
Rotary The Rotator

District 9640
District Governor Harry Bolton

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



Service above self

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Rotary Month: February: Peace and Conflict Resolution

Next Club meeting: Tuesday 18 February. Ferry Rd Tavern Board meeting



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was disappointing to have to abandon our planned Evolve Networking meeting last night. Clearly, the date/time wasn't suitable for a number of people who had attended previous Evolve events. It was nice to welcome David le Page and Grazi Prada to our meeting with nine members. PDG Michael Irving gave a thought-provoking presentation on the science behind climate change. Michael has requested leave of absence for the remainder of the Rotary year. This has been approved by the Board and we extend to Michael and Roz our best wishes for their travels and family health.

We will communicate with all the people who have attended Evolve events and who indicated an interest in joining a satellite Rotary club to try to initiate a meeting to get a satellite club established. A minimum eight committed new members are required. I think we are close to having that number. The Aussie BBQ lunch at Overell's place, was well attended and everyone enjoyed the fine food and friendly fellowship. It was especially pleasant to catch up with Murray and Denise Bertrand; and also Paul Boles. Special thanks to Pete and Barb for their hospitality. Their spacious, shady yard is the perfect venue for such happy occasions.

Members responded most generously to our offer to support the East Gippsland Rotary Bushfire Appeal. Rotary Club of Southport transferred a payment of \$3,500. We can be sure this money will be wisely and judiciously distributed by Rotarians to families severely afflicted by the bushfires. Our next meeting on 18th February will incorporate a Board Meeting. There are some very serious issues facing Rotary Club of Southport. These must be addressed if we hope to continue as a club. Please endeavour to attend and be part of the debate.

Check our full program of events in CR or on our website:

- <https://southportrotary.com.au/>

Tony Pritchett



Scribes Report 4 February 2020

Peter O , Chair got the meeting off to an early start at 6.05pm with the four way test and toast

President Tony P welcomed the nine members and visitors Grazi Prada and David Le Page .

Jim Scotte spoke of the Rotary Club of Bay founded in 1925 in St Louis, Missouri that now has a membership of 11 females and three males and meet each Wednesday. They have a project to restore Martin Luther King park that had degenerated into a violent area. St Louis is famous for paddle wheelers and blues music.

Tony P thanked those members who contributed to the Gippsland fire appeal. Our club donated \$3500. Peter O reported that the mens' shed had 74 members and members play cards, pool computers and use the library as well as woodwork. He said the club should revisit again soon.

Sergeant Merv told us a happy story of his 78th birthday on Sunday and a family dinner. He enjoys the mens shed and is to have surgery on Wednesday. Other happy stories were invited with TonyP off to Gosford for his grandson's wedding and Andrew to have prostate surgery. Lionel's grass is happy again and Michael I is back at golf.

Heads and tails and the raffle were won by Tony S but when the raffle was redrawn guest Grazi was the winner

Michael then gave a talk . **CLIMATE CHANGE- Facts and Fiction**

He indicated that there was considerable misinformation about climate change that was not scientifically proven. He then summarised what is known about climate change based on scientifically-verifiable research.

By using a number of studies involving radioactive decay of different isotopes, it could be demonstrated that climate change has occurred ever since earth was formed. Sea levels have changed by as much as 350 metres, atmospheric carbon dioxide level have fluctuated from a high of 18% in the atmosphere to the current 0.25%, and sea temperatures have also risen and fallen as a result of climate change.

Recent history has documented climate changes from warm periods when the Romans occupied Britain and grew wine grapes in northern England, followed by a series of mini ice-ages with temperatures starting to rise in the 1920's. There is no evidence that these climate-change cycles were related to fossil-fuel burning by mankind.

Carbon dioxide, and methane are termed greenhouse gases because in the atmosphere they tend to trap radiant heat from earth. Scientific studies such as the Keeling study in Hawaii, clearly demonstrate that since 1960 the atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide has risen from around 300 parts per million to over 400 parts per million today. However in the same time period the world's population increased from 3billion to in excess of 7.2billion. So it is not surprising that atmospheric levels of carbon dioxide increased, but the data also suggests that in this period we have reduced the amount of fossil-fuel derived carbon dioxide per head of population.

In 2015 China (28%), USA (15%), India (6%), Russia(5%), and Japan (4%) were the leading contributors to global carbon dioxide emissions from fuel combustion. Australia's contribution was 1%. Solar and wind power represent 1.1% of global energy output, but require \$3billion in subsidies, and as seen in recent power outages in South Australia and Victoria, fossil-fuel derived energy was needed to overcome the shortfall in alternatively-derived energy supply. Recent studies in New Zealand have shown that it is very expensive to become carbon neutral with a government study confirming that it would cost \$5 trillion and would have the effect of reducing global temperatures by 4/1000 of a degree centigrade. The leading emitters of fossil-fuel

derived carbon dioxide have refused to not use fossil fuel for energy supplies, so in Australia we have a major dilemma on how to balance reducing fossil-fuel-derived carbon dioxide while having a competitive price for electricity. Perhaps we may see nuclear power stations in this country in the future. A short question time followed discussing nuclear energy and its very long half life.

Pres Tony gave a vote of thanks and Peter O announced the duty roster for our February 18 meeting where there will be a board meeting.

Tony closed the meeting thanking the visitors for coming and expressing his hope that we will find a number of people willing to start a satellite club.

Meeting closed 7.25pm.

Tony G

Members: 9	Club Guests:	Visiting Rotarians:	Partners:
Members Guests:	Visitors: 2		Total: 11
Fines: \$ 37	Raffle: \$45	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:

18 February	Club meeting Ferry Rd Tavern Board meeting
3 March	Club meeting
17 March	Club meeting
27-29 March	District Conference Tentefield

DUTIES	18 February	3 March
Chair	Graham C	Merv P
Sergeant	Peter O	Tony G
Attendance/Trs	Tony S	Lionel P
Rotary Minute	Andrew M	Graham C
Vote of thanks		
Ups and Downs	Lionel P	Andrew M
Scribe	Tony G	Peter O
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	Spouse birthday 6 Jan Julia C 27 Jan Barb O

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.

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District Governor Elect Andy Rajapakse.

ROTARY CLUB OF CASINO INC



Weekly Bulletin

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President's Report:

Apologies (last meeting 14th December, 2019): Izaak du Plooy & Mick Harper – Aaron on leave
Guests: Gwenda Nipperess & Rachael Jones

We're all rested and ready for a new year..... welcome back and what a welcome!! Don't you just love having to turn up the TV to drown out the rain!!

Our first meeting for 2020 is this Monday, and Geoff's been busy lining up guest speakers in between working with our Club's Fire Recovery Committee.
This week we'll welcome guest speaker Ally Murray who's one of two Rural Resilience Councillors recently appointed to help Northern Rivers fire victim's recovery.
As you know, the fires have been the focus over the break and will remain so for some time to come, rain or no rain.

Here's a little of what our Club has been doing during the break:

- Visits to fire victims – Geoff and John N have made many regular trips to the Drake, Ewingar and Paddy's Flat area meeting and talking with these communities.
- Ken Wilkes and Geoff (notice how this name keeps popping up?) have delivered water, pipe and batteries (solar replacement).
- Weekly meetings with Council and other community organisations.
- Working with BlazeAid to co-ordinate land and fence line clearing.
- Developing a tank cleaning and water purification project to remove fire generated contaminants (ash and retardant).
- Fortnightly catering for BlazeAid (every second Sunday evening).
Next scheduled for 26th January.

BlazeAid



Tony, Bill, John & Lyn



Our work with BlazeAid has changed many people's lives. A total of \$36,000 has been donated to Casino and Tabulam rural stores for fencing materials to be used by BlazeAid of which \$28,600 has come from Rotary Clubs within our district. Makes you proud to be a Rotarian.

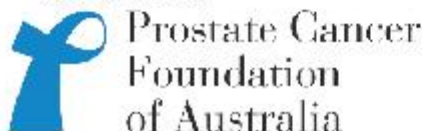
A few interesting statistics (this one's for you JR). Local Rotary money has had a big part in supplying 2700 pickets, 140 rolls of barbed and 11 rolls of plain wire, clearing 67kms of fence line,



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Sunday 22 March 2020
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Friday 28 February 2020

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Southport Yacht Club



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Confirmation – District Governor 2021- 2022

In accordance with Rotary International By-Laws Article 12.030.7, *Challenging Candidates*, there being no challenges during the prescribed 14 day appeal period, I declare that Past President Jeffery (Jeff) Egan of the Rotary Club of Mt Warning AM is hereby confirmed into the position of Governor of District 9640 for the Rotary year 2021-2022.

Accordingly, Jeff now assumes the title of District Governor Nominee for District 9640.

On behalf of all members of District 9640, I offer my warm congratulations to Jeff and wish him every success in this special Rotary leadership position.

Yours in Rotary Service

Harry Bolton

Harry Bolton
District Governor 2019-2020
Chairman, Nominating Committee for District Governor
21st January 2020

Cc – College of Governors D9640
Assistant Governors
President Elects

Photos meeting 4 February 2020



Chair Peter O



Jim S Rotary Minute



Welcome from Pres Tony P



Merv the sergeant



Michael on climate change

Thoughts for the week

If you meet a women, start talking about global warming. It's a real icebreaker.

If you live in an igloo, what's the worst thing about global warming?

No privacy!

The first conclusive proof of global warming just happened. Recently on a cold, crisp day, a farmer in Iowa went out to check his crops and found 150 acres of popped popcorn

Parallel lines have so much in common. It is a shame they will never meet.

She had not enjoyed her first date with the amorous young man and wished he would leave.

She: Did I tell you may father's hobby?

He: Na

She: He likes to take things apart to see why they won't go.

He: So?

She: So you had better go!

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
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