



# The HUB



RI President: R. Gordon R. McNally

## The Rotary Club of Kingaroy

4 March 2024

Chartered 8 December 1948

Proud sponsor of the Rotary Satellite Club of Kingaroy Sunrise  
Chartered 30 July 2022

*"RI President R. Gordon R. McNally calls for Rotary to create hope in the world by working for peace and mental wellbeing. He urges members to engage in tough conversations and earn the trust that's necessary to realize these values."*



Club President: Neil Black



*We give thanks to Rotary for good fellowship, the opportunity to serve our community and to do good in the world.*

The General meeting was opened by President Neil Black at 6.34pm. All members and guests were warmly welcomed.

**Attendance:** Neil Black, Kat Butcher, Kerry Heit, Ray Pitt, Geoff Hosking, Murray Johnston, Deb Hails, Carmel McKeering, Gus Napier, Ian Hall, Bev Watter

**Guests:** Guest speaker - Tony & Dianne Heading (RC of Burleigh Heads), 2024 Interact Executive members Matti Van Schndel, Mia McAleese & Annabelle Stevens (zoom), Brian Tessmann, KSHS Active Citizen Emma Lindholm, Mia De Guzman (St Mary's CC NYSF student & Active Citizen), Michael Ryan, Koray Akdogan (Harvey Norman) Lyal Black, Pat Pitt

**Members on Leave:** Lex Petersen, Ron Roberts

**Apologies:** Anna Faunt, David Black, Mark Huston

### **Birthdays:**

4 March Ian Hall

### **Wedding Anniversary:**

Nil

### **Club Anniversary:**

8 March 2021 3 years

15 March 2021 3 years

17 March 2008 16 years

Sandy Hoffmann

Carmel McKeering

Deb Hails



... just like Sandy, Carmel & Deb  
Congratulations!

### **Rotary Information: Ron Roberts**

**Step right up 4: In Rotary's membership game, everyone's a winner – more ideas for clubs**

### **Appeal to local volunteers**

In fall 2014, the Rotary Club of Evanston, Illinois, held its inaugural "Heads Up, Evanston!" an event that's equal parts community outreach, game show, and, as one member puts it, "organizational speed dating."

"We encourage participants to connect with each other during and after the meeting and find new ways to collaborate and partner based on what they have heard each other say," explains Past Club President Paul Larson. "We follow up

by sending all participants a PDF with everyone's contact information as an added convenience."

The participants in this service-oriented dating game are local not-for-profit organizations, about 25 per annual session. Representatives from each organization get exactly two minutes to, as Larson puts it, "give a commercial or news item about themselves." The time limit is rigidly enforced, albeit in a light-hearted manner. Talk too long and speakers are cut off by a "cheesy disco song from the '70s," Larson says. "This makes it fun since people do their best to finish before the dreaded sounds of an old Bee Gees tune or the theme from Rocky tells them time is up." Finish your "commercial" in 90 seconds or less and the Rotary bell rings, meaning the speaker gets invited back for a free lunch with the club and another opportunity to speak. The "Heads Up" gathering includes a modestly priced lunch – which "organizations are happy to pay," says Larson – and post-gathering mingling around tables laden with promotional materials.

"While the event definitely has the potential to build membership in the long term, we use it strategically as a supplement to more direct recruiting efforts," Larson says. But, he adds, it's also a way for the club to provide "a service to the community – a way for us to offer unique value as a forum for leaders." And because the club also presents its own "commercial," he notes, it's also an opportunity for "awareness building about what Rotary is and what we do." Sounds like a love connection.

## International Toast:

### Deb proposed an International Toast to the Rotary Club of Las Vegas

The Rotary Club of Las Vegas was formed on February 23, 1923, and chartered on April 5, 1923. The founders met in the Chocolate Shop at 203 Fremont, which now is a part of the Golden Nugget.

The Las Vegas Rotary Club President 2023 – 2024 is Toni Kern.

The Club meets at Lawry's The Prime Rib Thursdays at Noon.

Here are some of the Club's Service highlights:

- Fellowship is an important part of our membership experience. One of our favourite annual summertime events is an Alpine picnic held at the cabin of a fellow Rotarian on Mt. Charleston, just 30 minutes and a world away from Las Vegas.  
The day kicks off with a hike to the top of Cathedral Rock for the adventurous among us. Other stay at the cabin and enjoy a cold beverage (or two) in the shade of the pine trees away from the heat of the valley below.  
A wonderful potluck BBQ follows and fun is had by all!
- The annual Salvation Army Canned Food Drive is a community service project headed by the current President of the 25 Club. Each year, through collection of coins, special events and cash contributions, the Las Vegas Rotary Club, in a friendly competition with the Las Vegas Kiwanis Club raises money to help feed the hungry of Las Vegas. Through a partnership with the Three Square food bank, the Las Vegas Rotary is able to purchase cans of food for 9 cents each.  
Since the start of the drive in 2009, our club has provided more than 895,000 cans of food for the 800-1000 people fed by the Salvation Army every day.
- 2023 saw the 28th annual Santa Clothes Program. Santa Clothes provides much needed shoes, socks,

# Las Vegas Rotary Club



Las Vegas  
Rotary  
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## Jessica Love

Executive Director, Daring Girls

Jessica Love is Executive Director of Daring Girls, which partners locally with organizations in Africa to ensure that girls have the knowledge, tools, mentorship, and support to confidently design their own futures. Together, Daring Girls and our partners are building a world where every girl has the skills, confidence, and savvy to design her own future and dare to become who she wants to be.



We know that educated girls have better lives and seek positive changes in society, yet only 39% of girls in Tanzania go to secondary school, and only 3% go on to tertiary education. Daring Girls develop programs that help younger girls stay in school and complete their lower secondary education while building critical skills that build confidence and inspire belief in their future potential. They also support mentoring programs for older adolescent girls that help them build leadership skills, as well as personal qualities like confidence and resilience, supporting them to succeed well beyond secondary school. All of the programming they support pairs girls with a university educated woman mentor who serves as a role model and example of what every girl can become: a woman who confidently designs her own future.

Jessica joined the organization in 2020. In the last four years, Jessica has been able to secure the largest single gift in the organization's history, successfully renamed and rebranded the organization from its previous name, AfricaAid, to Daring Girls, and she has expanded the organization's reach from one country to four, serving more girls in more countries. She is an experienced communications strategist who has managed media relations, community and stakeholder outreach for domestic and international nonprofit, foundation and corporate organizations for 20 years. Before joining Daring Girls, she provided communications counsel to a variety of organizations, including HOPE Foundation for Women & Children of Bangladesh and Fistula Foundation, where she previously spent several years leading communications efforts to raise awareness and funds to treat women suffering from obstetric fistula, a devastating childbirth injury.

February 22, 2024

## WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

## What We Have Accomplished. DID YOU KNOW?

- January Service: 8 club members and 8 Palo Verde High School students cleaned our designated portion of the Red Rock Loop (Highway Clean Up), providing a total of 40 hrs of volunteer service.
- January Community Service: 3 Rotarians plus a former Rotarian provided 9 hrs of volunteer service at Discovery Museum's Community Resource Fair.
- Community Grants: Approved grant of \$2,400 to Family To Family Connections for educational school supplies.
- Nevada Wheelchair: Over 25 children's wheelchairs were delivered locally and PP Brock Fraser distributed 100 wheelchairs in Reno; 1 wheelchair was delivered to a local young man and 4 members of the 'A Team' unloaded containers for 12 hrs of service.

## The Las Vegas Rotary Club's Mission:

Teaching Youth to Succeed through Literacy, Education & Life Skills Development

winter clothing, mentoring and, a sports ball gift to at-risk children from the Las Vegas valley each Christmas. Santa Clothes is a multi-club service project spearheaded by the Las Vegas Rotary Club and supported by all the Southern Nevada area Rotary Clubs. Santa Clothes could not happen with the help and support of its longtime supporter JC Penny's.

More than 366 people helped with the shopping and logistics at JC Penny's. When the kids were done, they were taken to UNLV to play at various stations hosted by members of UNLV's men's and women's athletic teams. Thereafter they were fed lunch and were given an inspirational speech about the importance of hard work and education. When they left, they all received a sports ball.

- Named for one of the founders of the Rotary Club of Las Vegas, Walter Bracken Elementary School is a recognized learning center serving approximately 450 children. Bracken has become a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (Steam) Academy and a Blue-Ribbon Magnet School. The Principal, Katie Decker, was named at the top Magnet School Principal in America in 2013. As a result of our partnership, the school is run according to the Rotary 4-Way Test and twice each year the Rotary Club of Las Vegas provides grants for large projects not in the School's budget.

The Club participates in Reading Week and in Career Day at Walter Bracken Elementary School. Rotarians also judge the Science Fair and the Engineering Fair, paint the States, individually, on the sidewalk squares, and paint the hopscotch areas with Roman Numerals.

In further support of learning and the arts, the Las Vegas Rotary Club sponsors the annual Disney Musical, donates books to the school library and refreshes the Lego lab.

Replacing high water consuming grass, the Club supports the vegetable gardens and fruit trees at the school. Rotarians are also a visible presence at the school and help in many different special assemblies and gatherings.

**“Teaching Youth to Succeed through Literacy, Education & Life Skills Development” - Our Club's Mission.**

Next meeting's toast will be proposed by Murray

**President: Neil Black**

**President Neil introduced the guest speaker PDG District 9640 - Tony Heading.**

**Topic - The Rotary Foundation**

Tony is a Past RF chair and a director of RF Australia. He is a member of the RC of Burleigh Heads.



Interestingly, Tony's father was a member of this club in 60's & 70's. Tony spent quite some time as a youth growing up in the Kingaroy area.

Tony spoke about:-

- **The purpose of the RF** – which was set up to fund humanitarian work that Rotary does. It is Rotary's only charity.  
**RF Motto - to do good in the world**
- **RF has 7 focus areas** – Peace Building & Conflict Resolution, Preventing Disease, Water Sanitation & Hygiene, Maternal & Child Health, Basic Education & Literacy, Community Economic Development, Environment

**Connection between the money the RF receives & how it is managed & spent**

- **Polio** – every dollar raised is matched by the Gates Fdn. Still 450 million children being vaccinated every year / 12 cases in 2023 / 99.5% eradicated / last case of wild polio virus was in Pakistan
- **Annual Fund** – invested for 3 years then distributed through district & global grants  
District grant examples from RC Burleigh – Rotary Broadwater Chapel, Solar Buddy projects, Fishing Buddies, medical equip to health centre in India  
Global grant example – partnering with UNICEF



- **Endowment Fund** – money is permanently invested with interest being distributed to district & global grants. Peace Scholars 130 every year
- **Disaster Response Funds / Grants** \$25 000 US grants
- **Corporate funding** – RF Aust has Public Benevolent Initiative. Tax deductible.

92c in dollar goes to the cause      RF in top 1% of world's charities      4 star rating 15 years in a row

**Personal Recognition** – every rotarian every year initiative eg Centurion \$100, PHF recognitions, PH Society \$1000 annually

## **PDG Eric Wood**

Rotarian for 39 years. Loves the fact that he can go anywhere in the world & be amongst friends

## **Induction of New Members**

Brian Tessmann – Dairy Farming



Michael Ryan - Retail



Koray Akdogan – Retail



Our 3 newest members were warmly welcomed by members. They are very keen members who have already been active in club activities. Great new Rotarians.

It was very fitting for our new members to have such an informative introduction to The Rotary Foundation presented by Tony Heading.

## **Secretary: Kat**

- Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true & correct record. Moved: Kat & Seconded: Murray

## **Treasurer: Mark Huston**

Nil

## **Directors' Reports**

### **Community Projects: Bev Watter**

- Bunnings – Bev thanked Ian for taking over for Ray so quickly for the BBQ management & Brian & Kerry for their help
- Sat 9 March Nanango IGA BBQ – 8 – 12.30pm      **Enough workers, but won't say no to extras**
- Sat Mar 23 Bunnings BBQ – 7.30 – 2pm      **Enough workers, but won't say no to extras**
- Sat Mar 23 Harmony Day BBQ – 10am - 1pm Forecourt T Hall      **Enough workers, but won't say no to extras**
- Sat Mar 30 Nanango Races 12pm – 5pm      **More workers needed Please volunteer**

**Youth: Deb Hails**

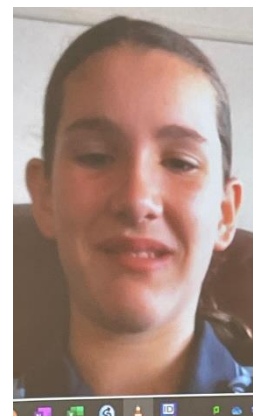
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**Rotary Foundation: Kerry Heit**

Nil

**Interact: Carmel**

- KSHS Interact Executive attended the meeting - President Matti Van Schndel & Treasurer Mia McAleese & Secretary Annabelle Stevens was on zoom. Annabelle supplies a great message of introduction on zoom and President Matti Van Schdel spoke eloquently about her vision for the Interact Club this year. A very impressive team indeed!
- Murray attended the KSHS Assembly today to present the executive's badges and fly the flag for Rotary & Interact
- Members also thanked Carmel for her efforts with the Interact Club
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**Membership: Ray Pitt**

Nil

**General Business:**

**BIG NEWS!!!**

- **Emma Lindholm** – received word today that she has been selected to go to **Youth Parliament** for Nanango electorate. KSHS also school nominated her to be a student representative on the **Ministerial Advisory Council**. This will involve a meeting with the Minister twice per year
- **Gus** - SB support alliance now has charity status, so all donations now tax deductible

**Card Draw:** Q spades no winner

**Fines:**

- Ian not wearing his badge – because he didn't have his new badge
- Gus – no real reason – Neil just fined him
- Carmel fined new member Brian for taking her place at the dinner table tonight

**Meeting closed: 8.20 pm**

❖ **Next Meeting**      **18 March - General Meeting**

**Cheers**

*Murray*



Members need to let Kat know if not attending.

#### Reminders

- If you cannot attend a meeting, you **MUST** contact Kat by **NOON** on Monday!
- If you don't cancel by noon you will be billed for a meal.
- New Bank account details
  - o Account Name: Rotary Club of Kingaroy Inc.
  - o BSB: 084 961
  - o Account Number: 254 905 213

Got recycling to drop off - Containers For Change Rotary Club of Kingaroy Account C10071454  
(Please get a receipt and hand to Treasurer Mark)

- **Make sure you wear your badge at every meeting. Makes it easier for guests.**

#### Useful Rotary Websites

Club website [www.kingaroyrotary.org.au](http://www.kingaroyrotary.org.au)

#### Rotary Foundation

- International [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)
- Australia [www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au](http://www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au)

BIRTHDAYS – MEMBERS AND PARTNERS	
4 March	Ian Hall
ANNIVERSARIES	
Nil	
CLUB ANNIVERSARY	
8 March	Sandy Hoffmann
15 March	Carmel McKeering
17 March	Deb Hails

*Attendance at each meeting is presumed unless you notify your absence to:*

**Kat – South Burnett Podiatry**

**Phone: 07 41627633 or 0417 627 316**

**Email: [reception@southburnettpodiatry.com.au](mailto:reception@southburnettpodiatry.com.au)**

**Numbers need to be in by 12 noon.**

#### The Four-Way Test

OF THE THINGS we think, say or do:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time
9 March	Nanango IGA BBQ	8.00am – 12.30pm
18 March	General meeting	6.00 for 6.30pm
23 March	Bunnings BBQ	7.00am – 2.00pm
23 March	Harmony Day BBQ Town Hall Forecourt	10.00am – 1.00pm
30 March	Nanango Races	12.00pm – 5.00pm
8 April	Dinner meeting	6.00 for 6.30pm
15 April	General meeting	6.00 for 6.30pm
29 April	General meeting (possible due to public holidays)	6.00 for 6.30pm
30 Ap & 1 May	RYDA @ Kingaroy SHS SB High schools	
4 May 2024	Stanwell	Catering event for 1000
13 May	Dinner meeting	
20 May	General meeting	6.00 for 6.30pm
3 June	Dinner meeting	6.00 for 6.30pm
15 June	Changeover meeting + 75 <sup>th</sup> celebrations	6.00 for 6.30pm
17 June	General meeting	6.00 for 6.30pm

# Legend

	Bunnings
	IGA
	Nanango Races
	Multiple Events on same day
	Other events
	Dinner Meetings
	General Meeting