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# 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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**Rotator May 2020**

**May is Youth Services month**



## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

We are all very grateful to Andrew, Tony G and Mervyn for putting up their hands to take on the roles of club executives for 2020-21. We know they will do a great job and lead our club forward into its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

Please respond promptly to the survey that Graham sent out this week. We need your support and backing to ensure we can continue, despite the difficulties presented by the Covid-19 pandemic. Hopefully, if it is possible to resume meetings by then, we will have our changeover on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

After 56 years the Board has resolved to terminate our project, "Empowering Indonesian Children for a Brighter Future." Cyril Richarde initiated this project in 1964. Sadly, Salvation Army, Indonesia can no longer warrant that all our funds will be spent on education needs of students. This means the project cannot satisfy its primary aims and objectives and as we cannot allow funds to be absorbed into Salvation Army's general funds we have no other option than to terminate. The project will cease operation as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Sally and I continue to enjoy our sojourn in Western Australia. With travel within WA confined within each of its nine regions we have remained in the Southwest region of the state for the past month. We are not complaining, it is where we intended to spend most of our time anyway and it is a beautiful area. We have taken many walks along parts of the Cape Leeuwin to Cape Naturaliste trail. The beaches are stunning and we are constantly amazed by the variation in rock formations along this rugged coast. Almost always we seem to be totally alone, only rarely encountering other people. It will come as a shock when we have to share things with throngs of tourists when normality returns.

Stay healthy and safe.

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

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

*Tony Pritchett*



### **Sally P in isolation**



**We are well and enjoying life in WA. We are currently in Dunsborough, a beautiful town. We take leisurely walks on the beach or in the National Parks. There are very few tourists, or even locals, out and about so we are seeing WA hassle-free. We hope to be able to return home in June, as planned.**



### **From Andrew M**

I had my prostatectomy last Wednesday and I'm making fair progress in recovery.

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.

Hope you guys are okay

Cheers

Andrew



**Tony S lighting up the dawn Anzac Day.**

PDG Michael I sent the link below to lift your spirits.  
Click below: or go to utube

[Y'all do not Understand](#)

Contact Michael if you cannot download.

#### **From Leanda Cooper.**

Well it is hard to believe that Colin and I have spent just over 12 months living the grey nomad lifestyle and the funny part is that I haven't left Queensland in the caravan yet... and it can't all be blamed on the coronavirus travel restrictions.

Highlights include Charleville (to see the stars), Birdsville (for the Big Red Bash), Winton, Hughenden and Richmond (for the Dinosaur Trail), Townsville (to visit my cousin), Cairns (Aquarium and Botanical Garden), Cooktown (to visit the James Cook museum and the Botanical Garden) and Yungaburra (Tinaroo Dam). We were in the Atherton tablelands when my father's condition deteriorated and I decided to fly to New York to help out. Our original plan was for me to fly out of Cairns and be away for one month and catch up with Colin back in Brisbane. I ended up being away for 3 months and being my father's primary carer. A real eye opening experience. It was a bitter sweet trip. The best part of the trip was getting to spend Thanksgiving with the family for the first time in about 20 years, being there to help celebrate my parents 68th wedding anniversary and being with the family for Christmas.

I spent most of the time with my father in and out of emergency rooms, hospital rooms and rehabilitation facilities. I learnt lots about the interaction of medication, learnt how to pronounce them properly and what they were for, learnt to pronounce lots of "xxxx....ostomy" and how generous, helpful, compassionate and considerate New Yorkers can be. At one point I was driving in and out of Manhattan to Mount Sinai Hospital every day for a month. Despite all the heartache, tears and gut wrenching moments, what will stay with me are the fond memories of spending time as a family around my parents. I also met some wonderful friends of my parents who helped out in so many ways, from providing meals, running errands and providing much welcomed companionship visiting my father and mother. Towards mid January, while I was still in NY, the news of the Coronavirus started to grab international attention. I left NY on 3 February, transiting through LAX airport where plenty of travellers were wearing face masks. I returned to Queensland just in time for the heavy rains. In mid February Colin and I headed north to 1770/Agnes Waters. Unfortunately when we were there we received a call from my brother on 6 March that my father had passed away after his seven year battle with cancer. As a family we agreed that Colin and I would not fly back due to the coronavirus. The last thing we wanted to do was to pick something up while travelling and pass it along to my mother. As my Aunts and

Uncles in Perth wanted to have a memorial service we did cut our trip short and headed back south through Biloela and Eidsvold before getting back to Kalbar (about 15 mins down the road from Boonah) before we got caught up in the self isolation, had to cancel the flights to Perth and have now been in Kalbar since 20 March. The family in New York also cancelled the memorial service they had planned.

While I was away Colin (and Gizzie our Labrador) travelled down from Cairns to Airlie Beach for a music festival in November, spent Christmas with the family on the Coast and made it to Tamworth in January for the Country Music festival so I guess he has left the state of Queensland! He and Gizzie seemed to have managed very well on their own. Believe it or not, Colin could actually park and hitch and unhitch without my help. I know... that is pretty amazing! Really not sure how he managed that and now that I am back he actually prefers to do this on his own.... Go figure!

So here we sit in the Kalbar Showgrounds with about 25 other caravans. The caretakers had a meeting with all the caravaners on the evening of Wednesday 25 March advising all the residents that they will be closing the Showgrounds to any new travellers and we could stay if we were living full time in the van and did not have homes to go back to. The amenities block were only available to those that did not have their own facilities in their vans. We had to obey all social distancing rules and while we were allowed to drive into town to get supplies we would not be allowed back into the Showgrounds should we take the van elsewhere and want to come back. Our 'neighbours' are a couple from Adelaide that we met in the Atherton tablelands and came in two days before they closed the Showgrounds to any new travelers. The town has a pub that is open for the bottle shop and take away, a cafe also open for takeaway, a very good butcher's shop, a small SPAR supermarket, a fresh fruit and veggie shop, a pharmacy, doctors office, a Mitre 10 hardware shop, a post office, two hairdressers and small police station. Fortunately our only contact with the local officer has been when he checked in on everyone in the Showgrounds to make sure we didn't have a permanent home to go to. Gizzie and I take lovely hour long walks in the morning in the countryside. Most of the time we are walking on dirt roads with the occasional car or farm equipment passing us. We have maintained the caravaners tradition of sundowners however we sit at the end of our vans and have a chat cross the way. The first two weeks we were having sundowners every night but we went through way too much wine and beer and my body just couldn't handle that much alcohol so we have cut it back to Fridays and Saturdays... and occasionally have stretched it to include Thursdays and Sundays as well! The long walks are probably the only thing that is helping me keep my weight down.

The first 12 months have been great and we are enjoying our lifestyle in the caravan but the year has not turned out anything like we had planned. We have met some great people and with the coronavirus have made a point of staying in touch with each other. We have been fortunate that we have the flexibility to just roll with the travel changes without raising the blood pressure. In a way I feel better self isolating in Kalbar than if I had to go back to the Coast and stay there. It is way less stressful here! We are looking forward to getting back on the road and continuing our travels. We plan on heading to Victoria and then on to Western Australia when we are allowed to move interstate again.

We are not likely to be on the Coast again for some time. I enjoy reading the Rotator and keeping up to date with the goings on. It is very disappointing to read that the future of our Club is not looking too good but I know the future of the friendships that have been made through Rotary will continue. Please stay safe and take care.

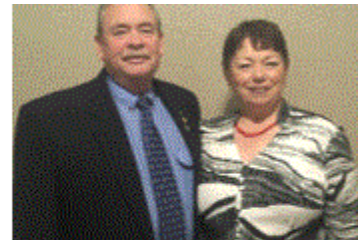
Thinking of you all,  
Regards  
Leanda



Big Red Bash



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Dear Presidents and Secretaries of Clubs and Members of the College of Governors,  
District Governor Harry Bolton invites you to nominate candidates for the Brian and Nancy Knowles Award for the year 2019-20. Please see below a short description of the Brian & Nancy Knowles Award which is now an annual award.

This year the award will be announced online as there will be no District Changeover event.  
All Rotary Clubs in District 9640 and members of the College of Governors are invited to nominate suitable prospective recipients of the award for consideration by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee consists of the immediate Past District Governor, District Governor, District Governor Elect and the District Governor Nominee.

Please note that applications close at 5.00pm on Friday 19 June 2020 and should be forwarded to DG Harry Bolton. Submissions should be limited to 250 words, signed by the President and Secretary (or Past District Governor) and lodged by email. The email address is: [harry.bolton@bigpond.com](mailto:harry.bolton@bigpond.com) Please include as the subject of your email, "Brian & Nancy Knowles Award".

I look forward to continuing and celebrating the tradition of a lifetime of service by Brian and his wife Nancy with this award.

Yours in Rotary Service

**Harry Bolton**

Harry Bolton  
 District Governor  
 District 9640  
 23rd April 2020

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

**Dates to remember:-**

Merv P inducted 19 May 87

Michael and Roz anniversary 2 May.

**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:**


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

**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)



**Remember to fill in the questionnaire from secretary Graham C about the future of our club and approve the proposed executive. Treasurer Merv MUST hear from you by the second week of May re willingness to pay your subs for next year as the club is liable at the end of May.**

## These May help you.

I know a great joke about Corona Virus, you probably won't get it though

If I get quarantined for two weeks with my wife and I die. I can assure you it was not the virus that killed me

With all this talk of Corona Virus, the people who make sanitizing gel are rubbing their hands together

Breaking News!\* - Apparently the first person in Melbourne has died because of the Coronavirus. In his house they found 1000 cans of food, 50 kilos of pasta, 80 kilos of rice, 300 toilet rolls and 50L of hand sanitiser which he had panic purchased from the supermarket and stock piled "just in case".

The whole lot collapsed and buried him

2020 is a unique leap year. It has 29 days in February, 300 days in March and 10 years in April

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

The Coronavirus has achieved what no female has every been able to achieve. It has cancelled sports, closed all bars and kept all guys at home



## 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