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2017 / 2018 ROTARY YEAR



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President's report



Dear Fellow Rotarians

As my year of service as President of the Rotary Club of Brisbane winds down, I find myself reflecting on what went well and what could have been done better. I started with a desire to make a difference. This was also what the Rotary International President, Ian Riseley, put forward as a Rotary theme for the 2017/2018 year. It certainly was a challenge difficult to achieve as I had to fill the big shoes of some stellar former presidents. I am not certain that I succeeded but I can assure you I did the best I am capable of.



Being THE President of THE premier Rotary club in Queensland is not simply a challenge. It is a challenge with a great honour attached to it. It is an honour I was fortunate enough to be given. With that honour came the opportunity to learn from the best, to grow as a person and to contribute as much as I can. I embraced that opportunity with an open heart and with the understanding that I might not have been well prepared for it. Nevertheless on the way I learned a lot and in many aspects my views evolved in parallel. From the current point of time I can proudly look back at the past 12 months and say that there is nothing I am ashamed of. After all we have met a great deal of our goals (see our Club goals for details).

It is probably important when there is a sense of satisfaction coming from within. But certainly it is more important when there are external signs that this sense is not self-biased. Such signs are:

1. The Rotary Club of Brisbane was the only Club to bring home two trophies from the Rotary District 9600 Changeover: the Alan Ward Memorial Shield for outstanding activities in vocational service and the Herrington Shield for best club bulletin.
2. PP Wal Bishop was made a member of the Order of Australia, a well-deserved recognition for his contributions



Photo 1. Wal Bishop AM

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towards the Australian society. According to his words Rotary was a major contributor to his achievement.

3. Although no match for Wal's achievement but similar to his case, Rotary was a major contributor for me being awarded a QUT 2018 Student Leadership Award.
4. Along the way we have qualified for Rotary International President's Citation.

This year we were also very successful in our media relations. Central and North Burnett Times, New Farm Village News, the Courier Mail, ABC Radio, Rotary Down Under magazine, Rotary International Blog and numerous websites and bulletins featured what we achieved at the Club. Well done to our Public Relations committee! Thank you Denise for being on the lead as well as for the effort you put in attracting quality speakers to our regular meetings (see speakers and members in the spotlight for details)!

This does not mean that everything was successful. Certainly not! There were many initiatives that did not turn out as desired or expected but we tried and that is what matters. We tried, we learned from our shortcomings and, hopefully, we improved.

In my changeover speech a year ago I said that growing our membership, both in quantity and quality, will be of a high priority for me. It was although with no success on the quantity part. We started the year with 40 members. We finish it with 35 - a net decline of 5 despite the monstrous effort of PP Keith and his Membership committee. Nevertheless they deserve a hearty "Thank you!" for their efforts during the year and in particular for the innovative ideas they implemented such as the Leadership Seminar and the International Women's Day breakfast.



Photo 2. The RCoB Leadership Seminar with Tony Holmes

Now more than ever I am convinced that the Club should focus even further on quality rather than quantity of members. I understand that more members makes sense from the point of view of Rotary International as every member pays dues and improves the general statistics, no matter if they contribute or don't to their Clubs. On Club level, however, the picture is different. It is the community service that is important and we

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can see the 80/20 rule in what we do (80% of the work is done by 20% of the people). I continue believing that:

1. Despite being relatively high the overall cost of membership is not such a big barrier for attracting new members. It is rather what people get against their investment. At the same time there should be a clear understanding that neither the Club nor Rotary is a generic product suitable for everybody.
2. The opportunity for each of us to be hands on and see a tangible result for our efforts, providing a real sense of achievement, will make costs less relevant.
3. Members' contributions, big or small, need to be recognised with or without ceremonies (see President's Bottle of Wine Awards for examples).

In an effort to provide opportunities for our members to get involved the Club embarked on a significant number of projects (see our calendar for details). Active Club members put 3,164 volunteer hours throughout the year. If that is not a commitment, I do not know what is. Some of the projects were more externally focused, e.g. supporting Red Frogs and Kits for Kids. Some of them were more internally focused, e.g. the testimonial lunches of Stan Francis and James Delahunty. Some of them were purely social, e.g. the dinner at the Newstead Brewery, the Christmas party or the Roma Street Parklands picnic. All those provided us with opportunities to celebrate our achievements with the last being our 95th anniversary at the Brisbane Queen Street Mall. This is where our Service projects Chair Jacqui Page deserves recognition. Thank you Jacqui for leading the Club in so many endeavours! Jacqui is also the Club Paul Harris Fellow with the highest level of recognition. I had the pleasure of presenting her with her PHF+7 pin earlier this year.



Photo 3. At the Newstead Brewery

It goes without saying that our long list of implemented activities required a solid financial backing (see projects and fundraising for details). Our biggest commitment, the Red Frogs project, was possible due to the existence of our Public Ancillary Fund. The smooth functioning of the last was made possible under the skilful supervision of John Smerdon. Thank you, John, for taking care of and growing our future potential to make a difference!

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Our smaller commitments required smaller but by no means less important financial support. While such was embedded in quite a few of them, e.g. in the testimonial lunches of Stan Francis and James Delahunty, there were other fundraising initiatives worth mentioning such as the 2018 Golf Day and the Melbourne Cup Trifecta. Thank you PP Graeme for the initiative and the effort!

In parallel our Treasurer, Warren Walker, made constantly sure that all the money, coming in or going out of the Club, end up in the right place. Thank you, Warren!

I personally tried to explore non-traditional sources of finance for the Club by developing five project proposals seeking external funding (see developed project proposals for details). Unfortunately three were unsuccessful but I am still crossing fingers for the remaining two, one submitted to the Rotary Foundation and another to the European Commission. Those two projects, if approved will pave the way for growing our International service, an avenue with a lot of available potential for making a difference.

During the year I put a lot of effort into communicating everything that was, is and will happen through my President's column in the Bulletin. I hope you enjoyed reading it. In the same time I admit that the Bulletin would not be as attractive as it is now without the commitment for perpetual improvement from Mark Williams. The Herrington shield is the most obvious proof for that fact. In addition Mark managed the transition of the Club to a more sophisticated Customer and Content Management System which should allow us to run the Club more efficiently in the future. I was delighted when I presented him with his Paul Harris Fellowship pin earlier this year, a well-deserved recognition for his passion for Rotary. As an Administrative Director he was also instrumental in helping Secretary Michael Stephens comply with all internal and external requirements for the Club. Michael was also the advisor I could wish for, always reliable and straight to the point. Thank you both for your effort during the year!

I also tried to establish the communication as a two way channel. Through several surveys and personal weekly e-mails I made an effort to keep in touch with each member individually.

The work done lead to an overall increase of the Club members' sentiment (see Club reality check for details) up to 6.37 from 5.93 on a 10-point scale. Nevertheless we are still away from the healthy 8+ values. To help us reach those we developed a 3 year Strategic Plan for the Club which I hope will assist future Presidents in their forthcoming

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adventures. I will also be exploring opportunities to develop a Fundraising strategy for the Club in the forthcoming year.

My last words are summarising my two main takeaways that I hope will help President-Elect Chris Muir be our inspiration during the 2018/2019 Rotary year:

1. If an idea needs to be buried then a subcommittee is an excellent tool. The bigger the subcommittee, the higher the change the idea will not fly. For me a project to succeed it needs to have one and only one driver/owner/sponsor and the year provides numerous successful examples. If it is me to start a year as a President my personal approach would be to have a designated leader in any club project and this leader to seek help from competent members on needs basis.
2. Do not fear failing, fear not trying. If I may cite my favourite quote from Mark Twain:

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

Chris, please, remember that you are not alone! There is a massive amount of energy, skills and desire around you which will support you on your journey if given the chance. To give you an example if you grant me that honour I will personally commit for the next year to work toward successfully implementing our:

- European project to tackle youth unemployment in Europe;
- QUT project to combat street violence in Brisbane; and
- A 2019 edition of our International Women's Day breakfast under the topic of "achieving diversity" and aimed at fundraising for RYLA scholarships for young Brisbane women.

Chris, I wish you best of luck for a successful 2018/2019 Rotary year! In relation to that I would like to present you with my last President's Bottle of Wine Award. I am sure you will find it useful along the way.

Daniel Vankov

President 2017/2018

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The team

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Public Relations

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Rotary Foundation

Wallace Bishop

Public Ancillary Fund

John Smerdon

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Service Projects

not on the Board

Jacqui Page

Sergeant-at-Arms

Luke Marshall

DISTRICT 9600

District Governor

John Lane

DG Elect

Wendy Protheroe

DG Nominee

Darryl Iseppi

Assistant DG

Lisa Bateson

Rotary International

President

Ian Riseley

Messages from the Committees

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Public Ancillary Fund

Our Public Ancillary Fund continues to play a very important part in maintaining the strength of our Club's finances. The PAF this year has provided \$50,000 in donations for the great work of Red Frogs in supporting young people.

John Smerdon

Service Projects

It's been an interesting year with a wide range of activities in the events area but not a lot in the development of new projects.

Club members proudly supported a movie night 'Murder on the Orient Express' and raised funds for the Rotary Foundation; we painted 'Pinkies Purple' at the Up Up Upper Mt Gravatt Paper Airplane competition and raised funds for Polio Plus; we had two testimonial luncheon functions – the first for Stan Francis and the second for James Delahunty. The functions, together, raised over \$25,000 for the club with the major part of the funds being directed to Donations in Kind.

On the purely social front we had a Christmas Party for members and partners, held at Keith and Dorothy Watt's beautiful home at St Lucia and a Picnic in the Park at Roma Street Gardens.

It's been fun to work on these varied activities and I believe the Club has benefitted from the opportunity to share some of these events with partners and family. It has also been a pleasure to work with Daniel during his year as President.

Jacqui Page

Membership

1. *We received the District 9600 awards for membership development and membership retention for 2016-17, but unfortunately could not replicate this in 2017-18*
2. *Progress against target as at 17 June 2018.*
 - a. *Our target approved by the Board was 51 members by 31 December of whom 16% (8 F) – Not achieved. We now have 35 members, 30 M (86%) 5 F (14%).*
 - b. *Target was 60 members by 30 June with 25% female (12 F): No chance this year. Will be proposed again for next year.*

New Members 2017-18 (3)

Three new members were inducted, Robyn Burrridge (March 2018) Jaqui De Lacy (April 2018) and Jillanne Myers (May 2018). An application for family membership has been received and is being processed.

Resignations and Terminations 2017-18 (10)

There were 10 resignations. Exit interviews were held where possible. Some were unable to attend meetings or could not attend at the times of our current meetings or resigned for personal reasons. Others moved away. Two were terminated for non-payment of dues.

Membership Inquiries and Interest

Currently we have 14 persons on our books who are interested in Rotary, to whom Club bulletins are sent with invites to attend our regular meetings. A number of others are also on our bulletin list from previous approaches.

3. *Membership Activities in 2017-18*

A soft sell approach was adopted this year, with limited success. A leadership event was held in September 2017 with the Institute of Managers and Leaders providing the venue free of charge and PDG Tony Holmes as the presenter. This was profitable financially, but no new members were forthcoming. In March 2018 we ran a very successful International Women's Day Breakfast at the United Service Club, with guest speakers Julie McDonald OAM and District Governor Elect Wendy Protheroe as guest speakers and 35 attendees. Again this was profitable with \$5 per registration being donated to The Rotary Foundation and the remaining profit to the Club's Charitable Projects account. Four women present indicated interest in Joining the Club, but no new members have resulted to date despite follow-ups.

4. Breakfast Meetings

Two breakfast meetings were trialled to ascertain the level of interest among members.

5. Pathway to Membership

A process is being developed which will put the pathway to membership on a good footing and thus ensure that prospective members made conscious decision to be involved in Rotary and the club. The admission fee was re-introduced from April 2018 together with a requirement that the semi-annual dues and the admission fee must be paid before the new member is inducted and registered with District and RI.

6. Family Membership and Corporate Membership

These two new forms of membership were introduced and approved by the Board during the year, with one application for family membership being received towards the end of the year. No corporate members have yet been forthcoming, but a strategy for an approach to corporates has been developed.

7. Membership involvement and retention

One fireside chat about Rotary was held with 6 Rotarians attending. A call has been made for volunteers to host subsequent fireside chats which can be held at



member's home or office or at a coffee shop/café, host's choice as to venue, using the club's Rotary Learning Program as the workbook.

8. Exemplary Service Awards

The board agreed to reintroduce exemplary service awards with an assessment process fair to all concerned and agreed to donate US\$3000 to The Rotary Foundation in the Club's name. This will give the club TRF recognition points for 3 Paul Harris Fellowships to be available to present to worthy recipients. An award panel of Board members was set up to recommend to the Board up to 3 members to receive exemplary service awards. This work is ongoing.

9. Facebook Ad:

A project team has been set up to develop the ad concept (advertising in the social media Facebook directed to selected target groups) and the associated follow-up process aimed at bringing to the Club new members who will be involved in Rotary.

Keith Watts

Club goals

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Club goals (23 out of 27 achieved, year started with 20)

Field	Goal	Achievement as of 12/2017	Achievement as of 06/2018
CLUB			
Membership	51	37	35
Rotarian Engagement			
Members participating in club service activities	20	11	24 ✓
Members sponsoring new Rotarians	10	1	1
Members in leadership development programs or activities	10	9	14 ✓
Members attending district conference	4	-	2
District training participation	4	5 ✓	7 ✓
Total Rotarian Engagement	48	26	48 ✓
Club Communication			
Strategic plan	Yes	Yes ✓	Yes ✓
Online presence accurately reflecting current activities	Yes	Yes ✓	Yes ✓
Number of social activities for members outside of club meetings per year	2	5 ✓	7 ✓
Public Relations			
Number of times we update our website or social media accounts per month	4	4 ✓	4 ✓
Number of media stories (broadcast and/or print) covering our club's projects per year	1	1 ✓	7 ✓
We use RI produced advertising/public service materials	Yes	Yes ✓	Yes ✓
SERVICE			
Total Service Volunteer Hours	1,000	898	3,164 ✓
Total Service Project Contributions (AUD)	30,000	25,000	68,865 ✓
Host a networking event	Yes	Yes ✓	Yes ✓
Host a community forum	Yes	*	Yes ✓

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Increase club's total giving in local currency by at least 10%	Yes	-	-
Do a project in partnership with another club in your region	Yes	Yes ✓	Yes ✓
Do a project involving a corporate or government partner	Yes	-	Yes ✓
Involve local media in an event, project, or fundraiser	Yes	-	Yes ✓
World Polio Day event registration	Yes	*	Yes ✓
Involve Rotaractors, Interactors, Community Corps, or alumni in at least one club project	Yes	-	Yes ✓
Service projects	3	*	14 ✓
Number of Rotaract clubs	2	2 ✓	2 ✓
RYLA participation	2	*	2 ✓
FOUNDATION GIVING			
Annual fund (USD)	5,500	938	5,672 ✓
PolioPlus Fund (USD)	200	323 ✓	628 ✓

* New goal added since 12/2017.

Speakers and members in the spot light



Guest speakers:

03/07/2017: Dr Marcus Gray, Connections between sicknesses and our state of mind

10/07/2017: Mark Fort, Maritime museum

17/07/2017: Susan Welch, Growing Nepal Foundation

24/07/2017: Professor Pankaj Sah, Director of the Queensland Brain Institute at the University of Queensland

31/07/2017: Helene Bo Morse, Rotary Foundation District Grants Chair

14/08/2017: Kos Sclavos, Pharmacy Guild of Australia

21/08/2017: District Governor John Lane, Rotary District 9600

28/08/2017: Robi O'Keeffe, SmartPups

04/09/2017: Dr Wayne Sanderson, Youth Justice System Queensland

11/09/2017: Pastor Andy Gourley, Red Frogs

02/10/2017: Richard Triggs, Arete Executive Search

09/10/2017: Danny Simms, Institute of Management

23/10/2017: Tina Coco, Donatelife Queensland

30/10/2017: Dr Michael Carroll, St. Joseph's College

06/11/2017: Rae Guyder, Interplast

13/11/2017: Russ Stephenson, Alleviate Malnutrition in PNG

27/11/2017: Roger Pegoraro, Queensland University of Technology

04/12/2017: Angus Waddell, Spring and Sprint

29/01/2018: Thomas Allison, Rotary exchange student



Photo 4. Brendan Cox, CEO of Legacy, receiving his memento from PE Chris.

Speakers and members in the spot light



05/02/2018: Christine Petersen, Time Technology

12/02/2018: Professor Narelle Haworth, Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety - Queensland

14/05/2018: Ian Stewart, Queensland Police Service

04/06/2018: Brendan Cox, Legacy Queensland

11/06/2018: Phillippa Lazenby, Queensland Tissue Banks

18/06/2018: Jayani Amarasinghe, Club Strategy Plan

Members is the spotlight:

12/02/2018: Dan Adler

05/03/2018: Luke Marshall

12/03/2018: Tony Pilkington

26/03/2018: Phil Gresham

09/04/2018: Denise Schellbach

16/04/2018: Jacqui Page



Photo 5. Dan as a member in the spotlight

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Month Year	Rotarian	Reasons
June 2017	Rick Tamaschke	For editing more than 150 issues of our bulletin in the last 3.5 years and working diligently to pass his knowledge and experience to the next in line.
July 2017	Mark Williams	For saving the Club \$3,500 by producing our Bulletin in house as well as for raising \$1,400 through the Burnett Cup on the 5th of August. Also for offering the four bottles of wines he won at the Stan Francis Testimonial Lunch for an auction adding another \$150 to our fundraising effort.
August 2017	Jacqui Page	For her excellent job in organising Stan's Testimonial lunch and the high expectation that she would put in the same amount of devotion if not more in James's one (which proved true). Those were only two signature events around the whole programme she strived to put together this year in her capacity of Service Projects Committee Chair.
September 2017	Jerry Karaprianto	For his extensive involvement in non-regular Club activities such as the D.I.K., the Stan Francis testimonial lunch, the CARRS-Q vocational visit and the RCoB Leadership seminar. The Award also is a recognition of him being the Club photographer in those events which helped disseminate our messages subsequent to the activities.
October 2017	Dan Adler	For the Up Up Upper Mount Gravatt Paper Planes Competition Polio fundraiser and not only. Besides supporting his sons in organising the Competition and involving our Club, Dan was instrumental in giving our Club messages proper digital form. He also actively participated in the organisation and implementation of the Club Leadership Seminar.
November 2017	Luke Marshall	For inviting Club members to his finance seminar and for helping organise the Low&Slow BBQ for us as well as for his

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		active participation in other Club events outside the regular lunches such as our Leadership Seminar.
December 2017	Keith Watts	For his energy to be the driving force behind all our membership targeted events – seminars, breakfasts, meeting, etc. He also offered his house for the Club Christmas party.
January 2018	Denise Schellbach	For providing breakfast to the Brisbane homeless during the summer holidays for the past 17 years, for sourcing interesting speakers for our lunch meetings and for ensuring the smooth running of our Front desk.
February 2018	Michael Stephens	For doing his work quietly and in the background. Even more, when he is not around things tend to start idling.
March 2018	John Smerdon	For mastering Club money management at any level (PAF, Front desk, etc).
April 2018	James Delahunty	For his effort in organising his Testimonial Lunch, our biggest fundraiser this year, to raise much needed funds for Donations in Kind.
May 2018	Graeme Whitmore	For his effort in organising the 2018 Gold Day to raise much needed funds for our Rural endoscopy project.



Photo 6. Denise receiving her award



Photo 7. PP Graeme receiving his award

30/07/2017: Stan Francis Testimonial Lunch (social activity, fundraiser, 56 guests)

05/08/2017: Charity golf day held in Mundubbera (social activity, fundraiser for mental health, 4 Club reps, one media report)

05/08/2017: Donations in Kind (DIK) working bee (service participation, 9 Club reps)

07/08/2017: Mentoring young professionals through the QUT Mentor Scheme (vocational service, 3 Club reps)

27/08/2017: Aunties and Uncles BBQ picnic (service participation, 4 Club reps)

06/09/2017: Vocational visit to the CARRS-Q driving simulator (vocational service, social activity, 8 Club reps, article in [Rotary International Blog](#))

14/09/2017: Rotary leadership seminar (vocational service, leadership development participation and networking, 20 people, incl. 9 Club reps)

08/10/2017: District 9600 Annual General Meeting and the Rotary Foundation Seminar (participation in District activities, 5 Club reps)

14/10/2017: Up Up Upper Mt. Gravatt paper plane competition (service participation, fundraising for PolioPlus, 7 Club reps)

17/10/2017: "Navigating the changing Superannuation landscape" seminar (vocational service, 6 Club reps)

17/10/2017: QUT career mentor scheme final event 2017 (vocational service, 2 Club reps)

27/10/2017: A Low & Slow BBQ dinner at the Newstead Brewery in Milton (social activity, 20+ members, family and friends)

07/11/2017: Melbourne Cup Trifecta (fundraiser)



Photo 8. Club members visiting the advanced driving simulator at CARRS-Q

Calendar of activities

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08/11/2017: "Murder on the Orient Express" Cinema outing (collaborate with other Rotary clubs, fundraising for PolioPlus, 21 Club reps)

30/11/2017: The Club become a major donor of the Red Frogs

15/12/2017: Christmas Party at Keith Watts' (social activity, 21 members and guests)

07/01/2018: Family picnic at Roma St. Parklands (social activity, 14 members and family members)



Photo 9. Eddie's Van in action

26/01/2018: Australia Day at Keith Watts (social activity, 12 members and family members)

11/12/2017 - 31/01/2018: Eddie's Van (community project, service participation, 4 people per day)

01/02/2018: \$5,000 has been donated to Rotary Club of Townsville for Kits for kids.

01/03/2018: International Women's Day (41 attendees, Polio fundraiser, 1 media report, Community topic seminar, Collaboration with other Rotary Clubs)

03/03/2018: QUT Ideas Factory (community forums, vocational service, 23 participants, 4 Rotarians, 2 facilitators, article in [Rotary International Blog](#))

04/03/2018: Clean-up Australia Day (Environmental project, service participation, 4 Club reps)

19/03/2018: RI President Dinner (5 Club reps)

24-25/03/2018: President-Elects' Training Seminar (1 Club rep)

22/04/2018: District 9600 Conference (2 Club reps)

28/04/2018: District tree planting project (Environmental project, 6 Club reps)

29/04/2018: James Delahunty Testimonial Lunch (social activity, fundraiser for DIK, 1 Media report, 134 guests)

02/05/2018: Rotaract Rivercity Professional Development Workshop (vocational service, 2 Club reps)

05-11/05/2018: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (2 Club reps)

14/05/2018: Queensland Police Commissioner, Ian Stewart, luncheon at the United Services Club (social event, fundraiser for Australian Rotary Health, over 90 Rotarians and guests)

24/05/2018: QUT Student Leadership Awards (8 Club reps)

27/05/2018: District 9600 Assembly (2 Club reps)

28/05/2018: 95th anniversary at the Brisbane Queen Street Mall Stage (social activity, community cooperation with CARRS-Q and Salvation Army, 30+ members and guests, 3 media reports)

15/06/2018: 2018 Club Golf Day (fundraiser, 62 participants)

17/06/2018: District 9600 Changeover (3 Club reps)

23/06/2018: Donations in Kind (DIK) working bee (service participation, 4 Club reps)



Photo 10. District 9600 tree planting

Projects and fundraising



Supported projects:

Red Frogs: \$50,000.00 (from PAF)

Kits for Kids: \$5,000.00

Purple House: \$300.00

Rotary Foundation PolioPlus: \$275.90 + \$210.00
+\$195.00 = \$680.90

Rotary Foundation annual fund: \$4,820.00 (from James Delahunty Testimonial Lunch and PAF) + \$240.00 (from Christmas cakes) = \$5,060.00

Donations in Kind (DIK): \$11,865.00 (from James Delahunty Testimonial Lunch)

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards: \$1,700.00



Photo 11. John Smerdon and President Daniel presenting the first check to Andy Gourley, CEO of Red Frogs

Fundraisers (net balances):

Stan Francis Testimonial Lunch: \$3,022.71

Mundubbera Golf Day: \$1,400.00 (for mental health)

RCoB Leadership seminar balance: \$81.04

Up Up Upper Mt. Gravatt paper plane competition: \$275.90 (for PolioPlus)

"Murder on the Orient Express" Cinema outing: \$210.00 (for PolioPlus through Planetarium)

Christmas cakes: \$331.00 (additionally \$240.00 for the Rotary Foundation through Melton Valley)

Melbourne Cup Trifecta: \$2,327.00



Photo 12. PolioPlus at the Up Up Upper Mt. Gravatt paper plane competition

International Women's Day: \$586.05 (\$195.00 for PolioPlus)

Police commissioner's lunch: \$1,384.50 (for mental health)

James Delahunty Testimonial Lunch: \$13,186.38 (for DIK and 1,320.00 for the Rotary Foundation)

RCoB Golf Day 2018: approximately \$8,000.00* (for rural endoscopy)

Sergeant Sessions: \$3,151.55

Raffle: \$1,316.00

** Exact amount not available at the time the report was written. Amounts as of 30/06/18.*



Photo 13. The host of the Stan Francis Testimonial Lunch

Developed project proposals

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Title: Dare to step "high" behind the wheel

Short description: The project will seek to explore the power and unfolded potential of virtual reality with its advancement and availability to prevent drug-driving for social and public good through a tailored campaign designed to engage and appeal to contemporary and future generations of drivers. It will let Queenslanders choose their "high" and step behind the wheel of a virtual car to experience simulated driving and precisely how badly their perception of reality and therefore driving competence is affected.

Submitted to: Safer Queensland Community Grant

Amount applied for: \$8,710.00

Title: Mental health issues in the workplace and building capacity to address

Short description: Excess stress, anxiety or even depression seem to be accepted as part of people's normal professional lives. Research has highlighted that work can be beneficial for an individual's overall wellbeing, particularly if good quality supervision is present and there are favourable workplace conditions. However, mental health issues are common in the workplace and the symptoms can affect performance, e.g. due to problems with concentration, memory, decision-making and motivation.

Some people with mental health issues manage their symptoms without impact on their work performance, others may require short-term or ongoing workplace supports. Investing time and support to retain an experienced and skilled employee with a mental health problem is usually cost-effective but not many companies make the investment or know how to handle such a problem. On the contrary, mental health issues remain one of the most stigmatised groups of disorders in the workplace (Harvey, S et al., 2014). In one study, 50% of employers reported they would "never" or "rarely" employ someone they knew had a psychiatric disorder (Manning C, White P., 1995).

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Most people with mental health issues who receive treatment respond with improved work performance. The current project seeks to build capacity for timely non-medical intervention towards identifying mental problems in professionals and working towards immediate improvement in their wellbeing through a joint impact on societal, corporate and personal level. Rotary Club of Brisbane (RCoB) sees in the current pilot a potential to test a concept for a signature Club service project in benefit of the Brisbane community.

Submitted to: Brisbane City Council Community Development & Capacity Building Grant

Amount applied for: \$9,834.00

Title: Guardians of the night

Short description: Exposure to violence strongly correlates with alcohol and drug abuse (WHO). In Australia, about 70,000 suffer alcohol-fuelled assaults each year (QLD government). Brisbane CBD is one of the top spots for assaults reported (Courier mail 12/01/14). "Personal values" is the top reason (55.4%) for alcohol-related violence (QPS Safe Night Out Strategy). "Guardians of the night" will inform, sensitise, counsel and guide Brisbane CBD professionals to prevent street violence and related lifestyle issues such as drugs and alcohol abuse, by developing appropriate knowledge and responsible coherent life skills, and by changing mentalities towards cultural and social norms that support violence.

Submitted to: Aurizon Community Giving Fund

Amount applied for: \$18,155.00

Title: Alliance for Development of a European Vision for empowering young people through A Network Capable of supporting youth Entrepreneurship (ADVANCE)

Short description: Almost no country has a broad strategic framework for advancing entrepreneurial learning regardless of where it takes place. Nevertheless promoting youth entrepreneurship is one response to the challenge of providing young people with employment opportunities in the European Union (EU) where youth unemployment rate (16.7%) is more than double the overall one (7.7%). Unfortunately problems rarely come alone. There is evidence of correlation between youth unemployment and health risk exposure (e.g. violence). Currently Young Europeans are exposed disproportionately high to health hazards. For example they are at an increased risk of violence; face an increased availability and affordability of illegal drugs which can lead to addiction and mental health problem; and make up 11% of the population but 17% of all road fatalities thus facing the largest risk in traffic.

ADVANCE will deploy an adapted "slide" working methodology. Through a carefully designed sequence of activities project participants will be placed on a slide where they gradually move outside their comfort zone and into their stretch and even stress zones while being introduced to new entrepreneurial knowledge. Subsequently being equipped with the new entrepreneurial knowledge, skills and attitudes they will be able to reach the top again by applying those in practice to "climb up the stairs".

The overall aim of ADVANCE is to boost youth entrepreneurial competencies to enable young people to take the future into their own hands through ADVANCE-developed youth employment action plans. Objectives:

1. Enlist youth work as an active contributor to youth entrepreneurial competences development on local level.
2. Equip young people with entrepreneurial knowledge, skills and attitudes, enabling them to act upon opportunities and ideas and turn them into value (youth entrepreneurship).
3. Tailor entrepreneurial competences development in young people to local needs through youth employment task forces.

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Submitted to: European Commission

Amount applied for: €42,048.13

Title: Development of Breeding Programs and Training in the Conservation and Expansion of Indigenous Chickens in Papua New Guinea (PNG)

Short description: More than 80% of Papua New Guineans live a rural subsistence existence collecting what food they grow from their gardens. PNG ranks the fourth highest in the world for child stunting, which is estimated to sit at 49.5%, putting further pressure on resources under constant threat from climate change, seismic activity and social pressures.

The Rotary Club of Brisbane in partnership with KYEEMA Foundation (KYEEMA) will contribute towards improving national capacity to breed and sell local chickens in PNG.

To ensure conservation and development of indigenous chickens in PNG, the current project will establish a breeding centre for indigenous climate change adapted chickens with attached local feed gardens to expand the peoples' food alternatives as well as provide feed for the chickens.

To meet these urgent needs, we will equip a "Master Farmer" in the Central Province of PNG to be set up as one of the breeding centres for indigenous climate change adapted chickens. We would purchase specialist equipment, namely incubators and solar panels for hatching of chicks from Australia and ship to PNG for presentation to the farmer.

Submitted to: District 9600 Rotary Foundation

Amount applied for: \$4,972.00

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2017 (conducted between 13 and 20 of June) and 2018 (conducted between 11 and 27 of June)

1. In 2017 24 out of the 40 (60%) and in 2018 17 out of the 35 (49%) Club members completed an online survey of 25 questions.
2. Results:

Question	2017				2018				Change
	Mean	Median	Mode	SDev	Mean	Median	Mode	SDev	Mean
1. How informative and lively are our regular meetings?	7.04	7	7	1.43	7.12	8	9	2.03	0.08
2. How responsive are we to our members' interests and needs within Rotary?	6.33	7	7	1.55	7.06	7	8	1.86	0.73
3. How proactive are we in our club committees and Rotary programs?	5.25	5	5	1.7	6.88	7	8	1.94	1.63
4. How relevant are our service projects to our community needs?	6.88	7	8	1.57	7.24	8	9	2.02	0.36
5. Do we make time to connect with fellow members at club meetings?	7.58	7.5	7	1.56	7.65	8	8	1.78	0.07
6. Do we respect our members' time and keep to our meetings schedule?	7.50	7.5	9	1.84	8.35	8	8	1.13	0.85
7. As a club, do we keep in touch with members who miss come meetings?	5.71	5.5	5	2.01	6.53	7	7	1.88	0.82
8. How supportive are we of the wider programs of Rotary International?	6.04	6	6	1.83	6.94	7	6	1.95	0.90
9. How well informed are we about Rotary's results in its major initiatives?	5.83	5	4	1.79	6.82	7	8	1.95	0.99
10. How effective is our member orientation and mentoring?	6.00	6	6	1.38	5.94	6	7	1.47	-0.06
11. Do we make an extra effort to involve our new members actively?	6.54	7	8	1.74	6.94	7	7	2.07	0.40
12. How well does our membership reflect our community and business profile?	6.00	6.5	7	1.56	5.88	6	6	1.87	-0.12

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13. Is our occupational classification and community survey up to date?	5.92	5	5	1.61	5.88	6	6	1.81	-0.04
14. How strong is our profile in our local community?	4.88	5	5	2.29	5.35	6	6	2.3	0.47
15. Do we promote Rotary's vocational and educational opportunities to others?	4.75	5	5	1.82	5.71	6	6	2.27	0.96
16. Do we feel comfortable about inviting guests to our regular meetings?	6.83	7	8	2.12	7.41	8	8	2.3	0.58
17. Are we active as a club in identifying and attracting diverse new members?	6.17	7	7	1.93	6.12	6	8	1.81	-0.05
18. How well do we accommodate members with busy time schedules?	6.04	6.5	7	1.71	6.24	7	8	1.86	0.20
19. How actively do we promote our public image in our community?	4.88	5	5	1.94	6.00	6	7	1.97	1.12
20. Do we understand why some of our members leave Rotary?	5.58	5	5	2.06	6.06	6	4	2.51	0.48
21. Do we each make an effort to attract new members?	5.75	5.5	5	1.73	5.47	6	6	1.75	-0.28
22. Do we each wear our Rotary pin proudly and whenever possible?	6.96	7	5	1.83	7.24	8	8	2.07	0.28
23. Do we each "share the load" by accepting various club responsibilities?	5.83	5.5	5	1.83	5.94	7	7	1.73	-0.11
24. How often do we participate in District training and educational seminars?	4.46	5	5	2.04	4.82	5	5	2.12	-0.36
25. How strong is our attendance at District conferences?	3.38	3	1	2.12	3.65	3	2	1.94	0.27
Overall: Results out of 10 (8 and over are considered a healthy parameter)	5.93	6	7	2.02	6.37	7	7	2.18	0.44

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CRASH AND BURN

THE Rotary Club of Brisbane is breaking out the magic mushrooms, ecstasy and cannabis to teach young people about the dangers of drug driving.

Your diarist hastens to add that the illicit substances are not real, but part of a simulated virtual reality software program that allows young people to "experience" the effects of drugs on their driving ability. Club president Daniel Vankov (illustrated) tells us that drug driving now contributes to a staggering 41 per cent of road fatalities in Australia.

The club teamed up with QUT and the Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety Queensland to offer the 3D program in the Queen Street Mall earlier this week and there are plans for a similar event on the QUT campus in July.

Vankov says young people strap on virtual reality glasses, with the scenario involving a trip to a disco where the virtual illicit drugs are taken. They then get behind the wheel of a virtual car where the effects of the drugs are simulated, usually ending in disaster.

"They learn what it's like to drive a car while drunk, on ecstasy, high on cannabis and tripping on magic mushrooms," Vankov says. "It teaches them how their perception of reality, and therefore their driving competence, is affected."

Vankov knows his stuff as

he is currently completing his doctorate at QUT into safe driving behaviour.

It's shaping up to be a big year for the Rotary Club of Brisbane, with the organisation celebrating its 95th anniversary.

OFF ROAD

THE news just gets worse for creditors of failed caravan manufacturer Gidget Retro Teardrop Camper. Liquidator Worrells says the Brendale-based maker of the tear-

shaped lightweight vans owes creditors more than \$6 million, of which they are unlikely to see one cent.

Worrells' Lee Crosthwaite says the company failed after an overseas financier ceased funding and it had inadequate working capital to continue operations.

But that was not before 79 hapless customers had placed hefty deposits totalling \$1.7 million on the vans that cost up to \$60,000 each.



LETHBRIDGE

The Brisbane Court has ordered the company pay out of \$1.15 million to consumers but has warned that to be any return. Gidget director is due to front June on various under the Aus Consumer Law the company's

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AUSTRALIAN Company (AA) executive Hug splashed out just \$100,000 for a beef producer. joined the company in February, purchased shares through superannuation about \$1.19 a p 25. AACo's share dropped 34 per cent past year as it high cattle prices reported an annual nearly \$103 million mothballing unprofitable The North The share yesterday

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Country retains trophy cup

City golfers enjoy annual competition

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GOLF: IT WAS the devastating flood in 2013 that saw Brisbane golfer Dan Williams instigate a competition between the city and the country in Mundubbera.

Golfer Mark Williams said it was his brother who came up with the idea as a way of "binding together during the difficult times."

"After the big floods in Mundubbera, my brother Dan Williams felt like he wanted to do something to show solidarity and came up with the idea of playing golf," he said.

The results for the day ended with a tie, however as the Mundubbera Golf Club claimed the win in 2016, they were allowed to keep the trophy.

"We had a draw overall, basically six teams went out, two teams from the country won, two teams from the city won and the last two were squared," Williams said.

"The competition raises money for different charities every year with this year's one helping the rotary club of Brisbane."

Mundubbera Golf Club president Graham Carlyon said the competition was a huge success despite several events clashing on the day.

"We had six teams of golfers come out and play the city vs country competition, it's always a great event," Carlyon said.

"The city golfers were very enthusiastic, they're like us, some play a lot of golf, others play socially and then you have some who play for the pure enjoyment of the sport."

Williams said "they've vowed to reclaim the jacket and the trophy cup next year."

More than 50 players competed in the 18-hole competition in Mundubbera.



EYE ON BALL: Graham Carlyon teeing off at the Mundubbera golf course.



Keith Watts and Mark Williams from Brisbane are enjoying their time at the Mundubbera golf course.



Gayle Bennett and Lyn Carlyon are out on the course for the City vs Country at the Mundubbera Golf Club.

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Players assemble at the driving range.



Ian Maskovich finishing up play on hole 9.



Only happy smiles from the golfers at the weekend.



Michael Stephen and Daniel Vankov from Brisbane are having a great time on the course.

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