



THE ROTARWAVE



THE ROTARY CLUB OF SURFERS PARADISE

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Meetings – Monday 6.30pm – Fables Restaurant – Mantra Legends Hotel – Surfers Paradise

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President Adrian

Date	17.12.18	14.01.19	21.01.19
Chair	Christmas Party	Stuart Fairley	John Lenehan
Door		Donna Gillett-Shaw	Kirk Mason
Fellowship		Alan Guignon	Alan Midwood
Toast		Secretary Sue	Treasurer Sheila
Thanks	-	Don Kissell	



Our Christmas Party

Southport Golf Club

Monday 17 December 2018

6 pm

\$35 per head

Secret Santa – Everyone brings a present with a minimum value of \$10



Forthcoming program

Date	Speaker	Topic
17 Dec	Christmas Party	Southport Golf Club
14 Jan	Outbound Exchange Student	Joseph Christensen to Switzerland
21 Jan	Club Discussion	How and Why I joined Rotary

Our Guest Speakers



Gary Downing and Chris Redlaw with President Adrian

THE ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we say and do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it fair to ALL CONCERNED?

Will it build GOODWILL, and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Gary and Chris are two members of the Regional re-engagement team of eight teachers set up by the Queensland Education Department

Chris and Gary have developed the RISE PROGRAM.

This program focus on young men 14 ½ years old who have fallen out of the school system. There are many other programs for older students but nothing available for the 14 year old group.

The program started in 2017 and they have now completed their 4th cohort successfully.

The young men are selected from disadvantaged families, disruptive, disengaged, and dropouts.

The selected group are 10 male students who enter the program for 1 semester, 4 days a week – Monday to Thursday

The students are exposed to community organizations such as the PCYC with health courses including weekly Gym and Boxing lessons, Water Police, Work Skills Organization, Surf Lifesaving Clubs, Rotary and other volunteers who come from all walks of life including reformed drug addicts who have served time in prison. These people have a very strong message to impart.

The program builds self-confidence, self esteem to help the students transition to school, alternative schooling, art courses, trade courses, coffee shops and full time work.

The students rise above where they were. They wear the same uniform as the teacher with RISE clearly displayed.

All of these students have suffered trauma in their lives / families. Poverty and drugs are also part of the back story on most of the students.

Congratulations to these two teachers for their efforts and dedication to their students. We wish them well in the future.

National Youth Science Forum



Our candidates for the National Youth Science Forum – Maddy Anderson and Nick Griffin with Hayden Walker

Nick attends St Stephens College and is in year 11. He will be attending the course from the 1 to 16 January 2019.

Next year in Year 12 he will be taking two uni courses in engineering, Nick loves AFL and is an AFL umpire. He will be attending the AFL umpiring academy in the future.

Maddy is a student in Year 11 at All Saints College.

She has a love of horses and intend studying Veterinary Science at University. Maddy also interested in Art.

Charlie Cho

Charlie attended NYSF five years ago. His message to our candidates was that when you enter the program a different person comes back.

Charlie plays the saxophone very well and his clips can be seen on Utube.

He has just completed his third year of medicine and now will work fulltime in hospital.

He has one year to go to get his Degree in Medicine.

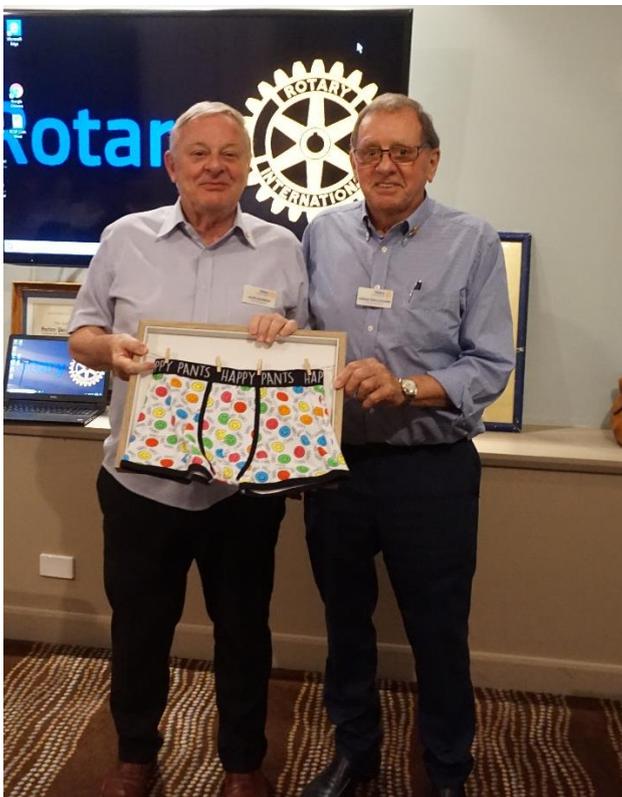
Charlie is a wonderful example of the success that can come from the program.



Jennie Price welcomed by Stuart, Sheila, and Sue.



Greg Bowler from the Rotary Club of Gold Coast welcomed by President Adrian



Happy Pants awarded to Alan Guignon

Dear Fellow Travellers,
I am sorry that I can't attend your get together/reunion today on the Gold Coast, but be assured that I am there in spirit.

I wish to thank you all for your fellowship and friendship and caring during our visit to Takasaki and beyond, and **thank you especially, for including me, an outside Rotarian, in your wonderful opportunity in Japan.**

The effort that **Bill Crouch** put in both before and during our journey, went above and beyond anything I could have anticipated, for which I am very grateful.

Thank you Bill!

Surfers Paradise Rotary's relationship with the **Takasaki Rotary Club** and it's current Members is something that could never be repeated.

This is especially considering the eminent pioneers such as **PDG Paul Gillette**, who helped to make it happen, as well as those in both Clubs who continue to make it happen. The reverence and respect with which Paul is held in Takasaki is hugely evidenced to me in the words on his shrine at the Temple in Takasaki:

"Here Sleeps The Very good Man Who Loved Rotary And Takasaki"

To me, the whole association is something that would and should be the envy of **Rotary worldwide.**

I am sure that there is nothing like it anywhere in Rotary.

I am sure a full page story in RDU is more than appropriate, if it hasn't been already.

Certainly I personally am very envious and respectful of your connection with Takasaki.

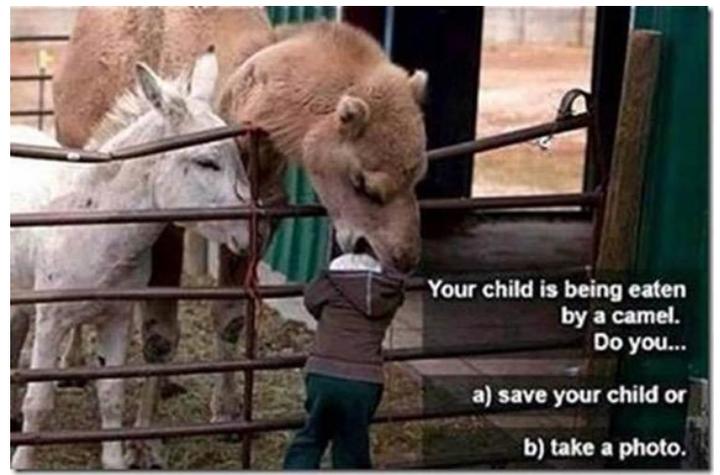
For your added information, my fall in Fukuoka has left me with what the doctors describe as a "spiral fracture of the 5th metatarsal" left foot. Still painful to walk, and it did slow me up for the remainder of my journey back to Adelaide. A moon boot may well assist and this is on tomorrow's agenda. My camera is back working with a removal of the broken lens filter and a replacement installed at \$50.00.

Again I thank you all and look forward to seeing you on the coast in 2019 when next I come to visit.

Regards to you all and best wishes for the festive season,

Scott. 😊

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Friends - please be careful

Yesterday I went to a Christmas party. I had a few beers, followed by a few cocktails, followed by a few shots....

I still had the sense to know that I was over the limit. That's when I decided to do what I have never done before: I took a cab home.

Sure enough, there was a police road block on the way home, and since it was a cab, they waved it past. I arrived home safely without incident. This was both a great relief and a surprise because I had never driven a cab before. I don't even know where I got it from and, now that it is in my garage, I don't know what to do with it.



An old prospector shuffled into the town of El Indio, Texas leading a tired old mule.

The old man headed straight for the only saloon in town, to clear his parched throat.

He walked up to the saloon and tied his old mule to the hitch rail.

As he stood there, brushing some of the dust from his face and clothes, a young gunslinger stepped out of the saloon with a gun in one hand and a bottle of whiskey in the other.

The young gunslinger looked at the old man and laughed, saying, "Hey old man, can you dance?"

The old man looked up at the gunslinger and said, "No son, I don't dance... never really wanted to"

A crowd had gathered as the gunslinger grinned and said, "Well, you old fool, you're gonna dance now!" and started shooting at the old man's feet.

The old prospector, not wanting to get a toe blown off, started hopping around like a flea on a hot skillet.

Everybody standing around was laughing..

When his last bullet had been fired, the young gunslinger, still laughing, holstered his gun and turned around to go back into the saloon.

The old man turned to his pack mule, pulled out a double-barrelled 12 gauge shotgun and cocked both hammers.

The loud clicks carried clearly through the desert air.
The crowd stopped laughing immediately.

The young gunslinger heard the sounds too, and he turned around very slowly.

The silence was deafening. The crowd watched as the young gunman stared at the old timer and the large gaping holes of those twin 12 gauge barrels.

The barrels of the shotgun never wavered in the old man's hands, as he quietly said;

"Son, have you ever kissed a mule's ass?"

The gunslinger swallowed hard and said, "No sir... but.... I've always wanted to"

There are a few lessons for all of us here:

*Don't be arrogant.

*Don't waste ammunition.

*Whiskey makes you think you're smarter than you are.

*Always make sure you know who is in control...

*And finally, Don't screw around with old folks; they didn't get old by being stupid....

I just love a story with a happy ending, don't you?