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Queensland Brain Institute is Prof Graeme Nimmo RFD.



#### **Chartered 29th May 1923**

# **Rotary International Club 17787**

#### **BULLETIN 13th MAY 2024**



**OPENING:** Past President Michael Stephens (left) opened the meeting at 12.39 pm with 18 in attendance, including 5 guests (right): the guest speaker Zach Woodward (Eddie's Van), KH Low, Evelyn Lee, Gay Muller (from Meri Freedom), and Maria Efthymiopoulos.









**Youth Service Month** 



**APOLOGIES:** Chris Muir, Dymphna Muir, Phil Saxby, Keith Watts, Brian Kenny, Rick Tamaschke, James Dellahunty, Juan Laporta.

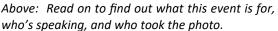
**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** of **COUNTRY** We acknowledge the Jagera and Turrbal people as the Traditional Custodians of Meanjin (Brisbane), the lands on which we meet. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

Manjanka Canning Stock Route Well 15



**TOAST** to King Charles III and the People of Australia.





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## **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL TOAST**

#### ROTARY CLUB OF TOPEKA, KANSAS, USA by Bruce McNaught

The Rotary Club of Topeka, Kansas, USA, RI District 5710, meets on Thursdays at 12:00 pm, Kay's Garden at Topeka Zoo, 635 SW Gage Blvd, Topeka, Kansas, USA.



In his toast, Bruce reflected on the hospitality he was shown while visiting Topeka and explained to the meeting how the Topeka Club had organised a roster of club members to look after him on the weekends. He has very fond memories of his visit there.





Annual Rotary Rubbish Roundup, May 18 2024.

Storm water covers to be placed this year.

The Topeka Rotary Club also has a Foundation Similar to our own Public Ancillary Fund With in excess of USD 700,000.

Topeka Zoo is the major beneficiary of the Topeka Rotary Foundation for 2024/25 Other Previous Beneficiaries [2021]:

- $\Diamond$ \$5,000 Individual homeless with working for trailer a for Mission Rescue Topeka.
- $\Diamond$ \$5,000 COVID to due learning problems with for youth summer program for salaries for YWCA Tope-
- $\Diamond$ \$1,000 children young for reading program for materials for School Elementary North Tecumseh.
- $\Diamond$ \$5,000 weekends on kids for food - Program Backpack for food for Outreach North Topeka.
- 0 \$4,000 children for young books - Library Public Topeka/Authority Housing Topeka.

#### **Rotary Club of Topeka Projects:**

- Weekly Speaker Books books given to Ross Elementary School Library.
- Covered in Coats provide under privileged children with a coat for winter.
- $\Diamond$ Support Rotary International Youth Exchange Program by hosting at least one student.
- $\Diamond$ Support a Rotary Interact Club at Highland Park High School.
- Sponsor high school students to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy).
- $\Diamond$ Provide scholarships to International students at Washburn University.
- $\Diamond$ Contribute to twelve local non-profits with weekly cup money.



The Topeka Rotary Foundation's current Signature Grantee 2023/24 is Prevention and Resiliency Services, Topeka (PARS).

The Foundation's grant funds aid PARS in providing prevention education to Topeka youth, families and the community at-large about the risks inherent with substance misuse and to help empower individuals to make informed decisions and decrease substance abuse.

This will help build healthier families and a safer community.

#### SIGNATURE CHARITY



The TRF Board selected the Topeka Zoo and Conservation Center as its current Signature

A summary of this project is as follows: The & conservation center Topeka Zoo and Conservation Center implemented a Strategic Plan effective in 2023 which

has significant Conservation and Sustainability initiatives. The Topeka Zoo is the first Zoo in North America to adopt the Sustainable Development Goals and Conservation and Sustainability initiatives established by the United Nations in 2012.

#### **ROTARY INFORMATION SPOT**

#### **DISTRICT GRANTS by Celia Grenning**

District Grants (DG) are grants managed by the district with funding received from The Rotary Foundation based on a portion of the Annual Programs (SHARE) Fund giving from three years prior. The donations from district Rotarians are invested by The Rotary Foundation for three years at which time one-half of the donations are placed in the World Fund of the Foundation for Global Grants (see below) and other Foundation pro-



grams. The other half of the donations come back to the district as District Designated Funds (DDF). A portion of the DDF is then allocated for District Grants.

DG are intended to fund short-term projects (completed within the current Rotary year) of individual clubs in the District. Funds available to individual clubs are based on their Rotary Foundation SHARE giving from three years prior, plus possible bonus dollars for reaching STAR Club status in the current year. This portion of available District funds is referred to as Allocated Funds. Allocated Funds do require matching dollars from the local clubs, based on a formula outlined. Applications are due May 31<sup>st</sup>, and are reviewed by the District Grants Subcommittee. Detail guidelines and application are located on the District Grants website <a href="https://rotary9620.org/page/foundation-district-grants">https://rotary9620.org/page/foundation-district-grants</a>

Each club may submit as many grant applications as necessary to receive and allocate their maximum club Allocated Funds. Allocated Funds not requested by clubs and/or approved by the district for grants, will be considered to be District Discretionary Funds. Each club is allowed one grant application for District Discretionary Funds, and is not subject to any specific dollar limit. All Discretionary Funds grant applications will be reviewed by the District Grants Subcommittee and will be awarded solely based on the merit of the project.



District Grants fund **short-term activities and projects** ... either local or international ... that **support The Foundation's Mission. Grants are approved** on the basis of:

- ♦ Their eligibility.
- ♦ The club's contribution to The Rotary Foundation.
- The club's contribution to the project (financial or in kind).
- ♦ The merit and benefits of the project; and
- ♦ Any ongoing community benefits.

*Grant Applications* open in November and normally close 30 April the following year, however, for grants for Rotary year 2023-24, the closing date is **31 May 2024.** Clubs can submit **up to three applications per year** but they must be prioritized.

Normally **Grant funding will be allocated to clubs on a reimbursement basis**. However, clubs, as part of their application, may submit a request for funding in advance along with justification for that request. The Committee will consider such requests on a club by club basis, based on the following criteria and at the full discretion of the Committee (approval of payment in advance should not be assumed by clubs):

- ♦ The Club's Grant Management Plan.
- ♦ The Club's justification for requesting advanced funding as provided in their application.
- ♦ The Club's history with respect to proper Grant management.

#### 2023 Rotary Foundation GRANTS SUMMARY



- District grants fund small-scale, short term activities that address needs in your community and communities abroad.
- ♦ Global grants support large interna-

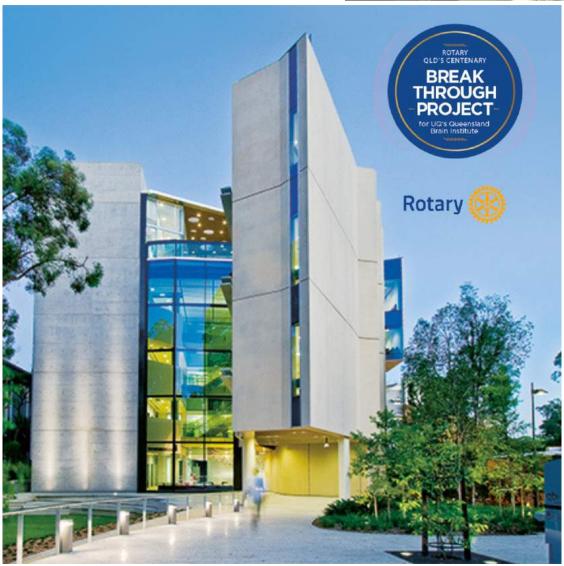
tional activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus.

- Disaster response grants support relief and recovery efforts in areas that have been affected by natural disaster.
- Programs of scale grants fund international effort by Rotary members, in partnership with others, to expand proven program models within our areas of focus in order to benefit more people and in more places and foster lasting change.



# **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.





#### 2024 QBI Lexus Alzheimer's Jazz Gala

17 May 2024 6:30pm-10:30pm

Waters Edge – Portside. Level 2 (Above Dendy Cinema), 39 Hercules Street, Portside Wharf Hamilton <u>https://qbi.uq.edu.au/event/Gala2024</u>

#### Dust off your dancing shoes and join us at Waters Edge at Portside for the 2024 QBI Lexus Alzheimer's Gala!

Enjoy city and river views from this fabulous location including canapes and drinks on the balcony when you arrive and a sit-down two course meal, beverage package and entertainment.

Plenty of great prizes and auction items on offer supporting dementia research at QBI.

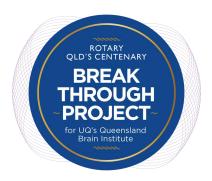
Date: Friday, 17 May 2024.

Time: 6.30pm for predinner socialising on the balcony for 7.30pm to 10.30pm.

Location: Waters Edge – Portside. Level 2 (Above Dendy Cinema), 39 Hercules Street, Portside Wharf Hamilton 4007.

Tickets: \$225 for an individual ticket or \$2,200 for a table of 10.









2023-2024 President

Phil Saxby

2024-2025

President Angela Murphy

#### 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** 



## **SPOT THE MEMBER**

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

Face Book Posting From Dickson Ken - Friday 3 May

I had the rare honor and privilege of representing <u>Rotary Club of Brisbane</u>, <u>Rotary Repurposing Equipment</u>. <u>Northern Region</u>, <u>One In Four Children</u> and donors in Mendi town and Kip in the Mendi Munhiu District.

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.

Service above self.





## **SPOT THE MEMBER**



Face Book Posting Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

We are so deeply humbled and honored to Represent <u>RAWCS - Rotary Australia</u> <u>World Community Service</u> and <u>Rotary Club of Brisbane</u>, <u>One In Four Children</u> and rest of the donors and partners in Mendi, SHP today.

- with Dansen Wayando Igawa.

## **MEMBER SPOTS**



**Tim Keeler** provided a recent example of a District Grant being used effectively as a part of Celia's discussion on grants. A \$38,000 district grant was utilised to assist in settling Ukrainian refugees in Logan. Two of the families gained employment and they have opted to pay back the \$38,000.

Tim also explained that the RCoB has an exceptional reputation for being able to manage grants and this track record makes the job of applying for grants far easier.

Tim also let the meeting know about a recent example of Rotary in action. A wife whose husband had recently died wished to donate his tools to a cause. Her husband had been buying these new tools as he approached death. The Club of Greater Springfield became aware of the situation and went to visit the woman. When they saw her, they found that the property, a small farm, had become overgrown. The club organised a team and cleaned up the property for the woman, giving her access to the front door again. Through this involvement, the woman became interested in finding out what Rotary was about, and did some research. She found out that Rotary was involved with, amongst other things, the reduction of Domestic Violence (DV). The woman decided ask for assistance in selling the tools so the money raised could be channelled into DV programs. The woman was asked if she'd like to come to Thursday night Rotary meetings. She agreed, and now attends Rotary meetings.



**Celia Grenning** (far left) introduced **Gay Muller** (Meri Freedom) (left) who showed the Club reusable female sanitary products being sent to girls in PNG. These sanitary products (shown right) allow the girls to attend school when they otherwise wouldn't be able to. The kits are currently made in Ipswich by 60 volunteers, but progress is being made

to have them locally produced in Port Moresby and Lae. The kits have been rolled out through 9 provinces and 500 kits have been distributed per year. A recent improvement has been made to the kits which involves including a card with washing and drying instructions. In the tropical climate of PNG, it was found that the reusable pads were becoming mouldy through incorrect washing and drying, so this needed to be addressed. An interesting development has been recently noted—the men are talking about the program.







**Edouard van Goethem** (left) thanked **Denise Schellbach** (right) for arranging a visit to the United Services Club.



**PE Angela Murphy** advised the meeting that Friday's have a new lunch menu that includes a variety of meals for \$20.



Zach Woodward gave an excellent presentation on Eddie's Van, which has been run out St Joseph's School, Gregory Terrace, for the past 25 years. Excerpts of his PowerPoint presentation are presented below.











EDDIE'S VAN

Rotary Club of Brisbane

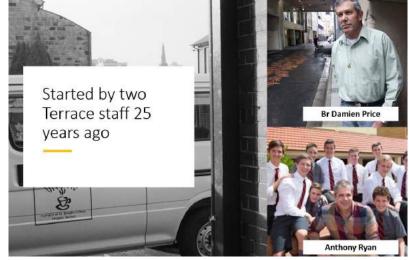
Presentation 2024



"See, I told you they'd be here" Zach told a story about a day when the weather was severely inclement and the supervising staff member was teetering on cancelling the service for that day. The boys convinced him to go, because they'd told the people that, "They'd be there." When Eddie's Van arrived, one of the people was heard to say, "See, I told you they'd be here."







The Progression of the Eddie's Van



Over the past 25 years the service has been provided sequentially by 3 vans. The first van (top left) was purchased using funds donated by an Old Boy—RCoB member Cam Gibson was involved with this initial fundraising effort. The second van is shown top right, and the latest van is shown at the bottom.



The latest van features a roll-out barbeque for cooking the meals. Previous vans required that the barbeque be lifted into and out of the van.



# Eddie's Van Inspiring Short Films

#### Film 11: I chose to confront it

In this film Anthony Ryan breaks open the story of 'Terry the bagman' of the identifies among the homeless of Brisbane city. Anthony is passionate about getting to know the story of another and through story telling to appreciate their life journey and who and what has led them to their present circumstances. Anthony has discovered the extraordinary freedom that one experiences when you are free of labels, can see the dignity of the other and you waste time in sharing story. It is all too easy to ignore so much of what confronts us in the poverty of our world. Anthony seems himself as an ordinary person who has chosen not to ignore the complex questions and issues that are urban homelessness but to spend time with the friends he has made on the streets of Brisbane through deep listening, presence and time wasted.



# Eddie's Van Inspiring Short Films

#### Film 5: Invitation

'Invitation' introduces us to three extraordinary people, 'Old Pete', Charlie and his wife Cassie. Pete was a homeless man who spent time in a boarding house in inner city Brisbane and would come to Eddie's Van. Through the community that developed at Eddie's Van Pete became good friends with Charlie and his future wife Cassie, so much so that they invited him to their wedding. In this film Charlie invites the viewer to reflect on the power of relationship and that he did not see his relationship with 'Old Pete' as a "big deal" but as a genuine friendship; Charlie and Cassie wanted their friends and family present at their wedding and 'Old Pete' was a friend; end of story. Charlie reflects on the reciprocity of all authentic relationships; we give and we receive. Charlie is aware that he is a 'guest' to Pete's sacred story. The film concludes with Old Pete reminding us that we are all equal and Charlie challenges us who may be tempted just to watch this film and then 'do nothing' to "have a crack" - "It's ok to make mistakes, it is not ok not to have a go!"





Morning Van & Night Van







Big Brekkie Classic Meal: Two Sausages & and Egg



# Night Van Meals

The night van is operated by former students and university students. The food is now provided by year 9 boys' cooking classes. 80 people are regularly served by the night van.

# Student Reflections

- "I had no idea there were different types of homelessness"
- "Their manners were better than boys at the tuckshop"
- "For someone sleeping rough, he had a pretty positive attitude"
- "Homeless people don't want to be ignored"
- "They're just like us"



Some of the people aren't 'homeless.' They have homes but have mental health issues. Mental health is major issue for many of the people served by Eddie's Van.

Key Partnerships





Meats are donated by Stanbrokes. The RCoB provides volunteer staffing during the Christmas break.













Above: Edouard van Goethem catches one of the beer stubby holder prizes handed out for correctly answering quiz questions about Eddie's Van. Other recipients were, Tim Keeler, Denise Schellbach, and Angela Murphy.

Left: Denise presents Zach with the RCoB's Certificate of Appreciation, and Zach presents Denise with St Joseph's College's Certificate of Appreciation.



#### EDDIE'S VAN—RCOB 2023-2024 SNAPSHOTS

RCOB 2023-24 SNAPSHOTS: As part of their Campus Ministry, students, staff, parents and Old Boys of St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace, supported by friends and community groups, conduct a Big Brekkie for homeless people (and those merely hungry) in and around the gardens of the inner city each weekday morning. The van is affectionately named after Edmund Rice, Roman Catholic missionary and educationalist, founder of the Congregation of Christian Brothers and the Presentation Brothers. And it has been operating for 25 years.

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

The Rotary Club of Brisbane has embraced the effort as a club project and provides many volunteers who operate Eddie's Van each weekday morning from 6am to 8.30am, but the operation would not not be possible if there was not also significant help from Friends of Rotary and the wider community; so it is a genuine community project.

Running Eddie's Van is a significant job. First of all, consumables like food, petrol, and gas need to be procured on a regular basis. Then a No one in RCoB can crack eggs like Denise. She's a legroster of helpers needs to be drawn up and maintained. Last but end. not least, a minimum of 3 people need to get to the Eddie's Van



garage each morning at 6am, prepare the food for cooking, load the van, drive to Wickham Park, cook and distribution average of 70 hot breakfasts per day, and then drive back to the garage and clean the utensils ready for the next day.



Denise celebrating on the Australia Day public holiday. A flag in mouth, and one on each ear!



Denise and friends (from left to right), Jordan and Amy, serving hot breakfasts. It was raining this day, so the serving tables were set up under cover. The menu—fried sausages and egg with buttered bread—all freshly cooked on the barbeque.

## EDDIE'S VAN-RCOB 2023-2024 SNAPSHOTS



Eddie's Van in Wickham Park—ready to cook.



The barbeque rolls out of the back from the van. Cooking can begin within 5 minutes of the van being parked.







When the skies are clear, the serving tables are next to the van. Breakfasts are cooked and served Monday to Friday during the Christmas school holidays during rain or shine. Denise has been organising this for 23 years.



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# EDDIE'S VAN—RCOB 2023-2024 SNAPSHOTS



# **MEETING DATES**

MAY	Mon 13	11.30 am	QBI Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 13	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 20	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 27	11.30 am	BOARD MEETING at Fridays
	Mon 27	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
JUNE	Mon 3	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 10	11.30 am	QBI Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 10	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
	Mon 17	12.15 pm	Meeting at Fridays
	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

# **MEETING ROSTER**

DATE		PRESIDENTIAL DUTY	CHAIR	INTERNATIONAL TOAST	ROTARY INFO SPOT
MAY	Mon 13	MICHAEL STEPHENS	MICHAEL STEPHENS	BRUCE McNAUGHT	CELIA GRENNING
	Mon 20	PHIL SAXBY	ED van GOETHEM	ANGELA MURPHY	PAUL CHOY
	Mon 27	PHIL SAXBY	CHRIS MUIR	MARK WILLIAMS	MILES MURPHY
JUNE	Mon 7	PHIL SAXBY	PETERSON WEI	DYMPHNA MUIR	KEITH WATTS
	Mon 10	PHIL SAXBY			

# **RAFFLE & SERGEANT**





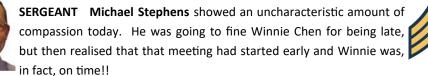
**JOKER RAFFLE** The raffle was drawn by Guest Speaker Zach Woodward and won by PDG Tim Keeler. Tim drew the joker and called the RCoB a bunch of spoilt sports and scrooges!!.





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 PP Michael Stephens closed the meeting at 1.45 pm.

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

MAY	Mon	20	Ron Baker OAM	Brisbane River (Part 2)
	Mon	27	Greg Elphinstone	Hear & Say
JUNE	Mon	3	Rotarian—Councillor Vicki Howard TBC	BCC Central Ward
	Mon	10	Michael Anthonisz	Senior Economist for Treasury Department
	Mon	17	Associate Professor Miguel Renteria	QIMR Berghofer—on suicide
	Mon	24	Warwick Willmott	Senior Geologist, Author, Qld Museum

## **CALENDAR DATES**

MAY	Fri 17	6.30 pm	Waters Edge—Portside Reservations	Level 2, 39 Hercules St, Portside Wharf, Hamilton.
	Sat 25		Rotary International Convention	Singapore (25-29 May) Registration
JUNE	Sat 15	2.00 pm	Rotary QBI Presentation at UQ	Cnr Upland Rd & Research Rd. RSVP
	Fri 28	6.30 pm	Presidents' Dinner Dinner Parking	Blackbird Bar & Grill, Riverside, 123 Eagle St.
JULY	Mon 1	12.15 pm	Changeover Meeting	Fridays
	Sat 25	12.00 pm	RC of Hamilton Craft Beer Festival	56 Racecourse Rd, Ascot. <u>Bookings Required</u>

#### **CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE**

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