



District 9640
District Governor
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The Rotator

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



Service above self

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February:- Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

Next meeting: 16 February Ferry Rd Tavern
Club Assembly



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A big thank you to Lionel and Peter for the piece they wrote on the Carousel which will hopefully be included in the booklet to be produced celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Australia. Glenda must also be thanked for typing and formatting the article.

We had a great turnout this meeting and it was nice to see. As we discuss the important things we need to look at over the next few months it's gratifying to have positive input from everybody.

As I told you in another letter Brooke has spoken to Rob Molhoek and his press secretary will be contacting us soon to discuss the event they are planning. It will be a good project for us.

My doctor tells me he expects to be able to start vaccinating people fairly soon, here's hoping.

Next meeting we will have a short assembly to ratify the decision we made on Tuesday. See you then.

Andrew Middleton

Scribes Report for the Rotary Meeting 2 February 2021

Chair Peter O opened the meeting by inviting us all to recite the 4-Way Test followed by a Toast to the Queen and the People of Australia.

Mervyn gave a Rotary Minute focused on a recent article relating the experience of Neil Val Dine who went to Haiti to set up a school and 31 yrs later is still there helping with the provision of clean drinking water and sanitation as part of the Rotary e-wash Club, based in District 9980 chartered in 2016 with now 29 members scattered across the globe. Their aim to improve water, sanitation and hygiene for the hundreds of millions who don't have access to clean water, the 600 odd million who still practice open defecation and the 1,000 children who die each day from disease arising therefrom.

Sergeant Jim S improved club funds by quizzing us on little known Australiana, such as what do we have longer than the 5,000km dingo fence, the Nullabor Golf range, the highest grossing Australian film, Crocodile Dundee what is the origin of vegemite, yeast waste from the production of beer.

Heads and Tails was won by Merv

Raffle by Steve P

President Andrew opened the collective Board Meeting, drawing attention to recent emails from Michael I, forwarded previously, providing information on the process and possibilities of us becoming a Satellite Club of the Rotary Club of Broadwater Southport. After much discussion, and a multitude of questions the twelve members (as many as we are ever likely to get at a meeting) unanimously agreed to pursue this option and as soon as practical have a joint meeting with them at their usual venue, the Southport Yacht Club at 7.30am on a Friday. For this to proceed 2/3 of their membership has to be agreeable and the administrative details agreed to by both Clubs. We are aware there are negatives, it appears all of which we were going to have to face anyway but a lot of positives and a rainbow of possibilities. Watch this space.

Peter O read the duty roster for our next meeting on 16 February and Pres Andrew closed the meeting at 7.40PM

Scribe

Graham C

Members:12	Club Guests:	Visiting Rotarians:	Partners:
Members Guests:	Visitors:		Total: 12
Fines: \$ 53.29	Raffle: \$60	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:

16 February	Club assembly Ferry Rd Tavern
2 March	Club meeting Ferry Rd Tavern

DUTIES	16 February	2 March
Chair	Tony P	Ian C
Sergeant	Tony G	Graham C
Attendance/Trs	Jim S	Lionel P
Rotary Minute	Lionel P	Jonathan Z
Vote of thanks	NA	
Ups and Downs	Peter O	TonyG
Scribe	Ian C	Jim S
Meet and Greet	All	All

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

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Celebrations

Birthdays 2 Feb Merv P 15 Feb Steve P 18 Feb Peter O	Anniversaries
Rotary induction 3 Feb 81 Tony G 6 Feb 79 Peter O 20 Feb 90 Jim S 23 Feb 78 Graham C	Spouse birthday

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

September: Basic Education & Literacy
November: The Rotary Foundation
January: Vocational Service Month
March: Water & Sanitation
May: Youth Services

June: Rotary Fellowships

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

I wanted to give you a heads-up to the new date for Charity Car Rally we are hosting now on March 14th. The event will raise funds to support local initiatives of our club and participation is open to members & friends of all of the Rotary Clubs in our district.



I would be most appreciative if you could share the attached information with your members. Bookings for the event can be made on our facebook page [Cars 'n clues Charity Rally | Facebook](#)

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Thanks in advance!!!

Yours in Rotary

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Dear amazing Club Members,

Let's celebrate!

We have another new Rotary Club in our district. Evans Head Rotary Club in NSW was chartered by RI on Friday with 22 new members. This is the 4th club to charter this Rotary year. Please share this good news with your members.

It took me only 100 days to start and charter this Rotary club since my 1st visit to Evans Head on 19th October 2020 with PDG Terry Brown & President Geoff Austin of Casino Rotary. Rtn. Geoff Austin is the new club advisor to Evans Head Rotary and John Oomen will be the AG. The sponsor club is Casino Rotary.

Thank you so much for your leadership and your club President's in helping our district grow to the 1301 membership mark today, to record a net growth of 10% and +124 members with 57 clubs. 36% of our members are female and 9% are under '40. You are the backbone of our district.

We are now the 50th largest district in the world with a high percentage of female members and the No 1 in Zone 8. Women were admitted to Rotary only 32 years ago on 25th Jan 1989! We have done well in D9640 to attract ladies to Rotary.

Please see attached the individual club growth summary from the Rotary International database at www.rotary.org. How did your club do growing membership and foundation giving?

Since 1st July 2020, our clubs have contributed AU\$270,000 to The Rotary Foundation. But 28 clubs have still not made a contribution to our Foundation. Please consider making a small contribution in February to celebrate Rotary's founding day of 23rd Feb 1905. The exchange rate is in Australia's favor.

We attracted 209 new members to our clubs in the last 215 days since 1st July. 90 of them were to the 4 new clubs we chartered. Our efforts to retain members in existing clubs need more attention from each one of us. 53 existing clubs lost 98 members in 7 months? 63 of them were in Rotary for less than 2 years!

Let's fix this problem now.

How about inviting our District Membership Chair Rowan Johnstone or District Club Development Chair David Baguley from Gold Coast Rotary or 2021-2022 District Membership Chair and current District Governor Nominee Designate Dave Harmon from Ballina on Richmond Rotary to share their success stories at your club? Both their clubs have had +18 growth in the last 18 months and very high retention rates. Contact details in our District Directory.

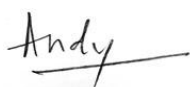
We start our Rotary Australia 100 years celebration Baton Relay on 5th February from Grafton in NSW and Goondiwindi in QLD. Have you booked your relay dates with your AG?

Our one-day District Conference is on Saturday 15 May at Twin Towns in Tweed Heads NSW. Registrations will open in February. My DG's Newsletter of February will have more details.

When time permits, please send photos & stories of your club in action to my DGs newsletter editor Jodie Shelly. It's a great opportunity to showcase your club to every Rotarian in our district and it's free!

Have a happy month of February.

Warm Regards,



Andy Rajapakse

Rotary International District 9640 Australia

Photos meeting 2 February 2021



Chair Peter O



Pres Andrew M

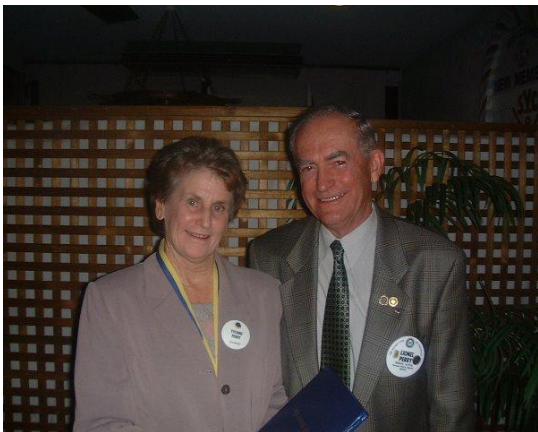
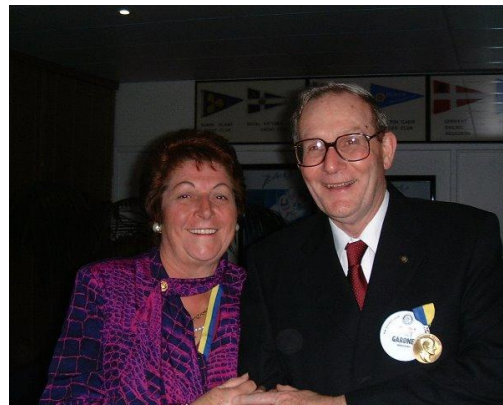


Rotary minute Merv P



Sergeant Jim S

Rotating back in the past. Courtesy TonyS





Happy Valentines Day.

14 February.

Q. Did Adam and Eve ever have a date? A. No, they had an apple!

Q. What did the flame say to his buddies after he fell in love? A. "I found the perfect match!"

What do you call the world's smallest Valentine's Day card? A valen-teeny.

What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentine's Day? I'm stuck on you!

What did one volcano say to the other? I lava you!

What did the cucumber say to the pickle? You mean a great dill to me.

What's the best recipe for a perfect morning on February 14? A hug and a quiche.

What did one piece of toast say to the other? "You're my butter half!"

Why didn't the two dogs make serious Valentine's Day plans? It was just puppy love.

Why did the dad approve of his daughter's goalie-boyfriend? He was a real keeper.



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