



# Carindale Chronicle

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## January 2022 Vocational Service Month

### Theo's Thoughts

Happy New Year everyone. I hope you have managed to navigate your way through the Christmas and New Year period uneventfully and more importantly, remained healthy.

Well, who would have predicted the chaos that COVID has inflicted on our lives in such a short time? I apologise for cancelling the start of our Rotary year; however, with the rapid spread of COVID, it seemed like the most appropriate thing to do. I wonder if you remember the Claytons advertisement (it was a while ago) - 'the drink you have when you're not having a drink'? It seems to me that we are having a 'Claytons' lockdown', basically a self-imposed lockdown.

Given that we are now down the COVID path, I think we might be able to review our start date and bring this forward. We will keep you posted.

Last weekend, Graeme, Robin, Annie, Patrick and I barbequed some snags and onion for the *Men's Walk & Talk* group to help them celebrate their 12-month anniversary. I am pleased that we were able to assist this most worthy cause.

The date for this year's Brisbane Kite Festival has been set as Sunday, 15 May 2022. Please put this in your calendar as we will need a lot of assistance.

I look forward to catching up with you all at our first meeting in 2022, hopefully in early February.

Theo

### District Events

Date	Event
18 – 20 March	<b>District Conference</b> Venue: The Events Centre, Caloundra Registration is open online.
April 30	<b>RYPEN Camp at Camp Duckadang</b> Note the change of date.

### Club Events

Date	Event
Thursday, 10 February	<b>Breakfast meetings</b> resume at the Belmont Services Bowls Club.
Sunday, 13 February	<b>Proposed social afternoon</b> Venue: Kaye & Barry's home - 3 Dunshaw Court, Wishart Time: 1:30 pm onwards Please bring a plate and your favourite beverage. RSVP to Barry
Sunday, 15 May	<b>Brisbane Kite Festival</b> at Murarrie Recreation Reserve

### Meetings

**Community Service:** Monday, 7 March at 7:30 pm at the Salvation Army Meeting Room, Gallipoli Road, Carina.

**Board:** Monday, 14 March at 7:30 pm at the Salvation Army Meeting Room, Gallipoli Road, Carina.



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## IMPORTANT COVID NEWS THAT WILL IMPACT OUR BREAKFAST MEETINGS

(From the Queensland Health Website)

Restrictions on people who are not fully vaccinated commenced on 17 December 2021.

Unvaccinated people are unable to attend hospitality venues such as hotels, pubs, clubs, taverns, bars, restaurants or cafes.

A person must give their contact information, proof of COVID-19 vaccination or evidence of medical contraindication by using the Check In Qld app or another measure of record keeping before entering a business establishment.

We will have a register so that proof of double vaccination only needs to be recorded once. Checking in using the QR Code will continue as mandated by the Queensland Government.

## Speakers

The first meeting back will be an Open Forum.

Sandy is beginning to arrange speakers now that the exact starting state for our breakfast meetings has been announced.

## Duty Roster

Date	Chairperson	Duty Officer 1	Duty Officer 2
10 February	Annie Stonehouse	Ross Gamble	Laurie Carsley
17 February	Graeme Weatherley	Louisa Filius	Karen Sheil
24 February	David Greaves	Gerard Briody	Patrick Sherry



## Birthday Celebrations

Belated Birthday wishes for January

Paul (5<sup>th</sup>) Richard (6<sup>th</sup>)

Kel (19<sup>th</sup>) Doug (24<sup>th</sup>) Arch (25<sup>th</sup>)



February

Graeme W (4<sup>th</sup>)

My doctor said now that I'm older I need to install a bar in the shower



From Ross S. He didn't reveal whether he had followed the doctor's advice!



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## Reverse Advent Boxes

Many members participated in the Reverse Advent Box project that the Service Committee had proposed in the lead up to our Christmas break. Boxes that went home flat came back filled with Christmas goods and other grocery items to help those in need. The boxes were shared between the Salvos and St Vinnies. Doug was very appreciative and thanked everyone at our final meeting.

Gerard and Patrick helped deliver some of the St Vinnies' boxes to people who were very grateful. In the Cannon Hill Parish newsletter it said, 'We thank Carindale Rotary for the hampers they provided... It truly shows how ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities.' Julie Harris had also been involved, with her clients donating grocery items to the project. Julie sent the following message, 'Thanks to Louisa who kindly collected our 10 boxes of food donated for the Reverse Advent collection by our clients.'



**Left:** Gerard with some of the boxes for St Vinnies.



**Right:** It is fortunate that Louisa has a roomy car!

## **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner – 11 December**

Louisa, Kaye and Barry, and Marie welcomed guests to their homes for the final social evening of 2021. Louisa hosted Annie, Ian, Theo and Liann, and her son, Alistair.

Kaye and Barry hosted Ross and Charmaine and two friends, while Marie was host to Ken and Jan Howatson, Sandy Harris and Ken, and her daughter Bree. I was a little slow off the mark getting photographic evidence that everyone had a good time, so I only a photo of the enjoyable evening at Louisa's (**right**).



Kaye and Marie reported that all their guests had a great night. Marie's dinner didn't end until well after midnight - only ending because one guest had an early morning game of golf! Sandy added that everyone enjoyed an 'outstanding' meal under the stars at Marie's.



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## Men's Walk and Talk – 23 January 2022

Robin put out the call for help and Graeme W, Patrick, Theo and Annie answered his call. They provided a sausage sizzle to mark the first anniversary of the Carina Men's Walk and Talk. It was also the 50<sup>th</sup> time the event had been held. The following message was posted on the Carina Men's Walk and Talk Facebook page: *Thank you to our friends at the Rotary Club of Carindale for putting on a delicious sausage sizzle. We love all the awesome work you do in the community.*



**Left:** Annie, Graeme W, Robin and Theo preparing for lots of hungry walkers to return.



**Right:** Not a surgeon - but Patrick, whose skill with a sharp knife had people wondering if he'd missed his calling!

## December Meetings at a Glance

### 2 December



**Left:** As Barry had stepped in as Chairperson, he welcomed our guest speaker, Roxane Foulser-Piggott - Founder of FreddyMatch, and Sue Farrenden, who had managed to hobble to our meeting after a long absence. Barry's Rotary Moment provided the names of the current President of Rotary International, the President-elect and the President-nominee. While a few members may have remembered that Shekhar Mehta was the current President, no one knew that the President-elect for 2022-23 was Jennifer E Jones, a Canadian and the first woman to be President of Rotary International. The fact that the President-nominee for 2023-24 is Gordon R McInally from Scotland had escaped everyone's attention as well!

**Arch** provided an update on the upcoming RYTS camp. Unfortunately, there are no students from Loganlea State High School who are able to attend this year. Fortunately, a student from Mansfield State High School and one from Brisbane State High School will use the sponsorship that RCC had provided. **Tim** gave an update on the Wakerley Carols, which are going ahead despite the deluge over the last few days. He assured us that the weather would be fine!



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Roxane, our guest speaker, said that FreddyMatch was a charity that helped match organisations and volunteers based on their unique interests, skill sets, location and availability. It was set up in memory of Roxane's son, who died in 2017 aged 16 days. An algorithm is used that matches people's skills and interests with organisations that need volunteers. FreddyMatch works with many organisations and tries to support smaller charities in the hope that people's short-term volunteering may lead to a long-term commitment.



**Right:** Annie thanked Roxane, saying it was incredible to find someone who sees a gap in the market and tries to fill it. She congratulated Roxane saying how valuable she was to the charity sector.

## 9 December



**Left:** Ian was Chairperson this morning and he called on Theo to say a few words. Theo thanked everyone for their efforts on Friday and Saturday, saying the Carols had been a raging success. Annie reported that the Comm Serve Committee had agreed to fund shirts for the *Men's Walk and Talk* group. Marie explained how the animals from the Petting Zoo at the Carols were rescued during the deluge, and Robin provided an update on Charlie's health.

The morning's speaker was Hollie Brown, Community Engagement Coordinator with Challenge DV, an organisation committed to partnering with workplaces to end domestic and family violence. Her presentation was sobering, with the statistics surrounding domestic violence quite startling. Hollie said that early intervention is best. While thinking about where to start tackling the problem can be daunting, she said calling out offensive jokes and inappropriate comments is something everyone can do.

Hollie spoke about the *Darkness to Dawn Challenge* which is a 110km run/walk. Each kilometre represents a life lost to Domestic and Family Violence each year. One of its aims is to show those affected by DV that they are supported, and participants carry a candle as a symbol of hope. In 2021 \$350,000 was raised to help implement programs that help address domestic and family violence in the workplace.

There were quite a few observations, questions and stories from those present before Annie gave the vote of thanks. She added a personal story about her son speaking up when he had witnessed an example of unacceptable behaviour. It had a humorous twist as the photo of Gerard, Annie and Hollie (**right**) testifies.





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**Left:** Robin squeezed in a personal item of news that he has retired - for the third time! He recounted a story to illustrate what makes teaching special. Teachers feel an inner warmth when their former students do well in any facet of their lives. But when a former student wins a prestigious award, that feeling is even greater. Robin revealed that Damon Galgut, whose book 'The Promise' won the 2021 Booker Prize, had been a former student in one of Robin's English classes!

## 16 December



**Left:** This morning was our Christmas Extravaganza and people mingled prior to the commencement of festivities. Before the merriment began, Theo thanked everyone for the response to the Reverse Advent Boxes, saying it was wonderful to be part of such a group. Doug responded on behalf of the Carindale Salvos. The boxes had been taken to Lillian's Place for families attending a Salvos sponsored festival that also provided toys, food and games for the children. Doug said the families who received the boxes were extremely thankful. Patrick spoke about delivering the boxes to families with Gerard on behalf of St Vinnies. He said there is hidden poverty in our suburbs and some

people are quite lonely. Patrick also described the happiness and appreciation expressed by those who had received our boxes.

After a delicious buffet breakfast, the morning's co-hosts, Robin and Kel, led everyone through games and raffle draws – interspersed with an occasional Christmas joke.

**Right:** Members had been generous in providing prizes for the winners of the games and raffles. Patrick may have been on a red-hot streak (or else he spent a lot of money on tickets) as he just kept on winning.



**Left:** Kel and Robin were the official judges in the Coin Toss, and retrievers of wayward coins.



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Many tried their luck at the Coin Toss including Sandy, Sue and Theo. However, the eventual winner of the champagne was Craig – on the last throw.



**Left:** Annie made her usual presentation of humorous gifts to each member and in return received a fashionable t-shirt. Rumour has it that the caption on it is true!

**Right:** Sandy and Rhonda received gifts as thanks for their early morning efforts to keep everyone fed each Thursday morning.



After George had thanked everyone for their support during his mother’s illness, Robin ended the ‘meeting’ by saying he was pleased to be a member of RCC as it was more like a family than a club.

## 2022-23 Presidential Theme

RI President-elect, Jennifer Jones, revealed the 2022-23 presidential theme and logo – *Imagine Rotary*.

She has urged members to engage more with each other and use these connections to build partnerships that change the world.



The Rotary Club of Carindale meets every Thursday morning from 6:45am to 8:00am at the Belmont Services Bowls Club, 20 Narracott Street, Carina 4152