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Southport Rotary Club

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT, JUNE 2019

In many respects 2018-19 has been a trying year for Rotary Club of Southport. Declining membership and the aging demographic of retained members is straining the ability of the club to meet its goals and undertake projects. Finding Rotarians willing to nominate for executive positions has been especially challenging and we enter the 2019-20 year with only a minimal Board appointed to carry out the executive functions. This is far from desirable and is barely satisfactory to meet our obligations to RI if we are to continue to function as a fully chartered Rotary Club.

Membership at 1 July, 2018 was 33. Currently we have 24, a net loss of 9 members. Three members have requested transfers to other Rotary Clubs, effective 1 July. A further two were terminated for failure to pay their Rotary dues. Only 1 new member was inducted in 2018-19; overall, a disappointing result. We enter 2019-20 with 21 members.

PP Graeme Hills regretfully resigned in January following his decision to relocate to New Zealand for family and business reasons. Difficulty was experienced filling this vacancy and for a time it seemed that Rotary Club of Southport was in danger of losing its Rotary charter. In fear of this outcome I volunteered to fill the position and this was duly endorsed by members at a meeting of the club on January 15, 2019. I have agreed to continue in this role for the first half of 2019-20. A meeting of the club on May 21 elected executive officers and Board for 2019-20:

- President: Tony Pritchett
- Vice-President: Tony Gardner
- Secretary: Graham Cooper
- Treasurer: Mervyn Powell

At the Board + Club Meeting on 21 May it was resolved that Rotary Club of Southport enter into formal discussions with Rotary Club Gold Coast to negotiate terms and conditions for a merger of Southport with Gold Coast. A sub-committee was appointed for this purpose and they are expected to report back to Southport members by mid-July. PROJECTS: Rotary Club of Southport undertook a range of projects during the 2018-19 year. These are detailed more fully in the attached reports for Community; International; and Youth.

In September, 2018 the City of Gold Coast Council ordered the closure of the Carousel at Broadbeach. This was a major blow to our fundraising potential. Operation of the Carousel has been a valuable source of revenue for the

Club for more than ten years; and annually, we distributed more than \$120,000 to charities and not-for-profit organisations in the Gold Coast community.



The Ashmore Mens Shed, built in conjunction with Rotary Club of Ashmore, was officially opened in 2018 and was commissioned and entered into operation in February, 2019.

Since moving to Ferry Road Tavern, Rotary Club of Southport has continued to hold normal meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month. A strength of Rotary Club of Southport was perceived to be the enjoyment of fellowship and to this end it was decided to offer alternative events for members to participate in a weekly activity in the weeks in which a normal meeting was not scheduled. These events included:

- Guess who's coming to Dinner?
- Lunch at Café Catalina
- Visit to OzHarvest, Surfers Paradise
- Visit to Gen MacArthur Museum, Brisbane
- Movie screening: "Romantic Road" at Coolangatta
- ANZAC Day picnic at Mt Tamborine

Generally, attendance at these events was disappointing. Further programming of such events has been curtailed until further interest is aroused.

Combined meetings were held with Parkwood and GC Rotary Clubs and a number visited a Griffith GC meeting.

In March, Rotary Club of Southport hosted a five-member Rotary Vocational Exchange Team from the Philippines. The team formed warm friendships wherever they went.



In March, Rotary Club of Southport donated \$2,000 to Rotary's Townsville Flood Appeal.

Tony Pritchett, President



As was mentioned in last year's President's report, the Rotary year 2018-19 began with three Past Presidents leading the Club for a month each.

PP Rhonda Whitton stood in for President Graeme Hills in July and initiated using Skype to connect with Graeme in the UK for Board meetings in the first three months. This innovation story was published in Rotary Down Under.

PP Greg Dux stepped up for August and had a busy time negotiating with Gold Coast City Council about the pending closure of the Broadbeach Carousel.

PP Andrew Middleton was Acting President in September while negotiations continued with GCCC concluding with the Carousel closing just before the September School holidays.

This has left Southport Rotary without a source of funds for community service.

The Club Changeover was held on October 2 with President Graeme back, choosing a Mexican theme that proved a great success.

Involvement continued with the Men's Shed in Ashmore, Southport Rotary making a considerable contribution.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

The Club continued to meet at Ferry Road Tavern on the first and third Tuesdays, and the Board met there monthly until December.

Ian Kennedy, guest speaker, came from Southport Chamber of Commerce who it is hoped will meet with us again.

Other good guest speakers visited the club but attendance numbers were often low.

A joint meeting with Parkwood Rotary followed the wish of club members to meet with other clubs.

A well-attended evening of good fellowship was held at a Chinese restaurant in Southport.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Malaria Vaccine Project is supported by Southport, Broadbeach, Hope Island and Griffith GC Rotary Clubs who each year contribute to the fund to support clinical trials of this very viable vaccine. Southport has contributed \$5,000 each year for the last three years. To date, \$1.05 million has been raised. Clinical trials have begun and results are promising.

The **ROTEM** project is supported by several Rotary Clubs- Southport, Griffith GC, Surfers Paradise, Varsity Lakes, Parkwood, Currumbin-Coolangatta-Tweed and Ashmore, raising \$23,707 so far towards the total cost of \$35,000.

The ROTEM machine is a blood analyser that enables quick determination of the specific blood product to be made. Robina Hospital is to be the recipient of this machine. Griffith GC Rotary is leading this project and a District Grant for \$5,500 has been applied for.

Marion Jones, Secretary

This Rotary year was a challenging one and, with the closure of the Broadbeach carousel, much of the Club's energy was focussed on appointing Club executives for 2019-20 and determining the future direction of the Club. As such, it was not appropriate to be promoting the Club during this period of uncertainty.

OUTCOMES:

The Club took out 2 District awards at District Conference: International Service and Best Multi-club Project. The Club continued their support for the Malaria Vaccine Project, Ashmore Men's Shed and other events such as Griffith GC Rotary Club's "Aussie Winter in July". The Club continued its project to support local refugee students in their first year of secondary school. This year Southport Rotary supported two refugee students. The May 2019 edition of Rotary Down Under featured an article about the Club's program to provide educational support to refugee students in our community. The Club continued to have a strong website and Facebook presence promoting Club activities and meetings. The Club disbursed the remaining carousel funds as follows:

CAROUSEL FINAL DISBURSEMENT: NOVEMBER 2018				
Organisation	Description	\$ requested	YES / NO	NOTES
Malaria Vaccine Project	Contribution to non-endemic trials	5,000	YES	
Ashmore Men's Shed	Contribution to build a mezzanine floor	5,000	YES	
Currumbin Comm Special School	Outdoor play equipment		NO	
The Migrant Centre	Educational support for 2 refugee students	4,000	YES	
Joint project with Griffith Univ Rotary & other clubs	Contribution towards the purchase of a ROTEM for Robina hospital	5,000	YES	Subject to confirmation that other clubs are contributing
Newlife Christmas Project	Christmas hampers		NO	
Meals on Wheels	Computer system and alarm	7,000	YES	
TOTAL OF SUBMISSIONS		26,000		

The Club maintained a community presence with members rattling tins at Australia Fair for drought relief and more recently at the Broadbeach Blues Festival and Australia Fair for the Salvos.



In her final Club duties, Leanda organised this year's Aunties and Uncles picnic at Macintosh Island Park, which was a big hit with the kids and families. The Club welcomed the visiting Rotary Vocational Exchange Team from the Philippines during their Gold Coast stay.

Our last meeting for 2018 was a chance to kick back and enjoy some festive fellowship.

Rhonda Whitton
Public Relations Director



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF)

Southport Rotary continued to support The Rotary Foundation with members giving a total of \$2,050.

Annual Fund contributions per capita was \$113.78 and the average TRF Giving was \$136.07

The Club donated AU\$500 to PolioPlus.

The Club has 17 TRF Giving Members (70.8%) with the same for EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year).

Paul Harris Fellows recognised during this Rotary year were:

- Tony Pritchett attained PHF+7
- Lea Rickwood attained PHF+2 (ten years of contributing)
- Elisabeth Schuhle attained PHF+2
- Hugh Smith (former member) attained PHF+3

The Club has one TRF Major Donor.

Rhonda Whitton

INTERNATIONAL REPORT, JUNE 2019

EMPOWERING INDONESIAN CHILDREN

The rolls of children in Salvation Army Homes has been updated. Currently, 218 children in 9 Homes receive funding for education. Total number of donors: 113. Funds raised in quarter to 31st March, 2019: AU\$6,716.00. Total funds raised through this financial year to 30 June 2019 should exceed AU\$32,500



Rotary Scholar, Ni Wayan Putu Suriash completes her second year (of four) studying Accounting at Bali University in June. The cost of this scholarship is AU\$2,500 per year.

A Newsletter has been received from Salvation Army, Indonesia re this project. It was published in Rotator for members to read.

LITERACY KITS TO TANZANIA

Rotary Club of Southport continues to send literacy kits to schools in Tanzania. These are offered in lieu of a gift to guest speakers and are presented bearing the speaker's name.

SEWING MACHINES TO PHILIPPINES

Rotary Club of Southport is engaged in discussions with Rotary Club of Metro San Francisco to provide sewing machines to enable women who are unable to find alternative employment to earn an income sewing linen products for hotels. Total cost for 3 or 4 machines is expected to be about AU\$3,000.

YOUTH REPORT, JUNE 2019

This year our youth output centred around the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF), Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), our two Griffith University Awards and student refugee support.

NYSF: Although the Club had no candidate for the 2019 NYSF, a large number of our club members assisted with the activities at the District Selection Day last August. This year we have endorsed two students to proceed to district selection. Hopefully they will make it through to the forum to be held next January.

RYLA: Our Club supported two and a half participants to attend the RYLA camp early this year. The nominees were not put forward by the Club but on request by the RYLA organisers we decided to help support some of those who had nominated but had no club endorsement.

GRIFFITH AWARDS: Once again, the Jack Cronin award for civil engineering and the Peter and Jenny Hobart medical bursary were financially supported by the Club.

REFUGEE SUPPORT: We continue to financially support two student refugees to attend high school.

Greg Dux, Youth Director



2019-20 Rotary Theme

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Accrual Basis

Rotary Club of Southport Inc
Balance Sheet
As of June 17, 2019

	Jun 17, 19	Jun 17, 18
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Chequing/Savings		
Cheque/Savings		
BOQ Carousel Account	0.00	19.56
BOQ Carousel Websavings Account	0.00	13,338.37
BOQ Club Account	6,640.95	8,014.80
BOQ Community Account	8,284.49	10,453.50
BOQ International Websavings	35,096.76	36,098.27
BOQ Youth Websavings Account	22,404.79	23,638.08
CBA Carousel Account	0.00	12,350.35
Total Cheque/Savings	72,426.99	103,912.93
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Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable	0.00	9,017.50
Total Accounts Receivable	0.00	9,017.50
Other Current Assets		
Undeposited Funds	0.00	2,430.00
Total Other Current Assets	0.00	2,430.00
Total Current Assets	72,426.99	115,360.43
TOTAL ASSETS	72,426.99	115,360.43
LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00
NET ASSETS	72,426.99	115,360.43
EQUITY		
Opening Bal Equity	99,116.57	99,116.57
Retained Earnings	14,455.55	45,746.63
Net Income	-41,145.13	-29,502.77
TOTAL EQUITY	72,426.99	115,360.43

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Accrual Basis

Rotary Club of Southport Inc
Profit & Loss by Class
July 1, 2018 through June 14, 2019

	Carousel	Club	Community	TOTAL
Income				
Control Account				
Meal Payments Received	0.00	187.50	0.00	187.50
Sergeants Fine	0.00	590.10	0.00	590.10
Total Control Account	0.00	777.60	0.00	777.60
Donations Received				
Cyril's Billy	0.00	0.00	305.60	305.60
Drought Appeal	0.00	0.00	2,518.40	2,518.40
Total Donations Received	0.00	0.00	2,824.00	2,824.00
Interest Received	234.03	32.97	545.76	812.76
Rides Income	28,101.35	0.00	0.00	28,101.35
Subscriptions & Donations				
EREY	0.00	-350.00	0.00	-350.00
Subs	0.00	160.00	0.00	160.00
Subscription	0.00	0.00	270.00	270.00
Total Subscriptions & Donations	0.00	-190.00	270.00	80.00
Total Income	28,335.38	620.57	3,639.76	32,595.71
Expense				
Advertising	0.00	0.00	247.50	247.50
Audit Fees	0.00	0.00	990.00	990.00
Bad Debts	0.00	640.00	0.00	640.00
Bank Fees & Charges	-2.00	0.00	30.00	28.00
Club Runner	0.00	910.47	0.00	910.47
Gifts & Donations				
A.R.F.T -Annual Program Fund	0.00	2,050.00	0.00	2,050.00
A.R.F.T.-Polio Plus	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Ashmore Men's Shed Inc	8,675.90	0.00	0.00	8,675.90
Aunties & Uncles	0.00	0.00	369.00	369.00
Drought Relief Fund	0.00	0.00	3,518.40	3,518.40
Fillappine Cultural Exchange	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
Human Brain Research	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Indonesian Student Scholarship	0.00	0.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Indonesian Students	0.00	0.00	330.00	330.00
Malaria Vaccine Project	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Meals on Wheels Southport	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00
Nth Qld Flood Relief Appeal	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Refugee Student	3,877.88	0.00	440.00	4,317.88
Rotary Club of Ashmore	7,431.95	0.00	0.00	7,431.95
Rotary Club of Broadbeach	543.80	0.00	0.00	543.80
Rotary Club of Griffith Uni	2,719.00	0.00	0.00	2,719.00
Rotary Club of Robina	4,277.90	0.00	0.00	4,277.90
Rotem	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Total Gifts & Donations	44,526.43	2,550.00	9,007.40	56,083.83
Meal Expenses				
Club Guests	0.00	379.30	0.00	379.30
Total Meal Expenses	0.00	379.30	0.00	379.30
Postage	0.00	145.80	0.00	145.80
Raffle Prizes	0.00	374.99	0.00	374.99
Repairs & Replacements	0.00	297.00	0.00	297.00
Rotary Dues				
District Dues	0.00	2,296.00	960.00	3,256.00
RDU Magazine	0.00	1,213.30	0.00	1,213.30
Semi Annual Dues	0.00	3,050.08	0.00	3,050.08
Total Rotary Dues	0.00	6,559.38	960.00	7,519.38
Rotary Int. District 9640				
District Assembly	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
Total Rotary Int. District 9640	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
Rotary Supplies	0.00	133.35	0.00	133.35
Sundry Expenses	73.92	102.30	110.00	286.22
Youth Programs				
Cronin Scholarship	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Hobart Bursary	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
RYLA	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
RYTS	0.00	0.00	1,180.00	1,180.00
Total Youth Programs	0.00	0.00	5,680.00	5,680.00
Total Expense	44,598.35	12,117.59	17,024.90	73,740.84
Net Income	-16,262.97	-11,497.02	-13,385.14	-41,145.13

Mervyn Powell, Treasurer