
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: March: Water and Sanitation

Next Club meeting: Tuesday 3 March. Ferry Rd Tavern



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last evening Michael Irving, Sally and I, met with two prospective members of our proposed Satellite Rotary Club. I was a very pleasant get-together at Mr P P's Rooftop in Southport. Although only two turned up — Grazi and Shana — I remain confident that there is sufficient interest to continue promoting the establishment of a satellite club. Six people failed to make it due to work commitments or because the day/time didn't suit. On the night I realised my means of communication by email with these young people was outmoded and I should have been contacting them via their mobile phones. The longer we live the more we learn. We probably didn't need a venue at all. Everything could have been explained and information provided over the phone. There are some fine people among the group who are interested and when we eventually get them together to elect their leaders they will quickly relish being part of a new Rotary team.

The usual stalwarts turned up to our meeting at Ashmore Mens Shed on Tuesday. It was interesting to inspect the facility and to note the improvements and changes that have been made since we last visited the site in January, 2019. Thanks to David Grant for allowing us access and bringing us up-to-date with progress. Those who adjourned after the meeting to dine at Ashmore Tavern enjoyed a delicious repast.

The meeting discussed the plight of Southport Rotary and every member present expressed their feelings about their desire to see the club continue to function, whilst outlining their reasons for not being able to take on any executive role. Many members are undertaking extensive travels in coming months, myself included. I am happy to remain President in absentia but must surrender the role in June. Meantime we shall re-examine the possibility of reverting to a Passport Rotary Club in 2020-21.

Our next meeting on 3rd March will be back at Ferry Road Tavern. It should be a lively meeting, despite our diminishing numbers. We will need to appoint Deputy Presidents for the remaining meetings for this Rotary year.

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

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

Tony Pritchett



Scribes Report 18 February 2020

Nine members met at the Mens shed at Ashmore with the shed president **David Grant**. David gave us a tour of the shed with its most impressive facilities including work room with a huge dust extractor, an upstairs store area for donated goods that have to be checked and a separate air conditioned and sound proofed room that had tables and chairs for our meeting, a billiard table a card table and several computers around the wall area.

We had our Rotary meeting with chair **Graham C** reciting the four way test and president Tony welcoming all and thanking David for hosting us at the shed at short notice. The Ferry Rd Tavern had confused its bookings and double booked our meeting room.

Andrew M gave a Rotary minute telling us of the association our club and many Rotary clubs throughout the world have with mens sheds. This includes not only Australia but Ireland and the UK as well as South Africa. Southport Club has contributed a significant sum of money to the Ashmore shed and it is a great facility. There is a video on line from Toowoomba on mens sheds and we have been part of this shed since its inception.

Peter O told us that four members are attending the conference in Tenterfield. Peter then ran a short fines session with several members about to go on trips paying a levy. President Tony mentioned he is off to WA early March and will not be back till June. Current renovations at his unit block has liberated a plague of poison resistant rats.

David Grant then told us they have 10 shed captains over two weeks and they raise funds with sausage sizzles. They do have their eyes on the block of land next door. There are 74 members and annual subs are \$60. Up to 20 men use the workshop at any time.

A club assembly was held with the reports accepted and the dilemma of no one willing to stand for president and Pres Tony being away for three months this Rotary year was mentioned. The science summer school in Canberra this year was disrupted by bush fires and other severe weather. It was decided not to pursue the \$3000 paid for courses that did not eventuate. Jeff Eagen is DG for the 2021-22 Year. Tony P spoke of the proposed satellite club where our first Elevel meeting had 29 attendees. Some of our club members must be willing to act as mentors if a club does form and a minimum of 8 members is needed to start one. The concept of us joining with them when they are chartered was mentioned. The satellite club would need 12 members before it could be chartered but a club with 20 total membership is a better concept. Pres Tony pointed out that our club will fold if we cannot get a president for the next Rotary year. He floated the idea of a passport club that would meet four times a year and is less demanding of the executive. Those present wished the club to continue even in a different format and did not want the club to fold. Further investigation will be done. None of the nine members present felt they were in a position to take up the position of club president.

Pres Tony closed the meeting at 6.50pm reminding us of the next club meeting on 3 March at Ferry Rd Tavern
Tony G

Members: 9	Club Guests: 1	Visiting Rotarians:	Partners:
Members Guests:	Visitors:		Total: 10
Fines: \$ 45.05	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 March	Club meeting Ferry Rd Tavern
17 March	Club meeting Ferry Rd Tavern
27-29 March	District Conference Tentefield

DUTIES	3 March	17 March
Chair	Merv P	Tony S
Sergeant	Tony G	Duncan P
Attendance/Trs	Lionel P	Jim S
Rotary Minute	Jim S	Merv P
Vote of thanks		
Ups and Downs	Andrew M	Lionel P
Scribe	Tony S	Graham C
Meet and Greet	All	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	Anniversaries 6 March Nancy and Tony S
Rotary induction 3 March 03 Greg D 8 March 83 Tony P 14 March 92 Michael I 31 March 15 Elisabeth S	Spouse birthday 27 March Nancy S

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



Contributors to the next Rotator please note that Sue Dux will be producing it so please send all material to her.



10am

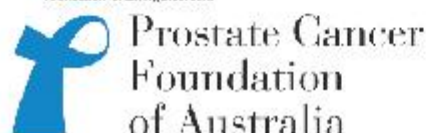
Sunday 22 March 2020

Macintosh Island

**Register Now for 2 hours' of Team Fun,
win prizes, exploring and discovering
Main Beach & Surfers Paradise**

goldcoastramble.org.au/register

Earn extra Ramble points by supporting:



MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly - THE DETAILS -

Teams of three students from Year 11 or Year 12 are preferred, but students from Year 10 may be accepted on request from schools, if space permits.

The teams select a country; research its history, politics, economics, peoples, international alignment and policies in current world affairs.

Having chosen a country they then debate selected resolutions from each country's point of view in a simulated United Nations Assembly.

MUNA occurs in March each year, and the winning team from our District will be taken to the Nationals in Canberra in August .

MUNA 2020

**Saturday 14th March 2020 - Tweed Heads South
Community Centre**

18 Heffron Street, Tweed Heads, NSW 2485

Closing date for applications: 1st March 2020

Schools should use the [MUNA Expression of Interest online form](#) for initial contact, to book a team place.

When the team has been accepted to attend MUNA, use this form to [REGISTER TEAM DETAILS](#)

Contact the D9640 Muna Chair, Patsy Lucas if further assistance is required: greenridge07@gmail.com

You are invited to

Breakfast with Gemma

Friday 28 February 2020

6.30am for 7am

Southport Yacht Club



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Broadwater Southport

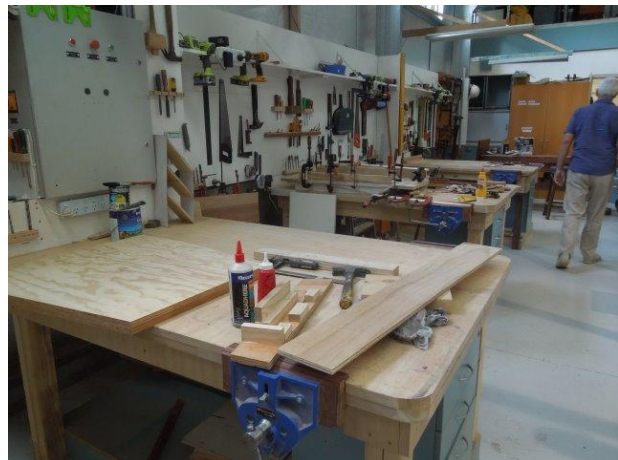
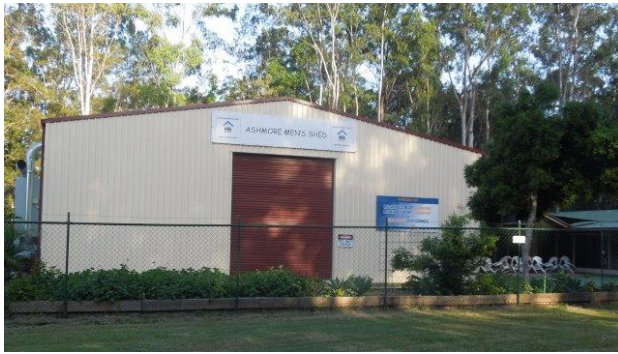


Rotary

Gold Coast



Ashmore Mens' Shed



Thoughts for the week

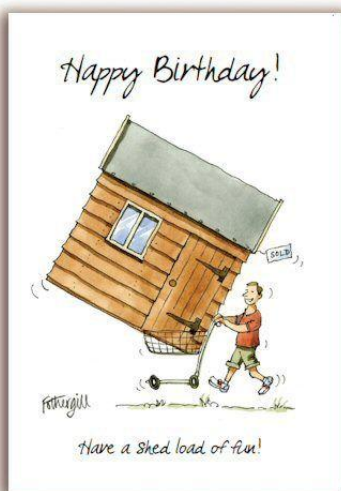
**I could've sworn my dad said I could take any tool I wanted from the shed
But when I got there, he told me to take my pick.**

**During the divorce, the judge couldn't decide who got the shack in the backyard, in spite
of our numerous arguments.
It was a case of he shed, she shed.**

**What type of rock do you find in the shed?
Shedimentary!**

**My son said I'm neglectful.
I said, 'Be grateful boy, I'm the one that puts a roof over your shed.'**

**Did you hear about the guy who tried to lock himself in a shed for 1 hour?
In the end, he couldn't contain himself.**



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