



The Rotary Club of Brisbane.

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Rotary District 9620



2022 -23



Annual Report



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2022-23

THE BOARD

The 2022-23 board consisted of the following members:

Bruce McNaught	President
Celia Grenning	Treasurer
Paul Choy	Secretary
Keith Watts	Membership
Mark Williams	Immediate Past President
Phil Saxby	President Elect
John Smerdon	PAF Director
Michael Stephens	
Angela Murphy	
Jon Harris	Sergeant

As president I am deeply indebted to the members of this board for their diligence and effort in managing the business of the club and to the members for their assistance in working as a team to achieve the success with all the programs and activities over this very special year

The board met on the third Monday of every possible month with an agenda and minutes diligently and accurately supplied by Secretary Paul Choy immediately prior to each meeting.

The board did not meet in May due to the 100 year celebrations.

MEETINGS

Attendance at meetings was generally satisfactory earlier in the year whilst we were meeting at the Brisbane Club. The worst attendance was when we had only 10 members present. Since moving to Fridays, we have had excellent attendance (20+) with extra tables and chairs having to be put out.

The move to Fridays has been a great success. It was sad to abandon our honour board at the Brisbane Club but the great increase in attendance indicates that this has been a wise decision. Our first meeting at Fridays occurred 8th May.

The success of our meetings has been greatly enhanced by the wonderful guest speakers who have spoken at our meetings. We are indebted to David Hale and more recently Jon Harris with some assistance from others in arranging such an excellent guest speaker program.

As President Elect, I surveyed the membership for their preferences in all aspects of the conduct of meetings. There were many differences of viewpoint, but the meeting program was structured to best meet the views and feelings of members as expressed in the survey with a view to achieving my goal of giving members the best possible Rotary experience that could be delivered.

We enjoyed the following activities during the year:

- 28th July Attended Shrek the Musical at the Arts Theatre
- 31st July Visited the Clive Berghofer Medical Centre
- 1st August The Visit of District Governor Tim Keeler
- 28th September We conducted a fundraising dinner to support the Rotary Club of Myanmar

30th October We conducted a Sausage Sizzle to support the Diabetes Research Foundation Walk
 18th February Attended a trivia night at the Normanby Tavern
 11/12th March Phil Saxby and Bruce McNaught attended PETS in Toowoomba
 24/25/26 March This club achieved a record attendance (12 Members) at the District Conference
 27/30th May 11 Members attended the Melbourne Convention.



Dinner at the Atheneum Club Melbourne

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

This is our centenary year 29th May 2023

2. Membership 29 members (23 M 6F) plus 1 H (M) = 30 at year start 1/7/2022 + 16 new members (3H) - 8 resignations (M) and 1 death (M) (-9) during the year= 35 members (29 M, 6 F) at 30/6/23.



3. The Lord Mayor of Brisbane Councillor Adrian Schrinner, the Governor of Queensland HE Dr Jeannette Young AC, PSM and the Governor's husband Professor Lt Col Graeme Nimmo RFD were inducted as Honorary Members during our centenary year.

4. One signup from the 31st May 2022 champagne reception failed to pay his dues for the first half-year prior to induction and his application for membership has lapsed.



5. The Club within a Club Centenary Members Program 2023 was approved by the Board in August 2022 culminating in a champagne reception on Tuesday 22nd November 2022 with a target of 5-10 new member signups and an aspirational goal of double our membership by 30th June 2023. Following Board approvals, invitations were sent to 147 membership proposals with 2 follow ups. The prospective members included all Director-Generals and Deputy Directors General from the Queensland government plus industry leaders from the Queensland utility sector. The club catered for 25 members and prospects and 22 attended including 10 prospective members. Four 4 applications were received plus one application for corporate partnership from the Queensland Brain Institute and five others are considering and have been sent application forms. Three subsequently completed applications for membership.

6. Our centenary week celebrations included our 100th year regular luncheon on Monday 22nd May 2023 held at our new venue Friday's Riverside attended by past presidents, past district governors, members and guests including our sister club delegation, the Lord Mayor's reception for over 60 Rotarians, visiting Rotarians and guests on Monday 22nd May and the Next Century Gala held on

Wednesday 24th May 2023 all of which were brilliant affairs, and a celebration regular luncheon held on Monday 29th May 2023 to coincide with our charter day 100 years prior.

7. Information about Rotary and our club were sent to all prospective member inquiries received via the Club's web page.

8. The board approved honorary memberships for Rotarians James Delahunty and PDG Tim Keeler AM with effect from 1 July 2023.



9. The Board approved internal service projects in association with the Rotary Club of Colombo Reconnections as joint lead club with the Rotary Clubs of Madras, Calcutta and Bangalore, India as Host Clubs with the theme of Supporting adolescents with Autism. In each case one-day hybrid workshops were held in the local cities. The club donated A\$5,500 from the Rotary club of Brisbane Public Ancillary Trust to the Rotary Action Group for Family Safety in support of these international service projects.

SISTER CLUBS

A delegation of 6 from our sister club RC Taipei Tatung attended our centenary week celebrations as our guests. PP Harold Sandragara from our sister club RC Colombo Reconnections had hoped to attend our centenary celebrations but was unable to get a visa from the Australian High Commission in time. He will now visit our club later in the year. No responses were received to our invitations sent to our other sister clubs RC Kobe East, RC Charleston South Carolina USA, RC Amsterdam International, The Netherlands. These will be followed up.

BULLETIN

The Bulletin plays a vital role in keeping our members up-to-date with all our activities. Thanks to Phill Saxby for taking on this important job. There is no doubt that this has led to a much greater involvement by members in club activities.

FOUNDATION

Once again, our club has generously supported the Foundation. Both as a club and by individual contributions. Our club may be small, but we certainly bat above our weight in supporting the foundation. This ensures that Rotary can continue to do good in the world. The Rotary Club of Brisbane was awarded recognition as the Number 2 club in the District in Foundation Giving.



INTERACT

It has been disappointing that this club has not had an interact club. However, Paul Choy arranged a meeting with the Australian Industry Trade College. The meeting between Paul Choy, Bruce McNaught and the principal looks like having one formed late 2023.

CLUB PROMOTION

Thank you to Mark Williams and Jon Harris for keeping our website and Facebook updated.

100 YEAR CELEBRATIONS

This year was a most spectacular occasion with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the club on the 29th May 1923. We had 10 visitors from our sister club in Taipei arrive to join in our celebrations. The celebratory meeting occurred 22nd May with over 80 members, past members and guests in attendance. That event was followed that same day with a Civic Reception at City Hall, hosted by the Honourable Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Adrian Schrinner who was inducted as a member of the club 19th April.



THE GALA

Our Next Century Gala was held Wed 24th May. We had some 200 people attend this most spectacular event. We also inducted Her Excellency the Governor of Queensland and her husband, Professor Lt Col Graeme Nimmo RFD

ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE PRESENTS

The next CENTURY Gala

Keynote Speaker
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION TRUSTEE
MARTA PEAK HELMAN

TICKETS FROM \$245
events.humanix.com/rotary-club-of-brisbane-next-century-gala

- SUMPTUOUS FIVE COURSE BANQUET & BEVERAGE PACKAGE
- ENTERTAINMENT, LIVE BAND & DANCING
- PREMIUM LIVE AND ONLINE AUCTIONS
- GIVEAWAY PRIZES

BLACK TIE

Celebrating
THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE'S CHARTER

WEDS 24 MAY 2023 - 6:00PM SHARP

RIVERSHED, HOWARD SMITH WHARVES
BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

TICKETS

AUCTIONS

Rotary Club of Brisbane | The Rotary Foundation | zoe's angels

DISTRICT INVOLVEMENT

Our club has been well represented by Mark Williams acting as the District IT Manager. Bruce McNaught has accepted nomination as Area Governor, Kinross Area.

OUR ONGOING COMMITMENTS

Denise Schellbach has continued to conduct “Eddys Van” with her crew of volunteers during the year. Volunteers include Students, staff, parents and Old Boys of St Joseph’s College, Gregory Terrace, and Rotary Supporters. They conduct a Big Brekkie for homeless people in and around the gardens of the inner city each weekday morning.



The Kyeema Foundation of which Celia Grenning is a director is locally empowered approach to improving community health and prosperity around the world. The poultry project in Papua New Guinea is one that this club has supported. The provision of protein in the form of eggs and chickens has contributed greatly to the health of the villagers in Papua New Guinea



This year saw a commitment to Zoe’s Angels. A wonderful organisation that brings Awareness to Juvenile Rheumatic & Musculoskeletal Disease.



Zoe’s Angel’s Inc is a non- profit Charity organisation, established to raise awareness and funds to help benefit the lives of children diagnosed with Juvenile Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal conditions. Zoe’s Angels is an organisation that is 100 % volunteer based.



CONCLUSION

The club has had some outstanding achievements this year and I thank all the club members and partners for the honour of being its president during this wonderful period in the history of the club. I have only steered the club, it is the members who have worked as one, to forge and direct the future of the club in the direction it needs to go.

This success has been the result of the efforts of every member and their partners.

The contributions of all members, partners and supporters from the wider community has been greatly valued.

A CENTURY OF SERVICE

ROTARY CLUB of BRISBANE — A CENTURY OF SERVICE ABOVE SELF - A Brief Window

YEAR	MEMBERSHIP	CLUB ACTIVITIES and SOME of many FUNDS RAISED
1961	211	YMCA Christmas Camp; RYLA Organiser ; Games Room for YMCA Madras, India; Donations £320
1962	215	Freedom from Hunger Campaign £1,245; RYLA 81 attendees ; YMCA Christmas Camps for 13; Two British Migrant Garden Parties; Rotary Foundation 10 and 1 Plan ; Charity Donations £416
1963	223	Boy Scouts Building Fund £1,500; New Migrant Garden Parties; YMCA Christmas Camp; £622 Donations
1964	234	UQ INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OPENED - with a further £1445 raised ; Christmas Camp; RYLA continued Donations total £706; Used stamps raised £132; Bowls Carnival proceeds to UQ International House
1965	236	27 Aug 65 Brisbane West Guide Dogs for the Blind \$1,000; International House \$945; Vellore Hospital, India, \$352 ; RC Jesselton, Borneo \$147, for rehabilitation of blind ; YMCA, RYLA , Garden Parties continue
1966	228	Sheltered Workshop for Disabled seeding \$2,548; Tasmania Bushfires \$1,416; Nth Qld floods \$569; Youth Exchange from Pennsylvania ; Group Study Exchange from California ; Northampton UK Migrant family sponsored; RYLA ; YMCA Christmas Camp; Garden Parties continue
1967	233	Establishment of Help Industries - Sheltered Workshop with \$6,374 raised; Dental Hut, New Guinea \$429 Rabaul Rural Health Centre 10 Cots ; Christmas Camp; RYLA ; Group Study Exchange from Kansas, USA
1968	243	Launched Help Industries - \$7,549 with \$5,000 from Dunlop Australia for running their Golf Tournament After 9 months, Help had reached break even point with 40 employees and 8 returned to outside work Additional space was acquired from the State Govt at Hamilton; RYLA ; Christmas Camp; Rotaract Club of Brisbane formed with 24 members
1969	248	RCoB office premises moved to the top floor of Canberra Hotel 2 Mar 1970; Bursaries to 4 QIT students; RFDSA \$190; Help Industries \$546; YMCA Christmas Camp for underprivileged boys; RYLA
1970	244	Established Engineering Workshop for the Blind at Annerley \$4,550; Four Bursaries for QIT students; RYLA YMCA Christmas Camp; Inbound Youth Exchange from USA ; Young business Executives Seminar for 73
1971	238	Established YouthLine at West End Methodist Church \$3,262; Young Business Executives Seminar with 51; Help Industries \$419; Christmas YMCA Camp; RYLA ; GSE Team from Arizona ; YEP student from Japan
1972	235	District Conference in March 1973 - 50 year anniversary; Royal Flying Doctor Service major beneficiary
1973	227	Floods in Jan 1974 with \$20,000 raised and passed onto District; YEP -one inbound and the first RCoB two outbound ; GSE Team host ; RYLA 4 students sponsored; 2 Day Youth Seminar with 124 delegates; Help Industries donation; PNG tertiary education student
1974	209	Salvation Army Mobile Canteen \$6,203; Darwin Cyclone Relief \$2,269; Help Industries \$350 to \$1,750
1975	213	FIRST PHF AWARD - PDG and PP Carl Bishop; Petrie Terrace State School assistance \$5,000;
1976	209	Help Industries, Petrie Tce SS, Red Cross, Montrose Home \$4,616 in total; Brisbane Art Show Commenced
1977	208	Established Qld Surf Life Saving Association FOUNDATION with \$107,000 Initial Investment;