





#### **Youth Service Month**

## **Chartered 29th May 1923**

#### **Rotary International Club 17787**

#### **BULLETIN 20th MAY 2024**



**OPENING:** Ed van Goethem (left) opened the meeting at 12.45 pm with 14 in attendance, including 2 guests (right): the guest speaker Ron Baker, and Tapani Kaarlas (Assistant Governor 2015-2018, Turku Sirkkala Rotary Club, Finland, D+1410).



**APOLOGIES:** Chris Muir, Dymphna Muir, Keith Watts, Brian Kenny, Celia Grenning, Peter Saxby, James Dellahunty, Juan Laporta.

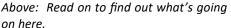
**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of COUNTRY** We acknowledge the Jagera and Turrbal people as the Traditional Custodians of Meanjin (Brisbane), the lands on which we meet. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

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

"Pinpi" Canning Stock Route Well 18 WA













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## **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL TOAST**

#### ROTARY CLUB OF CARSAIS-ESTORIL, PORTUGAL by **Angela Murphy**

The Rotary Club of Cascais-Estoril, Portugal, RI District 1960, meets on Tuesday at 9:30 pm, The Pavilion in front of Pereiro Coutinho School, Portugal (appears to be a private home). The Club was chartered in May, 1971.



Angela was born in Cascais, as was her father.



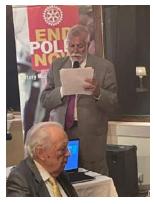
Left: The club celebrated its 53rd anniversary on May 7th.

Right: Health in Day clinics are supported by the club.









Left: The club has supported the End Polio Now campaign. Click <u>HERE</u> and <u>HERE</u> to see the videos that the club has posted on its Facebook page.



Left: Club meeting.





Below: Picturesque Cascais-Estoril

Rotary Club of Brisbane BULLETIN 20th May 2024







ROMAC provides surgical treatment for children in Australia and New Zealand from developing countries from our Pacific Region in the form of Life Giving and/or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country.

ROMAC commenced in March 1988 out of the actions of an Aus-

tralian Rotarian who, with a group of surgeons, visited Lambasa in Fiji. They found the child mortality rate as high as 25% in some places. They quickly identified that lack of medical and surgical facilities and skills for children of the island nations in Oceania, was a major cause. Rotary faced the challenge to assist an 18-year-old Fijian girl whose right leg was threatened if immediate surgery was not performed.

During the next four years, eight children were brought to Australia for major, often lifesaving, surgery. Soon 20 Australian Rotary clubs were caught up in the success of each case and assisted in various ways. ROMAC established five regions representing clubs in the west, east, south, north and centre of the country.

A New Zealand region was formally established in 2004 and treated its first patient, from Vanuatu, in December 2005. The inaugural New Zealand region representative was Trish O'Reilly and Dr Max Morris, the first New Zealand Medical Director.

It was a slow and steady process to promote the objectives and raise awareness of ROMAC in the New Zealand region, but the number of patients treated in New Zealand has risen to more than 25 patients per year.

ROMAC in New Zealand and Australia enlists assistance from medical experts, hospitals, nurses, physiotherapists, pathology and radiology services, airlines, sponsors and other supporters. **Today ROMAC** is providing surgical treatment to around **50** children from Oceania every year — we are making a huge difference in their lives.



May 13, 2022

**Vinna, from Vanuatu**, first came to ROMAC in 2017 and followed a 2-year journey to repair a multiple fracture and infection of her right leg.

The final stages of treatment required the insertion of a plate to stabilise the bone graft and Vinna was due to have this plate removed in April 2020. Covid-19 intervened and the removal of the plate did not happen then. However, in November 2022 the plate was removed successfully.

October 25, 2020

**Vincent is a Solomon Islands** patient who arrived in Australia as a two-month old requiring urgent surgery to correct a blockage between his oesophagus and his stomach. This meant he had to be fed via a catheter into the stomach.

Ten months later, after follow-up surgery, numerous hospital visits for day procedures, and constant monitoring by the doctors at the Centennial Hospital for Women and Children in Canberra, he is progressing. He

is now able to take food orally and is putting on weight. Vincent celebrated his first birthday at a colourful party organised by Sandra Goldstraw and her District 9710

March 11, 2018

**Ken** lives with his family in a remote village in the **Solomon Islands** where they have no running water or electricity. He was born prematurely at 6 months so he was taken by canoe to a clinic and then transported to hospital, where he spent the next 3 months. However, over time, his heart started to fail. Sydney cardiologist Dr James Weaver, who was visiting the Solomon Islands, saw 14-year-old Ken and was concerned

he would not survive much longer without treatment. He referred him to ROMAC. Ken was flown to Sydney for major heart surgery at the Sydney Children's Hospital in Randwick. His operation went well under the care of cardiologist Doctor Forsey and he returned to the Solomon Islands to attend school, play soccer with his friends and enjoy a happy, healthy life.





# **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.









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** 



Something to smile about! Recently inducted new member, Winnie Chen, finally received her membership badge today!



ENTER YOUR OWN PHOTOGRAPH TO HIGHLIGHT MEMBER ROTARY ACTIVITIES

ALSO ACCEPTING PHOTOGRAPHIC MEETING APOLOGIES FROM ANY ABSENT MEMBERS



#### Face Book Posting From Dickson Ken - 13 May

I had a wonderful time in PNG where I had the privilege of donating laptops to school students. Many of these students attend tertiary institutions without access to proper tools, resorting to using their mobile phones or borrowing laptops from friends in desperation...

It's a reality I know all too well, having once been in their shoes, hiring or borrowing laptops to complete assignments. Special thanks to Technology Services of <u>Brisbane Boys' College</u> for their generous donation of devices, which were at end-of-life, enabling me to make a tangible difference in the lives of these students...

The Hon Timothy Masiu, MP, Minister For ICT said, "The future will be a digital future and we can not afford to be left out."

I know this donation will empower, uplift, and inspire the next generation through education and access to technology...















#### **THANKS CELIA**

A **second District Grant** is being applied for by our Club To supply Teacher in the Box to 20 PNG schools

https://www.teacherinabox.org.au/

Some will have an extended WiFi, extending the 100 metre coverage to one kilometre. They will be distributed by our Club member, Dickson Ken.



## APPLICATION FOR DISTRICT GRANTS FOR ROTARY YEAR 2024

#### **Application Information**

**Rotary Club of Brisbane** 

Club Contact: Celia Grenning

Contact Email: celiag@kyeemafoundation.org

Amount of Funds being applied for (including GST): \$4,600

#### **Describe the Project**



The demand for village chickens is rising rapidly, as most rural families cannot access affordable protein. PNG ranks the fourth highest in the world for child stunting, which is estimated to sit at 49.5%, and this is primarily believed to be due to insufficient protein in the diet. This is skewed towards the 80% of Papua New Guineans who still live a rural subsistence existence, collecting what food they grow from their gardens. The eggs and also the chickens can also be sold for a good price in local markets, to supplement the income of rural families. As village chickens can scavenge for their own food and don't need to be fed commercial feed, they are very cheap to maintain. They also go broody, so will hatch and look after chicks, so there is no need to purchase chicks to replenish stocks. They are also very well adapted to the local environment, so are much hardier than the commercial chickens. Their manure can be used to fertilise gardens and their scratching helps to aerate soil. They have a much lower environment footprint when compared to commercial chickens.

This support is being requested to set up another Master Farmer in Metevoi village, New Hanover Island, New Ireland Province. It will be managed by John Aini, who is the founder of Ailan Awareness Association (<a href="https://ailanawareness.wordpress.com/about/">https://ailanawareness.wordpress.com/about/</a>), an NGO that has been supporting the local communities around Kavieng since 1993. In July 2022, Kyeema Foundation visited the proposed project site at the invitation of the Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA) who accompanied the visit, and John Aini, Ailan Awareness, who hosted the event. CEPA funded Kyeema to undertake initial awareness raising with communities on village chicken keeping and coral gardening / reef restoration. The team visited island communities of New Hanover (Metevoi village) and Tsoi island (community centre) as well as mainland communities Kaselok and Livitua villages on the east coast and Para village on the west coast of Kavieng. There was great interest in both village chicken keeping and coral gardening programs. The local women were interested in the backyard village chicken keeping concept as they could see the potential in improving household income by selling eggs and meat. This activity would be the first Master Farmer in New Ireland Province.



Kyeema Foundation



The Rotary Club of Brisbane is committing A\$10,000 (\$5,000 in 23/24 and \$5,000 in 24/25) for travel and training activities and the Ailan Awareness Association will also be contributing K5,000 (A\$2,000) to support the training activities once the farm is set up. This will ensure the long-term sustainability of the training program, as once the Master Farmer is confident, he can continue to provide training to the community members without Kyeema's support. Training videos and slides prepared in PNG will be provided to Ailan Awareness for this purpose.

The aim of the Rotary Club of Brisbane is to continue to expand the village chicken program in PNG to reach every Province, to improve national capacity to breed and sell local chickens in PNG. Having ready access to affordable protein is the key to reducing childhood stunting. Eventually it is hoped that this could become a global program with the support of Rotary International and the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. RCOB recently received a donation from the Rotary Club of Moorestown, New Jersey, to support Kyeema's PNG village chicken training activities, which was as a result of the Rotary International magazine featuring the village chicken project in it's December 2023 edition (see attached blog). These funds will be put towards the Kavieng activity also.

#### Outline the Benefits of the Project

It is hoped that over time, all interested community members will be trained and supported to keep village chickens, and that they will be using the chickens and eggs as both an affordable source of protein for the family and as an income source when needed (e.g. to pay school fees). As women mostly manage the chickens, we are confident that income earnt will be spent on essential household needs. The benefits will be improved protein intake in children, which will over time reduce the incidence of childhood stunting. It will also enable more children to go to school, and for additional food items to be purchased as required for family consumption. It also gives women a "petty cash" option, so that when they need funds they can sell a chicken or some eggs.

The project is expected to create a community hub for small agriculture activities, targeting village chicken farming and backyard gardening. The activities will complement one another by providing locally grown products to feed families and the farmed village chickens. These activities will complement each other to sustain the project in local communities.

#### How will it meet the needs of the Community?

The communities who participate in the project will be given the opportunity to improve their skills and knowledge in village chicken farming and backyard gardening. Kyeema will deploy specialised village chicken farming trainers to conduct training in how to look after farmed village chickens. The training will improve skills and knowledge.

- Poultry husbandry
- Improve housing and nesting
- · Identifying local grown and natural feed
- · Egg management
- Nursery Management
- Biosecurity

The project will enable households to access alternative, fresh protein through eggs and meat to provide a nutritious meal daily for families. It will also provide fresh vegetables for household consumption. The addition of fresh protein and vegetables should improve longer-term health outcomes for families and reduce childhood stunting.

#### MoU with Vanuatu Ministry of Health was Signed this week

Past President of the Australian Dental Association Qld, Dr Adrian Frick from Bundaberg, has already entered Port Vila this week, supplying dental services into Vila Central Hospital dental clinic.

Elizabeth Webb from New Zealand entered Port Vila on Friday, supplying services to both VCN dental clinic and school children, utilising Rotary grant funding from District 9910. Both utilised this new MoU for Entry and Customs clearance of donated dental goods supplied for local use.



Extra dental services into Lolowai Hospital Dental Clinic will await resolution of the Air Vanuatu bankruptcy and grounding of their fleet.

 The GoV will use its best endeavours to facilitate the implementation of activities under this MoU.

#### 17. Media

17.1. All reports, articles and interviews arising as the result of the activities are to be approved by the co-ordinating Authorities prior to release to media outlets in Vanuatu or offshore,

#### 18. Settlement of Disputes

18.1. All parties will consult together at any time upon request of either party regarding a matter to the terms of the MoU and will endeavour jointly in a spirit of co-operation and mutual trust to resolve any difficulties of misunderstandings which may arise.

#### 19. Amendments

19.1. The MoU may be amended and supplemented at any time by an arrangement in writing between the co-ordinating Authorities or alternate nominated authority.

#### 20. Warranty

20.1. Australian and New Zealand qualified dental personnel and Phil Saxby will ensure that all dental materials or THE DENTAL CLINIC Project Supplies are to be signed across to Ministry of Health as the end user for each period of service delivery.

#### 21. Effective dates and Signatures

Signed in Duplicate at Port Vila on this // day of May 2024

For Phil Saxby of Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc. and Other Australian and New Zealand Registered Dentists

For the Government of Vanuatu (Represented by the Ministry of Health)

Registered Dentists
Signature: / hil Sanby

Signature:

Name: Dr Phil Saxby

Name:

POSITION: PRESIDENT PROTARY COURT BRISSANG

Position: Director Curetive



President Phil Saxby

#### Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Representing an Arrangement between

The Government of the Republic of Vanuatu (Represented by the Ministry of Health)

And

Phil Saxby of the Rotary Club of Brisbane

And

Other Australian and New Zealand Qualified Dental Personnel

For

THE DENTAL CLINICS IN VANUATU

As an

AID IN KIND (AIK) INITIATIVE



With Air Vanuatu grounded, the only inter-island air transport is Air Taxi charter @ \$2,000 per leg. The regular Air Vanuatu passenger ticket Port Vila to Longana is less than \$200. The last four legs booked with Air Vanuatu in August and November 2023 required three replacement charter flights, as Air Vanuatu flights were cancelled on short notice.



### **MEMBER SPOTS**



Denise Schellbach (right) encouraged members to read the Rotary Downunder Magazine. It has some excellent information on mental health.





PE Angela Murphy reported on the QBI Gala that she and DGN Mark Williams attended last Friday night. A good time was had by all.



PP Bruce McNaught will be overseas for a month or so. Bruce intends to catch up with Chris Rutter who visited our club earlier this year. He intends to visit her club.







Bruce, Mark, Angela, and Keith will all be attending the Conference in Singapore.

#### GUEST SPEAKER— Ron Baker OAM — Brisbane River Part II



Ron Baker is a recently retired Heritage Architect who has had his own architectural practice since 1997 following his resignation from the Brisbane City Council where he was employed as a heritage architect in the Council's Heritage Unit.

Ron specialised in "in-character" home alterations and additions.

Whilst with the BCC he was responsible for the award-winning restoration of the Brisbane School of Arts building in Ann St. Brisbane. Ron Is President of both the Coorparoo & Districts Heritage Group and the Coorparoo School of Arts & Memorial Hall Association Inc.

He was a member and Past President of the Stones Corner Rotary Club for 33 years before if ceased operating in March last year. He is currently writing the 63 year history of the Club.

Ron was awarded an OAM in 2019 for his service to the community through many organisations. In 1987, during Brisbane's Year of the River, Ron was River Strategy Co-ordinator for the Lord Mayor's River Strategy Committee. It was during this time that he developed an interest and love of the Brisbane River. Ron's talk will be a

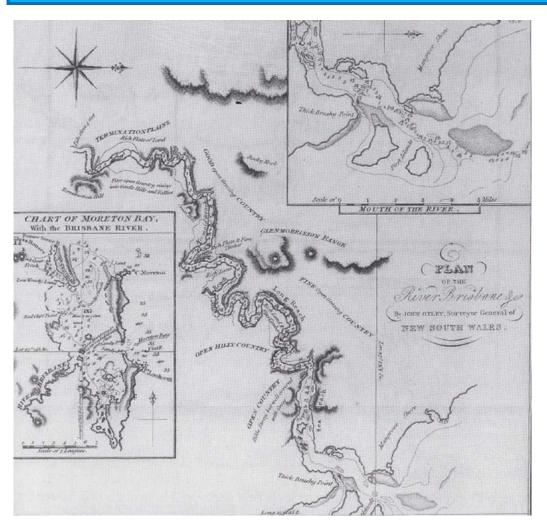
brief history of the river as Brisbane developed into the city it is today.

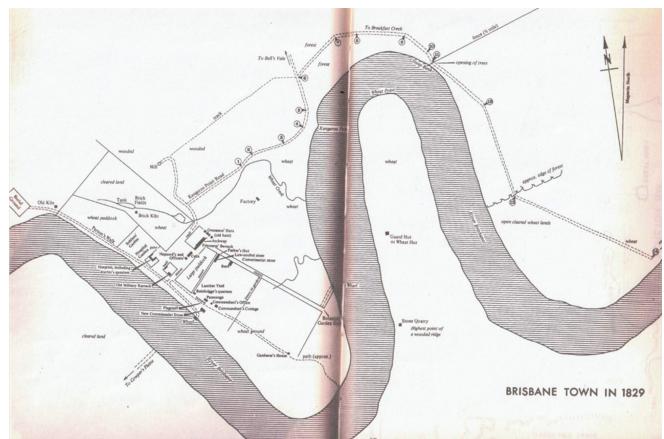


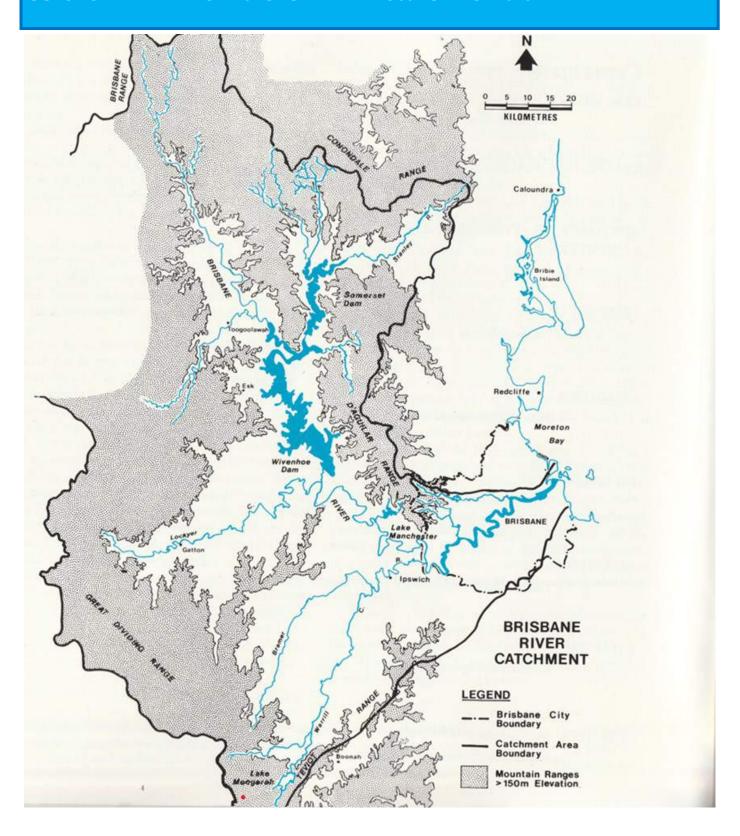


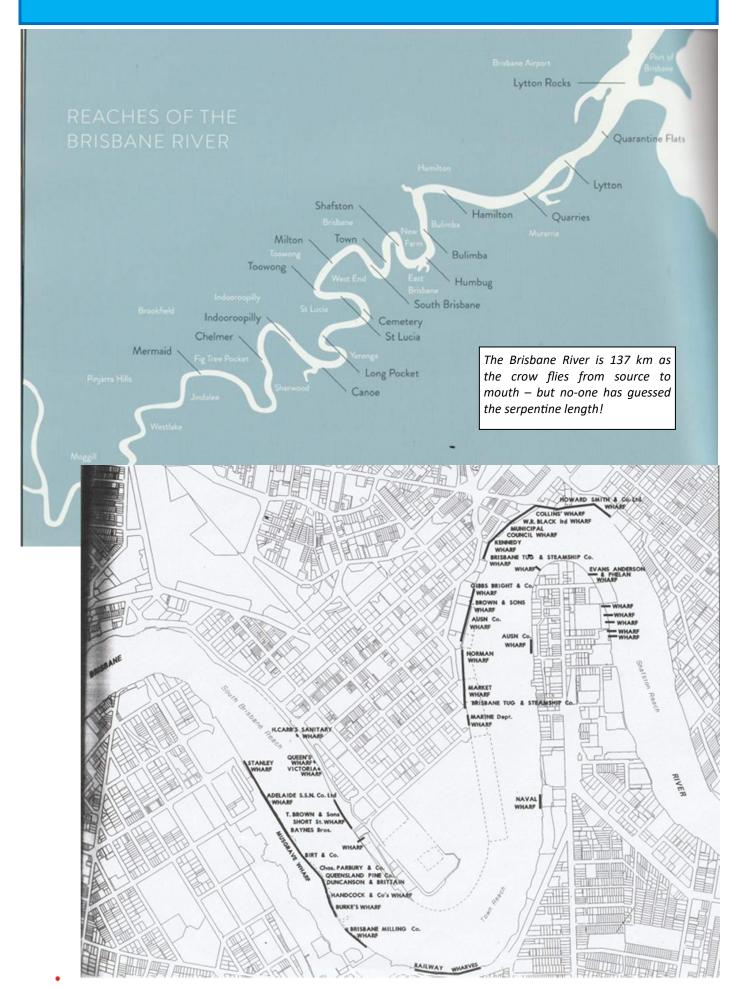
Today, Ron presented Part 2 of his Brisbane River presentation. It was a truly fascinating historical journey through Brisbane's past. This is the first time Ron has presented Part 2—it has only just been collated.

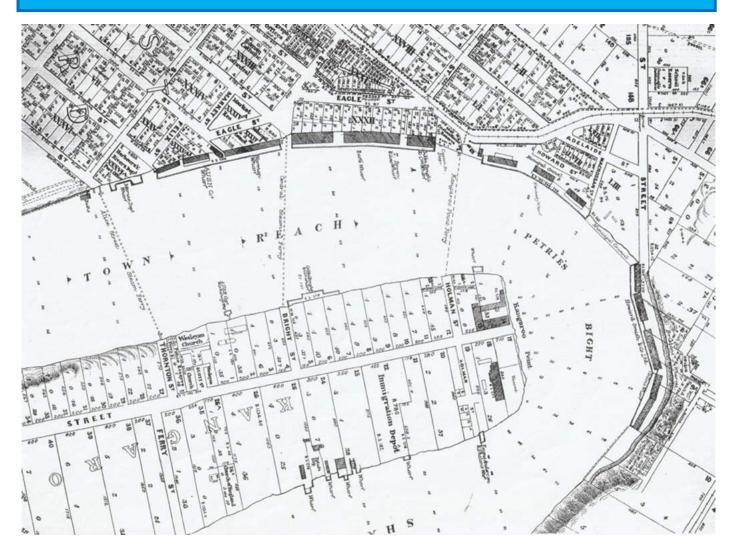
Following are excerpts from Ron's presentation.







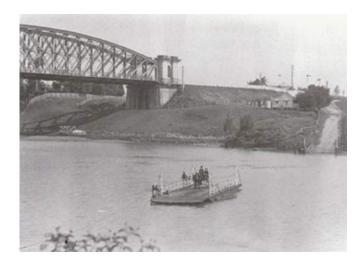




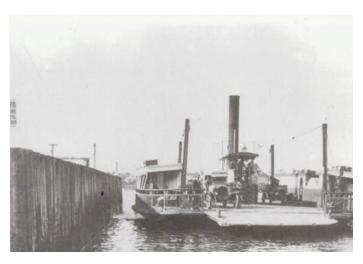
Thornton St still has police cells, in the original police reserve.



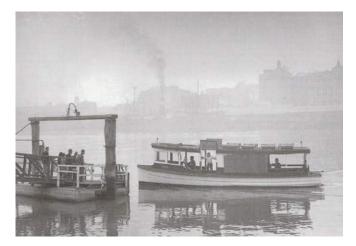
Brisbane from the Kangaroo Point ferry approach, in 1924. Note ferry in midstream.



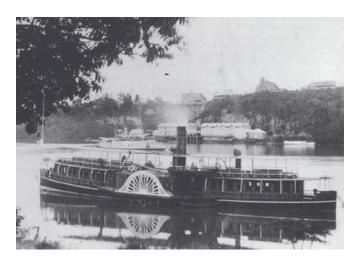
The Indooroopilly barge was cable driven.



The Hetherington Barge at Bulimba operated into the 1950s and then became a gravel barge.



Queensland Police Row boats in 1900.

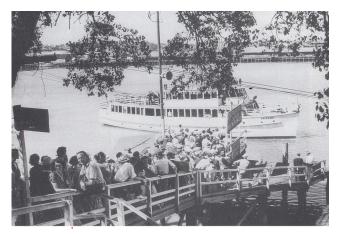


The paddle wheeler Nerita with the Kangaroo Point naval stores in the background.

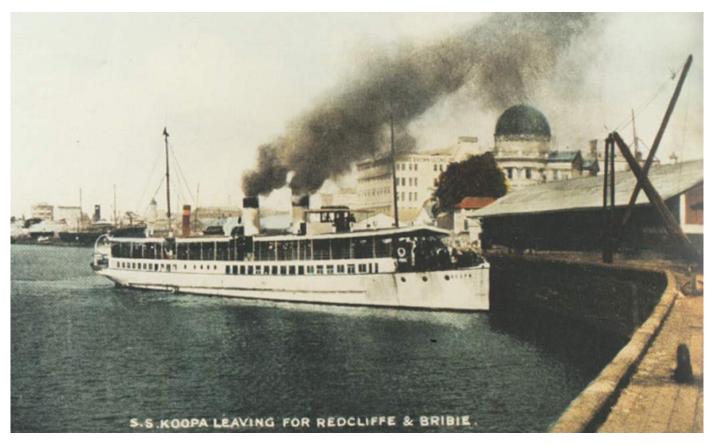


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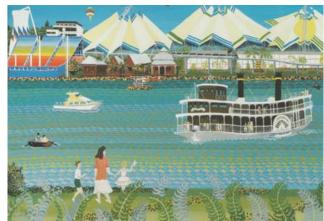


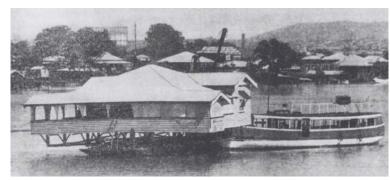
The "Mirana" operated the Lone Pine Cruise.



Above: The SS Koopa – prior to the construction of the Hornibrook Highway to Redcliffe.

Right: The Kookaburra Queen.





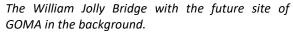
1924. A house removal from Indooroopilly to Bishops Island. The residents and furniture stayed on board for the ride down the river.

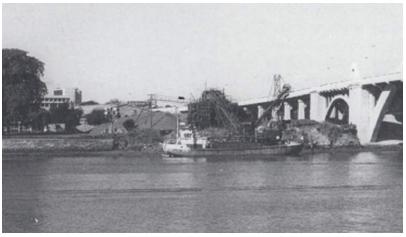
Seventeen Mile Rocks were blasted in 1956 to allow for trafficking of larger river vessels.





Sand and gravel dredging 1956 allowed larger vessels to Yerongpilly. There is a large natural waterhole just downstream from Oxley Creek.



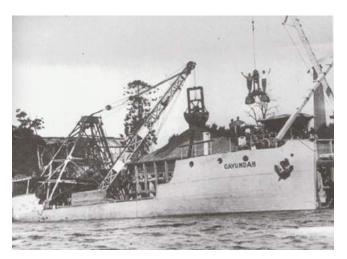




St Mary's Church Kangaroo Point – a naval church. Lillian Cooper and Josephine Bedford donated the stained glass windows.



Two Queensland navy vessels in the Maritime Dry Dock.



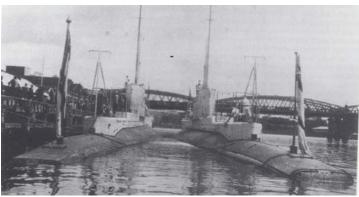
The Gayundah – converted to a barge.



The guns at Fort Lytton – never fired.



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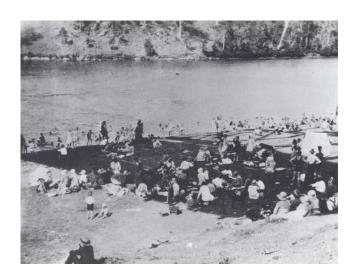
Australian Submarines at Chelmer; US submarines were stationed further downstream.



A 1938 Qantas Catalina.



Above left and right: The beach under Albert Bridge.





The baths at Dutton Park operated between 1912-1932.



Rowing—Head of the River.

Sailing Regattas were held annually to celebrate Queensland's Separation Day, 10<sup>th</sup> December 1859.



## Story Bridge Toll Booths on Bradfield Highway

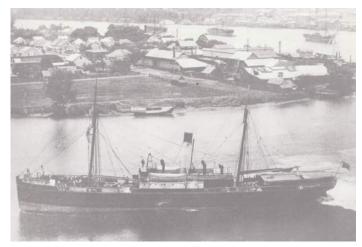


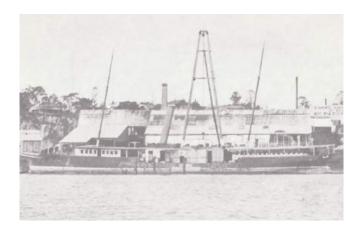
The Story Bridge Tolls operated during 1940 – 1947 only, as the bridge was paid off.

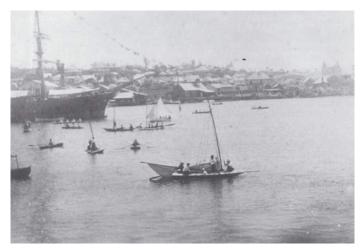


The New Farm and Evans Deakin Dry Dock with a vessel about to enter [view downstream from top of Story Bridge].







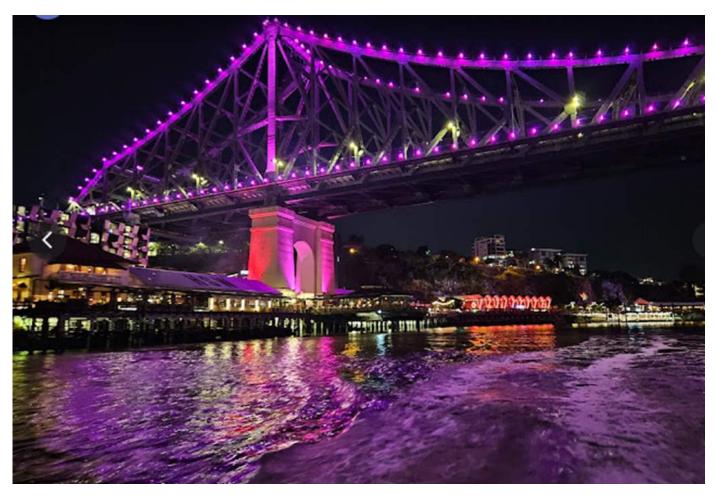




Fisherman Islands Terminal - 2005.



Oxley's Restaurant on Coronation Drive.



Howard Smith Wharves.



President Phil Saxby presents the Guest Speaker, Ron Baker, with the Club's Certificate of Appreciation.

## **MEETING DATES**

MAY	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
	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
MAY	Mon 27	PHIL SAXBY	JOHN SMERDON	MARK WILLIAMS	BRUCE McNAUGHT
JUNE	Mon 7	PHIL SAXBY	PETERSON WEI	WINNIE CHEN	MILES MURPHY
	Mon 10	PHIL SAXBY	ANGELA MURPHY	RICK TAMASCHKE	MICHAEL STEPHENS
	Mon 17	PHIL GRESHAM	PETER SAXBY	CAMERON GIBSON	ED van GOETHEM
	Mon 24	PHIL SAXBY	DAN ADLER	CELIA GRENNING	KEITH WATTS

## **RAFFLE & SERGEANT**





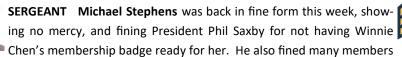
JOKER RAFFLE The raffle was drawn by Guest Speaker Ron Baker and won by Ed van Goethem. Ed drew the joker and people thought he was going kill someone because he was saying, "murder".....then everyone remembered that Ed is French....





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?



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**MEETING CLOSED** Ed van Goethem closed the meeting at 1.45 pm.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM** 

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

MAY	Mon	27	Greg Elphinstone	Hear & Say
JUNE	Mon	3	Chris Dougherty	CEO, Epilepsy, Queensland
	Mon	10	Michael Anthonisz	Senior Economist for Treasury Department
	Mon	17	Associate Professor Miguel Renteria	QIMR Berghofer—on youth suicide
	Mon	24	Warwick Willmott	Senior Geologist, Author, Qld Museum

#### **CALENDAR DATES**

MAY	Sat 25	Rotary International Convention	Singapore (25-29 May) Registration
JUNE	Sat 15 2.00 pi	n Rotary QBI Presentation at UQ	Cnr Upland Rd & Research Rd. RSVP
	Fri 28 6.30 pı	n Presidents' Dinner <u>Dinner</u> Parking	Blackbird Bar & Grill, Riverside, 123 Eagle St.
JULY	Mon 1 12.15	m Changeover Meeting	Fridays
	Sat 25 12.00 j	m RC of Hamilton Craft Beer Festival	56 Racecourse Rd, Ascot. Bookings Required

#### **CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE**

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https://member.containersforchange.com.au/team-member/add/qld?team\_link=qld/the-rotary-club-of-brisbane-inc-6420eda5a5afb



RC TAIPEI TATUNG
40th Anniversary
19th APRIL 2024

RI CONVENTION
SINGAPORE
25-29 MAY 2024

