



Rotary



Brisbane High-Rise

HOT AIR

22 FEB 2024 | PEACE AND CONFLICT
PREVENTION/RESOLUTION



1 INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Birganj, Nepal (Rotary Club)



(details on page 5)

FROM THE PRESIDENT - DYLYS BERTELSEN

... taking care of business

As you all know, we convened for the regular Board meeting last Monday evening. With a very welcome surplus deriving mainly from the Art Show in 2023, the Directors confirmed that we are presently in a sound financial position.

The financial reports were accepted without amendments. While the draft policy that I presented in relation to accounts payable and investment will hopefully be signed off at the next Board Meeting on 11th March.

... fostering culture in many forms

Speaking of the Art Show, planning for the Rotary 2024 spectacular is progressing apace with the website now up and running. Check it out [here](#). Right now, the main focus is on sponsorship. Please give some serious thought as to how you might help that drive along.

... raising funds for worthy causes

Thanks and congratulations were in order for Margot and Russell for the time and effort they invested in making the recent movie fundraiser for Ride West, such a success. A fun night out for everyone who attended, this special event amassed \$3,000 for the charity.

... getting behind the worldwide polio eradication project

Last week - if you recall - we were very enthused about the idea of getting all the Clubs together in our Rotary cluster to discuss how we might best contribute to the worldwide Rotary Polio Eradication program -initiated by Nambour Rotarian, the late Sir Clem Renouf.

Well, you'll be happy to know that we've already set a date for that important get-together. It's to be 9th April. Please mark it in your diary and watch this space for information.

... keeping up with medical advances

Don't forget that in lieu of our Breakfast meeting this Thursday 22 February, we'll be meeting at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital in Herston where we are to accompany Dr Cameron Curley and Dr Siok Tey on an information tour of the Cancer Care Lab. We'll also be inducted into some of the mysteries of the Herston Biofabrication Institute by Mathilde Desselle.

Susan will meet you by the hospital's main entrance doors from 7.15am. For information on parking at the Point Parking Multi-storey car park (20 Butterfield Street, Herston), please click [here](#). If you have any questions, please call Susan on 0417 169 538.

2 PROGRAM/GUEST SPEAKER

- 22 FEB** Visit RBWH
Members to see the Research Facility
- 29 FEB** Alex Griffiths
Ride West
- 7 MAR** Pride of Workmanship Awards
Presentations

3 ROSTER

ROSTER	22 FEB	29 FEB	7 MAR
Set Up & Close	RBWH	Kit B.	David B.
Greeter	RBWH	David B.	Tom D.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Brisbane High-Rise Rotary Club acknowledges the First Nations people as the original inhabitants of the land we are on today and honours their Elders past, present and emerging.

APOLOGIES & GUEST

Notify of attendance, guests and apologies by 5.00pm on Monday prior to the meeting

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DIRECT DEBIT

Pay for our meetings, fines, Joker Draw, events and subscriptions

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ROTARY GRACE

For the Fellowship of Rotary we Give our thanks

Last week's Meeting

Nicholas Dunstan enthralled us with his insights on the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), an intensive leadership program meticulously crafted by Rotary clubs and districts. RYLA serves as a dynamic platform for youths to not only enhance their leadership skills but also to forge meaningful connections and cultivate a spirit of camaraderie.



Valley Hearts

Valley Hearts began operations in Brisbane in 2014 and was incorporated as a "not-for-profit" organisation in 2015.

It is run by Mo and Rata who originally worked together in the Salvation Army but subsequently left to focus more on the care of those living locally on the streets, living rough and on hard times.

Their operations began from the back of a ute when they followed the food trucks at night and provided food and comfort to those in need. They later upgraded operations to a storage shed. As demand and resources have increased, they started to work from a house in Terrace Street, and in 2021 leased premises in Fortitude Valley from where donations are temporarily stored and activities organised.

Since its inception, over 100 volunteers have come from the street to help Mo and Rata organise the activities, which include nutritious meals for the homeless, morning teas for folks on the street, rehousing victims of domestic violence and the homeless, and assisting others facing challenging circumstances. Their philosophy is to be available for whoever

needs them, to help and listen, and do so without judgement whether their needs are medical, legal, protection of simply assistance in getting identification papers.

Over 200 individuals have been rehoused and many assisted with substance abuse rehabilitation, though not always successfully.

Currently they prepare a full meal for between 80 and 120 people on Monday evenings (beef stroganoff last week) and make available fresh produce, bread and groceries for those in need. On Thursday each week they make a nourishing breakfast and offer recycled clothing, household items, linen and personal effects, along with household bric-a-brac and furniture, at their open market inn the park at Bowen Hills.

Residents in Aveo have assisted these activities since early 2019 by collecting empty 10cent for recycling, gathering surplus items or furniture, appliances and clothing.



Flower Deliveries

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated volunteers for their outstanding efforts on February 14th. We sincerely hope that you found joy in delivering those beautiful flowers, spreading love and happiness throughout our community.



ROTARY AUSTRALIA REPURPOSING EQUIPMENT NORTHERN REGION

FACTS AND FIGURES TO **31/12/2023**

Summary of Containers Dispatched

<u>Receiving Countries</u>	
Papua New Guinea	739
Solomon Islands	157
Fiji	65
Tonga	10
Samoa	12
Vanuatu	7
Timor Leste	33
Sri Lanka	36
African Nations	9
Other Destinations	24

<u>Total Dispatched</u>	
Total Dispatched Last Rotary Year	29
Overall Total Dispatched to Date	1092
Estimated Value of Donated items	\$62.9 million
Total Cost of Freight	\$3.1 million

Example of Donations Dispatched:

Hospital Beds	9,330
Mattresses	6,153
Patient Trolleys	509
Bedside Cabinets	1,535
Wheelchairs	4,315
Motor Vehicles	22

Hospital Linen (bags)	21,973
Medical Supplies (ctns)	61,629
School Desks	38,099
Books (ctns)	105,578
Medicines	37,658

Volunteer Hours Spent at RARE:

Total Hours Previous Rotary Year	6,650
Total Hours to date this Rotary Year	3,850

Rotary Youth Exchange



'New Exchange Student' Selection Process Timeline 2024

Selection in 2024; Outbound in January 2025

1 February 2024 - 31 March 2024



Students & Clubs:

- Students approach Clubs
- Club interviews
- Formal Application by Students
- Clubs to send to Youth Exchange Committee

1 February 2024 - 30 April 2024



Exchange Committee & Students:

- Formal Application Forms sent to Students
- Students - return completed forms by 12 May 2024 - Applications Closed

1 May 2024 - 31 May 2024



Exchange Committee Parents/Guardians & Students:

- Students - return completed forms by 12 May 2024
- Exchange Committee; Students & Parents 18 May 2024 Selection Day - Interview
- Committee: Notification of Acceptance Week of 27 May - 03 June 2024

1 June 2024 - 31 August 2024



Exchange Committee Parents/Guardians & Students

- Exchange Committee; 31 May - July 31 Confirm Country Student is going to Exchange Committee, Parents & Student: 18 August 2024 Orientation.

Contact Us
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https://youthexchange.rotary9620.org/?page_id=63

International Toasts



Today we toast the Birganj, Nepal (Rotary Club). The club meets at 7:00 PM every Friday.

Dr. Anand Jha, a pediatrician and former president of the Rotary Club of Birganj in Nepal, observed many underweight children due to a diet mainly consisting of cow's milk, prompting him to organize 11 conferences on child nutrition since 2018, each attended by up to 80 parents, addressing issues such as iron deficiency and the challenge of avoiding junk food, with support from the Birganj club for logistics and session management.



The School of St Jude



See you soon!



Hello,

I am so happy to be back in Queensland as part of our tour in 2024!

Coming with me are two wonderful alumni from St Jude's, Winnie and Suleiman. The pair have a combined period of almost 20 years at St Jude's and now flourishing in their careers.

This year, after over 20 years of dreaming, our impact is tangible. Through the inspiring stories of Suleiman and Winnie, witness the results of hard work and passion—proof that dreams have become reality!

Join us at one of our events in Queensland below. Everybody is welcome so feel free to share and bring a friend!

9th March: Rotary District 9620 Conference 2024, SeaWorld Resort – Gold Coast

10th March: Brisbane West Uniting Church – Moggill

12th March: Brisbane Taylor Bridge Rotary, Arvier Residence – Graceville

13th March: Church of the Twelve Apostles Hall – Jindalee

14th March: United Services Club – Spring Hill Brisbane

[More information here](#)

Suleiman will be sharing his inspiring journey to achieve his life-long dream of becoming a doctor, whilst Winnie is a full-circle story, who after completing her degree has returned to work with us here at St Jude's.

I understand this is usually a busy time of the year, so it would mean the world to us if you can spare a few hours of your day to join us!

Thank you very much for your support and I'm looking forward to seeing you soon.

With thanks,
Gemma

Join DG Paul & Sue Roger for an exciting weekend at this prestigious Rotary Conference hosted at the renowned SeaWorld Resort.

There are only a limited number of rooms left at Rotary Special Rate.

Once the rooms are gone, they are GONE!

BOOK NOW!

Please purchase your raffle tickets as funds raised will go to Aust Rotary Health, ShelterBox Aust & The Rotary Foundation.

As a special treat for attendees of the Saturday evening Gala Dinner, there are two exciting lucky door prizes.

- A prize voucher for 2 nights' accommodation including breakfast and Sea World entry to 2 Adults and 2 children.
- 4 x daytime passes to Sea World (2 Adults and 2 children).

Act now to secure your spot and take advantage of the limited rooms available at the Rotary Special Rate!

District 9620 Conference 2024



We have now secured as our Guest Speaker Super Coach **Wayne Bennett AM**.

He is an Australian rugby league coach and former player, currently leading the Dolphins in the NRL. He has coached various teams, including the South Sydney Rabbitohs, Brisbane Broncos, and Australian Kangaroos, and has worked with the Queensland Maroons and England national teams.

D9620 Conference 2024
SeaWorld Resort
08th - 10th March 2024

**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

Buy ticket
TODAY!

www.raffletix.com.au/d9620conference2024raffle

1st Prize

18 karat
Gold Pendant \$5074

CLICK OR SCAN

3 for \$5

3rd Prize

18 karat Gold
Pendant \$2020

2nd Prize

18 karat Gold
Pendant \$2495

All Proceeds to:

- Rotary Foundation,
- Australian Rotary Health
- Shelter Box.

Drawn 10th March 2024

Jewellery handmade and donated by Rtn Rowarn Luder

Announcements

Project Penny

PROJECT PENNY

Visit to RBWH
for CAR-T Cell
Program

FEBRUARY 22, 2024

ITINERARY

7:30-8:00am: Breakfast at RBWH Foundation Office

8:00-8:45am: Tour with Dr Cameron Curley and Dr Siok Tey Cancer Care Services/CAR-T Lab

9:00-10:00am: Tour with Ms Mathilde Desselle Herston Biofabrication Institute

Park on campus at the Point Parking multi-storey car park.
More information [here](#).

Kindly RSVP ASAP as we require the numbers.

March 14 St Jude's Breakfast

RAFFLE DONATIONS

WE ARE ASKING RAFFLE PRIZES TO BE DONATED FOR THE EVENT

MARCH 14,
2024

ST JUDES
BREAKFAST

AT THE MEETING ON THE 29TH AND 7TH WE WILL HAVE A BASKET TO ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR THE RAFFLE

Rotary Down Under



OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 1 The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- 2 High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society
- 3 The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;
- 4 The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Announcements

Rotary District 9620 Photo Competition

ROTARY DISTRICT 9620 PHOTO CONTEST

Show your photography skill & win prizes

"ACTION SHOTS" YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT.

ENTRIES MUST BE THE ORIGINAL WORK OF THE ENTRANT.

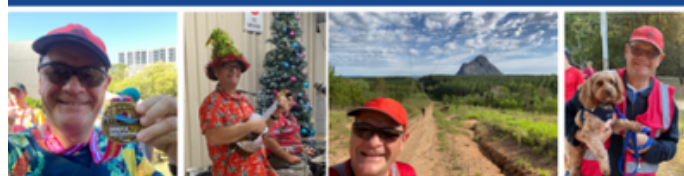
To send your entries, please visit our site:
<https://photocomp.rotary9620.org/>

GIVE US YOUR BEST SHOT!
LET'S JOIN THE CONTEST

Bryce Davies - Funrun

60KMS FOR 60 YEARS
BRYCE DAVIES
VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO WELCOME!
MAY 4TH 2024

REGISTER HERE
<https://abcd.fillout.com/bryces60k>



Rotary Nomads Changeover Muster 2024

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CHANGEOVER MUSTER 2024

19 JUNE 2024 | 6:30 PM

Changeover Muster week at Moore Park Beach near Bundaberg from Monday 17 June to Monday 24 June, 2024.

Invitations will be available soon!

Book at the Moore Park Beach Caravan Park and mention that you are with Rotary Nomads.



Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment (RARE)



*Brisbane High-Rise opportunity to volunteer!
Talk to Steve Knight for more details
and to assist.*

6th April 2024 | Saturday



PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARD

NOMINATION FOR THE 2024
PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP
AWARDS IS ONGOING!

If you have a candidate in mind please complete the
form sent and return to Rosemary Meadows,
meadows.44@bigpond.com.

We expect the successful recipients will attend the
breakfast meeting. At the presentation you will
introduce your candidate with a few words on why
you made the nomination.



2024 Tree Planting Challenge

2024 TREE PLANTING CHALLENGE (BRISBANE)

Sunday, 14 APRIL 2024
100 Wecker Rd Mansfield, QLD 4122

For Brisbane and surrounding area Clubs, Brisbane City Council's Offsets and Restoration Team has once again offered a venue for this year's planting at 100 Wecker Rd, Mansfield which is adjacent to and extends last year's koala corridor planting site.

For the non Brisbane area Clubs, if any of your Club members happen to be in Brisbane on the day, they would be more than welcome to join the team at Mansfield.

**Help us protect
our Forests.**



<https://rotary9620.org/event/d9620-2024-tree-planting-challenge/>

Board Members 2023 - 2024

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