



District 9640
District Governor
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The Rotator

Rotary Club of Southport
Chartered 20 August 1945. Club No. 17905



Service above self

Club President: Andrew Middleton

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December : Disease Prevention and Treatment

Next meeting: 1 December Christmas Party. Venue The Middleton home



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Congratulations to Lionel – at the beginning of this Rotary year he proposed that we start a project to upgrade Woodroffe Park to celebrate our Club's 75th anniversary. We were confident that we could raise at least \$30 000.00 for the project and met with the new councillor for Southport to make our pitch only to be told by park officials that it would more likely be a one-million-dollar project and it wasn't on their agenda. However, Brooke Patterson took it on board and has now informed us that the council has made a commitment to upgrade the park with a projected budget of \$5 million dollars! I think that demonstrates perfectly the power of Rotary to bring about change. It is also a demonstration of the fact that as a Rotarian one can effect change far greater than one could do as an individual.

Brooke is undoubtedly going to reinvigorate the standing of Southport, what's more she has promised that the park project will reflect Rotary's input and commitment to the community. We hope we see her regularly going forward.

This has been a strange year, for many people the most unsettling in their life and the confusion is likely to carry on for some time but thank goodness we live in a city which is probably one of the best places in the world to be right now.

For those of you who can attend the Christmas function we look forward to a fun evening, to all others have a peaceful break and remember that the first meeting of the new year is the 19th January and it will be an assembly.

Andrew Middleton

Scribes Report for Meeting of the 17th November 2020

Chair: Tony P. In the absence of a Sergeant, Tony called the meeting to Order at 6.15 and invited all to recite the 4-Way Test followed by a Toast to the Queen and the people of Australia.

President Andrew welcomed all, particularly Cr Brooke Patterson, Honorary Member Jenny Hobart and partners. Advised that our next and last Meeting for the year will be our Xmas break up at their place on the 1st December. All to contribute to the catering after contacting Vivienne to coordinate. After this our next Meeting will take the form of a Club Assembly and AGM on the 19th January 2021.

Chair Tony P introduce Merv P to give a Rotary Minute

Merv P recounted moving with his family to the Gold Coast from Melbourne in 1986 and setting up an Office Supplies Business in Scarborough Street Southport, he needed an accountant and was introduced to fondly remembered Don Dineen who invited him to Rotary becoming a member May 1987. Merv recounted many fundraising events, Garage Sale, Strawberry Icecream sales at the GC Show and most recently the Carousel that raised approx.. \$100,000 each year, the obvious lasting legacy from which is the Ashmore Men's Shed.

Chair Tony P invited reports from Directors and Members

Secretary Tony G advised of email from David Lee from Stanthorpe who is compiling a book on the "100 Years of Rotary" in our District and requested contributions. Tony has supplied a History of "Bridging the Gap" a District Initiative but largely run by Ron Power as Manager and other members of our Club including PDG Keith Robson and introducing Lea Rickwood to Rotary and our Club. Also a poem commemorating our part in DG Michael's "Raising the Spirits" Outback Links trip to Charleville. Tony P suggested including an article on 64yrs of assisting Indonesian children's education, begun by Cyril and recently single handedly by himself

Lionel reported recent storm damage to the "Meals on Wheels" building to a total of \$19,000.

Peter O advised that the AGM of the Men's Shed that now has 80 members is scheduled for the following day.

Michael I reported that our District 9640 has had a nett increase in Rotary Membership of 100 the highest growth in all of Australia and New Zealand with the highest percentage of women and Rotarians under the age of 40yrs

Chair Tony P introduced Cr Brooke Patterson to address the Club

Cr Brooke Patterson Councillor for Gold Coast Division 6 now bounded by Ashmore, Bundall, Currumburra Roads and Musgrave Ave, taking over from Dawn Critchlow who held the position for 28yrs. Her objectives for Southport were that 1) it had to be clean and safe 2) had Planning Laws that worked and 3) attracted Government Investment, and proceeded to inform how she was working to achieve those goals with considerable

success. Brooke assured us of her interest and support for Woodroffe Park developed as an inner city landmark area of rest, relaxation and recreation and a celebration of the connection with Southport Rotary and has garnered support from her Council colleagues. Brooke has allocated \$100,000 from her Divisional Funds for a feasibility study in 2021 and hoping for an allocation of \$5,000,000 for the work to be done in 2022-23.

Michael I moved a vote of thanks to Brooke while emphasising the historical connection between Southport Rotary and Southport's development as the modern health and education centre for the Gold Coast.

Heads and Tails was won by Lionel P

Raffle by Peter O

Chair Tony P invited **President Andrew** to close the meeting at 7.45pm

Graham C

Members:10	Club Guests: 1	Visiting Rotarians:	Partners:7
Members Guests: 1	Visitors:		Total: 19
Fines: \$	Raffle: \$90	Polio Plus: \$	Club Admin: \$
Billy: \$	Billy YTD: \$		

CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE (OR APOLOGY) FOR EVERY MEETING:

Please register your intention to ATTEND or DECLINE (apology) via the EVENT on Southport Rotary website: <https://southportrotary.com.au/> or ClubRunner.

To register partners or guests: first register yourself; SAVE, then add guests one at a time, SAVE each time.

Apologies are required if you are unable to attend a dinner.

DUTIES ROSTER – If members are unable to fulfil a duty, it is their responsibility to find a replacement. **CHAIRMAN**- The chairman is responsible for telephoning the members on duty to confirm their attendance.

Guest speakers, events and meeting calendar:

1 December	Christmas party The Middletons Varsity Lakes
19 January	Club meeting AGM Ferry Rd Tavern

DUTIES	1 December	19 January
Chair	Christmas Party	Club meeting AGM
Sergeant		

Attendance/Trs		
Rotary Minute		
Vote of thanks		
Ups and Downs		
Scribe		
Meet and Greet		

Note: It is the responsibility of members to arrange a replacement if they cannot fulfill a duty

Note: The Chairman is responsible for telephoning the members on duty to confirm their attendance.

The Southport Rotaryannes enjoyed an end of year lunch at Southport Golf Club on Monday 16th November.

It was a very pleasant venue for the 15 who attended, made up of Partners of Rotarians past and present plus a friend of the group who has helped out at several of our sewing days.

The Christmas envelopes were distributed as usual and a total of \$200 was donated to go to Meals on Wheels to provide some Christmas cheer their recipients.

We are looking at making the lunches a three monthly event in the new year as we all enjoy the chance to catch up.

Sally P

Celebrations

Birthdays 19 Jan Andrew M	Anniversaries 1 Jan Sue and Greg Dux 6 Jan Ian and Julia C
Rotary induction 15 Jan 03 Steve P	Spouse birthday 6 Jan Julia C 8 Jan Jenny H 11 Jan Julia Kuo

Themes for Rotary months

August: Membership & Extension

October: Economic & Community Develop't

December: Disease Prevention & Treatment

February: Peace & Conflict Prev/Resolution

April: Maternal & Child Health

June: Rotary Fellowships

September: Basic Education & Literacy

November: The Rotary Foundation

January: Vocational Service Month

March: Water & Sanitation

May: Youth Services

Contributions to The Rotator are most welcome, please e-mail tonyandmira@optusnet.com.au before 6.00pm Thursday.

Copies to Sue Dux suedux@hotmail.com



Christmas Party at the Middletons;- 83 Yodelay St. Varsity Lakes at 6.00PM on 1st December rsvp 25 November to Tony G.

BYO drinks. Each couple bring a plate of finger food.



*Can you pick the **Maroons** supporter from the above faces?*



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Komandan Teritorial
YUSAK TAMPAI

Bandung, 12 November 2020

Tony Pritchett,
Manager Project 36-2009-10 # Indonesia
Rotary Club of Southport
PO Box 84,
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Dear Tony,

I trust you will not mind me addressing you informally – but in view of your long relationship with The Salvation Army in Indonesia, you have shown yourself to be a good, personal friend to our organisation.

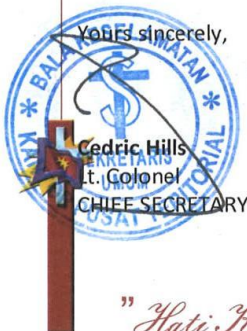
I assumed my appointment as Chief Secretary of The Salvation Army, Indonesia just under 18 months ago. As my role includes responsibility for our Projects and Child Sponsorship offices, I quickly became aware of the wonderful support we were receiving from the Rotary Club of Southport through PROJECT 36-2009-10. To think that you have sustained this project since 1964 is quite incredible. When the late Cyril Richarde acted upon the vision to support children in Indonesia, he could never have imagined the project in existence more than 50 years later! As you rightly say in your letter, you can rightly and properly *take pride in knowing that hundreds, perhaps thousands, of impoverished children in Indonesia have benefitted from receiving a better education.*

We fully appreciate that the terms of the project, managed through the Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd (RAWCS) are specific, and our change of local focus mean that we no longer meet your criteria, necessitating the ending of the contract. However, we could not allow this relationship to end without expressing our sincere gratitude. On behalf of Colonel Yusak Tampai, Territorial Commander, we offer our thanks. I hope you might convey greetings and thanks to your club members for their commitment and 'service above self'.

The information you shared about the age and numerical decline of the club is something I can empathise with, as a fellow Rotarian. My personal experience of Rotary started in Falkirk (Scotland) in 1998. More recently I have been a member of the International Clubs in Tallinn (Estonia) and Helsinki (Finland). In each of those clubs, the work was shouldered by a handful of committed, but ageing members. Finding ways to attract and recruit new members was a constant board discussion and we regularly faced the issue of declining numbers. Whilst I was only in my late 50's, I was still one of the youngest members in Helsinki International Club! I have not been able to link with a Club in Indonesia (there is no International club in Bandung), so I am currently a lapsed Rotarian. However, in the spirit of Rotary, I salute you and your fellow Rotarians for your faithfulness, hard work and generous contributions, which have surely touched the hearts of many children in Indonesia.

I wish you well with your other projects and extend a warm welcome to you and your colleagues should you ever be visiting Indonesia.

Yours sincerely,



Cedric Hills
Lt. Colonel
CHIEF SECRETARY

"Hati Kepada Allah, Tangan Terulur Kepada Sesama"

Dear Fellow Rotarians, please see below the email inviting you to join the Rotary Club of the Granite Belt for their Charter Night. Also attached is an invitation giving details of how to book, menu and accommodation should you decide to stay overnight in Stanthorpe. Any questions, please contact Gregory Paxton whose details appear below. This email has been sent to every Rotarian in the District. YIR, Sue DS

"Dear Rotarian

You are invited to attend the **CHARTER NIGHT** of the newly formed **ROTARY CLUB OF THE GRANITE BELT** to be held in Stanthorpe on Saturday 12th December 2020. All details are included in the **INVITATION** attached, with the **MENU** for the evening and a list of **ACCOMMODATION** places in the CBD area.

If you are interested in attending the **CHARTER NIGHT** we suggest you register early as numbers will be limited to 85.

Yours in Rotary

Gregory Paxton

(Secretary Rotary Club of The Granite Belt)

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Varsity Rotary Club is organising an event "Varsity Against Violence" on Nov 20 which is White Ribbon Day.

Could you please click on the link is below and info

Varsity Against Violence - How to Become a Host Champion

THE CONVERSATION IS VITAL

Let's Act | Connect | Educate | Raise Awareness

Friday 20th November - 10am to 11am

<https://www.facebook.com/2059816114257299/posts/2819050041667232/?sfnsn=mo>

Thanks

Mok Mokhtiar Singh

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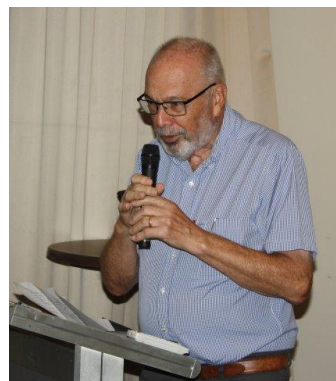
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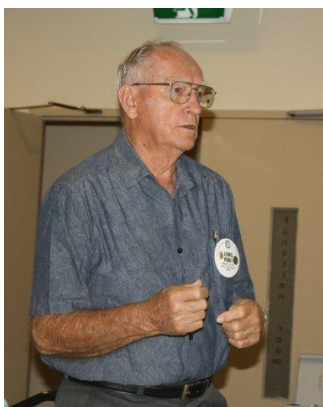
Chair Tony P



Pres Andrew



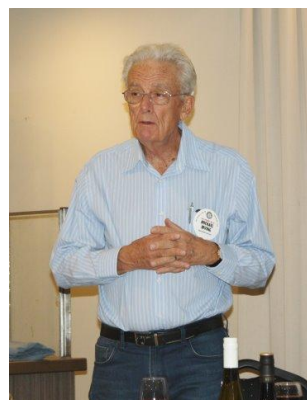
Rotary minute Merv P



Meals on wheels Lionel



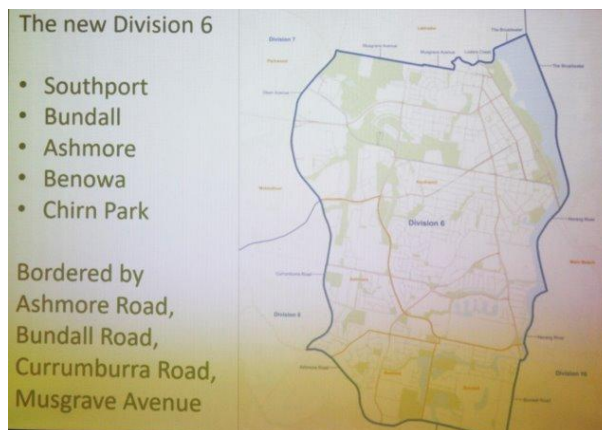
Peter O mens shed



PDG Michael I



Brooke Patterson



Her family





Thanks from Michael



Pres Andrew and Brooke

Festive thoughts

What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney? Claus-trophobia!

What happened to the man who stole an Advent Calendar? He got 25 days!

Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas? Santa Jaws!

What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party? Freeze a jolly good fellow!

What do Santa's little helpers learn at school? The elf-abet!

What kind of motorbike does Santa ride? A Holly Davidson!

What did Santa do when he went speed dating? He pulled a cracker!

Why was the turkey in the pop group? Because he was the only one with drumsticks!

What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck? A Christmas Quacker!

What goes "Oh, Oh, Oh"? Santa walking backwards!

Why was the snowman looking through the carrots? He was picking his nose!

Why does Santa have three gardens? So he can 'ho ho ho'!

What is the best Christmas present in the world? A broken drum, you just can't beat it!

What do snowmen wear on their heads? Ice caps!

What did Adam say the day before Christmas? "It's Christmas, Eve!"

Nearby clubs for make-ups:

Day	Time	Club	Venue	Address
First and third Mondays	6.30pm	Surfers Paradise	Ferry Rd Tavern	Ferry Rd Southport
	6.30pm	Coomera Valley	Arundel Tavern	226 Napper Rd Parkwood
Tuesday	6.30pm	Runaway Bay	Paradise Point Bowls Club	22 Thrush Ave Paradise Pt
Tuesday	6.30pm	Parkwood	Arundel Tavern	226 Napper Rd. Arundel
Tuesday	6.30pm	Broadbeach	Quality Inn	Mermaid Waters
1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays	7.00am Fpr 7.15am	Surfers Sunrise	Surfers Paradise Life Saving Club	Surfers Paradise
Wednesday	7.00am	Hope Is	Sanctuary Cove Country Club	Sanctuary Cove
Wednesday	12.30pm	Mermaid Beach	Quality Inn	Markeri St. Mermaid Beach
Wednesday	6.30pm	Ashmore	Ashmore Steak and Seafood	Cnr Ashmore Rd and Reed St.
Second and fourth Thursdays	7.00 for 7.15 AM	Griffith University Club	G's restaurant	Griffith University
Thursday	7.00am	Burleigh Hds	Burleigh Hds Surf Club	Goodwin Tce. Burleigh Hds
2 nd and 4 th Thursdays	6.15pm	Gold Coast Central	Southport Golf Club	Slatyer Ave
	7.00am	Coomera River	Waterlife Restaurant	Gold Coast Marina 76-84 Waterway Dv Coomera.
Friday	7.00am	Broadwater Southport	Southport Yacht Club	Main Beach
First and third Thursdays	7.15AM	Griffith Gold Coast	G's Restaurant Griffith Uni	Griffith University