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Queensland Brain Institute is  
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## Youth Service Month

Chartered 29th May 1923

Rotary International Club 17787

### BULLETIN 27th MAY 2024



**OPENING:** President Phil Saxby (left) opened the meeting at 12.45 pm with 15 in attendance, including 3 guests (right): the guest speaker Greg Elphinston (CEO of Hear and Say), and Brent and Amelia McFarlane (RC Bonsall, San Diego, USA).



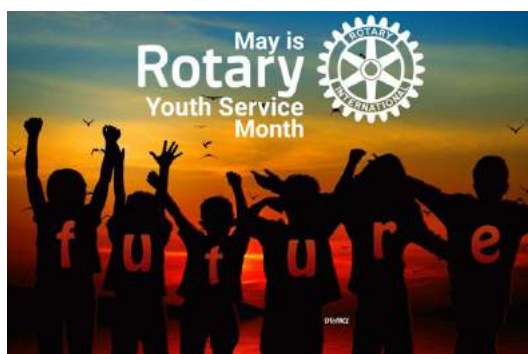
**APOLOGIES:** Brian Kenny, Peter Saxby, James Dellahunty, Juan Laporta—Attending the RI Conference Singapore: Bruce McNaught, Keith Watts, Angela Murphy, Mark Williams.

**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.

*Ewaninga Petroglyphs  
Hale  
South of Alice Springs NT  
As photographed 1992*



Above: Read on to find out who  
Dickson Ken is meeting with.



May is Youth Service Month

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## Santo Rotary



The Rotary Club of Santo, RI District 9910, Vanuatu, is a small, informal club of modest means but big ambitions. The club meets every week at our club rooms opposite the hospital in Santo. President Heinrich Seosse has been President for 3 years. Area Governor Rufino Pineda is currently President Elect.



*LEFT: Past Rotary International President, and current Rotary Foundation Chairman, Barry Rassin presenting Lindsay Ford with the Rotary Foundation's highest award, Distinguished Service Award in Nov 2023.*

*Alison Ford proudly holding the well deserved award.*

*Lindsay Ford has just been granted a Rotary International Project of Scale [US\$2million] to provide satellite internet services to schools and hospitals on Pentecost Island, Vanuatu.*



*Left: Rufino Pineda arranged for this hand washing facility at Coolidge Kindy, Banban.*

*Yes – it is on the way to the SS Coolidge dive site.*



*Right & Below: Water tank funded by Chadstone Rotary Club (Victoria).*





These two RAWCS projects have been registered a last week to send containers of medical and educational supplies into Kenya and Goilala District PNG.

There are 413 such projects <https://rawcs.org.au/explore-projects>

#### 59-2023-24: Donations of Educational and Health Supplies to Goilala District PNG (RAOAF)

Working through RAWCS Northern Region RARE, 2 x 40' containers of educational and health supplies will be packed and sent to service remote communities within the Goilala District of PNG.

#### 60-2023-24: Donations of Educational and Health Supplies to United Nations Countryless Children Agency in Kenya (RAOAF)

Working through RAWCS Northern Region RARE, United Federation of Volunteers for Refugees Action Inc will send 40' containers of health and educational supplies to United Nations Countryless Children Agency in Kenya (UNCC). UNCC is an Australian's Kenyan's and Ugandan's first and only non-governmental organisation working towards ending statelessness through research, advocacy and community building.

### RAWCS CAUSES

#### Supporting Education

Around the world more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal with RAWCS projects is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

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#### Providing Clean water, Sanitation and Hygiene

When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.

RAWCS projects and volunteers mobilize resources, form partnerships, and invest in infrastructure and training that yield long-term change.

**Saving Mothers and Children**

**Fighting Disease**

**Growing Local Economies**

**Repurposing Equipment (RARE)**

**Rotarians Against Malaria**

**Protecting the Environment and Wildlife**

**Promoting Peace**

**Volunteers**

**Health Care**



**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.**

**PRESIDENT**  
**Phil Saxby**



2023-2024

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**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](mailto:psaxby@ozemail.com.au)

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

**TICKETS:** [Only Available Online](#)



Visitors Brett and Amelia McFarlane, from the Rotary Club of Bonsall, San Diego, USA, standing alongside President Phil Saxby.



## SPOT THE MEMBER

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



**Dickson Ken** with Jeanette Johnstone - Founder of **Teacher in the Box** in 2019. "I was a village boy chasing my dreams and I crossed paths with you. Time has swiftly passed by and here we are."

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

### **Prof Pankaj Sah**

Big smiles all round at this year's **QBI Lexus Alzheimer's Jazz Gala**. Our new venue Waters Edge at Portside was a spectacular setting as we danced the night away to some brilliant jazz music from [@dezziedandthestingrayz](#). Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped raise vital funds for dementia research.



**President-Elect Angela Murphy** taking a break from hectic President-Elect duties at the 2024 Rotary International Convention in Singapore.





## SPOT THE MEMBER



*DGN Mark Williams and PE Angela Murphy share a meal at the 2024 Rotary International Conference.*

*DGN Mark Williams at a Singapore Metro Station—standing in front of an advertisement for Rotary.*



## MEMBER SPOTS



**Celia Grenning** notified all members that membership invoices will be sent out this weekend.



**John Smerdon** advised the meeting that all members will receive a receipt from the Rotary Foundation for donations made by the Club for each member.

## GUEST SPEAKER— Greg Elphinston — Hear and Say



A lawyer by profession, Greg brings experience from a diverse international career to Hear and Say.

Through his work as a social innovator and instigator of the UNESCO Mobile Learning week, he was influential in the creation and adoption of mobile technology for health and education in developing countries.

Greg has contributed to social change in a wide range of settings, from youth employability in Latin America to remote learning across Asia and Africa.

He has a constructive approach to partnership, and has held executive roles in the corporate, government and not-for-profit sectors.

Greg joined Hear and Say in January 2022 and is committed to enriching the lives of clients through the beauty of sound.



One in six Australians is impacted by hearing loss – a figure set to rise to one in four by 2060.

One to two in every 1,000 babies in Australia is born with a permanent hearing loss, and this doubles by the time children reach school age.

Almost half of us know someone with a hearing loss.

Hear and Say is Queensland's specialised provider of audiology and speech pathology for all people with hearing loss.

Hear and Say operate state-wide and support people of all ages – from newborn babies, to toddlers, school age children and adults.



Greg delivered an excellent presentation to the club today, and excerpts from presentation follow. Some key points that Greg made during this presentation included:

- ◇ Most of Hear and Say's work is done with children, and in particular, those requiring cochlear implants.
- ◇ Although cochlear implants can provide/restore hearing, some deaf people still wish to learn Auslan to communicate with others. An example of this was a deaf cricket team member who needed to remove cochlear implants prior to fitting a helmet, but needed to communicate with others without the implant.
- ◇ There have been changes to referral pathways; SW Queensland has stopped screening for deaf children, as they have nowhere to send the affected ones.
- ◇ Deaf Connect has good connections with Hear and Say.



## **Purpose**

Help people to hear and speak  
(Adults as well as children)



**Hear and Say**  
Opening worlds

## **Scope**

- Hearing screening
- Audiology
- Speech pathology and Auditory-Verbal Therapy

## **Service chain**

Screening

Diagnostic testing

Therapy

Technology  
Acquisition



### Screening

- 14,000 children/year
- Acts as a first step towards diagnosis
- Lack of funding hurts regional families

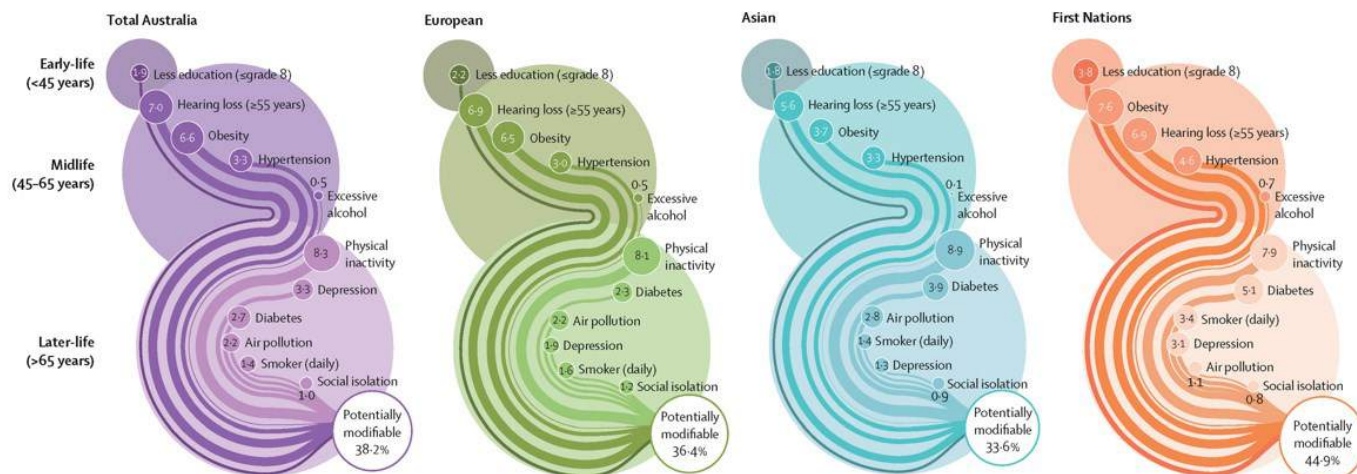


### Audiology

- There is a major gap in diagnostic testing
- No cochlear service between BNE – TVL
- Cochlear switch-ons are magical



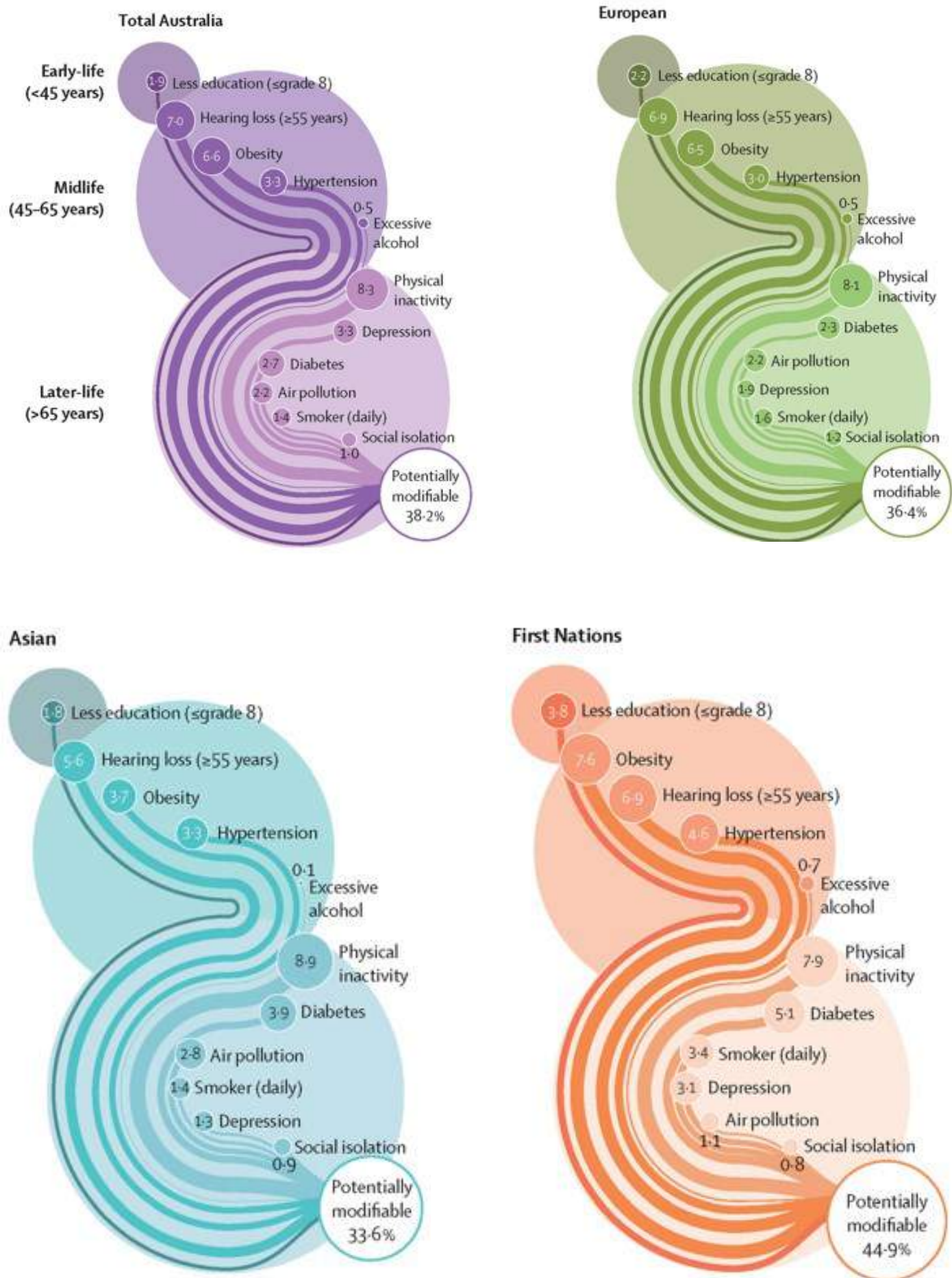
## Hearing loss and dementia\*



\* Source: The Lancet









### Therapy

- Highly specialised service
- Aim is to start school with proficiency in hearing and speech
- Early intervention is key



### Obstacles & Opportunities

- Inflation v pricing power
- Referral pathways often don't exist
- Institutional barriers to progress
- Scarcity of qualified staff worldwide
- Specialisation is undervalued
- Significant needs outside the capital are a source of motivation
- The new speech pathology service is more attractive to employees
- We can improve access for people in regional locations



*President Phil Saxby present Greg Elphinston from Hear and Say with the Club's Certificate of Appreciation.*



## MEETING DATES

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
JUNE	Mon 3	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	MARK WILLIAMS	DAN ADLER	CELIA GRENNING	KEITH WATTS

## RAFFLE & SERGEANT



**JOKER RAFFLE** The raffle was drawn by Guest Speaker Greg Elphiston and won by Phil Gresham. Guest Amelia McFarlane drew a King and smashed Phil's hopes of becoming someone other than Chris Muir to win the raffle!



**SERGEANT** Michael Stephens was absent today and no fines were levied.



**MEETING CLOSED** President Phil Saxby closed the meeting at 1.45 pm.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**



## 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?

## GUEST SPEAKERS

<b>JUNE</b>	<b>Mon 3</b>	Chris Dougherty	CEO, Epilepsy, Queensland
	<b>Mon 10</b>	Michael Anthonisz	Senior Economist for Treasury Department
	<b>Mon 17</b>	Associate Professor Miguel Renteria	QIMR Berghofer—on youth suicide
	<b>Mon 24</b>	Warwick Willmott	Senior Geologist, Author, Qld Museum

## CALENDAR DATES

<b>JUNE</b>	<b>Sat 15</b>	<b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>Rotary QBI Presentation at UQ</b>	Cnr Upland Rd & Research Rd. <a href="#">RSVP</a>
	<b>Fri 28</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Presidents' Dinner</b> <a href="#">Dinner</a> <a href="#">Parking</a>	Blackbird Bar & Grill, Riverside, 123 Eagle St.
<b>JULY</b>	<b>Mon 1</b>	<b>12.15 pm</b>	<b>Changeover Meeting</b>	Fridays
	<b>Sat 25</b>	<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>RC of Hamilton Craft Beer Festival</b>	56 Racecourse Rd, Ascot. <a href="#">Bookings Required</a>

## CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

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