

THE CHURCHILL ROOM

Rotaract club of Brisbane Rivercity

A message from de captain

Dean Heckscher

And just like that, another calendar year – and another decade – has wrapped up. 10 years ago, the Rotaract landscape would have looked quite different in Brisbane, and I feel almost a bit sentimental to be the one to lead Rivercity into the 20's. But while I'm looking ahead to see what's coming, I'm also proud to look back at what the club and its members have achieved over the last few months.

With a number of volunteering events keeping us busy all the way up until Christmas, another successful Trivia night under our belts and plenty more events and socials keeping us on our toes, I'd say Rivercity has well and truly earned a few weeks off! The rest will be needed to, as Rivercity will be hitting the ground running in 2020, with our Professional Development Series set to kick off in February, along with the Australian Rotaract Conference. Before we know it, our AGM will be on top of us, as well as our much anticipated Shine for ShelterBox evening.

With plenty to look forward, I hope you have a safe and enjoyable Christmas break, and look forward to seeing you at one of our events in 2020!

Yours in Rotary,
Dean



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Australian Rotaract Conference - 7th and 8th February

Professional Development - Feb/ March Meetings

CLUB FOCUS FOR NEXT QUARTER

Starting the new decade strong.

Committee Updates

Have you joined My Rotary yet?

In 2019/2020 we are actively encouraging all of our members to sign up to access tools and information to enhance their membership experience.

Not sure how? Dean's got your back.
Email brisbanerivercity@rotaract.org.au.

Community and Social

The second quarter of our Rotaract year saw our club get involved in some great charity work, whilst also cheerfully navigating the minefield of Christmas events that come like a landslide every year. Our group put our thinking caps on for our Strange and Stranger Things trivia night, with many members participating in both the planning day as well as the event itself, and having a great time in costumes ranging from the Phantom of the Opera to Eleven. Several members then muscled up in the December heat in support of Donations in Kind, loading shipping containers and sorting items. Our last event for the year worked with Riding for the Disabled and HELP Disability Services, assisting on the tongs at a thankyou Christmas BBQ for HELP volunteers and participants. Amongst these events our members also found time to relax and get festive at our Christmas Pub Crawl event. Playing some games and socialising across four different bars throughout Brisbane was a fitting way to send off 2019 and sign off before we get started all over again in 2020!

As always, a big thank you to all our members for participating in supporting our valued charities, and also our social events throughout the quarter. Hoping everyone had a lovely holiday period, and has stayed safe during this disastrous bushfire season. Happy New Years!
Lachy - Community & Social Director

Meetings and Vocations

Over the past few months we have been fortunate to have even more amazing presenters join our fortnightly meetings, including a representative from Youngcare, Rotary Health and a few of our own Rotaractors. Seeing the enthusiasm and engagement of our club, particularly with guests, has been such a privilege. It brings me so much joy to hear feedback about a) how welcoming are club are and b) how much fun we have together in meetings.

We are looking forward to the upcoming professional development workshops, as well as the opportunities ahead to connect with Rotarians. We continue to receive positive feedback about the mentoring program, and look forward to the connections for 2020.

Elle - Meetings and Vocations



Events

The trivia night was a success! Each of the three rounds of questions had us delving into corners of our minds we had forgotten we had, to come up with answers on the quirky 80's, the TV Show "Stranger Things" and all things Halloween. Raffles prizes were won and a game of "Who can eat the donut on the string the fastest with no hands" was played. Our witty MC and President Dean kept the crowd entertained and everything running smoothly. All this added up to a very enjoyable night. Thank you to all those who came along and all those who helped to make this night possible. We are proud to announce this event raised a total of \$880.50 for the Smith Family Charity. This is enough to support the education of a child in need for 1.5years, through the Smith Family Learning for Life program. This program provides educational and financial support to ensure children receive the basic resources they need to feel confident in the classroom, resources that they may not get otherwise simply because their parents can't afford it. We look forward to seeing you all next year for another few rounds of trivia!

Rosie - Events

Club Member News

Rotaract Brisbane Rivercity was pleased to induct the following members in the last quarter of 2019:

- Eliza Harry
- Sheyaan Manricks
- Melody Dobrinin
- Troy Fullerton
- Mitchelle Chigumira
- Hannah Dillingham
- Moonsung Jeong



EDITOR'S INTERESTING FUN FACT

Cows moo in accents specific to their region