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INTRODUCTION

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE The First Century 1923-2023

The Rotary Club of Brisbane was the first club in North Australia, and the third in Australia overall. It was formed under the system of a Rotary Commissioner travelling to a town and getting together community leaders and was chartered on 29 May 1923 with a membership of 16. Peter B Macgregor, a leading Brisbane barrister, was the Charter President.

The club sponsored numerous other clubs in Queensland and Northern New South Wales: Rockhampton, Mackay, Townsville, Ipswich, Bundaberg, Toowoomba, Maryborough, Lismore, Fortitude Valley, South Brisbane, Brisbane North, Brisbane West and Brisbane Mid-City. It has six sister clubs worldwide: Tsim Sha Tsui East, Hong Kong, Taipei Tatung, Taiwan, Kobe East, Japan, Amsterdam International, The Netherlands, Charleston, South Carolina USA and Colombo Reconnections, Sri Lanka.

At its peak the club had over 200 members (246 in 1969). The numbers dropped with the formation of the new clubs in Brisbane CBD but had a resurgence in 2001-02 when there were 101 members. Current membership is 39. In 1989, the club was pleased to welcome women Rotarians and there has been a steady increase in female membership, including three female Presidents.

As befitting the motto “Service above Self”, the Rotary Club of Brisbane in its 100 years has a proud history of support for community, national and international causes. As might be expected, the focus has changed as society itself has changed, and there is now much more emphasis on specific needs or organisations, rather than a broad-brush approach. But to deal with the increasing number of causes needing financial assistance, a less piece-meal approach was needed. To this end, in 1989-90 the club took the decision to establish a foundation which could attract donations and the fund be invested to provide income for community and international projects.

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Benevolent Foundation/Public Ancillary Fund was established on 28 August 1999 with Dr Brian Carss, Graham Alexander, Henry Milne and Ian Wilson as trustees. Initial funding came from bequests by Rotarians Lionel Walpole and Clive Morman, and the surplus from the 2003 Rotary International World Convention. Total assets at the end of May 2023 were \$1.231 Million which included \$100,000 earmarked for transfer to the Rotary Queensland Centenary Project for an Endowed Chair in Neuroscience at the Queensland Brain Institute within The University of Queensland.

Following changes to the Act, the Foundation has now been set up as the Rotary Club of Brisbane Public Ancillary Fund. The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc is the Trustee and there is an independent investment committee which manages all investment decisions. To meet Australian Taxation Office compliance guidelines, the Club must disburse at least five per cent of the fund balance (i.e. approximately \$60,000 in 2022-23) each year by way of donations to Australian based charities by the end of each financial year. Donations in recent years include \$50,000 to Red Frogs (in 2017-18) and \$50,000 to the Mater Foundation (in 2019-20).

Over the years many major health and safety projects have been undertaken by the club to benefit not just Brisbane but the wider Queensland community. Outstanding success stories include the establishment in 1977-78 of a Foundation to provide ongoing support for the Queensland Surf Life Saving Association; the establishment of the Queensland Society for Crippled Children and a workshop for the disabled which developed into Help Enterprises Limited; and the contribution of funds for the setting up of the Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia. Many and varied charities have benefited from donations by the Club including Diabetes Australia, McIntyre Riding for the Disabled, Vision Queensland and Canine Helpers Guide Dogs for the Disabled. In 1991-92, the club joined 20 others to establish Rotary Lodge at Wesley Hospital, providing accommodation for seriously ill patients (and their families) when receiving treatment.

Of more recent times the underprivileged and homeless have been a special focus for the club with funds and often the assistance of volunteer members. Recipients include the Salvation Army mobile food truck, Eddie's Food Van for the Homeless (run by the students of St Joseph's Gregory Terrace), the Salvation Army's women's shelter. The poster is part of the Sponsordea project, aimed at encouraging non-Rotarians to submit ideas that can be turned into a new grants and support project to help budding charities, startup NGOs, and worthwhile entrepreneurs realise their dreams to bring to life ideas that will help the community.

Strong and continuing support has also been given to projects involving the youth in the community. An early and outstanding project not long after WWII was support for the establishment of International House at The University of Queensland in 1954-55 – the club's community service to recognise the Rotary's Golden Anniversary. The project took ten years to come to fruition, and the club's driving force was Rotarian Bert Martin. Other projects have supported youth groups, school communities, and vocational, Rotaract and RYLA initiatives.

Individual acts of service or philanthropy are recognised by contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Donor acknowledgement takes several forms including the award of Paul Harris Fellowships for each US\$1000 donated. As at May 2023, through the club Rotary International had bestowed 134 Paul Harris Fellowships on members and friends and recognized four major donors.

International causes have not been neglected, with donations given on many occasions involving natural disasters such as tsunamis, floods, and earthquakes.

One of the club's ongoing and most rewarding activities has been Donations-in-Kind to medical and educational recipients in Papua New Guinea and other needy developing countries. Regularly Rotarians and their families gather to sort out medical supplies that are just on their use-by date, equipment superseded or surplus to requirements and other valuable material to supplement stocks at PNG hospitals and clinics; and desks, chairs, or teaching material no longer need in Brisbane schools find a ready and welcome home in the classrooms of PNG.

Activities and projects such as these not only foster goodwill internationally, but they also are great for promoting fellowship in the club itself. A strength of any Rotary club is the sense of community members gain from their involvement in club activities and social occasions which might include partners or family members. Over the many years the club has been in existence, members have enjoyed functions ranging from the formal to the frantic – but always fun! A trip to Taipei by members and partners (bearing Queensland wines, made by a Rotarian winemaker) was memorable and the hospitality of our hosts almost overwhelming; and wine-tasting and bottle-labelling at another Rotarian's winery well worth the price of several members getting lost on the way to the country estate. There have been balls and dinners, film evenings and musical theatre outings, art shows and tree plantings. All have contributed to the sense of belonging that makes any organisation strong, and its members committed.

The Rotary Club of Brisbane has come a long way in its 100 years and has had its highs and lows. But what has sustained it has been the belief of its members in the tenets of Rotary and The Four-Way Test. That encourages ordinary people to achieve extraordinary things for the community and in their own way to make the world a better, more caring place. May it keep going for another hundred years!

A Themed History of the Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc. 1923-2023 Peacebuilder Club

Charter

The Club was chartered on 29 May 1923 with a membership of 16. It has been responsible for the sponsoring of “daughter” clubs: Mackay and Townsville in 1926-27 (with the involvement of Immediate Past President Tom McWilliam in conjunction with Rotary Commissioner Sir Henry Braddon of Sydney Rotary Club), Ipswich, Bundaberg (1929-30), Toowoomba, Maryborough, Lismore (1931-32), Fortitude Valley, South Brisbane, Brisbane North, Brisbane West, Brisbane Mid-City.

Formation

Extract from History 1923-73: “The first meeting held with the view of forming a Rotary Club in Brisbane took place on the 24th November, 1922. At that meeting, Sir Henry Bradden, of the Rotary Club of Sydney, as a special Commissioner, addressed the following citizens of our city, namely

Jas Allan	F. R. Lloyd	H. Monteith
J. D. Bell	J. P. Macfarlane	T. McWilliam
D. Hamilton	P. B. Macgregor	A. D. Walsh
M. G. Haymen	R. H. Moss	E. R. Isaacs
M. S. Herring		

“At this meeting J. P. Macfarlane was appointed Acting Secretary. Four days later another meeting took place, and it was then decided to take the necessary steps to form a Rotary Club of Brisbane.

“After considerable work in framing By-laws and the nominating and election of members, a further meeting was held on 6th February 1923, at which meeting it was resolved that the Rotary Club of Brisbane be formed with the following 16 Charter Members:

Jas Allan	M. S. Herring	J. P. Macfarlane
R. J. Archibald	E. R. Isaacs	P. B. Macgregor
J. D. Bell	R. D. Kennedy	T. McWilliam
J. Espie Dods	J. J. Knight	R. H. Moss
D. Hamilton	F. R. Lloyd	A. D. Walsh
M. G. Haymen		

“The first Board of Directors consisted of Messrs, Allan, Archibald, Bell, Espie Dods, Isaacs, McWilliam, Kennedy, Macfarlane, Macgregor and Lloyd.

"On the 12th February, 1923, the first meeting of the Directors took place, at which the following office Bearers were appointed:

President: P. B. Macgregor
Vice-President: F. R. Lloyd
Hon. Secretary: J. P. Macfarlane
Hon. Treasurer: J. D. Bell
Sergeant-at-Arms: E. R. Isaacs

"The first weekly Luncheon Meetings of the Club were held in a room at Allan & Starks Ltd., Queen Street, kindly set aside by Rotarian James Allan for the purpose.

"It was on the 29th May, 1923, when the Club was granted its Charter by Rotary International, its number being 1489.

"The Club's first Ladies' Day was held on 5th June, 1923, when eighteen members and an equal number of Ladies attended. On this occasion the Guest Speaker was Miss Bedford, who gave an address on Creche and Kindergarten work. It was her address that was mainly responsible for the Club's interest in the pre-school child, for shortly afterwards the Club donated £55 for Christmas Presents for the children of the Creche and Kindergarten Association, this being the first donation from the Club for any Community Service.

"In January 1924, His Excellency Lieutenant Colonel Sir Matthew Nathan GCMG, the Governor of Queensland, who by the way had shown considerable interest in Rotary, was elected the Club's first Honorary Member.

"By the end of the first financial year, the Club membership had increased to 38. At this period, President P. B. Macgregor was elected President for a further one year's term, and on this occasion Rotarian J. P. Wilson was appointed Secretary. At the end of the Club's second year the membership was 55.

"At a meeting of the Board held on the 23rd May, 1925, a discussion took place in regard to the most effective and satisfactory method for the Sergeant-at-Arms to adopt, for the collection of fines imposed upon Club members. This brought forth an offer from a recently elected member, namely Rotarian W. M. L'Estrange, to design and make a special implement for the purpose. Soon afterwards this implement in the form of a silver mounted baton was presented to Sergeant-at-Arms Ernie, who undertook to wield it to good purpose, which many members well knew he did."

In 1933 lunchtime addresses from our regular meetings were first broadcast on local radio, a full 12 months before Brisbane's first television transmissions, so at that time our club was at the cutting edge of social media.

As the Club grew in numbers, peaking at 248 in 1969, a larger meeting place was needed and for some years this was the Canberra Hotel in the CBD.

The need was seen to create a Club office, and a lease was taken on the top floor of the hotel for that purpose. In 1986-87, when the Canberra Hotel was sold to the Capital Hotel for redevelopment, after tense negotiations compensation was paid for the lease. This enabled the establishment of a new office in Lennons Hotel. The net proceeds of \$57,520 were applied to the running of the new office. The Club office was maintained as the District Rotary Information Office for some years, until rising costs saw it transferred to the Bridging the Gap headquarters. Lennons Hotel also became the Club's meeting place until 2001-02, when the move to The Brisbane Club took place. After 20 years and with a member survey in May 2016 and a smaller membership another move took place in 2022-23, to Fridays Riverside, the current meeting place.

Rotary Club of Brisbane Benevolent Foundation/Public Ancillary Fund

1989-90 A decision was made to establish a foundation that could attract donations and the funds be invested to provide income for community and international projects. A draft constitution was prepared for the Rotary Club of Brisbane Benevolent Foundation.

1999-2000 The foundation was established on 28 August 1999 with initial trustees Dr Brian W Carss, Graham I Alexander, Henry Milne and Ian A Wilson as a perpetual public charitable trust under a charitable trust deed. It traded as the Lionel Walpole Memorial Trust. Initial funding came from funds bequeathed by Rotarian Lionel Walpole and subsequently via a bequest from Rotarian Clive Morman and the surplus from the 2003 Rotary International World Convention.

2011-12 total assets were \$501,570.16.

Following changes to the Act the Foundation has now been set up as the Rotary Club of Brisbane Public Ancillary Fund. The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc. is the Trustee and there is an independent Investment Committee that manages all investment decisions. 2019-20 total assets were now \$1,076,166.91. To meet Australian Tax Office compliance guidelines, the Club must donate at least 5% of the fund balance (i.e., approx. \$50,000 in 2019-20) each year by way of donations to Australian-based charities by the end of each financial year. Donations in recent years include \$50,000 to Red Frogs (2017-18) and \$50,000 to Mater Foundation (2019-20).

By 2023 the PAF assets had grown to \$1.231M which included \$100,000 earmarked for transfer to the Rotary Queensland Centenary Project for an Endowed Chair in Neuroscience at the Queensland Brain Institute located within The University of Queensland.

Service Projects

During its existence the Club has carried out numerous outstanding projects, many of which are recorded in earlier histories. These include:

Youth Service

1923-24 The Club donated £55 for Christmas presents for the children of the Creche and Kindergarten Association. This was the first donation from the Club for any community service.

1932-33 Formed the Queensland Society for Crippled Children.

1935-36 Established Christmas camps for Underprivileged boys.

1943-44 Convened a Youth Welfare conference attended by various youth associations and other interested bodies.

1948-49 Organised the Orphanage Scheme where volunteer Rotarians visited 11 Orphanage Homes on weekends catering for the needs of children at the Homes.

1949-50 Continued the Orphanage Scheme by improving the grounds and installing playground equipment as Christmas gifts.

1950-51 Continued the Orphanage Scheme, particularly the Tufnell Home. Support was also given to the Creche and Kindergarten Association.

1952-53 Supported the Paddington and Rosalie Creche and Kindergarten Centres in providing Christmas Trees for the children, also the children of Woolwin Home with President Fred Bonney's personal attention cutting the boys' hair.

1954-55 Established International House at The University of Queensland. This was initially the club's community service project for the year to recognize Rotary International's Golden Anniversary year – a Rotary scheme for the advancement of International Understanding, Goodwill and Peace. Initial funds totalling £1,000 were raised, and this led to a committee of public citizens being formed on 26 April 1955 by the Lord Mayor of Brisbane to take over from Rotary and create the International House. Extract from the International House UQ website: "International House UQ Brisbane opened 40 years later (after the first International House in New York, USA) in 1965 after 10 years of planning, instigated by Queensland Rotarian Bert Martin. The organisations supporting International House Brisbane were The University of Queensland, the State Government, the City of Brisbane, Rotary and other Service Clubs, the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, and the Queensland Country Women's Association.

In our first year there was a Warden, four resident tutors and 59 male students. In 1969, female residents were admitted and lived in "G" tower."

1959-60 Our Club promoted Gundoo Week (Centenary Youth Week) and supported it over the next decade with anywhere from 20 to 200 participants each year. It spread through Australia and to New Zealand, later adopted as RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) and is now a worldwide project of Rotary International. An extremely ambitious but highly successful major project was the organising and staging of the H.Y. (Health for Youth) Carnival at the Exhibition Grounds on 26 March 1960 from 10 am to 10.30 pm in aid of the Queensland Bush Children's Health Scheme and the Combined Women's Athletic Association. It raised £3,400 net profit, an enormous sum in those days, split between the two organisations.

1973-74 A highly successful two-day Vocational Service Youth Seminar was conducted with 124 participants and resulted in a net surplus of \$1,500 of which \$1,000 was given to International House.

1975-76 The major project under the RI President's Theme for the year, "Dignify the Human Being" was the adoption of a school community in an area nearby and the Petrie Terrace State School was selected. Rotarians and Rotaryannes worked with the Parents and Citizens Association to run a School Fete, funds from which, with Government subsidy, provided for amenities, uniforms for representative school communities and visits by children to industrial and cultural activities. Fund-raising by the Club's Groups and Rotaryannes raised \$5000.

NB: At this time, the club was organised into 4 Groups – Northern, Western, Southern and Central Groups based on geography.

Sundial and Adventure Playground equipment was provided at the Petrie Terrace State School. The plaque on the sundial reads "This sundial and the adventure playground equipment were provided by the Rotarians and Rotaryannes of the Rotary Club of Brisbane as part of their involvement with the Petrie Terrace State School 1975-1976. Service above Self." The first Paul Harris Fellowship was awarded, to Past District Governor & Past President Carl Bishop.

1976-77 It was decided that rather than undertake a large project, help would be given to some of our past projects. The first Brisbane Rotary Art Show was held, and it was opened by the Governor of Queensland Air Marshal the Honourable Sir Colin Thomas Hannah KCMG KCVO KBE CB. This raised \$3,000. Financial help given to Petrie Terrace State School, Help Industries, Montrose Home and Australian Red Cross Society (Qld) totalled \$4,616. A practice wicket was provided at the Petrie Terrace State School. The plaque on the sundial reads "The Practice Wicket was provided as a joint project by the Rotary Club of Brisbane and the Paddington Hotel Western Suburbs Rugby League Trust. Officially opened 19-11-77 by Arthur Kreuger, Past President Rotary Club of Brisbane."

1979-80 The Queensland branch of the Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia was given \$10,000 while individual Rotarians helped to raise an additional \$60,000.

1987-88 Construction began of a caretaker's house/reception Centre at Shaftesbury Citizenship Centre, for which \$20,000 was put aside awaiting completion. The handover was made next year at a well-attended ceremony, with a further \$5,000 from the Club towards completing the building.

1991-92 Wine sales, theatre nights and other activities in the Groups raised \$6,000 for the charity fund. Teen Challenge received \$16,000 from the Club's fund-raising projects for the supply of a van/bus to assist them in reducing drug abuse among young street people. Red Hill Special School received \$13,000 from the Club's fund-raising projects to add to the \$8,000 they had raised to acquire a second-hand bus to take its severely handicapped children on school excursions.

2000-03 Sponsored the Rotaract Club of Brisbane City and supported the Rotaract Ball at World Convention 2003.

2004-05 Made an initial advance of \$10,000 as a joint project of the four city clubs for Catalyst, a program to provide support and counselling services to disadvantaged youth, particularly street youth. This project failed due to lack of Government funding. Funds were redistributed to the Abused Child's Trust \$5000 and the Salvation Army's Refuge for Women \$5000.

2011-12 As part of our Mentors for Charities program, \$5000 was donated to the Bestlife Foundation and \$6,000 to the Aunties and Uncles charity. The primary project has been the Brisbane Youth Service, where a further 10 scholarships for young people to attend college were funded and members contributed in a significant manner to The Brisbane Youth Services "getting schmick" campaign.

Award recipient Kura with President Alistair and Past President Wal Bishop.



2014-15 Joint Sponsorship with other CBD Rotary clubs for the establishment of the Rotaract Clubs of Brisbane CBD and Brisbane Riverside. Refurbishment of Sundial (Brisbane Rotary & Rotaryannes project from 1975-77) at Petrie Terrace Special School.

2017-18 Sponsored two participants to RYLA 2018 for \$1,700. Donated \$50,000 from the PAF for the Red Frogs initiative. Red Frogs is a support network for young people, aiming to provide safety responses, referrals to professional services, education and alternative event programming. Each year 24 tons of 'Allen's Red Frogs' (provided by Nestlé), are used as an ice breaker to connect Red Frog volunteers with 1.43 million people (predominately youth & young adults) in environments such as Schoolies, Universities, Festivals, Schools, Skate Parks and Sports Events.



The Rotary Club of Brisbane became a major partner of the Red Frogs program in September 2017 with a commitment of \$50,000 across two Rotary years.



2019-20 Donated \$12,500 to Breaking Free and \$7.500 to Youngcare both as continuing support from 2018-19 from the RCOB Public Ancillary Fund.

2020-21 Conducted the Centenary Gala to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Australia and together the Club raised \$15,000 for Jelly Beans via Open Doors Youth Service Inc. which enables them to continue their critical work supporting vulnerable young people in the Brisbane area. We also raised \$17,350 for PolioPlus which was matched by a two-for-one contribution from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation \$34,700.



2021-24 Rotary Australia's centenary in 2021 was recognised with the erection of a Peace Pole at Petrie Terrace State School. Peace Pole No. 323 now stands next to the Sundial erected in 1975-76. The unveiling was carried out on Monday 17 February 2024 by President Dr Phil Saxby, Rotary Club of Brisbane. Also present were President-Elect Angela Murphy and other Rotarians, significant others, family and friends, the School Principal Benjamin Reed, School Head of Curriculum Karryn Ryder, Junior Rotarian Silva Murphy and other senior students to represent the school community. The Inscription on the Pole reads "May Peace Prevail on Earth" (in English and Japanese) and Rotary Australia 100 years. Donated by The Rotary Club of Brisbane". The side with the Japanese inscription has the peace dove symbol and the words "The Peace Pole movement was established in Japan by the visionary Masahisa Goi. He was deeply moved by the utter desolation caused by the atomic bombs that were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki instantly killing thousands of local people. In 1955 he began a mission to spread this simple message May Peace Prevail on Earth. This pole is one of over 250,000 that have been planted around the world." On the other two faces are words chosen by the school: "Respect" and "Gurumba Big".

Projects for the Disabled

1927-28 The Club established the Queensland Society for Crippled Children, one of six established nationally by Rotary.

1968-69 Help Industries (later to be renamed Help Enterprises Limited), a workshop for the disabled, was launched following a feasibility study for a Multi-Diagnostic Sheltered Workshop, and a meeting called by the Governor of Queensland His Excellency Sir Alan James Mansfield KCMG KCVO at Government House on 16 April 1968. This led to a public committee being formed. The organisation was to be registered as Help Industries Limited, with the workshop initially to be established at Windsor in premises made available by the Commonwealth Government under generous terms. Funds of \$6,374 were raised in 1967-68 with further funding of \$7,459 in 1968-69 for the launch. It was reported that after nine months of operation, the financial break-even point was reached, and that 40 disabled persons were employed. Progress was such that additional space was required for expansion and five acres was acquired from the Queensland Government at the Hamilton Industrial Estate at a peppercorn rental.

1974-75 A donation to Help Industries Limited of the proceeds of the Stamp committee of \$350 attracted a 4:1 government subsidy, making the total value of their effort \$1,750.

1976-77 Further financial help was given to Help Industries Limited, Petrie Terrace State School, Montrose Home and Australian Red Cross totalling \$4,816.

1978-79 Establishment of the Brisbane branch of NADOW, the National Association of Disabled Office Workers. It continued successfully for some years and the club continued to provide some financial support.

1980-81 The Pony Riding for the Disabled Association at Moggill had land and horses but not the means of keeping the place in good order. Equipment was provided for the maintenance of the land. For this, the club gave \$2,500, which was subsidized 4:1 by the Commonwealth. An additional \$2,500 was given towards the cost of operating, subsidized 1:1. Thus a total of \$17,500 went to the association.

More than 20 years on, the Association and its activities became the McIntyre Centre Riding for the Disabled. In 2017, The McIntyre Family transferred the centre to Help Enterprises through a Deed of Gift. Having maintained the charitable services for six years and now requiring significant capital investment and refurbishment, Help Enterprises felt the gap between fee for service and the NDIS price cap was too great to cover the extensive overheads of the centre. Therefore, Help Enterprises opened an Expression of Interest campaign for a charity to accept the transfer of the centre to continue the services to the community and carry on the legacy of the McIntyre Family. In March 2024, Racing Hearts Therapy Inc. was the successful applicant and the Association plans to engage with the local community, bring the McIntyre Centre back to life and operate it to its full potential.

1984-85 Establishment of the highly successful Bridging the Gap – Job Help program.

1985-86 Bridging the Gap now well under way with the appointment of a full -time coordinator dealing with 820 applications leading to 360 persons placed in employment.

1986-87 Provision of \$20,000 towards the construction of a Therapeutic Pool Complex at the Montrose Home for Crippled Children. Bridging the Gap program was going apace, now boasting 1,700 persons interviewed and 750 helped to find full -time employment.

1988-89 Funding totaling \$3500 was donated to Bridging the Gap, Camp Quality and NADOW.

1991-92 Donation of \$1,000 to NADOW and \$2,000 to Bridging the Gap from fundraising for the year.

1993-94 When the Rotary Information Office that had been maintained by the Club was closed, office equipment worth about \$16,000 was transferred to Bridging the Gap to continue the service.

1995-96 Contributed \$4,500 through fundraising for the establishment of Vision Queensland to support vision-impaired workers.

2006-09 Contributed substantial funds to the Canine Helpers Guide Dogs for the Disabled Association over three years, including \$25,000 in 2007-08.

2013-14 Donation \$300 to Purple House, a unique and innovative community care and social support service for patients suffering from end-stage renal disease.

Health and Safety

1974-75 A Mobile Canteen costing \$6,203 was provided for the Salvation Army in 1975 following the 1974 floods in Brisbane, of which \$1,000 was raised by the Rotaryannes.

1977-78. The Queensland Surf Life Saving Association had been for decades providing an invaluable community service while living from hand to mouth in terms of finances. President Wal Bishop decided that Brisbane Rotary should and could establish a Foundation which would provide a sound financial base, one with sufficient capital to earn some regular income beyond that on which they depended. This was pursued with vigour and success, resulting in the establishment of a Queensland Surf Lifesaving Foundation with an initial investment of \$107,000. This was achieved through a public appeal (\$28,450), a Motor Car Art Union (\$8,221), and a Miss Brisbane Rotary Quest (\$21,669). There was a generous State Government subsidy of 75 cents in the dollar.

1979-80 Establishment of the Queensland organisation of the Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia, also known as Kidsafe Queensland. The Club gave \$10,000 while individual Rotarians helped in raising an additional \$60,000. The charity is still registered and operating in 2024.

1991-92 The Rotaryannes raised \$1,500 towards the cost of sponsoring a car for the Blue Nursing Service and the club matched this, making the total donation to the Blue Nursing Service \$3,000. A joint project was conducted with 20 other Rotary clubs to furnish a unit at Wesley Rotary Lodge costing \$7,000 as accommodation for seriously ill patients and their families when the patients were receiving treatment. The Salvation Army received a refit of their mobile kitchen truck originally given by the Club. Donations from fundraising were made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Rotary Health Foundation.

1992-93 Donated \$39,000 for medical equipment to Prince Charles Hospital, Halwyn Centre and Rotary West Family Assistance Fund.

1994-95 Provided a mobile First Aid caravan for Moreton Island (\$22,500). This was handed over to a community group in 2014.

1996-97 Production of "Your Move" first aid adventure video was initiated with the provision of a large sum as a loan to the Your Move project. The Queensland Youth Future Focus Network was established as a vehicle to enable local communities across Queensland to access support and resources from community and Government networks and programs.

1997-98 Production and promotion of Your Move video as a life-saving lesson in resuscitation techniques was completed. This video was produced by Health & Safety Director Rob Dickson in conjunction with sponsor Bill Wylie, a Perth businessman, and Trevor Hendy, Australia's best-known ironman in 1998. The video was advertised through The Australian Women's Weekly February 1998 and endorsed by the Hon John Howard, Prime Minister of Australia. The cost was \$80,000, but unfortunately sales of the video did not recoup the cost, and the shortfall was met by the Club. Donations and awards were made to Autistic Childrens Foundation, Hear and Say Centre and the Queensland Bush Children's health Scheme at \$5,000 each, \$3,000 to the Drug & Alcohol Abuse Foundation and a vehicle to Vision Queensland.

1998-99 Donations totalled \$15,000, including \$6,000 to the Diabetes Foundation as the proceeds from the Golf Day and \$500 to District 9600's appeal for support for the PNG Napapar Hospital Water Supply project which brought in \$17,500. This then attracted a District matching grant and a Rotary International grant totalling \$70,000.

1999-2000 A Men's Health Caravan was set up and staffed at Fishermen Islands, sourced mainly from a \$25,000 donation by the Port of Brisbane Authority. Donations of \$7,600 were made to Diabetes Australia, \$4,000 to Donations in Kind to pay

for shipping of one container to PNG and \$3,000 to provide a special computer for a disabled person.

2001-02 A joint project with the Rotary Clubs of Stones Corner and Brisbane High Rise for the Combined Brisbane Rotary Clubs Art Spectacular 2002 was very successful. The Clubs agreed to make the Salvation Army Mobile Kitchen project the major beneficiary and on 24th June 2002 a cheque for \$23,356, representing 50% of the net proceeds, was presented. Charity golf days in 2001, 2002 and 2003 jointly with and in support of Diabetes Australia raised substantial funding for that organisation.

2016-17 donated \$30,000 from the PAF to the Salvation Army for a mobile canteen trailer to replace the mobile canteen donated in 1974-75.

2021-22 Donations were made to Australian Rotary Health (Mental Illness fund) \$5,000, The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund \$15,000, The Rotary Foundation Polio Plus Fund \$5,000, The Rotary Foundation Peace Endowment Fund \$5,000, Mater Foundation (Best Start) \$5,000.

2022-23 This year saw a commitment to Zoe's Angels, a wonderful organisation that focuses on Awareness of Juvenile Rheumatic & Musculoskeletal Disease. Zoe's Angels was a major recipient of the proceeds from the Next Century Gala, receiving \$6000. Other recipients were Rotary Health \$7,000 and The Rotary Foundation for Rotary Peace Centres \$7,000.



L-R Matthew McEwen from Zoe's Angels and President Bruce McNaught.



A major project launched in 2023 celebrates the centenary of Rotary in Queensland. It seeks the involvement of all clubs in Queensland in raising five million dollars over three years for a named Chair at the Queensland Brain Institute within The University of Queensland. The Chair will be named the Rotary Queensland Centenary Chair in Neuroscience to recognise the importance of this work in the mental health sphere.



Homelessness

1991-92 The club supported Teen Challenge, donating \$16,000 for the provision of a van to help homeless street children.

2001-02 At the start of the year the Club saw the need for a shelter for homeless women and girls in the CBD and budgeted \$20,000 seed money. After the announcement at our first Club assembly, we found that the Salvation Army and the Queensland Government had also seen this need, and the Salvation Army had plans to convert one floor of "Pindari", the Men's Hostel in Spring Hill, to be a homeless women's shelter. The Board agreed to support this project, making it the highest priority, and the three other CBD Rotary clubs also agreed to be involved, making it another joint project. The Queensland Government agreed to fund the conversion, with the four CBD Rotary clubs to organize the furnishings for the 19 rooms and the common facilities for the project, at a cost of \$4,000 per room. The new shelter opened in September 2002. The Rotary Club of Brisbane provided \$8,400 for the project, including a \$4,000 donation from Rotarian Sir Robert Mathers, and \$2,000 was raised from receptions to mark the visit of the Matthew Flinders Bicentennial sailing ship Windward Bound hosted by the Club, and from the Antique Fair 2002.

2012-14 Scholarships were made available to homeless youth to attend Technical Colleges and the recipients to receive appropriate mentoring from Brisbane Rotarians. This service was to be administrated by the Brisbane Homeless Youth Association.

2014-15 Continued contribution to Brisbane Homeless Youth Services for a further two scholarships.

2013-24 Eddie's Van – named after Edmund Rice, a Christian Brother, provides breakfast each weekday morning for approximately 50 needy people in Wickham Park, Brisbane. The Van is run by St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace during the school year and the Rotary Club of Brisbane takes over during the long Christmas school holidays. For more than 20 years this has been run every day in the Christmas school holidays by Rotarian Denise Schellbach and has involved the Rotary Club of Brisbane since 2013. Rotarian Schellbach started this as a Rotary Community involvement for people in need. The Rotary Club of Brisbane pays for the registration of Eddie's Van and members and friends contribute by helping Rotarian Schellbach each morning.



Sausages and eggs for breakfast at Eddie's Van.



Eddies' Van with the cooking team L-R PP Chris Muir, Rtn Denise Schellbach, Rtn Gerald Holtmann, Rtn John Smerdon.

Community Service

1943-44 Club donation of rowing boat for the YMCA Camp at Tallebudgera Creek.

1952-53 Established Rotary Agricultural Scholarship School at Gatton Agricultural College for New Australian and British migrants. This was supported by the New Settlers League and 17 scholars attended.

1953-54 Two community service projects were completed. The first was for the District Nurses Association, sponsoring a City Button Day raising £940, and "waiting on the Attorney-General (Hon Wm Power)" to seek increased support which resulted in the annual subsidy being increased from £1,250 to £3,000, providing the association with a new car (£950) and renovating and repairing the Association's Milton property at a cost of around £500. Another was to conduct an appeal for flood relief in the Northern Rivers district of New South Wales raising £559/14/0.

1984-85 Establishment (from Melbourne) of resources for Bridging the Gap - Job Help Inc, a highly successful job help program.

1985-86 The major project was upgrading of walking trails in Mt. Coot-tha Reserve under the Commonwealth Community Employment Program with substantial support from Brisbane City Council which also provided supervision. It employed 15 young workers and is estimated to have cost \$235,000.

1988-89 A time capsule was installed in the Brisbane Botanic Gardens near the Edward Street entrance to commemorate the Australian Bicentennial.

1989-90 A decision was made to establish a community service club at the Sir David Longland Corrections Centre consisting of prisoners. The objective of the club was to encourage members to participate in constructive activities within the prison and improve their social functioning. The club was established in 1990-91 but did not survive.

1991-92 Fundraising for the year totalled \$66,000 for charities and approximately the same amount was donated. The Club conducted a garage sale at a disused service station in Indooroopilly raising \$7,800 on the day and donated all surplus unsold stock to Lifeline. The Christmas Art Union raised \$13,300 with a display in the Myer Centre. Ticket sales were supported by charities Red Hill Special School Parents and Friends Association, The Royal Flying Doctor Service and Friends of Blue Nurses, all of whom received 50% of any ticket sales they made. At the official opening of the Wacol Correctional Centre, under an arrangement with the Corrective Services Commissioner the club provided the parking arrangements and by charging entrance fees and other activities raised \$20,000, with half to go to the Victims of Crime Charity. A Golf Day raised \$4,600 and the Bowls Charity Day \$725 for the Club's charity fund.

1992-93 To make a physical mark of Rotary's presence in the city (we did not really have one, despite our many years here), a historical plaque was placed in South Bank, engraved with a view of the city skyline of 100 years earlier.

2000-01 In this year we saw the establishment of the Rotary Club of Brisbane Benevolent Foundation as a charitable trust. Funds were built up in the Foundation to support charitable works by the Club through registered charities.

2001-02 The Club conducted the Foodbank Queensland cold boxes and trailers project, with \$2,500 raised through a fine wine raffle and donations. The proceeds were presented to Foodbank Queensland in April 2002. This was put forward by President Mike Evans of the Rotary Club of Brisbane North and became a joint project of the four Central Business District Rotary Clubs, Brisbane, Brisbane North, Brisbane Hi-Rise and Brisbane Mid-City.

2006-07 Hosted a gala charity dinner and appeal and raised \$75,000 for support to communities devastated by Cyclone Larry in March 2006. Funds were used to provide secondary school kits and university scholarships to students in the area.

2011-12 As a Gold Advocate the Club donated \$25,000 for the Brisbane City Hall Restoration in 2012. Substantial contributions were received from sister clubs RC Charleston, South Carolina USA, Taipei Tatung, Taiwan and Kobe East, Japan for the 2011 District 9600 Flood appeal to supplement the Club's own contributions. We participated in Clean up Australia day with Yvonne Li as our organiser, and Rotarian Greg Burnett organised the Pride of Workmanship Award for this year.

2012-15 Considerable effort was spent in developing a mentorship program for charities in need of support, with a pilot program being developed in conjunction with Brisbane City Council. Three charities were selected and support provided. The Club held funds for this, including a \$5,000 donation in 2012-13 from the late Rotarian Clive Mormon.

2013-15 Recommenced fundraising at over \$10,000/year through annual charity golf days 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 plus BBQ fundraisers \$3000 each.

2014-15 A joint program was worked up with Shaftsbury College to provide weaners to be raised at their Arethusa College Barambah Creek campus to provide training for students, profit for the college and benefit Foodbank. Donated Drought Funding South Burnett Farmers 2014 \$5,000, and Drought Funding Longreach Community Farmers \$5,000. The Club provided volunteer marshals at the Brisbane Centenary of Anzac Day March and contributed funding to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia from the proceeds of Charity Golf Day 2015.

2015-16 A Rural Endoscopy training program was set up to fund two Nursing Endoscopy scholarships. The Mentors for Charities program was commenced, to be continued in 2016-17.

2016-17 A testimonial dinner for PP Wal Bishop AM was held, with proceeds of \$4,200 transferred to the Club's charity account. As part of our Mentors for Charities program, \$5000 was donated to the BestLife Foundation and \$6,000 to the Aunties and Uncles charity.

2017-18 Clean up Australia Day participation at Northshore Riverside Park, Brisbane River Hamilton Reach.

2018-19 A public appeal for drought assistance raised substantial funds for the Western Queensland Drought Appeal through the Club's public ancillary fund (PAF). Other major donations from the PAF were made to the North Queensland Flood appeal, Donations in Kind (DIK), Australian Rotary Health and The Rotary Foundation. The Club participated in Clean Up Australia Day at Orleigh Park, Brisbane River. Donations were made to The University of Queensland Crown of Thorns Starfish research, Group 4 Health research, the Breaking Free foundation, and Royal Flying Doctors Mental Health charity, Operation Cleft Palate. The Club held a successful International Women's Day Breakfast which raised \$4,000 for the Club's general charity fund.

2019-20 Donation of \$50,000 from the RCOB Public Ancillary Fund to the Mater Foundation for the Best Start Grants Program – emphasis on families dealing with parental and perinatal mental health.

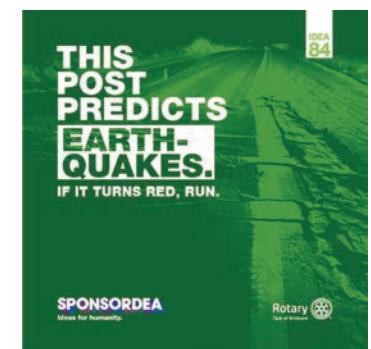


Mater Foundation Hospice for families dealing with parental and perinatal mental health.

2020-21 A new project Sponsordea – Ideas for Humanity aiming to be the next 'Kickstarter' was launched with a website as a sub-brand of Rotary and the Club. It was created to attract a younger audience. There were two rounds of applications and grants were awarded after each round.

The first grant went to Ms Sue Cole for a software package 'Sound Words' and the second grant \$8,000 went to James Petersen and the 'Breaking Free' foundation which aims to equip teenagers with the tools to manage their anxiety and stresses in the age of social media and trolling in High School.

Example of promotional assets pushed out on all social media channels to advertise website is now live...submit your idea for good today.



International Service

1934-35 Rotary Presidents Peace Park was established in St Lucia by Brisbane Rotarians with Rotary International Past President Paul Harris planting the first tree.

1943-44 Correspondence maintained with overseas Rotary Clubs and many food parcels were sent to 20 Rotary Clubs in Britain for distribution in the blitzed London areas in WW2. Funds raised to forward one thousand toys to British children.

1945-46 At a luncheon meeting on 1 April 1946 His Excellency Rotarian Colonel the Honourable Sir Leslie Orme Wilson GCMG GCSI GCIE DSO addressed the Club at the completion of his term as Governor of Queensland and 60 food parcels were contributed by those present as a token of appreciation to be distributed by the Rotary Club of Reading, England to needy cases in that area.

1945-46 During the year club members contributed funds which, with Club contributions, purchased 750 food parcels which were sent to Rotary Clubs in Great Britain.

1946-47 Raised funds in conjunction with the Fortitude Valley and South Brisbane Rotary Clubs totalling £3,135.50 enabling the purchase of 504 food parcels, a total of 4,800 tins of meat and 48,000 cakes of soap for distribution by various Rotary Clubs in the United Kingdom to deserving cases.

1947-48 Conducted Food for Britain Appeal which, in conjunction local and District clubs and the Brisbane Courier Newspaper Company, raised £13,825.

1970-onwards Donations in Kind (DIK). In the 1970s Rotarian James Delahunty, a pharmacist, realised that a large quantity of still effective, but soon to be out-of-date pharmaceuticals were being dumped. He had a pharmacist friend and colleague who was a Missionary in Papua New Guinea so James sent these drugs to PNG. In conjunction with Past District Governor Ian Wilson and his wife Joc Wilson, and with the support of the Club and later the involvement of Rotary District 9600 and Northern Region, this grew into Donations in Kind (DIK), which has brought great benefits to the people of our neighbouring countries in the Pacific to our north. DIK continued to sort and ship out-of-date pharmaceuticals supervised by volunteer pharmacists until Government regulations prevented these shipments. DIK (in 2022 rebadged as RARE (Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment)) continues to receive and distribute hospital and other equipment for hospitals and schools.



RARE team from Rotary Club of Brisbane L-R Keith Watts, David Hale, Denise Schellbach, Paul Choy, John Smerdon, Mark Williams, Chris Muir, Phil Saxby.



Loading a container with hospital beds for PNG at RARE.

1991-92 Donated \$3,500 to The Rotary Foundation and \$2,500 to DIK from the Charity fund. Collected 20 typewriters and reconditioned them for dispatch to Badili Training School in Port Moresby, PNG.

1992-93 Special grants obtained for a water tank, serum supply and other medical equipment for Aitape, Papua New Guinea.

1996-97 Death Adder vaccine provided to Ataipe Hospital, PNG, through former Rotarian Frank Evans, principal of St Ignatius Secondary School.

2000-01 Formation of Sister Clubs and Matched Club commenced:

- 2000-01Matched Club with the Rotary Club of Port Moresby, D 9600 PNG
- 2000-01 Rotary Club of Tsim Sha Tsui East, D 3450 Hong Kong
- 2001-02 Rotary Club of Taipei Tatung, D3480 Taiwan
- 2004-05 Rotary Club of Charleston, D 7770 USA
- 2004-05 Rotary Club of Amsterdam-International D1580 The Netherlands
- 2008-09 Rotary Club of Kobe East, D 2680 Japan
- 2020-21 Rotary Club of Colombo Reconections, D 3220, Sri Lanka.

2001-02 Joint project with sister Club RC Tsim Sha Tsui East contributing US \$1,200 each for vocational tools and equipment for the Badili Vocational School, PNG. Half of this supported a matching grant application jointly with the Rotary Club of Boroko. A Joint project was conducted with matched Club the Rotary Club of Port Moresby for their portable school desks project, by agreeing to contribute \$1,000 for the purchase of 200 desks. Two President's At-Home receptions were held, one for the visit of RI World President Bichai Rattakul and Directors and the other for the formal signing ceremony of the sister Club agreement with RC Taipei Tatung, both raising funds for The Rotary Foundation.

2002-03 Hosted the 2003 RI World Convention, commencing with the 1999 set up of an incorporated association registered as World Convention 2003 Inc to run a very successful event. This was despite the impact of the Bird Flu influenza pandemic which prevented Asian Rotarians attending.

2004-05 In conjunction with PNG clubs, the Club provided relief funds for affected communities from the tsunami in December 2004 and the volcanic eruption at Manam Island off the coast of PNG which destroyed the villages on the island. Funds totalling \$20,388 (from the Club \$10,000, individual members \$4,190 and Past President John Puttick's company and staff \$6,198) were provided to the Salvation Army for PNG relief. Matching grant was obtained in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Las Heras, Argentina to purchase and install two classrooms of computers in a school community centre at Las Heras for teachers, students and members of the community to become computer-literate.

2007-08 Donation for PNG Dental program \$6,000. Support for Shelter Boxes program \$12,000 in this year.

2010-11 Continued support for the Rotary Foundation. Since 2010 all members contribute \$100/year as a Centurion Club. Earthquake aid in Japan US\$3,000 sent through sister Club RC Kobe East.

2011-12 Visit of a delegation from Rotary club of Taipei Tatung for the Club's 90th anniversary celebrations.

2013-14 International Service project set up in association with sister Club RC Taipei-Tatung Taiwan under which the club donated \$5,000 to an International Service project of their choosing for their 30th anniversary celebrations.

2017-18 Donated \$5,000 to Rotary Club of Townsville to support the Kits for Kids program for Timor Leste. Donated \$5,060 to The Rotary Foundation for the Annual Fund (\$4,820 from the James Delahunty Testimonial Lunch and the Stan Francis Testamont lunch and \$240 from sale of Christmas Cakes) and \$680 for the Polio Plus Fund. Donated \$11,865 to Donations in Kind raised from the James Delahunty Testimonial Lunch.

2018-19 US\$3,500 was contributed to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund to maintain the Club's Centurion status and \$5,000 to the Kyeema Foundation for the PNG village chicken project. The object is to set up a shed and train staff in village chicken keeping for Haus Pikinini, a community orphanage for children abandoned by HIV parents in Wau town, Morobe Province, PNG. Donations were made from the general charity fund to support the Club's Rotary peace fellow and to Gaba Gaba village in PNG towards recovery from severe cyclone damage. The Club partnered with the Rotary Club of Genoa to win a Rotary Foundation scholarship to support an Italian medical science researcher at The University of Queensland. Five members and one spouse attended the 35th Anniversary celebrations of the club's sister club the Rotary Club of Taipei Tatung, Taiwan and our Club donated \$5000 for an international service project from its general charity account.

2019-20 Donated \$3,980 to the Kyeema Foundation for the PNG village chicken project to support setting up the Master Farmer Village Chicken Breeding Centre and a coral garden nursery in Gaba Gaba village, Central province.



2020-21 The Rotary Centenary Gala event raised \$17,350 for PolioPlus which was matched with a two-for-one contribution from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Donated \$5,750 from the charity account for the shipping of a container from Melbourne to PNG containing medical supplies for COVID-19, for use by the Port Moresby General Hospital, with customs clearance and distribution managed by the Rotary Club of Port Moresby. First Village Chicken Breeding Centre and coral gardening nursery set up.



Created a Standing Committee for PNG to manage fundraising and support for PNG disaster relief and support. Joint project with Rotary Club of Colombo Reconstructions to conduct training in early intervention for autism in children by Zoom over six months for 35 professional resource staff at the Lady Ridgeway Hospital for children, Colombo, Sri Lanka at a cost of INR225,000. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the presidents of Rotary Club of Colombo Reconstructions and Rotary Club of Brisbane.

2021-22 Sri Lankan dinner raised almost \$2,000 for the Autism project in Sri Lanka. Luncheon with Hon Peter Dutton raised \$2,400 for the TB project, a trial vaccination project run through a RAWCS project. Movie night The Duke raised about \$4,400 for Polio plus. Crowdfunding among members and friends raised funds to send a container to PNG and to bring a PDG citizen to Australia to take up employment. Through Kyeema Foundation, Rotary Club of Brisbane funds were used to purchase a boat engine to support our Master Trainer Coral Gardner, Kevin Egu to monitor his coral nursery and to train other communities in coral gardening techniques. Completed project costing US\$1,000 (AUD\$1,400) to fund the purchase of bicycles for the shared use by students at the Sala Bali Hotel School in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Joint projects in partnership with Smilestones Children Development Foundation and Rotary Clubs of Colombo Reconstructions and Madras titled Autism Global – A Global Program Supporting Adolescents with Autism. Donations were \$7,036 to Kyeema Foundation, RAWCS Donations in Kind \$5,000, RAWCS National flood disaster Appeal \$5,000, RAWCS for Rotarians against Malaria \$5,000, RAWCS for Timor Leste TB Eradication project \$6,000, Inkle Weave Training for Autism Early Action Training in Colombo, Sri Lanka \$2,142. The Club's giving to The Rotary Foundation this year made us No. 2 Club in the District.



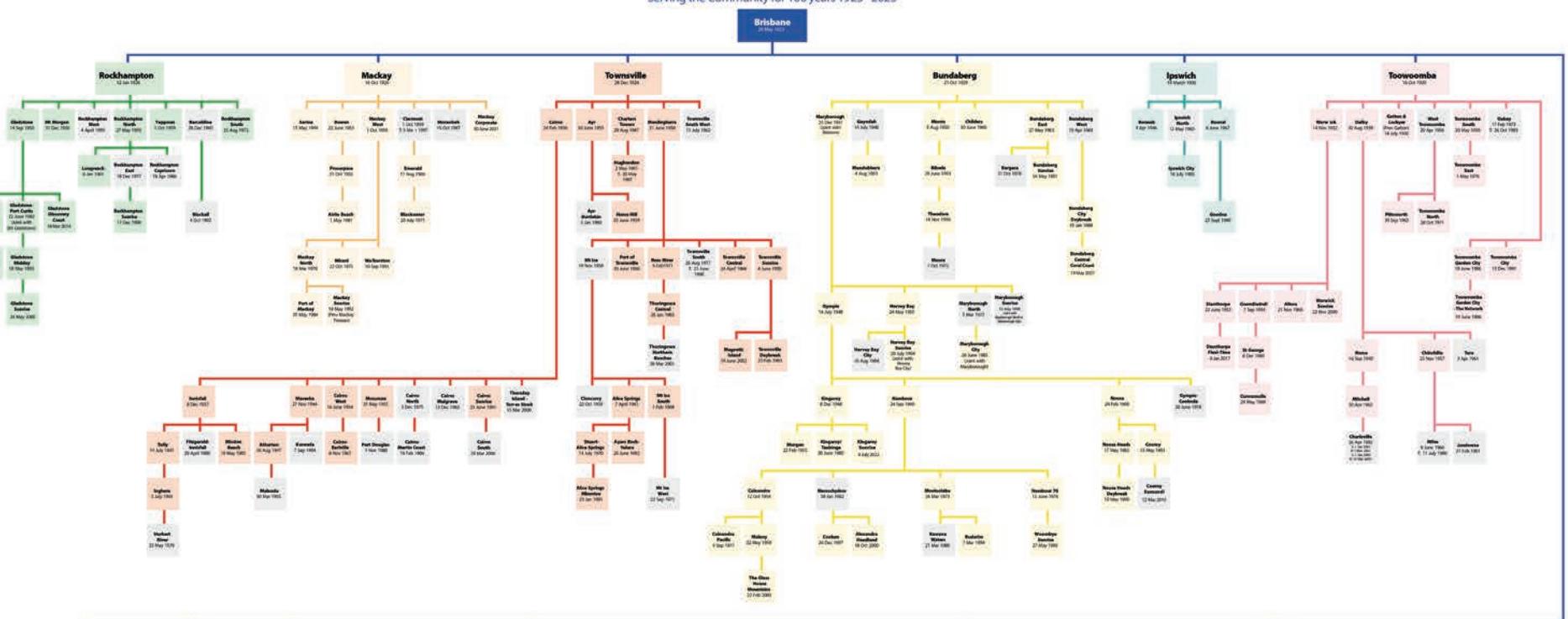
2022-23 Joint projects with the Rotary Club of Colombo Reconstructions, the Rotary Club of Brisbane and the Rotary Club of Madras as lead clubs continued in India in partnership with Smilestones Child Development Foundation. First was in Chennai hosted by Rotary Club of Madras, Madras, India; second project in Kolkata, India in partnership with Rotary Club of Calcutta, third project in Bangalore, India in partnership with Rotary Club of Bangalore. Rotary Club of Brisbane donated \$5,000 from the PAF to the Rotary Action Group for Family Safety (RAGFS) to partially fund the Autism Global projects, with the remainder being provided by the host club in each instance.

Rotary Family Tree North-Eastern Australia, Papua New Guinea, Nauru and the Solomon Islands

2002-03 As part of the Club's 80th anniversary celebrations, culminating in an international dinner during World Convention 2003, a family tree showing all the branches of the family of Rotary Clubs originating from the Rotary Club of Brisbane was developed and displayed at the World Convention 2003.

Rotary Club of Brisbane Family Tree

Serving the Community for 100 years 1923 - 2023



Initially compiled by Rotary Club of Brisbane to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of Rotary in North Eastern Australia and the Solomon Islands - 29 May 2003

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David & Emily - 20 Nov 2002
Mark & Emily - 20 Nov 2002
Tina & Mark - 20 Nov 2002

Hugh & Linda - 20 Nov 2002
John & Linda - 20 Nov 2002

Rotary Club of Brisbane
INTERNATIONAL



2012-13 The Club celebrated its 90th anniversary at an international dinner attended by delegations from its international sister Clubs in June 2013.

2022-23. As part of the club's centenary celebrations, the family tree was extended to include all the Rotary Clubs chartered since 2002-03 and put on display. A list of Service Projects and Rotary Milestones over the first 100 years and the 1923 Charter were featured in a landscape table mat at the centenary luncheon on Monday 22nd May 2023 along with the list of all Presidents and Secretaries from the Club's inception.



President's At Home Dinner 2002 at the Brisbane Club's Barrel Room.

Centenary Projects 2022-23

The major project to celebrate the centenary of Rotary in Queensland was to raise \$5 Million over three years to establish a Perpetual Chair in Neuroscience at the Queensland Brain Institute within The University of Queensland, to be titled the Queensland Rotary Centenary Chair in Neuroscience. The Rotary Club of Brisbane Public Ancillary Fund will be used as the funding vehicle. The project involves Queensland Rotary Clubs with the Rotary Club of Brisbane as the lead club. A team led by honorary member PDG Tim Keeler has been set up to manage the project. District Governor Elect Past President Mark Williams recently remarked: "It occurred to me over the weekend that Rotary is a lot like a choir. When Paul Harris formed Rotary 118-odd years ago or at the latest shortly thereafter, Rotary totally got both points. The society was formed with the purpose of providing entertainment and networking opportunities for its members, but the early Rotarians also realised that without a unifying mission, no society or club is going to last very long. Rotary also affords each and every one of its members, regardless of their particular skills or the amount of time or money they have to give, the opportunity to take part in accomplishments in the service of their community they could never hope to achieve on their own. Be it putting a park bench or planting a tree in a place the Council has neglected, be it getting together to raise \$5M to endow a university chair, or be it the eradication of polio, we all take part, and we can all justifiably take pride in the success when it comes."



Our centenary week celebrations included our 100th year regular luncheon on Monday 22nd May 2023 held at our new venue Fridays Riverside attended by 12 past presidents, 5 past district governors, 72 members and guests including our sister club delegation, the Lord Mayor's reception for over 60 Rotarians, visiting Rotarians and guests on Monday 22nd May and the Next Century Gala held on Wednesday 24th May 2023 all of which were brilliant affairs. A celebration regular luncheon held on Monday 29th May 2023 to coincide with our charter day 100 years ago rounded out the centenary celebrations.



L-R Past District Governor Medicare, Taipei Tatung Rotary Club, President Bruce McNaught with centenary gift from RC Taipei Tatung Rotary Club, President elect Alex Chuang, Taipei Tatung Rotary Club.



The Next Century Gala was held at the Howard Smith Wharves in the presence of the Her Excellency Rotarian The Honourable Dr Jeanette Young AC PSM accompanied by Rotarian Professor Lt Col Graeme Nimmo RFD, with The Rotary Foundation Trustee Marta Peak Helman as the keynote speaker. Total income was \$68,249, and total cost \$65,231.



Constitution and Bylaws

2011-12 Constitution 2010 and Bylaws adopted by the club and registered with the Office of Fair Trading.

2014-15 Constitution 2013 and 2015 Bylaws adopted by the club April 2015 and registered with the Office of Fair Trading dated 3 June 2015 and approved under the Collections Act 1966 on 3 June 2015, Organisation No. CP0345.

Admission of Women into the Club

1989-90 A motion in favour of admitting women into the Club was passed without dissent. Three female presidents have been elected in the century, in 1996-97, 2004-05 and in 2023 for the year 2024-25.

Active and Honorary Members

Member numbers at 1 July each year are shown in the Century of Service Rotary Milestones Landscape document

- 2001-02 Club within a club program welcomed 27 new members.
- 2020-21 Eight new members inducted.
- 1921-22 Inducted and welcomed 11 new members.



L-R PP Keith Watts, PP Bruce McNaught, new members Kheder Mahoud, Dickson Ken, Professor Alistair Blanshard, Professor Jonathan Harris, President Mark Williams, Past District Governor Tim Keeler.

Many honorary memberships have been approved in the first 100 years. Some of these are listed below.

- 1923-24 First honorary member, His Excellency Rotarian Sir Matthew Nathan, Governor of Queensland, in 1924.
- 1933-34 His Excellency Rotarian Sir Leslie Wilson, Governor of Queensland, in 1933.
- 1958-59 His Excellency Rotarian Sir Henry Abel Smith Governor of Queensland, in 1958.
- 2021-22 Past President Rotarian Daniel Vankov.

- 2022-23. Three new honorary members were elected.



L-R PP Phil Saxby, Rtn Peter Saxby, Rtn Johnathan Hunt-Mason, P Bruce McNaught, Sgt-at-arms Rtn Professor Jonathan Harris.



President Bruce McNaught and new The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of Brisbane Rotarian Councilor Adrian Schrinner.

The Lord Mayor was inducted at his office in City Hall by President Bruce McNaught on Wednesday 19th April in the presence of President Elect Phi Saxby and Rotarians Denise Schellbach and Past President Keith Watts.



L-R PDG Rotarian Tim Keeler AM, Her Excellency Rotarian The Honourable Dr Jeanette Young AC PSM Governor of Queensland and Rotarian Professor Lt Col Graeme Nimmo RFD.

Her Excellency and Professor Nimmo were inducted at a reception held at Government House on Tuesday 27th June 2023 in the presence of members of the Club, District Governors and Rotarians from other clubs in District 9620.

2023-24 The Board approved two more honorary memberships, for long term member James Delahunt and for PDG Tim Keeler AM to lead the Break Through project.

Strategic planning, Vision and Core Values

Strategic planning in 1999 saw the adoption of a vision and core values for the Club and experiment with a new business structure. This vision and core values continue to reflect the Club's ethos.

Vision

Our vision is for the Rotary Club of Brisbane to be a high profile, dynamic service organisation with the Brisbane Central Business District, actively involved in worthwhile community projects, which make a difference in the lives of all involved.

Core Values

Ethics

We will operate in an ethical manner, displaying honesty and integrity in dealing with others, as reflected in the Rotary Four Way Test:



Leadership Image

Our corporate behavior will reflect the Club's leadership role within the Rotary community in the CBD and District.

Focus

Club functions will be focused on CBD-specific and designated RI projects that will really make a difference in the lives of others.

Responsiveness to Members

Club services will respond to members' needs and expectations, with support mechanisms available to members in need.

Communications

Members will be informed regularly of Club developments and community projects in which they can become involved.

Fun and Fellowship

Activities will be designed to inform, and provide members with fun, fellowship and social stimulation.

Accountability

Members are encouraged to become actively involved in all aspects of Club life.

2017-18 3-year strategic plan adopted with assistance in preparing the plan from the QUT M Bus candidates for 2017-8 and the QUT Ideas Factory.

Rotary Milestones

As part of the centenary celebrations, the placemat on the following double page spread listing all the milestones in the first century was used at the centenary luncheon on 23rd May 2023. It shows the change in member numbers over the century and highlights some of the major events each fiscal year.

To view the placemat double page spread in more detail, scan this QR Code below.



Alternatively, to visit the history page on our website, scan this QR Code below.

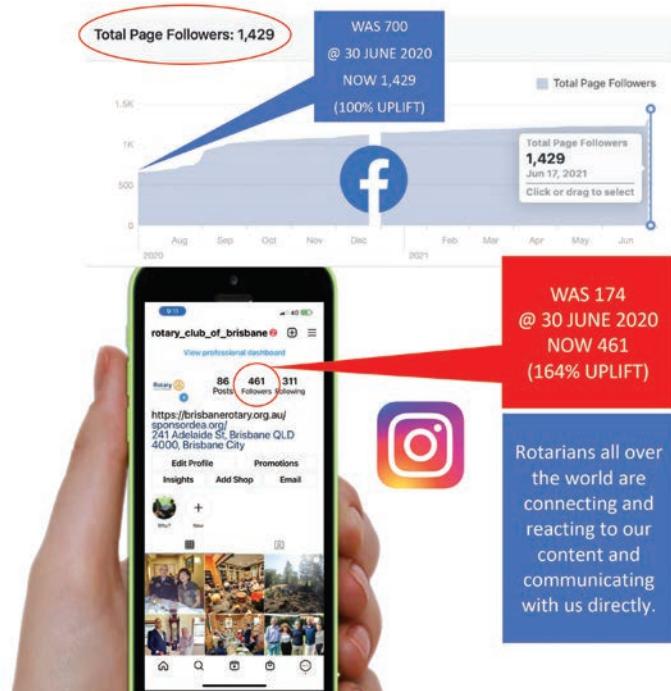


Use of Social Media

2017-18 President Daniel Vankov published in Rotary Voices, the Rotary International Blog an article titled “Ideas Factory sheds light on Club innovation. This was rated five stars with 14 readers.

2021-22 In his annual report, 2021-22 President Dan Adler made reference to the increased use of social media by the Club. The following is a summary: The growth, engagement and quality of the social media content the Club has been posting over the last 12 months has received very positive responses from our own members and those of other clubs. These powerful and free communication platforms reach beyond the traditional word of mouth; and while word of mouth is still the most effective way of introducing prospective members to Rotary, posting regularly on social media highlighting achievements and creating connections can be priceless. Having a Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn account allows Rotarians to increase their involvement by commenting and sharing posts, and members are encouraged to maintain the attention and leverage the momentum.

2022-23 Social media contact continued through the distribution of the weekly bulletin, which was sent to over 300 mailboxes each week following the regular meeting, through the weekly updating of the Club's web page. The Club's Facebook page was maintained and kept updated.



Awards and Honours

RI President's Citations were received in the following years:

1993-94
1994-95
1998-99
2000-01
2001-02
2013-14
2017-18
2022-23

District Awards were received in the following years.

- 2001-02 District 9600 Rotary Foundation Award for 2001-02 presented to Rotarian Marjorie Carss PHF. Applicant for District 9600 Lionel McCray Memorial Trophy for the Outstanding Club of District 9600 and the Heather Kinross Memorial Trophy for International Service. Rotary International 3-new member pins were presented to President Elect Allan Gillespie, Rotarians Graeme Ridler, Brad Gould and President Keith Watts.
- 2016-17 D9600 Membership Development and Membership Retention Awards.
- 2017-18 D 9600 Alan Ward Memorial shield for outstanding activities in vocational service and the Herrington Shield for best club bulletin.

The Rotary Foundation Recognition Awards

Club Recognition awards are given by The Rotary foundation each year to encourage higher levels of giving to the Foundation. The Club has received awards every year since 2016 except in 2020 fiscal year. The recognition awards received are shown in the table below.

Type	Fiscal Year	Members	Per Capita
100% Foundation Giving Club	2016	25	142.96
Polio Certificate of Appreciation	2016	27	66.9
Every Rotarian Every Year Club.	2017	25	269.46
100% Foundation Giving Club	2017	25	269.46
100% Foundation Giving Club	2018	31	157.49
Every Rotarian Every Year Club.	2018	31	141.79
100% Foundation Giving Club	2019	31	118.9
Every Rotarian Every Year Club.	2019	31	103.66
100% Foundation Giving Club	2021	23	648.79
Every Rotarian Every Year Club.	2021	23	173.51
Polio Certificate of Appreciation	2021	32	473.71
Polio Certificate of Appreciation	2022	29	273.14

TOP 3 PER CAPITA Annual Fund	2022	29	470.42
Polio Certificate of Appreciation	2023	32	268.52
100% Foundation Giving Club	2024	28	821.3
Polio Certificate of Appreciation	2024	32	368.69
Every Rotarian Every Year Club.	2024	28	447.54

Rotary Club of Brisbane Exemplary Service Award

This was an award conferred on a member who is judged to have provided a service to the Club and Rotary at a level beyond that normally expected of members. The evaluation criteria were developed by the Club to act as a guide in the selection process, based on the club's published core values.

Exemplary Service Award Evaluation Criteria

1. **ETHICS** Members of the RCOB will reflect ethical behaviour in their relationships, not only with fellow members, but also with others in their community, business and professional networks.
2. **LEADERSHIP**. For the RCOB to give an image of leadership as the premier service club in the Brisbane CBD, this value is concerned with the leadership qualities displayed by RCOB members within and outside the club.
3. **FOCUS**. Focus addresses a member's ability to identify promote and develop RCOB projects for implementation, that will really make a difference in the lives of those who will be affected by the project(s).
4. **RESPONSIVENESS TO MEMBERS**. This value reflects a member's willingness to be available, and to assist other RCOB members who require assistance in some, or any particular respect, whether it is related to the Club or to personal matters.
5. **COMMUNICATIONS**. Effective communications within the RCOB are critical for the growth and development of the Club. This value is concerned with how effectively a member facilitates/disseminates information of significance to members, with respect to Club growth, development and RCOB membership generally.
6. **FUN AND FELLOWSHIP**. Membership of Rotary is about building relationships within the Club and the community and having fun in the process. What contribution is made by this member in promoting fun and fellowship amongst the RCOB membership?
7. **ACCOUNTABILITY**. How active is this member in playing an active role in the life of the Club, including regular attendance at meetings and participation in Club and community projects?

Award Recipients

- 1988-89 PP John Puttick
- 1999-00 PP Dr Keith Watts
- 2000-01 Rtn Peter Ryan
- 2001-02 PP Marjorie Carss
- 2002-03 PP Dr Brian Carss
- In 2017-18 exemplary service awards were given as Paul Harris fellowships, US \$3000 was donated from the PAF to The Rotary Foundation for this purpose and 3 awards were given.
 1. PP Chris Muir,
 2. Rtn John Smerdon,
 3. PP Mark Williams

Rotary Club of Brisbane Lifetime Achievement Awards

In 2020-21, President Dan Adler introduced Lifetime Achievement Awards for Rotarians and Rotary friends who were recognised as significant achievers in the service work of Rotary and the Rotary Club of Brisbane in particular.

2021 Recipients

- PP Chris Muir
- PP Keith Watts
- PP Michael Stephens
- Rtn Warren Walker
- Rtn James Delahunt
- PP Wal Bishop AM
- Rtn Denise Schellbach OAM
- PP Mark Williams
- PP Phil Gresham
- Rtn Don O'Donoghue



2024 Recipients

- PP Phil Saxby (shown right)
- PP Bruce McNaught
- Rtn Dymphna Muir
- PP Graeme Whitmore
- PP Cherryl McNaught
- PDG Tim Keeler

Rotary International Citation for Meritorious Service

This award was at the time given by Rotary International on the recommendation of the District Governor.

Recipients: 1984-85 PP Keith Watts (D9650)

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