



District 9640
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The Rotator

Rotary Club of Southport

Chartered 20 August 1945. Club No. 17905

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June is Rotary Fellowships month

Next club Zoom meeting Tuesday 9 June 6.00PM



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Southport Rotary's two Zoom meetings have been very successful. It has been good to catch up with members via video-link and to maintain contact from the comfort of our homes. One could easily become accustomed to attending meetings without ever having to leave home. It is especially convenient for people who are unable to travel to a venue. We have a number of members in this category and I implore you to partake in this opportunity to join us. It is as simple as clicking on the link in the invitation. I regret that our absence whilst in WA prevented me from instigating Zoom meetings sooner. We now hope that restrictions due to Covid-19 will soon be eased so that we can resume normal meetings at Ferry Road Tavern.

The Board/Club meeting last night approved the reviewed District 9640 Budget for 2020-21. Treasurer, Mervyn, recommended subscriptions for 2020-21 be \$260 plus optional \$100 Every Rotarian Every year to Rotary Foundation. This was approved. Members will continue to receive by mail *Rotary Down Under* magazines. However anyone preferring to receive their copy online (and save \$8) may elect to do so provided they inform Mervyn or me before 9th June.

Lionel Perry put forward a proposal that RC Southport undertake a project for the restoration/reinstatement of Rotary Park, site of the original Rotary Youth Centre in Southport. This was greeted with enthusiasm from members as an ideal project for our 75th anniversary year. This proposal will be explored in greater detail by the new Board.

Unless restrictions are lifted and Ferry Road Tavern can offer their venue and services for Changeover on 16th June it was decided to defer Changeover until Tuesday, 14th July. This outcome will be conveyed to everyone at our next Zoom Meeting on 9th June.

Our next Zoom Meeting will be 6pm Tuesday 9th June. Zoom have kindly removed the normal 40 minute time limit for this meeting. Please join in this meeting. It is surprisingly fun and the fellowship is almost as good as attending a live meeting.

Stay healthy and safe.

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

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

Tony Pritchett



Scribes Report Zoom meeting 2 June.

Chair Peter O
Sergeant Merv P.

Present:- Joachim, Tony P, TonyG, Peter O, Lionel P, Steve P, Graham C Michael I, Greg D, Merv P.
A total of 10 with one visitor and nine members.
PE Andrew M was an apology.

Peter O opened the meeting at 6.00PM with the four way test and then toasted the Queen and people of Australia.

Pres TonyP , welcomed all to the meeting especially Hamburg visitor Joachim. In opening a board meeting he referred to the balance sheets treasurer Merv had sent to board members and which Merv went through briefly, pointing out that we are down on expenses due to the Covid 19 lock down. This was accepted by a board vote.

Merv indicated that the club subs for 2020-21 will be \$260 per member with an optional \$100 donation to RI. This was approved.

The district 9640 budget was approved by the board and it was decided that members would continue to get Rotary Down Under in paper form. If any member preferred a digital copy they can save \$8 but must notify Merv by next week.

The matter of club projects was raised and Merv said the club has ample funds. DGE Andy is just asking for \$1000 per member to RI and \$500 pp to polio plus. Caution is needed if clubs wish to support Covid 19 as governments are heavily involved.. Consultation with PE Andrew was advised.

Lionel P suggested it would be great in our 75th anniversary year to do work on the Rotary park where the Rotary youth centre used to be. Assistance from council would also be sought.

Changeover planned for 16 June seems not possible as the Ferry Rd Tavern is still closed and is not responding to messages. Pres TonyP suggested a new date of 14 July be planned.. TonyG is to continue to follow up on the Tavern and keep the club informed. Tony mentioned that past member Ros Cochrane had dropped in a lot of Rotary memorabilia that will be looked over. Mention was made of the considerable amount of club material that now lives at Lionel and Michael's homes. A careful cull of this is needed.

Sergeant Merv said there would be a raffle for a bottle of wine and that members are asked to deposit \$5 in the club account for attending the zoom meeting. Merv asked which members were wearing slippers to the zoom meeting. Three members, who shall remain secret , put up their hands... Merv told us David Woodhouse has been in hospital with an infection but is now on the mend. Joachim told us he hopes to return home on 3 July if flights resume. Tony G offered the worst joke of the night that was suitably booed but did say a Rotator will be coming out after the zoom meeting.. Tony G put his hand up to be chair at the zoom meeting next Tuesday but may also be scribe.

Merv drew the raffle and our guest from Hamburg, Joachim ,won a bottle of wine to be collected at our next proper meeting.

Secretary Graham C indicated that all the motions at the board meetings were passed.

President TonyP said we would have a zoom meeting again next Tuesday and check updates from Ferry Rd Tavern. Meeting closed at 6.35PM.

Tony G

Southport Rotary bank account.

BSB 124065

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Put your name.

\$5.00 EACH

From Andrew M.

Greg Dux, Jenny Hobart and I assessed three candidates for the Hobart scholarship. We are pleased to announce to the Club that we have chosen two this year – Larissa Spencer and Matthew Kent, both outstanding candidates. As it will not be possible to invite them to a meeting Merv will transfer the portion normally coming from the Club.

Hearts for Africa (of which I am chairman) has had to close its op shop and most of our funding has dried up although we will keep going as long as possible. Amani in Tanzania has not yet been affected by the virus although schools etc. are closed

Message from Larissa Spencer Hobart Scholarship awardee.

I am extremely grateful to be awarded this scholarship.

To tell you a bit about myself, I grew up in rural Northern Territory, which is such a beautiful part of Australia. I first gained interest in medicine in primary school years, I had a neighbour who did humanitarian work as a plastic surgeon in disadvantaged counties such as East Timor and PNG. He would tell me stories about the patients he saw and in particular the sick children that he would operate on to save their lives. I became absolutely fascinated and as I continued schooling I knew that the medical world was for me. In late high school I did a placement at Darwin Hospital. This was my first true exposure to the huge health gap between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians. It was impossible not to notice the huge over-representation of indigenous Australian's as inpatients, particularly in the children's ward. I found this shocking, I could not understand why my indigenous class mates and community members faced such poor health outcomes. It was from then that my interest in rural and remote paediatric medicine began.

When high school finished, I chose to complete my undergraduate degree at Griffith University. I chose this because my goal was to get into Griffith Medicine, as they had such amazing rural opportunities. In order to move to QLD, I have had to work part-time at a cafe for the last 6 years to support myself. The hours I work vary from 16hours per week to 38hours per week. Currently, I am still working to support myself, this means that I have missed out on many opportunities to do extra-curricular activities. However, since commencing Medicine at Griffith I have still been involved in Hope for Health (rural medical club) and completed several rural placements such as the Teddy Bear Hospital. An initiative to teach indigenous children in remote communities about their health.

I currently have 1.5 years to go in my medical degree. I am thrilled to start my journey as a doctor in such a short amount of time. Next year, I hope to spend my elective overseas (pending COVID-19 status) in a developing country such as Papua New Guinea in order to better understand the health adversities remote and disadvantaged communities face.

My goal at the end of medical school is to undertake training as Paediatrician, however, ultimately, the goal is to end up back in the heart of Australia (rural) living and working for my community to provide the best possible care to young Australians. Health starts from the moment you're born, and it will be my goal that every child I encounter in my career, indigenous or non-indigenous has the same opportunity to be a healthy Australian.

This scholarship will provide the financial assistance I need in order to complete medical school.

I look forward to being in contact in the future.

Larissa Spencer

My name is Matthew Kent, and I grew up in a small rural town on the South coast of NSW. During my teenage years, my sister became sick and had to spend a significant amount of time in the hospital. I experienced first-hand what a difference a good doctor could make in a patients' life. Since we lived in a rural area, my sister didn't have the same access to specialists as someone who lived in a metropolitan region. This is a healthcare disparity that I found myself becoming passionate about and it influenced me to consider pursuing a career in medicine. I also realised what a passion I had for science during my high school years. Taking these key motivators in my life into consideration, I realised that becoming a doctor was the right choice for me.

I completed my undergraduate degree in Medical and Health Sciences at Wollongong University, and upon achieving a good medical entrance exam score, I applied for post-graduate medicine. I decided on Griffith University because I liked the patient-centred approach of their curriculum. I am also an avid surfer, which made the Gold Coast even more appealing to me.

So far, studying medicine at Griffith University has been a dream come true. The content has resonated with me, and I have found myself excelling in my various subjects. I have had some incredible mentors throughout my time studying medicine at Griffith University, and I want to keep on paying it forward. I honestly believe that the passing on of knowledge and skills is a vital part of being a doctor.

I am currently in my third year, which means that I am on full-time clinical placement. I chose to do my entire year at Beaudesert hospital because rural/regional medicine is something that I can picture myself doing for my future career. At Beaudesert, I have had the unique opportunity to immerse myself into a rural community and expand my hands-on skills.

The third year of medicine at Griffith University is known as the most time-intensive and academically challenging year in medical school. Throughout my first and second year, I had to work multiple jobs to support myself. This is something that was not feasible for my third year, and I am incredibly

appreciative of the financial support that the Rotary Club of Southport has offered me. It will allow me to focus wholeheartedly on my studies and clinical skill acquisition.

So far, I have found that my interests regarding my future career include becoming a Rural GP, Emergency Doctor, or an Anaesthetist. I am very interested in acute medical care, and based on my research and clinical experiences, these three specialties would allow me to work in most rural/regional areas. I also discovered that I have an aptitude for procedural skills and enjoy doing procedures, which is something that all of these specialties offer me.

On another note, I have travelled extensively in developing nations and was deeply moved by the lack of basic health care in these areas (Indonesia, Vietnam, etc). These experiences ignited my passion for global health, and I plan on getting involved with Doctor's Without Borders in the future. I can't wait for the day when I will be able to provide medical care in regions of the world where there is a great need for adequate healthcare.

Thank you again for the incredible opportunity and support that Southport Rotary Club has given me. I am looking forward to keeping you up to date on my medical journey!
(Hobart Scholarship Awardee)



RI President elect Holger Knaack Rotary Club of Herzogtum, Lauenberg , Germany.



Andy Rajapakse DG elect district 9640 member Burleigh Heads Rotary Club



Rotary logo 2020-21



Andrew Middleton president elect Southport Rotary Club

Members:9	Club Guests:	Visiting Rotarians: 1	Partners:
Members Guests:	Visitors:		Total: 10
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: <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:

9 June	Zoom meeting 6.00PM
14 July	Proposed changeover dinner Ferry Rd Tavern

DUTIES	9 June	
Chair	Tony G	
Sergeant	Steve P	
Attendance/Trs		
Rotary Minute		
Vote of thanks		
Ups and Downs		
Scribe	Tony G	
Meet and Greet		

Note: It is the responsibility of members to arrange a replacement if they cannot fulfill a duty

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Celebrations

Birthdays 24 June Tony S	Anniversaries 7 June Lionel and Yvonne P 27 June Peter and Barb O
Rotary induction 7 June 11 Duncan P 1 July 01 Andrew M	Spouse birthday 8 June Roz I 22 June Mira G

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

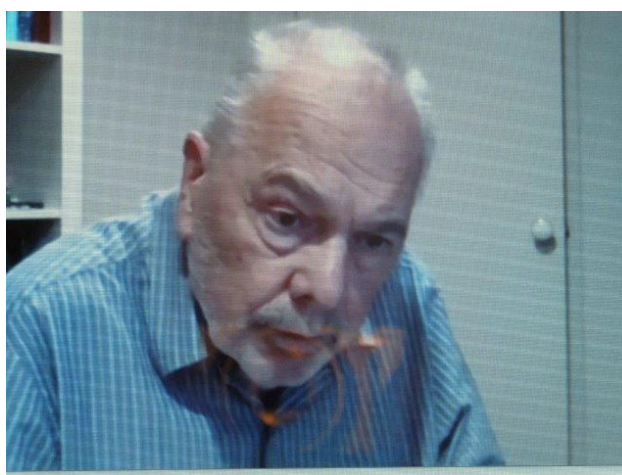
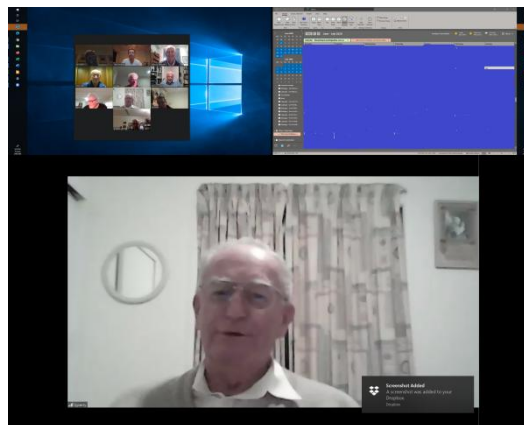
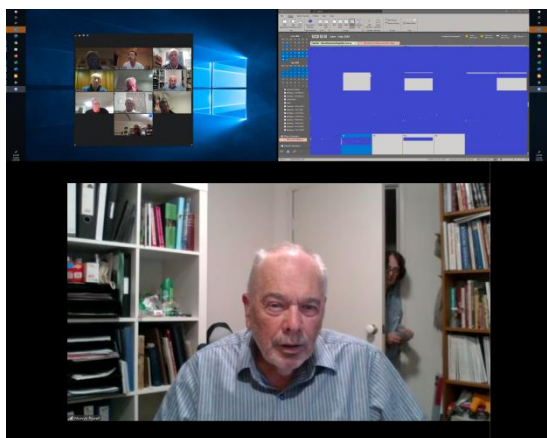
March: Water & Sanitation

May: Youth Services

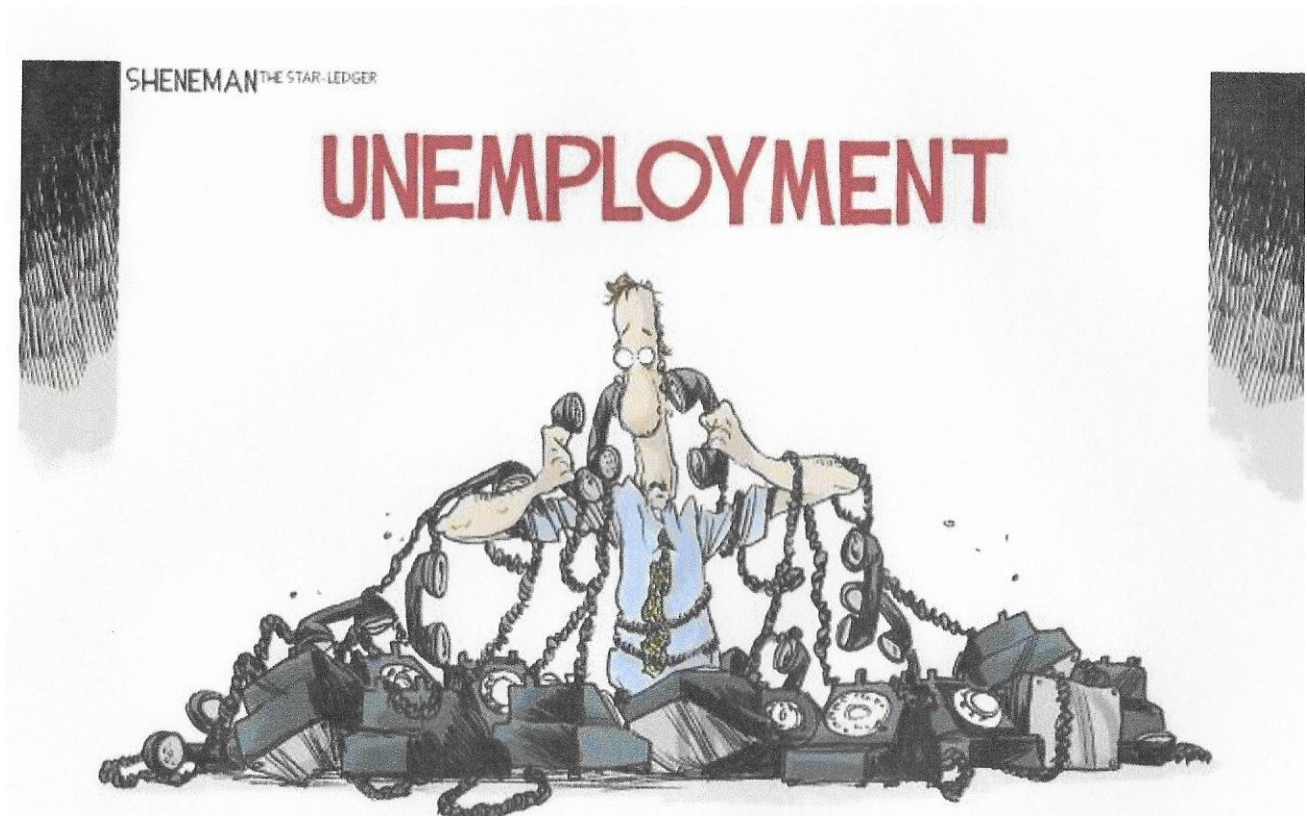
Contributions to The Rotator are most welcome, please e-mail tonyandmira@optusnet.com.au before 6.00pm Thursday.

Copies to Sue Dux suedux@hotmail.com

Photos Zoom meeting 2 June



From Joachim



The system isn't prepared for this kind of volume. The Rotary phones are ringing off the hook.

The grocery stores in France look like tornadoes hit them. All that's left is de brie.

I'll tell you a coronavirus joke now, but you'll have to wait two weeks to see if you got it.

Finland just closed its borders. You know what that means. No one will be crossing the finish line.

What do you tell yourself when you wake up late for work and realize you have a fever?
Self, I so late.

Did you hear the joke about the germ? Never mind, I don't want to spread it around.

Where do sick boats go to get healthy? The dock!

What types of jokes are allowed during quarantine? Inside jokes!

What's the best way to avoid touching your face? A glass of wine in each hand

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