

THE BULLY

Number 14: October 15th 2014

ROTARY CLUB of SOUTH BUNBURY (INC)

Rotary Club Meetings in Bunbury

South Bunbury:

Rose Hotel

Wednesday

6.15 for 6.45pm start

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Bunbury:

Parade Hotel

Monday

6.00 for 6.30pm start

Bunbury Leschenault:

Lighthouse Beach Resort

Wednesday

12.00 for 12.30pm start

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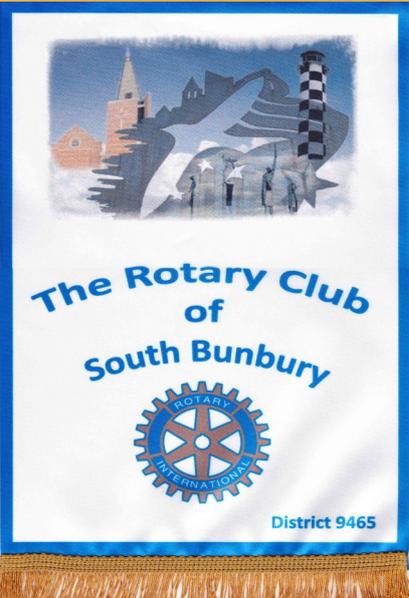
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Life in Port Gregory

Glenys McDonald was our guest speaker on Wednesday evening and once again she held the members spellbound with an account of a complex operation carried out by Customs officials and the AFP in the laid back resort and fishing town of Port Gregory.

Glenys and her husband Vic moved to Port Gregory in 1989. They managed the caravan park and the general store for several years. Their quiet, laid back, life was interrupted in 1992 by a visit by three federal agents needing accommodation. The three "fishermen" were attempting to obtain more information about the activities of a person seen in the region with a twin engine Beechcraft without seats and a suitcase containing a large sum of cash. The subject under observation (target) then arrived in Port Gregory and made several phone calls from the telephone booth, rented a house in Port Gregory and borrowed a dinghy from Glenys and Vic. "Target" then asked for tide tables and local maps. The AFP were aware of a yacht headed for Port Gregory that was suspected to be carrying cargo for "Target". As the yacht got closer the number of AFP agents increased. The yacht arrived one night at midnight and Glenys' dinghy was used by "Target" and Co. to offload the cargo. The weight of the cargo capsized the dinghy dropping 1/2 ton of cannabis resin into the ocean and ruining the outboard motor. A rubber duck vessel was taken off the yacht to complete the transfer of drugs.





Port Gregory.....

1992

The offloaded cargo was placed in the rented house and the smugglers enjoyed a celebratory drink while the AFP inspected the premises to confirm the contents before arresting the perpetrators.

The yacht and crew, including brother of "Target" were arrested by AFP agents who pursued them in a crayboat.

The significance of the operation and the nature of the contraband was made known to Glenys after the arrests.

Three tons of cannabis resin worth \$42 million and firearms were found by the AFP.

10 September 1992

- A yacht, *Santa Barbara*, sailed from the Cocos Islands and moored off the coast of Port Gregory, about 600km north of Perth, WA. Cannabis weighing 3 tonnes and with a street value of \$42 million, was being moved by dinghy to the shore when AFP officers moved in. Five people were arrested. The yacht was seized, along with an AK47 firearm, a pistol and a light aircraft.

The cannabis resin that had fallen into the water was not retrieved by the AFP. Several locals were seen searching for booty at well known "wash up" points along the coast.

When the news of the arrests was publicized the media quickly descended on Port Gregory and Glenys was photographed by the press before she could get properly made up. An enthralling tale—thanks Glenys.

PRESIDENT ELECT

President Jim Stephen named the President Elect 2015-16 for the Rotary Club of South Bunbury is Ben Andrew.

Congratulations Ben, the members are with you!

VOCATIONAL VISIT HARRY PERKINS INSTITUTE

Mike Honeybell reported back on the Vocational Visit to the Harry Perkins Institute. Pres Jim and the members appreciate all the work that went in to arranging the successful visit.

The Club donated \$ 770 to the Perkins Institute and a letter of thanks was received from Lesley Hooper, Director of fundraising for the institute.

Duty Folder

A white lever arch file with instructions for the performance of various club duties is located above the cupboard at the Rose for all to refer to if you are unclear about specific duties.

Turk Ellis requested that members note the duties list and when unable to attend to assigned duties please arrange for another member to fill in for your duty.

Y-ROTARY

The Rotary Club of South Bunbury weekly meeting on **29th October** will be held at

Lighthouse Beach Resort

Time 6:45 am to 8 am

The meeting will be a business network meeting



Capt Kevin Coote guides his craft through the **Corinth channel** earlier this year. Kevin mentioned the channel in his presentation to the Club but did not have a photo. This picture was supplied by Ian Robertson so that members can get an idea of the dimensions of the channel.

Note: This vessel was *not* in Port Gregory in 1992.

WHERE ARE THEY?

Travelling Club Members.

Len Andel underwent knee surgery and is doing well.

Notice to RCSB Board members

Meeting on

Tuesday 21st October 6 pm at 30 Tuart Street

Members Duties	22nd October	29th October
Host and Grace	Suzin Wells	Y-Rotary Meeting
Properties	Blaine Little	Lighthouse Resort
Properties	Ben Andrew	Duties to follow
Reception	Clint Hynes	
Reception	Dawn Naylor	
Introduction	Naru Pal	
Thanks	Kim Rudd	
Ticket sales	Mike Presser	
Fines	Murray Harris	
Raffle spinner	Ray Jordan	
Member's speaking		