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Rotary International Club 17787

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OPENING: PE Angela Murphy (left) opened the meeting at 12.43 pm with 16 in attendance, including Prof Alastair Blanshard returning from the UK for a few weeks, 2 guests (right): the guest speaker Michael Anthonisz (Senior Economist, Queensland Treasury Corporation), and our regular visiting Malaysian Rotarian guest KH Low.



APOLOGIES: Peterson Wei, Bruce McNaught, Ed van Goethem, Keith Watts, Tim Keeler, Pankay Sah, Peter Saxby, Brian Kenny, James Delahunty, Juan Laporta.

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.

Kimberley, WA



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. Rotary Fellowships began informally in 1928 when Rotarians with a shared interest in the language Esperanto joined together.

In 1947, a group of Rotarian boating enthusiasts began flying the Rotary flag from their crafts, calling themselves the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians; this fellowship now boasts the longest continuous existence.



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The Rotary Club of Calgary Downtown (RCCD) meets in person on Tuesdays at 12noon (at the Fairmont Palliser Hotel in Downtown Calgary) on the SECOND and FOURTH TUESDAYS of the month. On the FIRST, THIRD (and FIFTH) TUESDAYS of the month we meet on zoom. **RCCD is part of Rotary District 5360 which covers clubs in Southern Alberta and is headquartered in Calgary.**



Calgary is the most populous city in the Canadian province of Alberta, with a population of more than 1.3 million persons. Alberta has a rich natural resource base, and produces the vast majority of Canada's crude oil and natural gas and roughly half of its coal (**royalties**). It also possesses much of the Canada's farmable land (**part of the great wheat production area of Canada**), and benefits from its **tourism** assets (eg the Rockies, rivers and lakes). Alberta has the highest GDP per capita of Canadian provinces, nearly CDN 80K (2023)

In 1914, RCCD was the first club established in Calgary and Alberta (in and around the City there are now more than a dozen Rotary clubs as well as Rotaract and Interact clubs.) RCCD has over 130 members, boasts a rich history of local and global impact. ***Dating back to 1914, RCCD takes pride in being the home club of James Wheeler Davidson, who played a pivotal role in chartering 27 Rotary clubs worldwide including the Rotary Clubs of Melbourne and Sydney in Australia, and Wellington and Auckland in New Zealand in 1921.***

The Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation was established in 1972 under the leadership of RCCD and now involves a number of Calgary Clubs.

Through contributions (including bequests) and investment returns, the Clubs Foundation now has assets of the order of CDN 60 million. The fund is governed by a board of the twelve participating clubs. A portion of the earnings are then distributed annually to the member clubs in proportion to their share of the overall fund. The clubs are then tasked to distribute these funds to worthy charitable organizations and/or projects.

Since inception, over \$25 million has been reinvested through the Calgary Rotary Clubs. In 2023 the distribution will total over \$2.6 million.

For more than 100 years Rotary has been active in Calgary and helping to make Calgary "A Better Community".

RCCD collaborates with communities in Calgary and across the globe to address challenges and foster positive change.

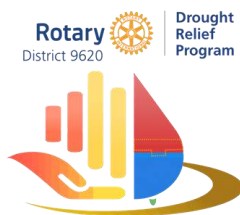
RCCD encourages its members to engage in club activities that hold personal significance to them, allowing participation in any of the following areas:

- ◇ Youth Service including Early Childhood Literacy
- ◇ Community Service
- ◇ International Service
- ◇ Club Service
- ◇ Vocational Service



2025 Rotary International Convention

21-25 JUNE 2025—CALGARY, CANADA



DISTRICT 9620 DROUGHT RELIEF PROGRAMMES

Rotary District 9620 (extending from Charleville and beyond in the west to Pimpama, Red-land Bay, Caloundra and Gympie in the east) commenced its Drought Relief Program in early 2014, with none of us expecting at the time that we would still be active more than nine years later!

We have a charter of improving sustainability prospects for the whole of the affected communities, not just those on the land. We are also very active in *promoting emotional well-being* for those enduring the effects of extended drought.

We don't do "stuff". We do not donate items which could be purchased locally by fund recipients (e.g. groceries, hardware, pharmaceuticals and the like). We distribute funds, predominantly through an independent third party, in the form of debit cards only able to be redeemed at businesses local to the recipient. This not only assists the farmers and graziers, but also helps the rest of their local community as those funds are circulated in turn throughout that community.

We have also previously pioneered events we call "Family Days" (sometimes under the title "Big Day Outback"). These have the aim of not only lightening the physical and financial load on the affected landholders, but also the mental load – providing some low key mental health relief. Children are a major focus at these events as well as adults.

OLD ROTARY DISTRICT 9570 DROUGHT RELIEF PROGRAMMES

In 2004 the members of **Pioneer Valley Rotary Club** responded to the drought in the Longreach area by establishing a Drought Committee that would assist the farmers, this was because in 2004 only this part of Rotary District 9570 was affected by the drought. *The committee raised 6 million dollars that was distributed to farmers.*



Each area has different programs and in the Bundaberg area the drought program has the following interconnected elements designed to assist farmers. The following programmes were all run through **Bundaberg Central Rotary Club**, managed by PDG Rod Medow. Over a period of years, this one Club provided just under \$900,000 in drought assistance. Amazing what one Rotarian can achieve through assistance from other Rotary members and various organisations.

FOOD PACKS In February 2010, the club partnered with Northside Produce to produce packs of food for animals. Each pack was valued at \$1,000 and consisted of a mixture of hay, protein pellets, lick blocks, dry licks, and various other hard feeds. Northside Produce also had a database of farmers in need as a result of the ongoing drought and consequently could easily be identified.

How much have we spent in Bundaberg on this program? **\$120,000.**

How is this program financed?

- ◇ The club was successful in applying for **two The Rotary Foundation Disaster Response Grants** valued at \$60,000.
- ◇ We wrote to all Districts worldwide requesting assistance resulting in \$50,000.
- ◇ Clubs and individuals donated to the Drought Committee on an ongoing basis.

FIRE As a result of the devastating fires in our areas the committee decided that these were related directly to the drought. Farmers who had property damaged from the fires were asked to apply for money. Areas of farming addressed were water tanks, damaged fencing, and firefighting equipment.

How much have we spent in Bundaberg on this program? **\$81,000.00**

How is this programme financed?

- ◇ **\$76,000 came from Rotary Australia World Community Service.**
- ◇ \$5,000.00 was a contribution from our club to help rebuild a shed.

CARDS In 2021 RAWCS launched a 'buy local' program which involved the distribution of \$250.00 EFTPOS cards to farmers in various areas affected by drought. Bundaberg was the only area in our District to be successful in applying for this program. Cards were distributed through Rural Financial Services (this is due to the money being held in a trust which has various conditions) with the cards expiring in January 2021.

How much have we spent in Bundaberg on this program? **\$66,000** however there is a second round where we will receive an additional \$66,000.

How is this programme financed?

- ◇ **\$66,000 from RAWCS.** The money was raised through specific District programmes.



ROTARY INFORMATION SPOT

DROUGHT COMMITTEE OUTREACH PROGRAM (DCOP).

This is a Federal Government programme implemented by the National Recovery and Resilience Agency.

The agency has partnered with Rotary to deliver the program.

Every farmer, farm employee that is in drought declared area is entitled to \$1,000.

This involves the person completing the form and having a Rotarian check and sign the form.

How much have we spent in Bundaberg on this program?

- ◇ **\$260,000**
- ◇ The majority of forms have come from Northside Produce and Bundaberg Fruit and Vegetables. However other organisations have access to the forms.

How is this program financed?

- ◇ All money is from the **Federal Government**.

FARMERS FIELD DAYS AND BBQ This is an initiative of Bundaberg Central club. Field days are combined with BBQs where lectures are held on farming techniques, farm economics and machinery. The field days are also used for Rotary to promote the above programs **and mental health**.

How much have we spent in Bundaberg on this programme?

- ◇ None in fact these field days are funded through **the Rotary Drought Committee**.
- ◇ In some cases, **RAWCS will fund the BBQ**.



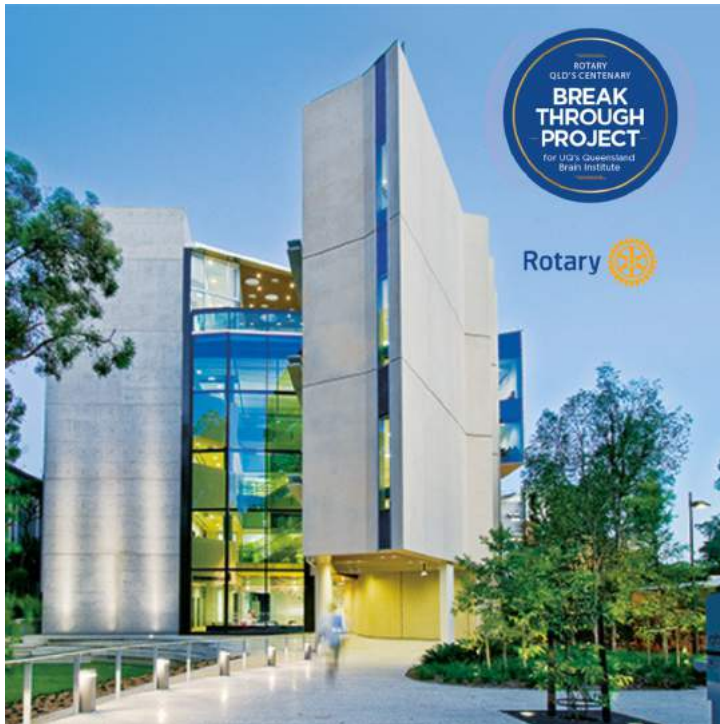
*Field Day at Lowmead
To allow networking and
improve Mental Health for
the all participants*



PRESIDENT
Phil Saxby



Queensland Brain Institute Rotary Presentation Events



Saturday 15 June 2pm – 3.30pm

[RSVP for Rotary - QBI presentation Sat 15 June 2pm to 3.30pm](#)

Parking at UQ is always at a premium. Please consider public transport or car pooling options.

The Queensland Brain Institute is located at Uplands Road Past Union College.

[Queensland Brain Institute 2023 / 2024 Donor Research Impact Report](#)



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Company Secretary 2023-24: Ian Hope

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN for a GENERAL MEETING of Rotary International District 9620 Limited to be held at 10 am on Sunday, 16 June 2024, as an online meeting (using Zoom).



Presidents' Dinner

DATE: Friday 28th June 2024

TIME: 6.30 for 7.00 pm

VENUE: Blackbird Bar and Grill, 123 Eagle Street, CBD

RSVP: Friday 14th June

COST: \$150 per person, drinks excluded

NETT PROCEEDS to the Rotary Foundation

DRESS: Coat and Tie—Evening Attire

All Club Members and Guests are Welcome

Guest Choice from **SELECTED MENU**

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS: Please email psaxby@ozemail.com.au

PARKING: [Available online at Wilsons Riverside, \\$7 night rate](#)

TICKETS: [Only Available Online](#)



2023-2024

President

Phil Saxby

2024-2025

President

Angela Murphy

Our Club Charter

The original 101 year old Charter has got itself lost during the decades, with no-one sighting it for at least twenty years. The Charter is meant to be handed from one President to the next, as our current District Governor Paul Roger reminded an incoming President nearly a year ago at the Club's Changeover.

Many thanks to PP Phil Gresham and the skills of Will Gresham at Fotofast, along with some help from a little village in South America, it is to be re-created from this poor quality digital image.

Whilst a replacement Charter for the Rotary Club of Brisbane can be ordered from Rotary International, it could never really substitute for the original, with a Rotary International Club Number 1489 in the world on 29th May 1923.

A fitting 101st Anniversary present back to ourselves!



PRESIDENT
Phil Saxby

Rotary 
District 9620

DG PAUL ROGER & DGE SUE MULRANEY
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*District 9620
Annual
Changeover*

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SPOT THE MEMBER

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

President-Elect Angela Murphy meets Rotary Club of Melbourne President



So this happened which was complete accident ... I noticed that there was a Rotary meeting in the hotel Miles and I were staying in today in Melbourne - we were about to head into the lounge for an hour before our flight and I had lunch next to **President Chris Sotiropoulos** instead!

Rotary Club of Melbourne has 170 members, of which approx. 70 attended lunch last Wednesday.

The lunch was a two course set menu at the Sofitel on Collins in the dining room that is not open to the public during the week days - they also hold all their bigger functions at the spaces at the hotel.

One evening meeting is held each month instead of a day meeting.

Many corporate members who can join 4 x employees.

They were awarding their annual Environment & Sustainability Award winners at [Star of the Sea College](#) win \$3000 to use on sustainability projects. The students have decided to purchase 2 beehives from [Sweet Justice](#). The 20,000+ bees from the hives will pollinate plants within at least a two mile radius, helping plants produce fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds.

Pictured to left is Melbourne Rotary Club President Chris Sotiropoulos, a further Paul Harris Fellow recognition for Rotary club of Melbourne's incredible water project pioneer Ruth Carlos Martinez and Rotary Club of Brisbane President-Elect Angela Murphy.

Rotarian Dickson Ken addressed our Rotary meeting expressing his gratitude for invaluable assistance.



I had rare honor and privilege of representing [Rotary Club of Brisbane](#), [Rotary Repurposing Equipment](#) . [Northern Region](#), [One In Four Children](#) and donors in Mendi town and Kip in the Mendi Munhiu District on 3rd May.



Though I stood alone in front of PNG Prime Minister Hon James Marape, ministers of state, vice ministers, secretaries, CEOs, Security personnel and the people of Southern Highlands, I represent selfless volunteers and Rotarians who sort and pack donations for the beneficiaries— the people of Lai Valley.

Today in Kip, Hon [Raphael Tonpi](#) MP, Vice Minister and Prime Minister Hon James Marape gave me an opportunity to address the recipients— students of Lai Valley High School and Kip Primary School and the people of the valley.

MEMBER SPOTS



As a trainer of many hundreds of international students, **Winnie Chen** provided some insights into why there were so many underemployed professionals working in Australia as Uber drivers and cleaners. The Guest Speaker had listed 100,000 overseas qualified engineers not working as engineers.



PE Angela Murphy commented that her company had recently created two videos for Qld Government on coal royalties.



Dickson Ken addressed the meeting with much gratitude for the continuing assistance rendered to his people of PNG by the Rotary Club of Brisbane and by Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment [RARE] - which sound like 'raw' when Dickson pronounces it!



President Phil Saxby related how Rotary connections can achieve things in ways unimagined. A phone call taken from the Deputy High Commissioner to Vanuatu on Friday afternoon was initiated from contacts made at the Wesley Hospital whilst picking up discarded medical equipment and goods. Some Federal Government assistance has been offered to increase support to Rotary programmes into the Pacific.

GUEST SPEAKER— Michael Anthonisz — Senior Economist Queensland Treasury Corporation



Michael Anthonisz is QTC's Chief Economist and since 2010 has been responsible for leading the organisation's economic and financial market research efforts. Michael provides economic and market insights for key stakeholders including QTC's Board, executive team and clients while both he and his team also produce topical research pieces which are widely read by investors, researchers and other market participants. Prior to joining QTC, Michael spent five years as an economist at the Australian Treasury in Canberra, where he worked on the Budget and revenue forecasting. Michael's specific areas of research interest include real-time assessments of the economy, decomposing the drivers of financial markets and thematic research on structural economic and market drivers such as demographics and trends in public finances.

Michael's presentation was for **attending Rotary members only** and had a wealth of graphical presentations which were not to be shared outside of the meeting. So, not included in this week's Bulletin.



Presented to Rotary

Michael Anthonisz, Chief Economist

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MEETING DATES

JUNE	Mon 17	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CLUB. Drinks will still need to be purchased from the bar prior to the meeting.
	Mon 24	11.30 am	BOARD MEETING at Fridays
	Mon 24	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
JULY	Mon 1	12.15 pm	Changeover Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 8	11.30 am	QBI Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 8	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays

MEETING ROSTER

DATE		PRESIDENTIAL DUTY	CHAIR	INTERNATIONAL TOAST	ROTARY INFO SPOT
JUNE	Mon 17	PHIL GRESHAM	PETER SAXBY	CAMERON GIBSON	ED van GOETHEM
	Mon 24	MARK WILLIAMS	DAN ADLER	CELIA GRENNING	KEITH WATTS

RAFFLE & SERGEANT



JOKER RAFFLE The raffle was won YET AGAIN by Chris Muir.

Chris drew 2 of Clubs. Really ? Yes...



SERGEANT Michael Stephens uttered something about Chuck Norris—whoever he is.



The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

MEETING CLOSED PE Angela Murphy closed the meeting at 1.44 pm.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

GUEST SPEAKERS

JUNE	Mon 17	Associate Professor Miguel Renteria	QIMR Berghofer—on youth suicide
	Mon 24	Warwick Willmott	Senior Geologist, Author, Qld Museum

CALENDAR DATES

JUNE	Sat 15 2.00 pm	Rotary QBI Presentation at UQ	Cnr Upland Rd & Research Rd. RSVP
	Sun 16 10.00 am	Rotary International District 9620 Limited General Meeting	Online meeting via Zoom.
	Fri 28 6.30 pm	Presidents' Dinner Dinner Parking	Blackbird Bar & Grill, Riverside, 123 Eagle St.
	Sun 30 12.00 pm	District 9620 Annual Changeover	Club Noir, 3994 Pacific Hwy, Loganholme. Bookings
JULY	Mon 1 12.15 pm	Changeover Meeting	Fridays
	Sat 25 12.00 pm	RC of Hamilton Craft Beer Festival	56 Racecourse Rd, Ascot. Bookings Required

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