

**Meeting date: 12 December 2017 Rotary Month: December. Disease Prevention and Treatment**

**This week:- Christmas Party Nancy and Hugh Smith's home 6.00PM**

### **Acting President's report**

It was great to hear about the Tag-along Tours that PDGs Ian and Heather Yarker have initiated as a project of the e-club of Nextgen. They have organized four tours to see various parts of Australia with groups of 30 to 40 caravaners from all over Australia and even New Zealand. They build in fundraising for a charity- the Flying Doctor or Australian Rotary Health so far. Costs are very reasonable. Next year's tour will start in August and go to see the wildflowers in WA. They would love to hear from anyone interested in joining them for all or some of the time.

We farewelled Joachim as he returns to Hamburg and we look forward to seeing him later in February next year.

We welcomed back Duncan from his travels that included Scotland where he visited family.

Next week, Hugh and Nancy Smith are hosting us at their home, 4 Skye Court in Sorrento for our Christmas party at 6 pm. It is BYO drinks and the cost is \$35 per person to be paid on the night.

We will meet again in the New Year on January 16 at the Golf Club when we will have a club assembly and decide on where we will meet after that. Graeme Hills gave a good outline of what the Ferry Road Tavern offers us, a room to ourselves upstairs for about 40-50 people with screen, data projector, and storage space. Meals of your choice can be bought from a very reasonable menu. There is plenty of parking available.

Graeme passed out vouchers from the Ferry Road Tavern who have been very accommodating.

The Southport Surf Club would ask a \$30 room hire fee and would prefer us to meet on a Wednesday. Parking is a bit limited there.

Graeme urged members to try out both venues and see what they think.

The Golf Club quite understands our needs and is happy to host us whenever we have a larger event.

If you are interested in attending the Rotary International Convention in Toronto next year June 23-27, discount registration is only available till December 15. It is always a great event to meet Rotarians from around the world, see the work of rotary worldwide and hear excellent speakers.

The RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) dinner for rotary clubs is on Tuesday Jan 23 at Tyalgum Ridge Resort in the hills behind Murwillumbah. Cost is \$25 pp. Let Michael Irving know if you want to attend.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Party next week. For those who are unable to attend we extend our best wishes for a very happy Christmas and a bright and healthy New Year. See you January 16.

**Marion**

**Rotary Club Southport**  
**Scribe report by Elisabeth dated 05.12.2017**

Sergeant: Graham Jones called us to the meeting at 18:10hrs

Chair: Graham Jones (in the absence of Lambert Wang) called the meeting to order;  
Invited all of us to recite the 4 way test; and  
Raised our glasses to toast The Queen and the people of Australia.

Acting President: Marion Jones

Welcomed members and guests in particular:-

PDGs Ian and Heather Yarker,

Elizabeth

Joachim,

Catherine; and

A warm welcome home to Duncan

International Toast: Tony Stenton

Chattanooga Tennessee Rotary Club, meets on Thursdays at noon, was chartered in 1914 has 350 members, with an average age of 59 of which 21% are women and 71% men. The current president is Thomas White. During their November Paul Harris event they conferred 44 awards.

Director's report:

Marion Jones advised that

(1) the Toronto International Convention early bird registration

Closes on 15.12.2017 see further information in the Rotator;

(2) RYLA Dinner in Tyalgum on 23.01.2018 time TBA, for further details see the Rotator;

(3) Next week we have our Christmas Party at Hugh and Nancy Smith's residence at 4 Skye Court, Sorrento at 18:00hrs (not 6:00 for 6:30 as previously advised) Cost \$35 per person; and

(4) We meet again on Tuesday 16 January 2016 at the Southport Golf Club at the usual time.

Acting President Marion Jones invited Ian & Heather Yarker to commence their presentation due to time constraints.

Ian & Heather spoke of their Tag-along Tours. Their motto "Let's make Australia our community" and the trips they run all over Australia. Their trips are sometimes 40 days but can stretch to 80 depending on the journey they choose. These are not tag along tours per se; the travellers can start at their leisure so long as they arrive on time at the evening meeting place. Some travel together and some prefer to do it slightly different. No one was lost yet. Ian talked about the northern tour being long and taking 78 days and called it "Over the Top" for Geographical and time reasons.

Race days and ANZAC day are always popular and celebrated appropriately.

Linked with the Artherton Rotary club & its war memorial;

Continued to Cobbold Gorge, a magnificent landscape created by nature through an earthquake;

In Karumba after fishing the pub owners offered to cook the filleted fish and serve it up with salad for \$7. When they heard of the Rotary mission to raise funds for the Flying Doctors they provided the meals for free and Rotarians had more funds to donate to the cause. This was done because the Flying Doctors have saved the pub owner's child through their service.

Knitting that was done by local residents here in nursing homes, was taken on the trip as well and donated to those who needed it most.

Ian talked about the Bonaparte Basin, Kununurra, Winjara Gorge, Tunnel Creek, Geikie Gorge, Heartbreak Hotel in Gull, of beautiful starry nights and shining moon light that are seen so much clearer out back. He spoke of road trains and how best to avoid them, movie nights projected against a flat caravan wall, the Borroloola sand stones and lost city, black cockatoos and white ones, a lot of wild life of a large variety of birds and more crocodiles than we cared to see and vast yet stunning savannah, with ponds and more crocks.

He spoke of beautiful Aboriginal art and how local retired teachers took it upon themselves to help Aborigines to return to painting.

He told us of the induction of 2 new Rotarians on tour.

We were shown the light plane used by the flying doctors In Darwin.

Victoria River, Kimberleys, Katherine to Kununurra being the most beautiful journey to take, a real must.

Lake Argyle and Christmas in July, 26,000 cattle at Waterloo Station and the live stock export battle that they have there with the Federal Government. Purnululu national park as compared with Bungle Bungles.

Caves with lakes in them, horizontal pools with magnificent rock formation created over 60 million years ago. In Derby Ian showed us the Norwall Gallery where Aborigines are encouraged to take up their unique art of painting again.

Rotary Broome donated \$500 to the tour; the tour matched it and bought a TV for patients in the waiting room.

Wherever they had free accommodation or meals the money was donated to the Flying Doctors. The travellers paid some \$4,000 for the trip. The next trip is planned for August 2018. The emphasis in these tours is on individuality, freedom and friendship.

Acting President - Marion Jones: Thanked Ian and Heather and gave them a Literacy Kit Certificate.

Sergeant: Graham Jones

We all paid \$2.00 then played Trivia with Christmas and sport themes

Head & Tails was won by Graham Cooper

Raffle was won by Joachim with ticket C55

Acting President Marion Jones - Closed meeting thanking members, guests and speakers for attending. Joachim said his farewell for this year as he returns to Germany. He thanked the club for our hospitality and friendship. He is looking forward to his return next year.

**ROTARY, MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

## Treasurer's Report: Merv Powell

*Note: Members who fail to send an apology for non-attendance will be charged as per our Club policy, which was agreed by all members at previous Club Assemblies.*

Members 18	Club guests 1	Visiting Rotarians 2	Partners 1
Members Guests 1			<b>Total 23</b>
<b>Polio Plus \$44</b>	<b>Fines \$62.60</b>	<b>Billy \$150.80</b>	

### Apologies to Michael Irving Club Service Director

Apologies must be received on Friday evening, prior to Tuesday's meeting.

There are three ways to apologise if you cannot attend a meeting.

- Fill in the apologies book on the attendance table.
- Email [mirving1@bigpond.com](mailto:mirving1@bigpond.com)
- Telephone or text **0409 051 288**

The board has ruled that the cost of a meal will have to be paid for by the member if an apology is not received

**Satellite Club meeting:**

**Thursday , 7 December.**

**7.15am for 7.30am Griffith University.**

Email breakfast orders to Regina: [R.Tucker@griffith.edu.au](mailto:R.Tucker@griffith.edu.au)

**Meeting finishes 8.30am.**

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.



## Rotaryanns' Christmas Appeal

Every year the Southport Rotaryanns have a Christmas appeal to raise funds for Meals on Wheels. This year we will continue the tradition & envelopes for your donations will be available at the Christmas party at Hugh & Nancy Smith's on December 12.

Meals on Wheels is doing it tough this year so your generosity will be very much appreciated.

If you are unable to attend the Christmas party your donation will be accepted at a Southport Rotary meeting any time.

Many thanks for supporting our Christmas Appeal

Roz Irving

**Remember**  
**District Conference Sea World 9,10,11 March 2018.**



## **Christmas Party**

**Tuesday 12 December**

**Nancy and Hugh Smith's home**

**4 Skye Ct. Sorrento**

**6.00PM \$ 35pp**

**BYO drinks**



RYLA 2018

## **Shoot For The Moon, Even If You Miss You'll Land Among The Stars!**

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

**Invites you**

To join us for fun and fellowship at the Rotary Dinner Night

This is a great opportunity for you to experience the positive difference your contribution to the RYLA program makes.

**23RD JANUARY 2018**

6 pm NSW time for a 7pm dinner at Tyalgum Ridge  
Retreat, with the cost at **\$25 per person.**

783 Tyalgum Creek Rd, Tyalgum Creek NSW 2484



**The Rotary International Convention is on 23-27 June 2018 in Toronto Canada.**

**Early registration savings deadline is 15 December.**

**The RI web site will lead you to the registration area.**

## Duties:

DUTIES	12 December	16 January	23 January	30 January
Chair	Christmas Party Marion J	Michael I	Board meeting	Joint meeting Broadbeach
Sergeant	Nancy and Hugh Smith's	Greg D		The Hub Nind St Southport
Attendance	\$35pp BYO	Jim S		\$25pp
Treasurer	Tony P	Steve P		
Rotary Minute		Peter O		
Int. Toast		NA		
Vote of thanks		NA		
Ups and Downs		Lionel P		
Scribe		Elisabeth S		
Meet & Greet		Graeme H		

**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

## Guest speakers, events and meeting calendar

12 December	Christmas party Nancy and Hugh Smith's home
16 January	Club night first meeting of 2018 Golf Club
23 January	Board meeting venue TBA
30 January	Joint Meeting Broadbeach Rotary The Hub 32-34 Hinde St cost \$25pp
6 February	PDG Brian Heaton "Behind the scenes at RI Conventions"
13 February	Wine and dine at Tony and Nancy Stenton's 14 Yunga St B/beach Waters

## Celebrations

<b>Birthdays</b> 12 December Lea R 16 December Tony 19 Jan Andrew M	<b>Anniversaries</b> 9 Dec Nancy and Hugh S 13 Dec Andrew and Vivienne M 15 Dec Tony and Mira G 15 Dec Graham and Marion J 1 Jan Greg and Sue D 6 Jan Ian and Julia C 9 Jan Leanda and Colin C
<b>Rotary induction</b> 9 Dec 86 Graham J 15 Jan 03 Steve P	<b>Spouse birthday</b> 5 Dec Vivienne M 6 Jan Julia C 8 Jan jenny H 11 Jan Julia Kuo (Lambert)

### 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](mailto:tonyandmira@optusnet.com.au) before 6.00pm Thursday.

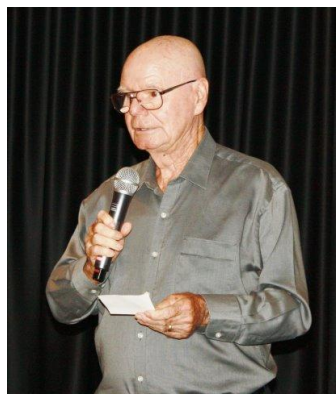
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Photos meeting 5 December.



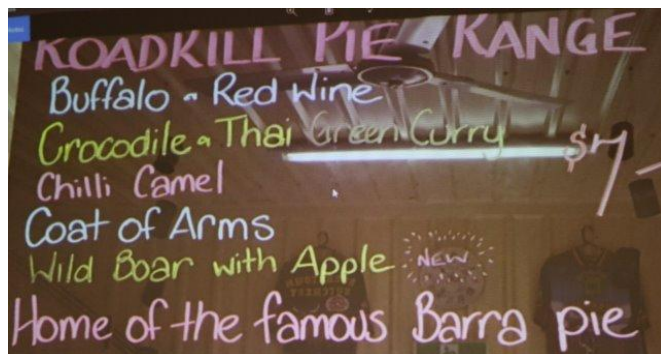
Chair and acting President Marion J



International toast Tony S

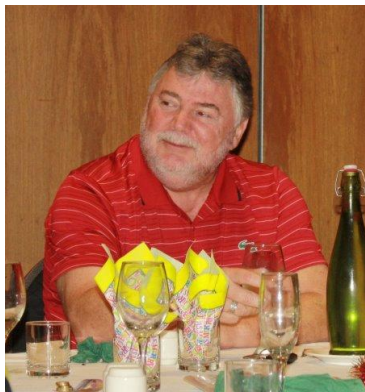


Ian Yarker





Thanks to Heather and Ian from Marion



Duncan is back beard and all



Joachim says farewell



Graham J extracts knowledge and cash



PE Graeme H explains alternate venues

### Nearby clubs for make-ups

Day	Time	Club	Venue	Address
Monday	6.30pm	Surfers Paradise	Mantra Legends	Gold Coast Hwy and Laycock St Surfers Paradise
	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
Wednesday	7.00am	Surfers Sunrise	RSL Surfers Paradise	Surfers Paradise
	7.00am	Hope Is	Sanctuary Cove Country Club	Sanctuary Cove
	12.30pm	Mermaid Beach	Quality Inn	Markeri St. Mermaid Beach
	6.30pm	Ashmore	Ashmore Steak and Seafood	Cnr Ashmore Rd and Reed St.
Thursday	7.00am	Burleigh Hds	Burleigh Hds Surf Club	Goodwin Tce. Burleigh Hds
2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> 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

