

'The Rotor—the Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Mackay Inc 11th May 2021  
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### President's Message



Not long now until the end of the Rotary year, where has the year gone?

One of the many pleasures I am getting out of Rotary at the moment is helping other Rotarians connect to the new District Microsoft 365 system and chatting to them whilst getting them connected and listening to their Rotary and personal stories.

There is a very positive feeling around the merger, there will no doubt be some teething issues come July 1, but nothing that is insurmountable given the breadth of experience of 2,000 volunteers with a common goal.

It was another busy Rotary week for our members, starting with the very successful Mayor's Charity Golf Day on Friday followed by a working bee at the Mackay Showgrounds on Saturday moving hitch rings and installing guarding along the outside of the cattle yards. There is potential for more involvement at the Showgrounds after a meeting yesterday with Ross Dodt from the Show Association.

Until next week, take care.

President Peter



**District 9570:**  
Wade and District Governor, Adele Hughes

**Rotary international:**  
Holger, RI President and Susanne Knaack

### Announcements:

President Peter introduced guests.  
Chairman of the new satellite club Brendan Hughes

**Important coming events**

**17<sup>th</sup> July** – Food and Wine festival

**27<sup>th</sup> July** – Club Handover

### Club News:

- General invitation to the Northern Beaches Rotary Clubs handover to be held on the 26/6/21

Some photos from the Summer House Mates Day BBQ  
Held Sat 8<sup>th</sup> May



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## Sergeants Session:

James Wortley was our sergeant for the night

### Fines:

- Frank Gilbert for his fancy new hair cut
- All Broncos supporters
- Those of us that didn't watch the rugby
- Laurie Mayer who was a naughty boy and riding his bike with no helmet on
- Those members who didn't attend the all-abilities mate's day BBQ
- Retirees excited about the budget
- Finance gurus excited about the budget as well
- Those members that haven't had their covid injection yet
- John Taylor for catching those whiting (just slightly bigger) that turned out to be quite sizable barramundi.

### Baton Buyers:

- John Taylor going to the golf day do you still need button through bright shirts, long socks and shorts and maybe a bow tie

**Heads and Tails:** Norm Henry

**Attendance:** 103%

## International Toast:

# Rotary Club of Oklahoma City



Our International Toast was delivered by Diego tonight and it was for The Rotary Club 29 from Oklahoma City, District 5750, in the USA, is the second largest Rotary Club in the world with 615 fulltime members and 22 Honorary members. The board alone is made up of 21 members with 4 Presidential Advisors. The Club has been going for 111 years and they are involved in projects.

- Helping Hands Matching Funds through which the club uses its unused dues to match donations from members to go towards grants that are distributed to many charitable organisations
- Answer the call 2021 One Pledge with funds going towards a Rotary Community Playground to help young at-risk children that live-in low-income areas



## International News:

**Kenyan Rotary clubs sow seeds and reflect on fruits of their labour**

In 2007, Agnes Kiraithe was invited to speak at the Rotary Club of Muthaiga, in Nairobi. At the time, Kiraithe was the chief administrator of what is now the Kenya Children's Home, and she had come to talk about the organization, which takes in orphaned children from around the city. After her presentation, she looked around the club.

"Initially, I thought Rotary is a place you go and pitch for support," she says. "But after the first meeting, I started to talk to people, and I said, 'Hmm, this looks interesting.' So, I



started coming to the meetings and made friends, and I stayed on for the fellowship.” She joined in 2008.

It wasn’t long before Kiraithe saw the power of Rotary at work. Around that time, a series of violent clashes had broken out in Kenya’s Rift Valley after a deeply divisive national election. A member of the Muthaiga club had connections to communities in that region, where houses had been burned to the ground and people were living in tents. The club raised funds to buy hoes, seedlings, and containers of beans and potatoes for residents to plant.

Just four months later, Kiraithe says, “We found that people had already planted. The farms were green. The World Bank had come in and given them materials to build small houses. Afterward, they told us: ‘We now don’t need any more donations. We are back to our land.’”

Later, the club bought 12-foot pumps to help irrigate the new crops. With their own plantings thriving, the farmers told the Muthaiga Rotarians to give the pumps to a neighbouring community. “We made enough money to buy electric pumps,” they told the club members.

“From that time, I was sold,” Kiraithe recalls. “I think that’s when I really became a Rotarian.”

Kenya is home to the first Rotary club in East Africa — the Rotary Club of Nairobi, founded in 1930 — but by 1991, when Salim Manji helped charter the Rotary Club of Westland’s-Nairobi, there were still only 17 clubs in the country. A few years after Manji served as president of the Westland’s club, the district governor put him in charge of the district membership committee. Manji looked around and decided there was room for another club in the capital. Others had their doubts.



At a daylong event in a Nairobi suburb in March 2020, members of the Rotary Club of Muthaiga and the Rotaract Club of

Muthaiga worked with volunteer dentists to provide dental care to about 300 people.

When the Muthaiga club was founded in 1997, there were 20 clubs in all of Kenya, including eight in Nairobi, Manji says, “and there was a fair amount of resistance to a new club, because people felt that it would just dilute the existing membership. Rotary was considered to be very exclusive, and people who were already in the Rotary world didn’t necessarily want that world to change.”

But Manji started recruiting, and the Rotary Club of Muthaiga was chartered on 22 May 1997 — which happened to be

Manji’s 50th birthday — with 38 members. A month later, on the club’s charter night event, it had 13 more members. The club took its name from the verdant Nairobi neighbourhood that is in turn named for the medicinal Muthaiga tree. Muthaiga is one of the city’s most exclusive neighbourhoods, home to ambassadors, politicians, and other elites, but from the start, Manji wanted the new club to be different. It was the only one in town that met on Monday night, and members decided not to have a full meal. The club encouraged couples to join and made a point to promote women in membership as well as leadership. Members say this has resulted in one of the club’s greatest strengths: its diversity, in background and age as well as gender. The club has had a number of women presidents, one of whom happens to be Rotary Foundation Trustee Geeta K. Manek.

Over the years, the club has compiled an impressive résumé of projects, including in the areas of vocational training, maternal and child health, literacy, and youth education. Another strong focus of the club, says its president, Sandra Bomett, is water and sanitation. In 2010, when a devastating drought struck the country’s Turkana region, the club mobilized to send truckloads of food and supplies north from Nairobi.

Since then, the club has stayed involved in that region, donating boats to fishermen on Lake Turkana and helping with crop development through a project called Furrows in the Desert, which uses irrigation methods developed in Israel to grow crops in arid regions.

Closer to home, Muthaiga has worked with the Rotary Club of Dayton, Ohio, to support Maji Mazuri, a non-profit that serves children from Mathare Valley, one of the largest slums in Nairobi. With the help of Rotary Foundation grants, the Rotarians have built a school and a health clinic and installed electricity. Last year, during the pandemic, they also helped several schools in and around Nairobi rebuild or improve their bathroom facilities with an eye toward improving hygiene.

The club has 59 members, and since its founding, a wave of new clubs has been chartered in Nairobi, bringing the total to more than 30.

### Rotary Club of Muthaiga Flourishes

22 May 1997 – Chartered with 38 members

Today – 59 members

“Every president comes in with their own agenda,” Bomett notes. “When I came in, I wanted the environment to be a big focus. The environment is key.” A few years ago, the club worked with several other Rotary and Rotaract clubs, as well as the Kenya Urban Roads Authority and the local government, to plant some 3,000 trees in the city; members are now collaborating with the Kenya Forest Service on another, bigger project. “This time, we want to triple what we planted before,” Bomett says.

“We’re a very strong club,” says Bomett. “We have a good track record with projects and a good capital base in terms of



our finances. We have a good number of people in leadership, and we've brought in the right people. The Rotary Club of Muthaiga has a lot of momentum."

### Guest Speaker:



Our Chairman for the night and our resident Sergeant for the night James Wortley interviewed one of our long-standing members,

Rob Denman about his recent trip to Beef Week held in Rockhampton from 2<sup>nd</sup> of May through to the 8<sup>th</sup> May. Rob has been attending beef week since 1988 and hasn't missed one since.

Rob started the interview by saying it was one of the largest beef weeks he has attended in all the years that he has been going, it took up the whole showgrounds and the high school grounds and also the basketball courts. The cattle had come from Australia wide with 2000 trade cattle, 1300 stud cattle containing 24 breeds.

The trade cattle grass and grain fed are sold on the Monday and the stud cattle on Tuesday Wednesday. They then judge the supreme champion of the show which had 24 breeds (1200 Head) short listed down to the top 10 Breeds and this year it was a short horn that took out the title. Generally, only the senior bulls and females take out this title. Rob generally does his own judging and this year agrees with the winner. This year there was also a focus on technology with drones that deliver the chemicals, and the use of unmanned vehicles. There was also entertainment throughout the week with bush poetry and bush bands and the latest in clothes for both men and women, there was also property tours and cooking seminars and demonstrations held every day with many a celebrity chef and lots of food stalls as well.



### Club Anniversaries:

Greg Chappell	28 May 1991	29
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### Wedding Anniversaries:

The Marrs's	14 May 1990	30
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The Martin's	31 May 1980	40
The Roddenby's	20 May 1967	53

### Member Birthdays:

Lyall Ford	13 May	76
John Taylor	29 May	71

### Partners Birthdays:

Sue Kidd	23 May	72
Luana Saglia	27 May	36

### Jokes:



one liner's that only apply to those over 60.

1. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
2. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.
3. You sing along with elevator music.
4. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
5. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
6. Things you buy now won't wear out.



7. You have a party and the neighbours don't even realise it.
8. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
9. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
10. No one expects you to run into a burning building.
11. You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
12. People call at 9pm and ask, 'Did I wake you?'
13. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
14. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
15. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off



#### FOLLOWING A FRIEND

Two old friends, Ned and John, lived for baseball. Then one day, John died, leaving Ned inconsolable. A few weeks later, Ned heard someone calling his name. He looked up. Standing on a cloud was his old pal. "Ned," John called down, "I have good news and bad. The good news is, there's baseball in heaven!" "Great," said Ned. "What's the bad news?" "You're pitching Sunday."



**We are not  
aging, we are  
ripening to  
perfection.**

## Past Presidents

1926-28 - WA Amiet*	1947-48 - HR Hart	1967-68 - JR Allen	1987-88 - I Hamilton	2007-08 - M Buckeridge
1928-29 - AMM Galletly	1948-49 - FK Smith	1968-69 - NB Jackson	1988-89 - G Williamson	2008-09 - F Gilbert
1929-30 - CR Croker	1949-50 - L Cain	1969-70 - KR Nielsen	1989-90 - RW Dawson	2009-10 - R Phillips
1930-31 - MJ Gallagher	1950-51 - F Jorgensen	1970-71 - G Hamilton	1990-91 - DC Graham	2010-11 - J Hocking
1931-32 - OE Neale	1951-52 - H Reilly	1971-72 - EJ Parsons	1991-92 - R Beasley	2011-12 - G Sutherland*
1932-33 - HJ Manning	1952-53 - J Griffin	1972-73 - RJ Searle*	1992-93 - S Boyd	2012-13 - A Ruming
1933-34 - SH Tait	1953-54 - I Chenoweth	1973-74 - EN Lever	1993-94 - D Connole	2013-14 - L Mayer
1934-35 - FN Hales	1954-55 - CN Barton	1974-75 - GT McLean	1994-95 - K Blinco	2014-15 - J Pennisi/G
1935-36 - FS Williams	1955-56 - MJ Beirne	1975-76 - PD Coghlan	1995-96 - S Hawkins	Sutherland*
1936-37 - M Darcey Collins	1956-57 - A Soxman	1976-77 - KH Franklin	1996-97 - K Giles	2015-16 - M Jewell
1937-38 - R Taylor	1957-58 - ME Low	1977-78 - GH Muntz	1998-99 - B Deaves	2016-17 - T Block
1938-39 - N Bennett	1958-59 - HL Bagley	1978-79 - VC Brake	1997-98 - G Chappell	2017-18 - A Pozza*
1939-40 - K Carroll	1959-60 - AWS Galletly	1979-80 - JD Tait	1999-00 - B Lee	2018-19 - T Jaggar/A Pozza*
1940-41 - GE Reichelman	1960-61 - DJ Murray	1980-81 - SR Wallace	2000-01 - R Senini	2019-20 - J Wortley
1941-42 - A Taylor	1961-62 - TJ Abbiss	1981-82 - RJ Searle*	2001-02 - P Graham	
1942-43 - RE James/ A Taylor	1962-63 - P Leivesley	1982-83 - JV Kane	2002-03 - I Hope	* Multiple years of service as President
1943-44 - HH Weston	1963-64 - FC Ruffle	1983-84 - AJ Wallace	2003-04 - K Kelly	
1944-45 - HJ Tuffley	1964-65 - N Ullman	1984-85 - WM Ungerer	2004-05 - G Sutherland*	
1945-46 - FC Field	1965-66 - GA Nolan	1985-86 - SB Fursman	2005-06 - F Hayes	
1946-47 - WA Amiet*	1966-67 - CM Manning	1986-87 - R Ellick	2006-07 - T Vella	

## Five Avenues of Service

1999-00 – Ray Muller      2000-01 – Jolyon Forsyth      2007-08 Michael wright

## Paul Harris Fellows

Abbott, Sir Albie	Denman, Robert* (1998)	Hansen, Lloyd (1988)	Martin, Mick (2011)	Sutherland, Blanche (2013)
Allen, John (1988)	Eastment, Eric (2009)	Hayes, Frank (2009)	Mayer, Laurie (2020)	Sutherland, Greg (2006)
Baguley, Fredrick (2011)	Ellick, Ray (1988)	Hayes, Terry (2005)	Muller, Ray (1994)	Tait, John (1989)
Bani, Jameson (2014)	Field, Frederick (1981)	Henry, Norm* (2009)	Murray, Don* (1978)	Taylor, Henry (1981)
Barnett, Adrienne (2015)	Forsyth, Jolyon (2005)	Hocking, John (2011)	Murray, Ursula (1997)	Taylor John (Chemist) (2004)
Blinco, Keith (2002)	Franklin, Kenneth (1990)	Hodda, Margaret (2007)	Nancarrow, Heather (2010)	Taylor, John (Cool) (2006)
Bliss, Samantha (2014)	Froyland, Rod (2020)	Hodda, Bob (2007)	Noscov, Gordon (2004)	Treacy, Father Kevin (2005)
Block, Joy (2016)	Fursman, Stanley* (1989)	Hogeveen, Anita (2019)	Pozza, Andrea (2019)	Vella, Josie (2006)
Braithwaite, Ray (2001)	Galletly, Andrew (1985)	Hollingsworth, Ala (2014)	Power, David (2017)	Vuti, Alicta (2014)
Buckeridge, Karen** (2010)	Gibbs, George (2000)	Hope, Ian (2008)	Pratt, David (1981)	Wallace, Ross (1991)
Buckeridge, Michael** (2009)	Gibson, Bruce (1999)	Hyland, Ross (2012)	Roddenby, Peter (2016)	Wallace, Tony (1991)
Casey, Edmund (2001)	Gibson, Adrian (2002)	Jewell, Michael (2020)	Roddenby, Roz (2011)	Warren, Elizabeth (2006)
Casey, Kevin (2018)	Gilbert Frank* (2010)	Jewell, Rita (2015)	Ross, Henry (1983)	Whitmore, Greg* (1995)
Chappell, Greg (2005)	Giles, Kevin (1999)	Kelly, Joyce* (2013)	Saunders, Lena (2013)	Williamson, Greg (2016)
Chenoweth, Ian (1981)	Glanville, John (2005)	Kelly, Ken* (2007)	Schembri, Paul (2015)	Wicks, Tracey (2011)
Coghlan, Joan (1995)	Goldup, Richie (2006)	Kane, James (1991)	Searle, Helen (1999)	Wright, Bernice (2003)
Coghlan, Paul (1988)	Graham, Don* (1992)	Kidd, Noel (2008)	Searle, Ronald* (1987)	Wright, Michael* (2002)
Curran, Nancy (2011)	Graham, Judy (2012)	Lang, John (2019)	Shore, Di (2011)	
Daveson, Carmel* (2003)	Graham, Peter* (2003)	Lee, Jodie (2019)	Soxman, Albert (1984)	
Dean, Margaret (2012)	Hamilton, Ian (1990)	Linsley, Charles (2017)	Stewart, Barry (1998)	
Denman, Lyn (2012)	Hamilton, Val (1994)	Marrs, James (2018)	Strange, Geoffrey (2008)	

\* Denotes multiple PHFs and \*\* Denotes Foundation Benefactors

## Honorary Members

Blanche Sutherland      PP Ian Hamilton      PP Greg Williamson

## Club Trophies

### The Ron Searle Award

2001 – Barrie Lee	2005 – John Glanville	2009 – Lyn Lewis	2013 – Kimberly Hoile	2017 – Michael Buckeridge
2002 – Robyn Taylor	2006 – Raylene Trewartha	2010 – Lyn Lewis	2014 – Dave Power	2018 – Andrea Pozza
2003 – Ed Casey	2007 – Raylene Trewartha	2011 – John Hocking	2015 – Lyn Lewis	2019 – John Lang
2004 – Peter Graham	2008 – Ray Muller	2012 – Trudie Jaggar	2016 – John Hocking	2020 – Andrea Pozza

### The Presidents Trophy

2008 – Don Graham	2011 – Lyn Lewis	2014 – Naomi Otto	2017 – Peter Graham	2020 – Keith Murdoch
2009 – Laurie Mayer	2012 – Reg Le Garde	2015 – Thomas Block	2018 – Norm Henry	2021 – John Lang
2010 – Laurie Mayer	2013 – Mike Wright	2016 – David Power	2019 – Peter Graham	

## District Awards

### Clem Renouf Trophy – Best Club in District 9570

1993-94 – Dennis Connole      2001-02 – Peter Graham      2002-03 – Ian hope      2004-05 – Greg Sutherland      2010-11 – John Hocking

### Best Club Bulletin

2007-08 – Norm Henry



## Group 1 Clubs, Charter Date, Meeting Venues and Times:

Club	Chartered	Sponsor	President	When	Meets At	Time
Mackay	16.10.1926	Brisbane	Peter Graham	Tuesday	Ocean International	17:45 for 18:15
Sarina	13.05.1949	Mackay	Wayne Micallef	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Sarina Motor Inn	18:00 for 18:30
Mackay West	01.10.1959	Mackay	Warren Benjamin	Wednesday	Shamrock Hotel	17:45 for 18:15
Mackay North	18.03.1970	Mackay West	Tony Bell	Thursday	North Mackay Bowls Club	18:00 for 18:15
Pioneer Valley	22.10.1975	Mackay West	Rodney Woods	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Duke of Edinburgh Hotel	18:30 for 19:00
Port of Mackay	29.05.1984	Mackay North	Ron Palmer	Friday	Ocean International	12:00 for 12:30
Walkerston	10.10.1991	Mackay West	Brendan Crowley	Tuesday	Duke of Edinburgh Hotel	19:00 for 19:15
Mackay Sunrise	18.05.1992	Mackay	Greg Smart	Friday	Ocean International	06:45 for 07:00
Mackay Northern Beaches	20.03.2019	Mackay North	Toni Slattery	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	Northern Beaches Bowls Club	18:00 for 18:30

## Club Program:

Date	Topic	Speaker	Sergeant	International Toast	Attendance Desk	Scribe	Chair
2021/05/04	Corporate/Satellite Clubs	DG Andy	Frank Gilbert	John Lang	Anita Hogeveen, Jodie Lee	Rod Froyland	Michael Buckeridge
2021/05/11	Beef Week - waiting confirmation	Rob Denman	James Wortley	Diego Saglia	Rob & Lyn Denman		James Wortley
2021/05/18			Ray Muller	Ade Adeleye	Greg Whitmore James Marrs	John Lang	
2021/05/25			Michael Buckeridge	Ken Kelly	Anita Hogeveen, Jodie Lee		
2021/06/01					Rob & Lyn Denman		
2021/06/08	Club Assembly						
11-12 June — Rotaract Preconvention, Taipei, Taiwan							
11-12 June — Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention, Taipei, Taiwan							
12-16 June — Rotary International Convention, Taipei, Taiwan							
2021/06/15							
2021/06/22							
30 June — Rotary Citation for Rotary Clubs Award nominations are due							
2021/06/29							

	Board Meeting
	Vocational Visit
	Social Event
	RI Events
	Assembly
	General Meeting