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# Rotary The Rotator

District 9640  
District Governor  
Jeff Egan

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



Service above self

Club President: Andrew Middleton

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**September:- Basic education and Literacy**

**Next meeting: 21st September Ferry Rd Tavern**



## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

One thing this pandemic is teaching us, is to accept and deal with change quickly. We should always greet each new day with hope and enthusiasm but Covid is reminding us ever more cogently that we need to cherish the moment.

As our district spans states, our DG is now unable to visit us on the planned date and of course it is out of our hands as to when the visit may happen. So we will just have a normal meeting instead.

See you at the next meeting.

**Andrew Middleton**

## **Rotary Club of Southport SCRIBE'S REPORT 7 SEPTEMBER, 2021**

Chairman, **Graham Cooper**, opened the meeting at 6:15pm. Members recited the 4-way test and toasted the Queen and people of Australia.

Acting **President Michael Irving** welcomed the seven members in attendance.

Acting President Michael spoke about his long-held interest in demographics and his research into the change in Rotary membership over past decades. Membership is in serious decline throughout most Districts but clubs in country towns and regional areas are faring much better than clubs in densely populated towns and cities. For example, Michael's late father's Rotary club of Brisbane once had more than 100 members; in 2021 it has only 36, whereas Murwillumbah Rotary Club, in a town of about ten thousand people has 75 members. Satellite clubs set up by Rotary Clubs in rural areas have been highly successful. Women Rotarians have a higher membership retention rate than

men and are more likely to attract other women to join. The success of new clubs seems to be related to their “cause-based” foundations which promote projects that appeal to younger people. He cited the recent chartering of the Rotary Club of Koala Lovers at Currumbin as an example.

See: <https://rotarydownunder.com.au/2021/03/05/introducing-the-cutest-little-rotary-club-in-town/>

Members discussed ideas for projects that may attract potential new members to a new Rotary Club, ranging from environmental causes, climate change, domestic violence, resettlement of refugees, recycling of waste etc. These ideas should be raised for further discussion at future meetings.

Michael advised that he has attempted, without success, to communicate with Griffith University about the possibility of setting up a grant for text books for student(s) from Indonesia/Pacific Islands. He will continue to make contact and report back.

It was noted that the DG’s visit to our club is scheduled for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, subject to no Covid-19 restrictions. Members resolved to make that meeting a partner’s night with everyone ordering their meal downstairs as for normal meetings.

**H&T** was won by Graham Cooper; **raffle** was won by Lionel Perry.

The next meeting is Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Chair Graham closed the meeting at 7:40pm.

**LADIES LUNCH 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER — STENTON’S HOUSE 12:30 pm**

Due to previous commitments for many ladies, the all-female lunch planned for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September has been expanded to a Pot Luck lunch for ladies and Rotarians. Rotarians whose partners are unable to attend are welcome to join. Please call Sally 0411616162 to advise her what you wish to bring to share.

**Tony P.**

**The club wishes to thank PDG Michael I for standing in as president at the meeting when Pres Andrew was unable to attend.**

**DG’s Visit cancelled.**

**The district secretary has notified us that the visit planned for 19 October is cancelled and the club will be notified when Jeff Egan is able to do a club visit. The planned partners’ night is also cancelled.**

Members:7	Club Guests:	Visiting Rotarians:	Partners:
Members Guests:	Visitors:		<b>Total: 7</b>
Fines: \$	Raffle: \$35	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:

21 September	Club meeting Ferry Rd Tavern
5 October	Club meeting Ferry Rd tavern
19 October	Club meeting Ferry Rd Tavern

**From:** [Janette Anne Glynn](#)

**Sent:** Monday, September 06, 2021 11:55 AM

**To:** undisclosed-recipients:

**Subject:** Fwd:ROTARY: RYTS / RYLA - Applications now open

Dear Presidents and Secretaries,

Please see information below from District Youth Chair Darrell Brown re the opening of Applications for RYTS and RYLA. Could you please ensure that the clubs Youth Chair receives this information.

**If you require further information please contact the following Program Chairs:**

**RYTS – Gareth Hunt ([gareth.hunt71@gmail.com](mailto:gareth.hunt71@gmail.com) or 0414 408 299)**

**RYLA – Peter Truer ([peterfor5@bigpond.com](mailto:peterfor5@bigpond.com) or 0438 540 936)**

With Kind Regards

Janette Glynn

District Secretary

### Youth Programs – now accepting applications!

Two of our District's Youth Programs, the Rotary Youth Transition Seminar (RYTS) and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) are now **open for applications**.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**RYTS is aimed at students in their senior years of school (years 11-12)** or who are aged between **17-18** if not within a school system. The program has a focus to assist the transition from one area of study into the next phase of life. It will run from 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022. Further information and links for applications can be found on our District website ([www.rotary9640.org/page/ryts](http://www.rotary9640.org/page/ryts)).

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**RYLA is aimed at young people aged 19-29** and will run from 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The program is a personal, professional development camp which focuses on enhancing leadership, communication, motivation, teamwork and interpersonal skills. Further information and links for applications can be found on our District website ([www.rotary9640.org/page/rotary-youth=leadership-awards](http://www.rotary9640.org/page/rotary-youth=leadership-awards)).

Our venue for both camps is Bornhoffen PCYC in Natural Bridge, QLD. **We are accepting applicants from both QLD and NSW** as we hope by January that border restrictions are no longer in place. With limited spaces available at each camp, we urge applicants to apply early. Should COVID restrictions at the time prevent NSW residents from attending a refund would be available.

**Clubs can sponsor as many attendees as they wish to either camp.** You will be invoiced in full for each person you sponsor (less the \$100 deposit payable by RYLA applicants). However, you are free to determine how much of that cost is covered by your club or the applicant – further details are on the respective website pages.

Please be aware that the **applications will only be accepted online** via the links on the website pages. For each submitted application sponsored by your club we will send an email containing the details of the application and asking you to confirm / approve (an additional email will also be triggered for RYTS applicants asking their parent / guardian to approve).

**Further Information**

If you need further information or have any queries, please reach out to the respective Program Chairs –

RYTS – Gareth Hunt ([gareth.hunt71@gmail.com](mailto:gareth.hunt71@gmail.com) or 0414 408 299)

RYLA – Peter Truer ([peterfor5@bigpond.com](mailto:peterfor5@bigpond.com) or 0438 540 936)

Regards,

**Darrell Brown**

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DUTIES	7 September
Chair	Tony P
Sergeant	
Attendance/Trs	Lionel P
Rotary Minute	Peter O
Vote of thanks	
Ups and Downs	Graham C
Scribe	Tony G
Meet and Greet	All

**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.**

## Celebrations

<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>Anniversaries</b> 12 Sept Merv and Glenda P 16 Sept Jim and Ev Scott
<b>Rotary induction</b>	<b>Spouse birthday</b> 16 Sept Ev Scotte

## 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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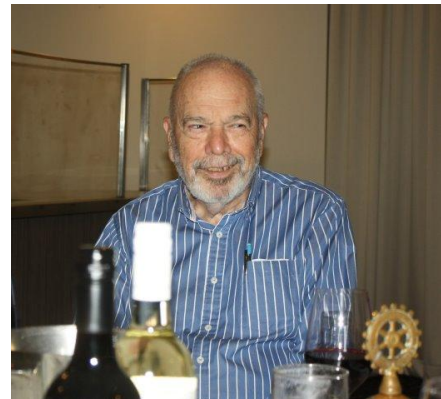
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Act Pres Michael I



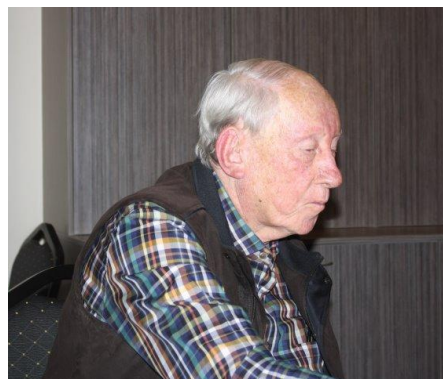
Chair Graham C



Treasurer Merv P



Tony P



Peter O



Lionel P

**What do you call a pony with a cough? A little horse**

**Why did the M&M go to school? He wanted to be a Smartie.**

**What did one traffic light say to the other? Stop looking at me, I'm changing!**

**Why do French people eat snails? They don't like fast food!**

**Talk is cheap? Have you ever talked to a lawyer**

**I'd like to start with the chimney jokes – I've got a stack of them. The first one is on the house**

**I have kleptomania. But when it gets bad, I take something for it**

**Somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note, it said 'Parking Fine.'" –**

**I told my friend 10 jokes to get him to laugh. No pun in 10 did**

**I've decided to sell my Hoover – it was just collecting dust**

**What did the left eye say to the right eye? Between you and me, something smells**

**Why do we tell actors to 'break a leg?' Because every play has a cast**

**This is my step ladder. I never knew my real ladder.**





## 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 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <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