

**Meeting date: 5 December 2017 Rotary Month: December. Disease Prevention and Treatment**

**This week:- Heather and Ian Yarker Tag along tours**

### **Projects and funding**

Before this week's meeting I met with Directors to talk about projects and funding for those projects, following our strategic planning sessions. All Club members are assigned to a Committee and your Director will be contacting you soon regarding a meeting to consider these issues.

### **Lots of visiting Rotarians**

Wow, what a bumper meeting it was this week with around 24 Ashmore Rotarians visiting us. One of the Ashmore Rotarians took me aside after the meeting to tell me how much their Club valued the tremendous work that a group of Southport Rotarians are doing for the Men's Shed as well as the much appreciated financial support. There was a real buzz in the air and I'm sure everyone enjoyed the opportunity to mix with other Rotarians and gain an appreciation of how their Club operates.

### **District dues**

Good news. DG Darrell has advised that as of 1 July 2018 there will be no conference levy per member. This means your dues will decrease by about \$30 per year.

### **Visit to alternate venues – change of time**

PE Graeme has organised to check out the facilities and food at the Ferry Road Tavern this Wednesday, and Southport SLSC this Thursday. Graeme and I will arrive at each venue at 5pm to chat with the venue staff about what each can offer us. All Club members are welcome to join us.

### **Council on Resolutions Results**

PDG Tony Heading advises that the results of the 2017 Council on Resolutions are available for downloading at <https://my.rotary.org/en/cor/vote>.



### **Christmas & New Year wishes**

This week was my last meeting for the year as I'm off to enjoy some R&R. Marion has kindly agreed to be acting President in my absence.

I sincerely wish all Southport Rotarians and their families a happy and peaceful Christmas and trust 2018 will be a terrific year for you all.

I'm looking forward to our new meeting program and working with everyone to...  
*make a difference*

**Rhonda**

CHAIRMAN BILL CONNOLLY opened the meeting with the reciting of the Four Way Test and the Loyal Toast.

**INTERNATIONAL TOAST.**

Lambert continued on our recent French theme with a faux pau regarding Hope Island Rotary Club.

PRESIDENT RHONDA welcomed guests from Ashmore Rotary Club, Cambodia Rural School Trust, Kathryn Russell and Elizabeth Martin.

Rhonda opened our Annual General Meeting with a show of hands to quantify numbers for a quorum. She asked for a member to second the previous AGM minutes, and Hugh obliged. TonyP seconded the Treasurers Report. President Elect, Graeme Hills was invited up to be presented with his President Elect Pin. AGM closed.

**DIRECTORS REPORT.**

Rhonda invited all members to attend a taste test at two separate venues on Wednesday 29 th and Thursday 30 th to determine a possible venue alternative.

SERGEANT Graeme took the mike and no one was excluded from the fine session as he extracted numerous amounts of coin. Allan T won the heads and tails and an Ashmore member won the raffle.

ROCK O'KEEFE from Ashmore Club thanked Southport for their continued support and friendly cooperation during the building of the Men's Shed. The shed will be a fabulous facility for locals, ending up at 270 square metres, and will be completed in February.

JEAN LUC introduced Nili PALTI, Aviv PALTI, and Alex who all spoke of their involvement with the Cambodia Rural School Trust, and the remarkable achievement in setting up a NGO in Cambodia, to build a school, and break the poverty cycle through education. Their endeavours to help these poor communities and educating students to help themselves and creating gender equality are very humbling and to be applauded. Teenager Alex told of his lifechanging experience helping in Cambodia.

Jean Luc gave a vote of thanks and presented a certificate for a literacy kit in their name.

President Rhonda presented Aviv with a donation to the Rural School Trust.

Meeting closed 8.05pm

**Judy C**

*Dear Members of RC of Southport,*

*In my nervousness, I did not say exactly what I wanted to convey to you. I want to convince you of the importance of the working relationship between our two Clubs for the Men's Shed Project. Without the input of knowledge, manpower and finances by Southport, this project would only be a shadow of what it will be on completion. I have to acknowledge the incredible input of Peter in the initial stages. His vision and drive was very valuable in establishing the size of the shed and direction we needed to take. I have always valued his efforts, even though at times we disagreed during the decision making process. Peter made a huge effort to bring this project to fruition and without it the shed may not be as well thought out. Lionel's expertise has been invaluable for Ian Wilson, as those two men had been charged to get quotes and research all the necessary components to make the shed workable and comfortable. Time and again they had to go back to change quotes as the committee made changes to tweek the design. They worked closely with the shed manufacturers to get the best design for the bucks. Mervyn was a sensible and calming influence at committee meetings, had the finances under control, and took over the Chairmanship of the committee where I was absent.*

*Southport brought a financial bonanza to the project through Club funds, donations and sponsorship - to the tune of around \$60 000 approx.*

*Together we will have produced a magnificent facility for Ashmore and surrounding suburbs that will cater for the unemployed or retired men of the community. We have around 100 men who have already been to our public*

meetings. There is a Men's Shed committee in place that is very enthusiastic and productive. This project has taken three years to this point, but in 3 months it should be completed.

I sincerely thank all the members of the Rotary Club of Southport for their support and generosity towards this project. We will have something to be proud of, and a fine example of two clubs working together on a worthwhile cause. This is a fine example of Service Above Self.

Yours in Rotary service,  
Rock O'Keefe (Ashmore Rotary)

## Animal Welfare League.



**Ita Buttrose is the Ambassador for the AWL Golden Hearts Seniors' Pet Support Program. The exercise yard for dogs, which was mostly funded through the Carousel is complete. The plaque will be attached forthwith.**

## Treasurer's Report: Merv Powell

*Note: Members who fail to send an apology for non-attendance will be charged as per our Club policy, which was agreed by all members at previous Club Assemblies.*

Members 22	Club guests 2	Visiting Rotarians 30	Partners 2
Members Guests			<b>Total 56</b>
<b>Polio Plus \$108</b>	<b>Fines \$153.70</b>	<b>Billy \$</b>	

### Apologies to Marion Jones (acting) Club Service Director

Apologies must be received on Friday evening, prior to Tuesday's meeting.

There are three ways to apologise if you cannot attend a meeting.

- Fill in the apologies book on the attendance table.
- Email [marion.r.jones@gmail.com](mailto:marion.r.jones@gmail.com)
- Telephone or text **0406 040 039**

The board has ruled that the cost of a meal will have to be paid for by the member if an apology is not received

### Satellite Club meeting:

**Thursday , 7 December.**

**7.15am for 7.30am Griffith University.**

Email breakfast orders to Regina: [R.Tucker@griffith.edu.au](mailto:R.Tucker@griffith.edu.au)

**Meeting finishes 8.30am.**

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.



### **Rotaryanns' Christmas Appeal**

Every year the Southport Rotaryanns have a Christmas appeal to raise funds for Meals on Wheels. This year we will continue the tradition & envelopes for your donations will be available at the Christmas party at Hugh & Nancy Smith's on December 12.

Meals on Wheels is doing it tough this year so your generosity will be very much appreciated.

If you are unable to attend the Christmas party your donation will be accepted at a Southport Rotary meeting any time.

Many thanks for supporting our Christmas Appeal

Roz Irving

**Remember**  
**District Conference Sea World 9,10,11 March 2018.**

**Dear Members,**

I have just received the email below from GCCC advising that the Carousel will be removed from the Broadbeach Mall before the Commonwealth Games, with scant information about the future of the Carousel. I have responded to GCCC advising that Southport Rotary would be interested in any future discussions about the future of Carousel or involvement in similar community projects.

While this is disappointing news for our Club, it gives us all the opportunity to regroup, tap into the skills/expertise of all our members and then redirect our energies into new and exciting fundraising projects.

Pre-empting this decision, the Board has discussed this matter at several meetings and Michael's strategic planning sessions created a solid basis to prepare us for this eventuality.

Before our meeting last night the Board held an ad hoc meeting to discuss projects and fundraising. The Board agreed that each Director would convene their Committee and work on identifying and evaluating our existing projects and how the Club might fundraise in order to continue these projects. The Board is keen to get input from ALL Club members into the future of our Club and so I urge you all to get involved in your Committee's discussions.

We will discuss these matters at our first meeting for 2018 on 16 January.

Regards

RHONDA WHITTON



# Christmas Party

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017

6:00 for 6:30pm

4 Skye Court,

Sorrento

\$35 pp. BYO Drinks

Dress: Elegant Casual

Sign-up sheet at next two meetings

Or email Marion: [marion.r.jones@gmail.com](mailto:marion.r.jones@gmail.com)

RSVP no later than Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

## Duties:

DUTIES		5 December	12 December	16 January
Chair		Lambert W	Christmas Party	First meeting 2018
Sergeant		Graeme J	Nancy and Hugh Smith's	
Attendance		Sahlee H	\$35pp BYO	
Treasurer		Judy C		
Rotary Minute		NA		
Int. Toast		Tony S		
Vote of thanks		Marion J		
Ups and Downs		Peter O		
Scribe		Elisabeth S		
Meet & Greet				

**Note:** It is the responsibility of members to arrange a replacement if they cannot fulfill a duty  
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## Guest speakers, events and meeting calendar

5 December	Ian and Heather Yarker Tag-along -Tours
12 December	Christmas party Nancy and Hugh Smith's home
16 January	Club night first meeting of 2018
30 January	TBA

## Carousel Roster Coming Days

**Carousel is closed for several weeks for repairs.**

## Celebrations

<b>Birthdays</b> 12 December Lea R 16 December TonyP	<b>Anniversaries</b> 9 Dec Nancy and Hugh S 13 Dec Andrew and Vivienne M 15 Dec Tony and Mira G 15 Dec Graham and Marion J
<b>Rotary induction</b> 9 Dec 86 Graham J	<b>Spouse birthday</b> 5 Dec Vivienne M

## 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

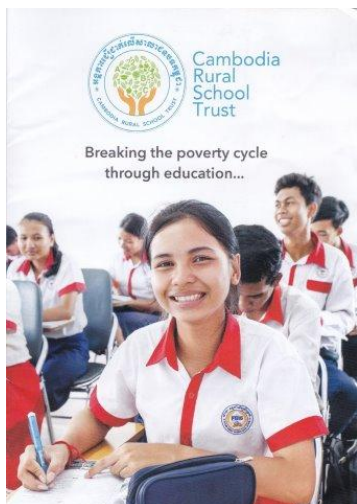
**May:** Youth Services

Contributions to The Rotator are most welcome, please e-mail [tonyandmira@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tonyandmira@optusnet.com.au) before 6.00pm Thursday.

Copies to Sue Dux [suedux@hotmail.com](mailto:suedux@hotmail.com)



**Photos meeting 28 November.**



Chair Bill C



Lambert RI toast to Hope Island



Graeme H gets his pin for PE from Rhonda



Rock O'Keefe Ashmore



Nili Palti



Aviv Palti



Like our mothers





Aviv with Alex



Rhonda gives a club gift to Aviv



Vote of thanks from Jean-Luc

### 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
	6.30pm	Runaway Bay	Arundel Tavern	226 Napper Rd Arundel
Tuesday	6.30pm	Parkwood	Arundel Tavern	226 Napper Rd. Arundel
Tuesday	6.30pm	Broadbeach	Quality Inn	Mermaid Waters
Wednesday	7.00am	Surfers Sunrise	RSL Surfers Paradise	Surfers Paradise
	7.00am	Hope Is	Sanctuary Cove Country Club	Sanctuary Cove
	12.30pm	Mermaid Beach	Quality Inn	Markeri St. Mermaid Beach
	6.30pm	Ashmore	Ashmore Steak and Seafood	Cnr Ashmore Rd and Reed St.
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

