



# THE ROTARWAVE



THE ROTARY CLUB OF SURFERS PARADISE

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



President Adrian

Date	25.03.19	01.04.19	08.04.19
Chair	Bill Crouch	Donna Gillett-Shaw	John Lenehan
Door	Jeff Bignell	Alan Guignon	Kirk Mason
Fellowship	Phil Dunsford	Don Kissell	Mlan Midwood
Toast	Treasurer Sheila	Secretary Sue	Sgt Peter
Thanks	Stuart Fairley		Bert Shenko
		Board	

## Our Guest Speaker



Russ Walkington being welcomed by Jeff

What an experience! Russ took us back 66 years to the start of his journey in Radio. And It's not finished yet..

Russ has been with 4CRB on the Gold Coast since 1991. He still gets to work at 4 am to gather the NEWS. Nowadays, he records it and it goes to air without him being in front of a mic.

From a 17 year young junior, Russ relayed his experiences. He was there when it all happened and worked through the many changes that have occurred in Radio.

He was the first presenter of Rumpus Room. He was the first DJ on the top 40's radio program. His reminisces were scattered with

## Forthcoming program

Date	Speaker	Topic
25 Mar	Lydia Mudryj	Myanmar, behind the scenes
01 Apr	Various Members	Conference Report
08 Apr	Sheila Ponting	Understanding Labor's Tax Changes

## Our Guest Speaker:

Lydia Mudryl has had recent experience living and teaching in Myanmar. It was a closed country for 50 years until a few years ago, It still has not changed much since its tentative experiment with democracy. It will be most interesting to hear what life is really like there, rather than just the typical tourist picture. See you at the meeting  
Alan M.

extraordinary situations and wonderful colourful people. e.g. sports editor who was the local butcher, Russ's best bets, a combination of the various tipsters from the papers where he picked the entire program of a meeting, never repeated.

It was such wonderful entertainment and Russ could have continued for much longer. But the Tram awaits!



Jeff thanking Russ

Club Guest: Yvonne Flanders



Donna welcomed Yvonne Flanders who is a member of the Rotary Club of Albert Park, Melbourne, and also a member of the Rotary Club of Yeppoon  
Yvonne is a Mediator and Counsellor who has moved to the Gold Coast.

## President Adrian

### NOTE 13 May

Bring a Guest to the meeting. The club will cover the cost of the guest. We hope to build our membership if people know of our achievements.

### **The Rotary Clubs of Gold Coast and Burleigh Heads are holding The Rotary Gala Ball on Saturday 13 April.**

President Adrian thanked Don Kissell for hosting our visit to his Restaurant.

Adrian also visited the "Objects of Rotary"

### **Rotary Club of Surfers Paradise Donations Since July 1<sup>st</sup>**

NYSF	\$3,130	6 Sept	Maddie and Nic
Drought Relief	\$5,100	7 Sept	
Drought Relief	\$3,500	14 Nov	
Malaria Vaccine Research			
	\$8,000	14 Nov	
RYTS	\$590	10 Dec	
Indonesian Children	\$550		
RISE Program	\$1,500		
Teenage Adventure Camps	\$540		
Member donations to Rotary Foundation	\$300		
Rotary Foundation	\$3,000		
Townsville Flood Relief	\$2,000		
Rote Project	\$3,000		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,530</b>		

### **Bill White**

Bill thanked those members and partners who attended the working bee at the Golden Wheel Villas

Bill advised that the plumber was fixing the skylights damaged in the hail storm. The insurance is covering the cost.

## **RACE DAY Saturday 12 October**

The club has paid a 20% deposit for the day. It will be in the Event Centre. We may have extra costs associated with providing extra screens for the punters.

### **Jeff Bignell**

Jeff advised that the GSE Ream from the Philippines was hosted at the Kurrawa Surf Club for Dinner.

Some of the group were:

Head of Avon – Philippines

Student of Multi Media

Leader in Event management

Environment and Waste Management

The Surf Club explained the uses of the various equipment from the past and that currently in use which is top of the range material.

### **Bill Crouch**

Bill reminded us about the donation tubes collection for the Rotary Foundation. Bill would like the donations with him by May so they can be processed through Parramatta in this financial year.



Bill has more tubes available. Ask him nicely.

## An Obituary printed in the London Times.....Absolutely Dead Brilliant!!

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years.

No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- And maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death,  
-by his parents, Truth and Trust,  
-by his wife, Discretion,  
-by his daughter, Responsibility,  
-and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 5 stepbrothers;

- I Know My Rights
- I Want It Now
- Someone Else Is To Blame
- I'm A Victim
- Pay me for Doing Nothing

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.