

# THE CHURCHILL ROOM

Rotaract club of Brisbane Rivercity

## A message from de captain

Dean Heckscher

I'd like to welcome you to the first edition of 'The Churchill Room' for the 2019-2020 year! The first few months of the Rotary year have already flown by, with Rivercity members getting stuck into plenty of activities, with plenty more on the horizon.

Before I look back at the past few months, I'd like to extend my thanks to both Róisín and the 2018-2019 board again for an amazing year. While a very tough act to follow, I very much appreciate the effort that you all put in.

For my time in the driver's seat, I have a few key goals for the Rivercity crew:

- 1) Align Rivercity with wider district goals and initiatives
- 2) Solidify and streamline the foundations and processes of Rivercity
- 3) Continue to uphold the values, image and openness that Rivercity is built on

My goals for this year are based on areas that both currently make, and will continue to make, Rivercity what it is today. Goal number one was to help our DRR achieve her goals, including reaching out and collaborating with clubs both in and outside of district 9600, with Rivercity taking part in a combined district board training day, and members visiting other clubs in order to build relations and connections with our surrounding clubs.

My other two goals are more club-based. One is to ensure that all the behind-the-scenes processes are streamlined to keep Rivercity a well-oiled machine, while my final goal is to ensure that the culture continues to be a welcoming, enjoyable and worthwhile experience for anyone and everyone.

Thankfully, I also have a strong set of training wheels to ensure that I stay on course, coming in the form of my board. The 2019-2020 board include:

### Executive

Dean Heckscher - President  
Laura Barber - Vice President  
Brenton Cuthbert - Secretary  
Crispin Scott - Treasurer  
Róisín O'Neill - Past President

### Directors

EI Eldridge - Meetings & Vocational  
Lachy Murray - Social & Community  
Rosie Starr - Events

With the Presidential sash on my neck, my goals sorted and my team in place, Rivercity was ready to roll. Thankfully members didn't waste time, getting hands on with volunteering days, cracking open our fair share of cold ones at social outings and bringing our A-Game to everything in between. If you can't wait until the next edition of The Churchill Room to see what we've been up to, make sure to follow us on social media.

Until next time, yours in Rotary,  
Dean



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

End of year celebrations

Donations In Kind Volunteering

Australian Rotaract Conference

CLUB FOCUS FOR NEXT QUARTER

Financial freedom  
Volunteering around the holiday season

In 3 hours, 5 of our members picked up over 1,000 cigarette butts from Nudgee beach.

#trashtag  
#welovethesea



## Meetings and Vocations

This quarter we have had several club members present at our fortnightly meetings on the topics of IT, finance, engineering, and procrastination. We were also fortunate enough to have an international guest speaker from the Children's Welfare Aid speak to the club about his life in Nepal. It has been wonderful to see several club members put their hands up to present as part of their own professional development in action.

The mentorship program is continuing to run with great success. Big thanks goes to the Rotarians who have donated their time and experience to support our Rotaractors gain valuable insights and knowledge. If anyone is interested in the program, please contact Jane Hillyard or El Eldridge for more information.



# Comittee Updates

## Social and Volunteering

Throughout this quarter our club supported a number of charities, including The Common Good by selling strawberry sundaes at the EKKA, as well as picking up rubbish at Nudgee Beach in support of Rotaract initiative We Love the Sea.

Members also enjoyed two major social events this quarter, including a fun-filled afternoon in at New Farm Park, with the club also holding the first ever

Rivercity camping trip, where over twenty members and guests ventured to Bigriggen Park to enjoy roaring campfire, ghost stories and sing-a-longs. A big thank you to all our members for participating in supporting our valued charities, and also our social events throughout the quarter. Looking forward to the rest of the year!



## Events

While an official Rivercity Rotaract event didn't fall within this quarter, our events team have been busy gearing up for our upcoming trivia night. This year, the theme is "Strange & Stranger Things" based on the popular Netflix TV Program "Stranger Things" about a group of kids trying to save their town from monsters.

The night will be tied in with Halloween and will also have an 80's twist. This event is proudly fundraising for the Smith Family Charity, who help disadvantaged children get the most out of their education and build a better future for themselves through learning support and mentoring programs. We can't wait to see you all there for a good time supporting a good cause.



# Club Member News

In the first quarter of the year we welcomed El, Bill and Diana into our club, with all three hitting the ground running helping with volunteering and social events. We would also like to congratulate El who has also stepped up to take on the Vocational Directorship, and welcome her to the board!

Sadly, we also farewelled club member Aimée, who moved to Canberra to pursue her career. We wish Aimée all the best, and thank her for her contributions to the club over the years!

Club member Jane was also recognised by the Rotary Club of Mid-City for her contributions to Rotary's multiple youth programs. Jane has been at the forefront of both RYLA and RYPEN in 9600, with her efforts not going unnoticed. We thank Jane for her contributions to not only Rivercity, but to the wider Rotary community.

## Rotary International meets Rotaract

*I've been lucky enough to be selected as one of 60 Rotaractors world-wide attending the Rotary International Assembly next year in San Diego. This is an annual event which prepares district governors-elect for their role as governor, introduces Rotary's priorities for the coming year, and provides exciting opportunities to network with fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors from around the world. Rotaractors attended this assembly for the first time in 2019 (one of them being our very own Rivercity member Riley Thornton). From this positive experience, Rotary decided that they would offer a limited selection of District Representatives and Multi-district Information organisation presidents (Rotaract Australia) the opportunity to attend and collaborate with Rotary leaders to create more collaboration between the organisations, and to ensure the continued relevance of Rotary within the modern world. I am greatly looking forward to this experience to learn from other Rotaractors and Rotarians on how they built collaboration and service projects on a district level, and how to promote and build Rotaract within our district. This is also a fantastic incentive for anyone considering taking on the Rotaract District Representative position in 2020/21, so if you are interested or have any questions, please let me know!*

Kim District 9600 Rotaract Representative

Sticking to the theme of youth programs, a number of Rivercity members took part of RYPEN as organisers and leaders, helping to ensure that the participants got the most out of the weekend-long camp.



## BIG CONGRATULATIONS

- Corey has been accepted into an internship in Melbourne over the Christmas holidays.
- Crispin is being admitted as a lawyer.

## EDITOR'S INTERESTING FUN FACT

M&M's actually stand for 'Mars & Murrie', the two commercial founders of the popular chocolatecandy.

# Rivercity in Action



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