDOVER OF CENTANRY BATON TO ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE AIRPORT

The R100 baton has travelled from NZ to Australia, state to state, district to district, club to club to celebrate The Centenary of Rotary International here in Australia. The baton kicked off its journey around our cluster of clubs with an unveiling at Centenary Gala Ball. It can be seen (shown left) handed over from President Dan to President Lachlan of The Rotary Club of Brisbane Airport who was next in line to receive it.



REPRESENTATION AT THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE AIRPORT 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The Rotary Club of Brisbane members turned up in force as a show of respect to a younger sister club who turned double digits this year.

Thank you to Matt & Monika Christopher, Miles Murphy, Dymphna & Chris Muir, Chi-chicheery Keister who all dug deep and chipped in hundreds of dollars to show their support of The Rotary Club of Brisbane Airport's fundraising efforts.



Solid representation (8) of RCoB members at District 9600 Conference

Mark Williams remarked to President Dan, "this is the biggest and best representation of club members to a District Conference in years." Thank you to Rotarians Paul Choy, Bruce McNaught, Keith Watts, Phil Gresham, Chris Muir, Chi-chicheery Keister, and President Dan Adler and PPE Mark Williams, who all made the trek (way out west to Kingaroy) to fly the flag for our club and give a big cheer, as is tradition, when our name was called out during roll-call.

PIC: President Dan rubbing elbows with local Councillor, and Ex Leader of the LNP, Deb Frecklington at the Gala event.



The President's Dinner at Home – a success thanks to PP Keith, Rtn Angela and Rtn Nick
Places at the table were highly valued, as the food, wine and company were outstanding. We heard stories from long ago and looked back over the year that was. This will become an annual event again as we strive to better utilise the amazing venue we call home.



HIGH TEA EVENT RAISES THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WITHIN A FEW HOURS

Rotary Club of Brisbane partnered with Supportah Australia to hold a High Tea at The Brisbane Club with proceeds going to fund the Open Doors Youth Service Inc. Jellybeans program. The accounting always takes a little longer, but we believe we raised about \$5000 to go towards Jellybeans. Thanks so much to all 50 attendees for your contributions! Jelly Beans provides social support, resources, and Youth Worker help to LGBTQI+ young people aged 12-24 and their families in the Southeast Queensland. It was a wonderful afternoon with free-flowing champagne, canapes and great conversation.



PIC: Incoming President Mark Williams's welcome address.



POLICE COMMISSIONER KATARINA CARROLL'S LUNCH

The Rotary Club of Brisbane sponsored a luncheon addressed by the serving Commissioner of the Queensland Police Service. This year we were treated to a presentation of authenticity and heart from Commissioner Katarina Carroll APM. The proceeds from this luncheon was \$2,720 and they will be split between Australia Rotary Health and Epilepsy Queensland. Thank you to Denise Schellbach for organising another sold out event, practically flying solo, and with virtually no promotional activity. Outstanding achievement once again!





ROTARY LEARNING WORKSHOP

We recently held a great Rotary Learning and Information half-day at The Normanby Hotel. We were lucky to have DG Neil Black, PDG Alan Stephens, PDG Jitendra Prasad, PDG John Lane, PP Bruce McNaught and PPE Mark Williams talk about topics as diverse as the Rotary Foundation, planning and executing successful service projects, how to make a difference and more.

The session was ably chaired by PP Phil Gresham. Many thanks to those who presented and special thanks to the Rotarians who took out a quarter of their weekend to attend! Thanks also to PP Keith Watts and Rtn Angela Murphy who organised yet another stellar event!



THE NEED FOR TREES

In line with Rotary's 'Supporting the Environment' area of focus, on a sunny Saturday (24th of April) morning, Rotary District 9600 was out for its Tree Planting Day. Rotarians from all Clubs gave a hand while catching up with old friends and discussing new Rotary business. The experience was clearly visible in the efficiency of the work done. Indeed, we have trained well since the first District Tree Planting Day in 2018.

A lovely planting site near Upper Kedron was designated for the effort. As with previous years, Brisbane City Council provided the plants, prepared the planting site, and pledged to maintain the plants in the future. Karana Bellbowrie Rotarians provided refreshments for those attending. Birds Queensland offered a follow-up introduction to bird watching for the most passionate nature lovers.

The Rotary Club of Brisbane did not miss the chance to lend a hand. Actively planting (and watching birds), we aimed at surpassing our 2018 contribution. Massive thank you to PP Daniel Vankov for representing the Club on such an impactful community event. We hope there will be more such events in the future where we can do our part for nature.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FROM 5.30PM

@ THE NORMANBY HOTEL

In an effort to attract more club members, those who may not be able to make a lunch meeting in the CBD, we've been experimenting conducting committee meetings at 5.30pm on alternate Mondays, to discuss the exciting new ideas and ventures that our club members are involved with.

The Normanby Hotel has been serving up excellent food, thirst quenching beverages, high standard meeting rooms and even has free car parking! What a winning combo...





EDDIE'S VAN WITH DENISE SCHELLBACH & FRIENDS FEEDING THE HOMELESS

"I want to give a big congratulations to Denise Schellbach for obtaining a Medal of the Order of Australia. Denise has served our community through a number of organisations for over 20 years. I'm sure that everyone in Brisbane has seen Denise working tirelessly for all those in our community. I know that whenever I help out the Rotary Club of Brisbane Eddie's Van, Denise is leading the way!

Congratulations Denise on a well-deserved acknowledgment of your commitment to our community."

TREVOR EVANS MP

Rotarian Denise, your dedication, loyalty, passion and efforts in making our Club successful does not go unnoticed. Every Club meeting you run the front desk like clock-work. You're at every Board meeting keeping a close eye on the decisions being made. You clearly have a long list of friends in high places having run sell out Police Commissioner's lunches ever year and you have given up a lion's share of your life to ensure the local's living rough start their day with a warm breakfast in their bellies. Your generous nature and big heart is unrivalled in our club. Thank you, on behalf of everyone and congratulations on your well-earned OAM. Should have been awarded many years ago. Don't go changing.

Final word

If you've read till this point, I applaud you. As I said at the start of this document, it's been an incredibly huge year. I hope I've been able to capture the bulk of what we got up to, the team efforts of our Club members uniting to make a difference locally and globally. There's a saying I heard recently, "If you want to go fast, go alone, if you want to go far, go together." I feel this quote sums up the year that was. We came out of the gates hard and fast, with tension building attention, pulling the club into the digital / social media world kicking and screaming. Then we empowered club members, giving them ownership of their individual responsibilities within the club. Overall result was we went far together as one club – *The Rotary Club of Brisbane ... Queensland's first Rotary Club.*

I wish our club the best of success under the leadership of incoming President Mark Williams who, I am confident, will elevate the club to ever higher ground and raise the bar on many levels.

Thanks once again for your kindness, generosity, your spirit of giving to help others, and representing the Club in the best light as we inch closer to our Centenary year in 2023.

Go far.

Together in Rotary Service,

Dan Adler.



Club Members of 2020 - 2021



ADLER, Dan

BAILEY, Nicholas

BISHOP, Wal

CHOY, Paul

CHRISTOPHER, Matthew

DELAHUNTY, Dela

GIBSON, Cameron

GRENNING, Celia

GRESHAM, Phil

HOLTMANN, Gerald

KEISTER, Chi-chicheery

KELDER, Jake

LOVE, Antony

MARAMBE, Manesha

McNaught, Bruce

MUIR, Chris

MUIR, Dymphna

Munroe, Terrence

Murphy, Angela

MURPHY, Miles

O'DONOGHUE, Don

Phillips, Beck

SCANLAN, Mark

SHELLBACH, Denise

SMERDON, John

SMITH, Alistair

STEPHENS, Michael

TAMASCHKE, Rick

TOOHEY, Jane

VANKOV, Daniel

WALKER, Warren

WATTS, Keith

WILLIAMS, Mark