



District 9640
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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: 2 February Ferry Rd Tavern



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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We started the year with an assembly with some serious issues to discuss. I think it is safe to say that everyone present left the meeting feeling a little more positive than when they came in. Mervyn, Tony and I have agreed to stay on in our positions for next year as we have to inform district of the incoming board for directory purposes amongst other things. Thanks must go to our Treasurer and Secretary who do so much for the Club.

We met Kate Tansiriyakul, our RYLA student we are sponsoring and look forward to her return to the Club to describe her experience.

Soon we will be receiving vaccinations and hopefully that will allow us to get to a new state of normal. I think we can all be grateful that we have survived so far.
See you in February.

Andrew Middleton

Rotary Club of Southport SCRIBE'S REPORT 19 JANUARY, 2021

Chairman, **Graham Cooper**, opened the meeting comprising 12 members, 2 visiting Rotarians and 2 guests at 6:17pm. Members recited the 4-way test and toasted the Queen and people of Australia. President **Andrew Middleton** welcomed everyone, especially past-member Bob Akes, visiting Rotarian and RYLA candidate Kate Tansiriyakul, and past-YEP representative Nicole Pritchett. Late arriving prospective Rotarian, Michelle Edgely, was welcomed later in the evening.

President Andrew commented on the splendid segment about Southport Rotary's 75 years of service which screened on GC9News a couple of weeks ago. This was created and televised thanks to General Manager Channel NINE Gold Coast, Rod Power, son of past-member Ron Power.

Peter Overell delivered a Rotary Minute, reminiscing upon visiting Bob Akes' home in North Queensland several times but he was never at home. However, on one occasion Arline gave Peter some fish (Mangrove Jack) from the freezer which were truly delicious.

Kate Tansiriyakul was inducted into membership of RC Griffith GC last year and at 19 years of age is surely the youngest Rotarian in our District. Kate has Thailand heritage but was born on GC and educated at Benowa State HS. She is about to start her third year at Griffith University, studying for a double degree in Law and International Relations. Kate is looking forward to attending RYLA at Camp Bornhoffen next week and promised she will return to our club to share with us her story about the week-long experience.

Past-member, **Bob Akes**, who retired to Tully twenty-five years ago recounted his transfer from RC Southport to RC Tully where he was welcomed into the club whose members were down-to-earth and relished doing local work in the community and helping one another. He is now an Honorary Member of RC Tully and affectionately referred to as "Bob from Sunny Southport — Plumbologist". Bob and Arline live in a small community comprising just thirty-three houses about 20km from Tully. The area regularly records the highest annual rainfall in Australia and the town boasts a 7m high "Golden Gumboot" which incorporates a spiral staircase leading to a lookout. Following the 2006 Cyclone it was flooded to a depth of 6m. Akes Plumbing, inaugurated by Bob's father 101 years ago, still operates from Nind Street, Southport.

Sergeant, **Duncan Plastow** was called up, impromptu, and fined everyone for a miscellany of mischevity. Sports fans were particularly targeted. H&T was won by Nicole Pritchett; raffle was won by Peter Overell.

President Andrew presided over the Rotary Club of Southport AGM. Minutes of previous AGM and the Treasurer's Report were approved without dissent. No nominations were offered for executive roles. The existing Board has agreed to continue in the interim.

President Andrew convened a Club assembly. Ferry Road Tavern have imposed \$100 room charge for meetings. The club has sufficient funds to bear this cost until June 30. Nicole suggested the club should push-back against this impost as, if the club moved elsewhere, FRT would miss out on more than \$500 spent on meals and drinks.

Discussion concerning the future of Rotary Club of Southport ensued. PDG Michael Irving made some positive proposals. The pros and cons of these ideas were discussed and members endorsed the further exploration of them, to be conducted initially in confidence by the Board.

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 2nd. President Andrew closed the meeting at 8:00pm.

Tony P.

PETS will be held on the 6th and 7th March, 2021 at the Quality Hotel in Mermaid Waters. Should you require accommodation, the Hotel have a number of room options available. You can contact them directly to book, on 07 5572 2500. Your Club will usually cover this expense. The cost of \$150 should be borne by your Club and will include a day and a half of training, lunch and afternoon tea on Saturday, and dinner on Saturday evening. It is expected that you will attend the Saturday evening dinner as it forms part of the training. Your partner is welcome to join you for this dinner at a cost of \$35.00 for Main Course and Dessert. Please use this link to book and pay for your ticket to the training and Saturday night dinner for your partner.

Following your booking, you will be sent a confirmation email which contains a brief form to fill out and submit. <https://www.trybooking.com/BNHVF>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact District Trainer, Simone Wong at rotarysimone@gmail.com or 0439 937 449.

District Governor Elect, Jeff Egan, and the Training Team look forward to seeing you all in March.

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Members:12	Club Guests: 1	Visiting Rotarians: 1	Partners:
Members Guests: 1	Visitors:		Total: 15
Fines: \$ 59.65	Raffle: \$65	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:

2 February	Club meeting . Ferry Rd Tavern
16 February	Club meeting Ferry Rd Tavern

DUTIES	2 February	16 February
Chair	Peter O	Tony P
Sergeant	Jim S	Tony G
Attendance/Trs	Ian C	Jim S
Rotary Minute	Merv P	Lionel P
Vote of thanks	NA	NA
Ups and Downs	Steve P	Peter O
Scribe	Graham C	Michael I
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 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.

Copies to Sue Dux suedux@hotmail.com

The President of **Rotary of Club of Burleigh Heads** would like to invite you to our Breakfast Meeting next **Thursday, 28th January 2021**.

We have a special speaker **Dinesh Palipana OAM** who is an Australian doctor, lawyer and disability advocate. He is the first quadriplegic medical intern in Queensland, Australia. He is the second person with quadriplegia to graduate as a doctor in Australia and the first with spinal cord injury.

Dr Palipana is also one of the Queensland nominees for Australian of the Year.

If there is an interest in attending and meeting a most inspirational person, then please do get back in touch, so that the surf club can make appropriate arrangements. We will also follow all precautions with social distancing as per the COVID requirements.

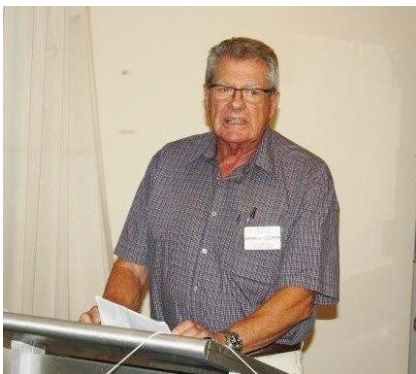
Thank you and hope to see you next week at our Breakfast meeting. Should you need any more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch. I look forward to your RSVP.

Yours in Rotary

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Photos meeting 19 January



Chair Graham C



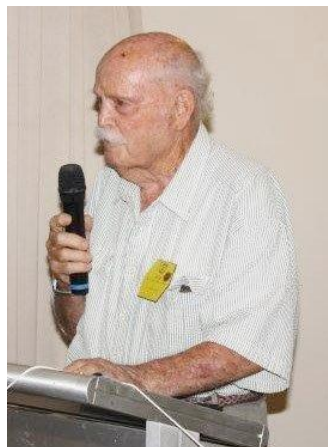
Pres Andrew M



Rotary Min Peter O



Kate Tansiriyakul



Past member Bob Akers



Sudden Sgt Duncan P



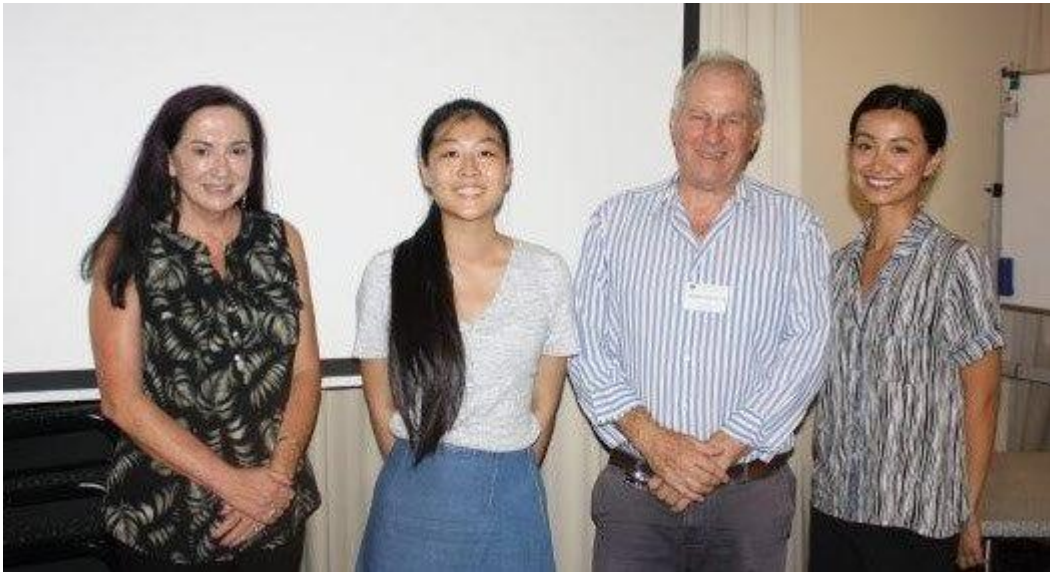
Nicole Pritchett



Michelle Edgely



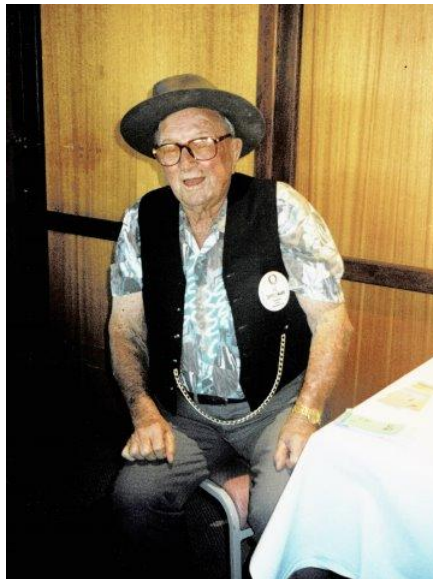
Treasurer Merv P



Guests with Pres Andrew M

Photos from Bob Akes. Can you name anyone?





Happy Australia Day 26 January.



Happy 79th birthday to treasurer Merv on 2 February



Aussie humour

Q: What do you call a kangaroo that is a dead set genius?

A: A quantum leap.

Q: Why did the wombat decide to cross over the road?

A: To see his flatmate

An Aussie walks into the bar the other night wearing one thong (flip flop). One patron asks him "What happened mate? Did you lose a thong?" the guy replies, "Nah mate, I found one!".

I met a bloke from Australia who worked in I.T

I asked him "Do you come from a LAN down under?"

Did you hear about the two baked beans that hitchhiked around Australia?

They ended up in Cairns

Why is Australia such a dry country?

We don't have a king or queen to reign on it.

What's left after your local Woolworths burned down?

Coals



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