

The Rotator

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



Service above self

**District Governor Terry Brown** 

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Rotary Month: August Membership and extension.

Next Club meeting: Tuesday 6 August Business Network Event. 6.PM Ferry Rd Tavern



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was a subdued but nonetheless enjoyable Board + Club meeting last night. Only nine attended but it was nice to welcome back Lea Rickwood, now member of RC Gold Coast. Lea presented a rundown on the Botanical Bazaar that their club is organising at Country Paradise Parklands, Nerang, Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> August. Several members are hospitalised and we wish Mervyn, Greg, Jim and Neil a speedy recovery and hope they will be back home and in full health again soon.

Tony Gardner reported on the meeting our representatives had with three members of RC Gold Coast re the feasibility of a merger of the two clubs. Although no firm commitments were made the outcome was generally positive. The only stumbling block may be resistance by Gold Coast to accept the name of Southport Gold Coast.

Members will be asked to vote whether or not to continue with formal merger negotiations at the next Club + Board meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Matters considered by the Board included arrangements for our club's 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner. Members are encouraged to invite partners and friends as well as past members. Invitations will be extended to DG Harry Bolton and DGE Andy Rajapakse and Presidents of neighbouring clubs. The project to provide sewing machines for women needing work in the Philippines is still progressing. I have arranged an inspection of the site and facility by an independent professional person. An appointment was made to meet with the President of RC Metro San Francisco Del Monte, District 3780 for this purpose but unfortunately it had to be cancelled twice due to cyclonic weather. It is now expected this will happen in August.

PDG Michael Irving has kindly agreed to continue in the role of Executive Secretary.

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August is our Business Networking Event at Ferry Road Tavern. It will take the form of a "Cocktail Hour". The cost will be \$15 which includes nibbles and a first drink — a glass of beer, wine, or soft drink. Everyone's help is needed to promote this event simply by requesting business managers, organisations and groups in our area to email a flyer to contacts in their workplace, school, church, business network, or club; and/or to post it on their online social media page. I expect every member to

actively help get this invitation distributed as widely as possible into the public domain. Please share this on your Facebook page, particularly to your 40 - 50 year old contacts. And please, then ask them to share it with their contacts. Your children and grandchildren ought to be able to help you in this regard. On the night every member is rostered to "Meet and Greet" to extend a warm and friendly welcome to visitors and connect with potential new members.

Celebrate the 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rotary Club of Southport, Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. This too will be a super night. Mark this in your calendar. Dinner will be a three course buffet.

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

• <u>https://southportrotary.com.au/</u>

**Tony Pritchett** 



#### Meeting 16th July Scribe's report.

Chair Ian Craig opened the meeting in the usual format

President Tony welcomed Past Member and Visiting Rotarian Lea Rickwood as well as all Members.

#### Rotary Minute.

**PDG Michael Irving** in giving a Rotary Minute gave a history of Rotary in Australia leading up to the Centenary in 2021 of Rotary in Australia. The number of Rotary Clubs in recent years are about the same but numbers have decreased. Rotary in country towns was embraced over the past decades. The boundaries of the proposed new larger District - from the Brisbane River south to Grafton is remarkably similar to that which existed some years ago.

Lea Rickwood advised that Gold Coast Rotary Club were holding a Botanical Bazaar - Garden and Sustainability Festival - on Sunday August 4 at Country Paradise Parklands Nerang. It is potentially very large with 25 food trucks and ABC Gardening Australia Host Costa Georiadis giving presentations. We are asked to support and it appears to be very interesting.

#### **Directors Report**

Tony Gardner reported on the Meeting held with Gold Coast Rotary Club about the feasibility of a possible merge of the two Rotary Clubs. Southport was represented by President Tony, Tony Gardner and Peter Overell. Gold Coast were very amiable and open minded with a positive attitude in the discussions. They have 51 members with 3 more to be inducted. They have 40% ladies, a much younger age group. They appeared to welcome the experience that Southport Rotarians would bring to the table. Their emphasis in the coming year is on retention of their members. On President Tony's question on including Southport in the name of any such merged Club the reply was negative as they found Gold Coast was very positive for them in attracting members and making them the major Club on the Gold Coast

**PDG Michael raised** the question of how many members we actually have as attendance at meetings appeared quite low. Treasurer Mervyn is unwell and we do not have financial numbers available although some members have indicated that while they may pay their dues they would only attend special meetings.

Secretary Graham C reported eight members and one visiting Rotarian for a total of nine.

## **EVOLVE**

Pres Tony urged all members to support the Business Network Meeting on August 6 by opening the Evolve Leaflet on our Facebook page and share it with as many people as we possibly can. This is the very best way of getting the message out about the event. Tony said that disappointingly only 4 people had opened the Facebook page to that point. He said it was easy to do and requested we do so as a matter of urgency. There is a very good Guest Speaker on the night the topic being on Child Sex Slavery.

## Members Health

Peter O reported that Mervyn Powell was still in Hospital but expected home soon and that Past Member Al Gibson was in a grave condition in Hospital in Adelaide. Andrew M reported that Greg Dux was home from Hospital but was needing oxygen at home. Neil Russell was in high care in Hillview House in Cotlew St.

**Lionel Perry** reported that a form of caravan shelter was to be built by Surfers Sunrise in consultation with Cr Dawn Crichlow. They were to be used in Mal Burke Car Park.

Board members then had a board meeting while other members enjoyed fellowship. The raffle was won by Lea R who drew her own ticket and heads and tails by Peter O on the first toss.

Pres Tony closed the Meeting at 7.50pm **Peter O** 



A photo from DG Harry's induction in Tenterfield. It was held in the historic School of Arts building where Henry Parkes delivered a major Federation speech in 1889. Harry is to visit Southport Oct 15



#### Country Paradise Parklands, Nerang Adults \$15 | Kids FREE (15yrs & under)

Green inspired exhibitors, educational talks by the likes of celebrity gardener, *Costa Georgiadis* from ABC's Gardening Australia, and thousands of plants for sale!



See sustainable living concepts, including permaculture, aquaponics and organic gardening. Participate in workshops, view botanical art, shop for garden tools and growing mediums. A day for the whole family with kids nature activities, delicious food and entertainment.

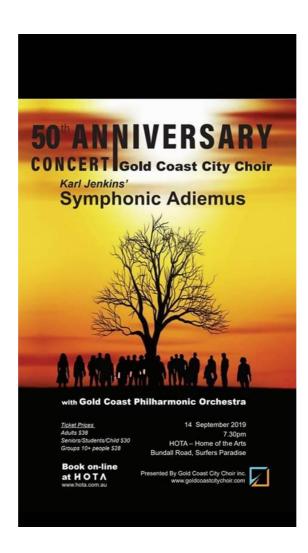


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#### **From Jenny Crewes**

I am from the Rotary Club of Broadwater Southport and am also on the Board of the Southport Chamber of Commerce (SCOC).

I am currently working on an event for SCOC to showcase local Rotary Clubs in our area along with an information session about Rotary International, our ideals and activities.

It will be a breakfast meeting at the Southport Yacht Club on Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup>. I hope to have at least three Rotary Clubs present, my own club Broadwater Southport, Surfers Sunrise, Southport and Gold Coast.

President of the Chamber, Ian Kennedy will do a short presentation on SCOC and I'd like the President of each Club (or their representative) to do likewise sharing information on their respective clubs, their activities, the charities they support and their major projects.

I have invited Past District Governor, Darrell Brown, to be our most senior Rotary Representative to present a brief on Rotary International and some of the "big picture" matters. Darrell's company, Burling Brown Architects, are also long standing members of SCOC, so it will be great to have him as our "headline act" for Rotary International. There will of course be an opportunity for participating clubs to have their banners and any other display materials available for the SCOC Members to peruse.

I have been working on this for a few weeks now, and coincidentally enough, this morning we had DG Harry Bolton visit our club and it was amazing that he shared with us RI President Maloney's message about spreading the Rotary footprint in the community. The perfect message to support this outreach to SCOC Members and spreading the message about Rotary on the Gold Coast.

If you are interested and available in representing the Rotary Club of Southport at this event I would love to hear from you. Once we have formalised our speakers, SCOC will issue an invitation to the members of both the Chamber and each of the participating clubs. It would be terrific if we can have lots of members from each club join us – what a good way to do a makeup !! I am hoping this can be a real morning of Rotary Fellowship and Networking in our Community in the great venue of the Southport Yacht Club.

I look forward to hearing from you soon

With Kind Regards,

Jenny Crewes

#### **Jenny Crewes**

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Members: 8	Club Guests:	Visiting Rotarians: 1	Partners:
Members Guests:	Visitors:		Total: 9
Fines: \$	Raffle: \$	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: <u>https://southportrotary.com.au/</u> 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:

<mark>6 August</mark>	Business Network Event Ferry Rd Tavern speaker Marc from Destiny Rescue
20 August	74 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Southport Rotary Club Ferry Rd Tavern
3 September	ТВА

DUTIES	6 August	20 August
Chair	Marlie	Michael Iv
Sergeant	N/A	Duncan P
Attendance/Trs	Lionel P, Ian C	Andrew M
Rotary Minute	N/A	DG's Rep
Vote of thanks	Michael Iv	Graham C
Ups and Downs	Tony S	TonyG
Scribe	Andrew M	Elisabeth S
Meet and Greet	All club	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
26 August Lambert W	
25 August Lionel P	

# 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 <u>tonyandmira@optusnet.com.au</u> before 6.00pm Thursday. Copies to Sue Dux suedux@hotmail.com

#### News about Neil Russell from Kathryn

Neil is in Hill View House, 135 Cotlew Street Ashmore; his direct phone is 5511 2459. I am home after 3 weeks with family and friends down south, on Doctors's orders!

I'm wading through the Everest of paperwork for his permanent placement there. It's a lovely place, which our son Stuart found as emergency respite when I had another hospitalisation in April. Unfortunately, Neil contracted the local virus (not the flu), which worsened and he went off to hospital ICU on 18 May for 10 days. The doctors and all of us thought for sure he wouldn't make it, but he's a fighter, so worked his way to the Cardiac Ward then normal Ward and Transferred back to HV on 17 June. He's still on respite, which will change to permanent when I have sorted out the financial documentation. (I have help from my accountant's Aged Care Financial expert). I'm still very tired and doing stupid things like burning the dinner and losing sunglasses but doc says it'll probably take about a year to fully bounce back. Although he's now in a wheelchair - (something seems to have happened to his heart due to the pulmonary Oedema), he's now off thickened liquids and mush, much to his delight, and looking forward to the unthickened tea and chardonnays!! No restrictions on visitors, best time is probably about 10.30, or after lunch.

**News on Greg Dux** Greg's home, he's not real flash at the moment. He has been diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis, he's breathless, currently using oxygen, no appetite etc.We are hoping that he will improve now he's home only time will tell. There are good rehabilitation programs available which the doctors are talking about.



## Photos meeting 16 July 2019







Chair Ian C

PDG Michael Rotary Minute Lea R with GC Rotary news



Pres Tony P

Secretary Graham C

**Heads and tails winner Peter** 

Mergers.

#### Two Marijuana dispensaries created a merger deal, becoming one.

To be blunt, the stakes were high, but they were hopeful as it was a joint venture.

- Yahoo and Netscape-to be called Net'nYahoo
- 3M and Good year, to be called MMM-Good
- Knotts Berry Farm and National Organization for Women-to be called Knott NOW
- Federal Express and UPS, to be called FED UP
- Xerox and Wurlitzer: They're going to make reproductive organs.
- Fairchild Electronics and Honeywell Computers: New company will be called Fairwell Honeychild.
- John Deere & Abitibi-Price: Deere Abi
- Honeywell, Imasco, and Home Oil: Honey, I'm Home
- 3M, J.C. Penney, Metropolitan Opera Company: 3 Penney Opera
- Hale Business Systems, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Fuller Brush, and W.R. Grace Company merge to become Hale Mary Fuller Grace.

# 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 <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
First and third Thursdays	7.15AM	Griffith Gold Coast	G's Restaurant Griffith Uni	Griffith University