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# Rotary The Rotator

District 9640  
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**Rotary Club of Southport**  
Chartered 20 August 1945. Club No. 17905



Service above self

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## Rotator Easter 2020 special edition



### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a topsy-turvy period we are living through! Who would have thought a few months ago that a coronavirus pandemic was about to upturn everything and that our lives and way of living were likely to be changed, possibly forever. Rotary meetings have been suspended and it may be many months before we can again enjoy the fellowship that is such an important part of our club. Many clubs are conducting online meetings using WhatsApp or Zoom. I would be happy to set this up so that we could interact online at the times we would normally meet, just to chat, exchange news and views. If you would like to take part please let me know. Many of you are no doubt already using WhatsApp to communicate via video link to members of your families or friends. If not, give it a try. Calls are free and it is a brilliant way to see the faces of people you are talking to. Simply download the app from App Store (for iPhones); or Play Store (for Android); or download the app to your laptop. Above all stay safe and stay at home except to exercise or shop for supplies. We will get through this!

Sally and I are at present self-isolating in a comfortable farm cottage near Augusta, Western Australia. We are getting plenty of exercise taking long leisurely walks through the forest or on the beautiful beaches nearby. We rarely encounter anyone else. National Parks remain open although facilities and commercial operations are closed. Nonetheless the scenery is fabulous. I have been gobsmacked by the magnificent Jarrah and Karri trees in the forests. Yesterday we paddled in crystal-clear azure water on a deserted beach with dozens of giant stingrays placidly swimming to and fro, vacuuming the shallows, sometimes less than a metre from our feet. Sadly, the Margaret River wineries are closed but that hasn't stopped us sampling the local fare via purchases from bottle shops. We planned to

tour WA for minimum three months but it may be much longer than that before we can return home... (sigh).

Our club's future remains a matter of crucial concern. Covid-19 has blown away any possibility of getting a satellite club established in 2020. We must now figure out how to carry on. Please proffer your thoughts on this via email to Tony G, or me. We must appoint executive officers to retain our Charter. Treasurer, Mervyn is worried about numbers of club members that he is required to report to RI in May. Please let him know you wish to remain a member. If you are contemplating resigning please inform us now so that the club is not billed for non-financial members.

Happy Easter to you and all your families. Stay healthy and safe.

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

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

*Tony Pritchett*



**President Tony in isolation in Western Australia**

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### FUNDING 36-2009-10 # INDONESIA "Empowering Indonesian Children for a Brighter Future"



Rotary Club of Southport PO Box 84, Southport Qld 4215

#### PROJECT REPORT QUARTER 1/1/20 TO 31 MARCH, 2020

	Quarter to March 31	Year to 31 December 2019
Donations received to 31/3/20	\$5,130.00	\$21,426.00
Expenses	-\$141.02	-\$592.04
Disbursement to due Indonesia	\$4,988.98	\$20,833.96

Total number of children currently funded: **209**

Total number of active donors: **104**

Salvation Army, Indonesia have advised that in future they may not be able to warrant that all funds will be expended on education requirements. As a result Project 36-2009-10 # Indonesia will not be able to satisfy its principal aims and objectives. **It is therefore proposed that this project be terminated at 30 June, 2020.**

Australian Rotary Clubs and individual donors provide funding for improved education outcomes for all students in nine (of 17) Salvation Army Homes in Indonesia.

Salvation Army Homes supported by this project:

Bandung Girls Home	16
Bandung Boys Home	48
Malang Girls Home	19
Medan Girls Home	39
Nias Girls Home	24
Palu Girls Home	8
Semarang Boys Home	14
Surabaya Boys Home	21
Yogyakarta Boys Home	<u>19</u>
	<b>208</b>

A scholarship worth AU\$2,500 per year was awarded in 2017 to Ni Wayan Putu Suriasih to study accountancy (4 years) at university in Bandung. For year 2019-20 this will be funded by Rotary Club of Southport.

Rotary e-Club Jakarta Gunawarman audits/monitors the project in Indonesia and disburses funds to Salvation Army. Reports and photo albums pertaining to this project may be viewed on our website: <http://southportrotary.com.au/sitepage/project-36-2009-10-indonesia/>

*Tony Pritchett*  
Manager, Project 36-2009-10 # Indonesia

## Messages from members

*Chris and Graham Cooper left on a long cruise in late February. It had lots of problems finding a port that would let the ship berth. After nearly a month they anchored at Honolulu were transported by bus to a charter flight to Sydney where they have been isolated in a hotel room for two weeks.*

*Below is a message from Graham:-*

**Hi Tony it looks like we are finally coming home. Was to be the 11th then the 9th and now the 8th, hopefully the last of a long list of rescheduled or cancelled flights. Will keep Christine busy for quite a while to sort out, although it appears any claim on insurance is not likely to be successful.**

**What happens when we get home is still uncertain although having done 14 days in quarantine and flying directly home to our place of residence it would seem that we will be under no greater restriction than anyone else. We may not know for sure until we get home. Fortunately we have not had any ill health in the time we have been away and still understand that there have been no covid-19 cases on or from the ship.**

**Cheers Graham.**



Some other boat cruise passengers , Mira and Tony Gardner sailed out of Sydney on 10 March to sail along the bottom of Australia and return from Perth on the Indian Pacific. The cruise was aborted after four days and we sailed back to Sydney from Hobart Both are well.



**From Tony and Nancy Stenton**

Staying safe with Nancy's home made masks. We have been self isolating for the last 18 days. By choice as we are both in the elderly age bracket . Take care friends.

**Peter and Barbara Overell were among the few lucky ones who went on a cruise to New Zealand and arrived home just in time. The Azamara Journey on the return trip to Sydney got as far as Dunedin and had to return to Auckland. Where it is now anyone knows. I must say we feel very sad for the crews on these ships who invariably are very pleasant and hard working and many are now caught up on ships that are time bombs waiting to happen. The cruise itself was very pleasant and good weather was enjoyed all the way. Milford Sound was at its best. In our absence the lawn grubs have had a feast and some of the lawn is very sad.**

**We are both well. We enjoy a coffee as we exercise in Rosser Park every so often. We receive many hilarious emails that circulate and keep us sane, and also some quite stimulating music from home choirs around the world. Our grandchildren do not appear to be bored in the slightest and we think that finding these new (old) ways of entertaining themselves are a very good thing.**

**We are up for a chat and try to keep up with friends by phone as we can.=**

**From Joachim**

**I am still here in Australia and think even a little bit longer.....  
The situation is not easy for everybody at the moment and as it is quite safe here we decided to stay and wait what will come up. EMIRATES offered us the first flight home on July 2nd....but nobody can confirm that date.**

**The restrictions in Germany are much stronger than here, no allowance to move around much....and we are quite happy here, especially because the weather is so much better!**

**We do not know how it will develop but perhaps we stay here till end of May!  
I will let you know!**

**Main thing is that we all stay safe and healthy and move around with great care!  
Wish you well , take care and we will stay in touch.**

**Best regards  
Joachim**

Hope you are well and not suffering too much cabin fever. We have no news of any significance, everyone we know is currently well. The latest Covid figures for Queensland are positive, let's hope they stay that way. A priestly friend of ours sent all his old mates this message recently:

"At times like this, we should love like Jesus and wash our hands like Pontius Pilate".  
Also attached are several of the thousands of offerings doing the rounds.

"This is the first time in history that we can help our fellow man by staying home, lying on the couch and watching TV.  
Let's not stuff it up."

Keep well.  
**Greg and Sue.**



Members:	Club Guests:	Visiting Rotarians: 1	Partners:
Members Guests:	Visitors:		<b>Total: 1</b>
Fines: \$	Raffle: \$	Polio Plus: \$	Club Admin: \$
Billy: \$	Billy YTD: \$		

**Dates to remember:-**

Merv P was inducted into Rotary on 19 May 1987

Tony G has a birthday on 10 April

Sally and Tony P have a wedding anniversary on 6 April

Chris and Graham C have their anniversary on 10 April.

**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:**


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## PROJECT 36-2009-10 # INDONESIA "Empowering Indonesian Children for a Brighter Future"

Rotary Club of Southport PO Box 84, Southport Qld 4215

6 April 2020

Envoy Jane Sandford

Child Sponsorship Secretary,

Bala Keselamatan

Jalan Jawa No 20

Bandung 40117

Indonesia

### Re Project 36-2009-10 # Indonesia

Dear Jane

I am writing in response to your email of 16/3/2020 in which you stated: *"And please be aware that soon to be effective that all money related to child sponsorship will no longer be used for children education purposes since we are currently on the finalization of the MoU signing for Safe Pathway project, which had the budget for education cost for all children who resides at the Children Home. We will then using the child sponsorship money for other purposes related to children."*

The foremost aim and objective of this project is to provide funding for education of impoverished children in Indonesia who, without this funding, would not receive an adequate education to allow them to become employable or self-sufficient.

To comply with Rotary International requirements, projects attracting funding from public sources or Rotary grants must essentially fall within one (or more) of three categories:

- Health
- Clean water and/or sanitation
- Education

Further, as funds for Project 36-2009-10 # Indonesia are managed by Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd (RAWCS), regulations imposed by Australian Government prohibit any funding to overseas projects that may be perceived to be payments for welfare; i.e. food, clothing, housing, cash etc. Rotary does not offer charity.

In the current Covid-19 crisis most Rotary Clubs have suspended meetings and many private donors are experiencing financial difficulties. Collecting donations in the present climate is difficult. Although we may reasonably expect contributions to this project will resume once the Covid-19 pandemic is over it may be prudent to consider whether this project is continuing to satisfy the aims and objectives for which it was established. We must examine whether the children in your Homes remain in need of our funding for their education. In light of your comments we are of the opinion that our funds may no longer be applied expressly to the education requirements of students.

An additional important consideration is that Rotary Club of Southport is in serious decline. Our membership now effectively comprises less than a dozen active members and all are more than 70 years old. The future of our club is precarious. It is felt that we can no longer continue to oversee this project.

We have regretfully resolved that Project 36-2009-10 # Indonesia be terminated as at 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020. Funds raised in the quarter to 31 December, 2019 amounting to AU\$2,878.63 (net) plus AU\$4,988.98 (net) raised in quarter to 31 March, 2020 will be transferred to Rotary e-Club Jakarta Gunawarman for disbursement to you as soon as we have received from you the usual receipts and documentation for expenditure of funds received to 31 December, 2019; and 31 March, 2020. Funds received in this quarter to 30 June, 2020 will be transferred in due course.

This project was initiated in 1964 by the late Cyril Richarde, a founder member of Rotary Club of Southport, and is one of the longest-running projects in Australian Rotary history. We are sad to

wind-up this project but take pride in knowing that hundreds, perhaps thousands, of impoverished children in Indonesia have benefitted from receiving a better education.

We extend to you and all the staff and children in Salvation Army Homes in Indonesia our best wishes for your continued success.

Yours faithfully



Tony Pritchett, Manager Project 36-2009-10 # Indonesia

<b>DUTIES</b>		
<b>Chair</b>		
<b>Sergeant</b>		
<b>Attendance/Trs</b>		
<b>Rotary Minute</b>		
<b>Vote of thanks</b>		
<b>Ups and Downs</b>		
<b>Scribe</b>		
<b>Meet and Greet</b>		

**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>
<b>Rotary induction</b>	<b>Spouse birthday</b>

### 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)

### To help you over Easter

A man walks into a bar and goes up to the bartender and says "I'll have a Corona please, hold the virus"  
With all this talk of Corona Virus, the people who make sanitising gel are rubbing their hands together.

I went to the chemist today and asked the assistant "what kills the Corona Virus?"

She replied to me "Ammonia Cleaner"

I said "Oh, I am sorry, I thought you worked here"

Day 3 without sports. Found a lady sitting on my couch yesterday. Apparently she is my wife. She seems nice

They said that a mask and gloves were enough to go to the supermarket. They lied, everyone else has clothes on.

Back in the day the only time we started panic buying was when the bartender yelled "last call"

- To the people who bought 20 bottles of soap leaving none of the shelves for others, you do realise that to stop getting Coronavirus, you need other people washing their hands too.



Remember it is essential that you let Pres Tony P, Merv P or TonyG your intentions re continuing membership next Rotary year. Subs will have to be paid to RI so our cut off date is 15 May so club finances can be organised.

## 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