
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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August : Membership and Extension

Next meeting: 3 August Ferry Rd Tavern



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well the good news is that the Club computer still works. The other good news is that our banner for this year arrived so we officially in the new year.

We had an interesting talk about a long - term project in Vanuatu and at our next meeting we should discuss what was proposed. Hopefully we will receive more details soon.

Although we're supposed to be wearing mask outdoors it is a constant surprise to me how few people are wearing them. Vivienne and I went to Broadbeach one evening recently and seemed to be the only people wearing them. Most places have installed the QLD app though which seems to be working well.

We never know from one week to the next what plans will be altered but hopefully all will be good by our next meeting

See you on Tuesday. 3rd
Andrew Middleton

Scribes Report 20 July 2021

The meeting was a little late starting due to computer problems but chair **Peter O** opened the meeting at 6.25 in the usual way and then called on president **Andrew** to welcome all.

Andrew told us that **Lionel P** had updated the honour board and showed us the new banner for this Rotary year. He welcomed the two visiting Rotarians, Mario Fairlie and Dr.Graham Sivier, who are giving an address to members.. Andrew told us that Elisabeth

Schuehle, a past member of our club and now a member of Griffith. had died today after a long illness.

Treasurer Merv P told us very few members had paid their subs so far Andrew claiming he never got a bill. Merv had has a cataract done the previous day. **Lionel** told us Meals on Wheels is updating its situation with the problems of Covid.

Graham C gave a Rotary minute where he went through significant events in the history of the club, including a childrens' playground built in 1951', Grand Prix in 1954, youth centre built in 1958 and that members were part of the hospital foundation. In 1970 meals on Wheels was founded and we had a living in the 80's at Sundale in 1980. We raised \$1m from the Broadbeach carousel over 10 years and have helped with red shield appeals. Several members have been given a national award for their good works.

Heads and Tails Peter O
Raffle Lionel P

Speaker **Dr. Graham Sivier** was introduced and gave a comprehensive dissertation of the project in Vanuatu. Oceania has a population of 41 million people but Vanuatu has a much lower density of people. It was settled in 2000BC and has been badly treated in the wars of the last century. The infant mortality rate is 28/1000 births compared with 4/1000 in Australia. We have donated \$66.2M in 2019-20 from our government. There is no medical school but nurses are trained. When his club investigated needs on Pentecost Island a portable x-ray machine was asked for and a facility in which to house it. Surfers Sunrise, Broadbeach and Gold Coast club have combined to offer assistance.

The island is 100kms long and very hilly with very primitive road system. It can take a long time to get assistance for patients and the only power is a generator. There is no hot water at the hospital. The x-ray machine is 35 years old and a new x-ray and blood analyser are need. Both Graham and Mario have spent time there and seen the needs first hand. The plan is to build an annexe and supply an X-ray machine and blood analyser. The Arundel Mens shed has been involved making a prefabricated annex.

So far US\$30,000 has been spent but another US\$100,000 is needed. Solar power and backup is needed - a new generator. Medical treatment is of a poor standard with 1300 children born each year. Patients can wait two weeks for treatment and can be costly . Vanuatu has a population of 390,000 with 20,000 on Pentecost Is.

We are asking for help to buy a US\$36,000 digital x-ray machine from China with battery backup. It will be delivered to the Gold Coast to be set up and checked and will be free to most residents. It may not be possible to get a matching grant. Our club was asked if they could assist.

Many members asked questions and a copy of the details will be forwarded to the club for the consideration of all members.

Merv P offered a vote of thanks for the address saying the project looks very worthwhile.

Peter O read the duty roster and Andrew closed the meeting at 8.15PM
TonyG.

Members:7	Club Guests:	Visiting Rotarians: 2	Partners:
Members Guests:	Visitors:		Total: 9
Fines: \$	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:

3 August	Club meeting Ferry Rd Tavern
17 August	Club Meeting Ferry Rd tavern
19 October	DG Jeff Egan visit to club with partner Kaileen Casey. Partners night

DUTIES	3 August
Chair	Jim S
Sergeant	
Attendance/Trs	Lionel P
Rotary Minute	Tony P
Vote of thanks	
Ups and Downs	Merv P
Scribe	Peter O
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

Birthdays 26 August Lambert W 25 August Lionel P	Anniversaries
Rotary induction	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

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

DG's Visit to Southport

DG Jeff Egan and Partner Kaileen Casey will visit Southport Club on Tuesday 19 October and this will be a partners' night.



Garden & Sustainability Festival
Botanical Bazaar

Where naturally wild, urban gardening and nature lovers of all ages connect

SATURDAY JUL 31 11:30-17:30
SUNDAY AUG 01 09:00-16:00

Country Paradise Parklands, Nerang
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

This years' Botanical Bazaar has grown to 2 days full of activities! The festival showcases everything green from urban gardening, sustainable living and botanical 'must-haves'. Grow your mind, knowledge and garden - there will be workshops, speakers - including the incredible *Gardening Australia* trio of Costa, Sophie and Jerry, plant markets, kids' hub, botanical home wares, garden supplies, community groups and plenty of food, music and entertainment.

www.botanicalbazaargc.com.au
or scan the barcode to find out more









Food Plan Solutions Rotary Action Group links for your information.

Food Plan Solutions (FPS) is a Rotary Action Group that helps people overcome hunger and malnutrition by providing self-help solutions using easy to understand, science-based education materials.

Website: <http://www.foodplantsolutions.org/>

mailto:info@foodplantsolutions.org

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With Kind Regards
Janette Glynn
District Secretary

Question and Answer Sessions that will be held throughout the district during August.

The cost of the sessions is \$20.00 which includes a light lunch.

Ballina: Sunday 8th August
Bookings Close: Friday 6th August

Warwick: Saturday 14th August
Bookings Close: Friday 6th August

Gold Coast: Sunday 22nd August
Bookings Close Friday 13th August.

Please choose the **1 session** that is most appropriate for you attend and use the try booking links provided in the letter to book in. The links can also be found on the District Website.

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Janette Glynn
District Secretary

Photos 20 July 2021

Peter O Chair



Andrew with new banner



Rotary minute Graham C





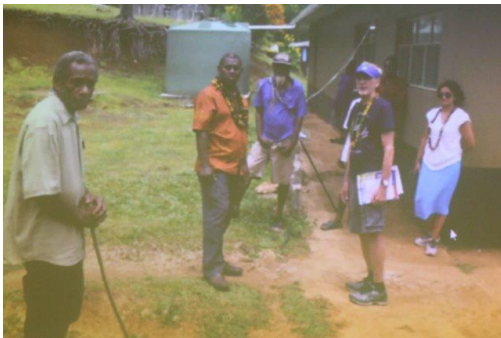
Dr Graham Sivier



Map of Vanuatu



Child awaiting treatment



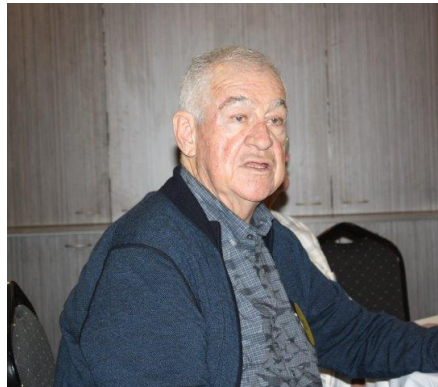
Meeting with locals



Warm welcome to visitors



Arundel mens shed construct prefab annex



Mario Fairlie



Thanks from Merv P



Mario, Andrew and Graham

Why did the chicken cross the road? Because the chicken behind it didn't know how to socially distance properly.

Two grandmothers were bragging about their precious darlings. One of them says to the other, "Mine are so good at social distancing, they won't even call me."

Ran out of toilet paper and started using lettuce leaves. Today was just the tip of the iceberg, tomorrow *romaines* to be seen

If I keep stress-eating at this level, the buttons on my shirt will start socially distancing from each other.

Day 121 at home and the dog is looking at me like, "See? This is why I chew the furniture!"

How did the health experts lie? They said a mask and gloves was enough to go to the grocery store. When I got there, everyone else had clothes on.

Nail salons, hair salons, waxing center and tanning places are closed. It's about to get ugly out there

So many coronavirus jokes out there, it's a pandemic

You know what they say: feed a cold, starve a fever, drink a corona.

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