



THE ROTARWAVE



Rotary
Surfers Paradise



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Meetings – 1st & 3rd Mondays 5:45 for 6:15
Gold Coast Tavern, Holden Place, Bundall

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RI President
Francesco Arezzo



Club President
Helen Derrick



District Governor
John Ooman

GUEST SPEAKER PROGRAM

Date	Speaker	Topic	Comment
02 March	Board meeting		
02 March	John Ooman	District Governor D9640	
16 March	Tba.		

DUTY ROSTER

Date	Door	Toast	Thanks	Chair
02 February	Marilyn Byford	Ron Derrick	President Helen	Alan Guignon
16 March	Stuart Fairley	Peter Dimond	Phil Dunsford	Alan Guignon

The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do is a test used by [Rotarians](#) world-wide as a [moral code](#) for personal and business relationships. The test can be applied to almost any aspect of life.¹

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

District Governor John is our speaker on 2nd February so please endeavour to attend to hear what is happening with Rotary in our District.

Proposed Club Meeting Dates to June 30

March 2 – meeting + Board

March 16 – meeting

March 30 – April 6 meeting + April Board – transferred from 6 April (Easter Monday)

April 6 - meeting + Board transferred to 30 March (5th Monday in March) due to Easter Monday on 6th

April 20 - meeting

May 4 – NO meeting or Board due to QLD Labour Day P/H

May 15 – meeting + May Board

June 1 meeting + Combined Board (2025-26 and 2026-27)

June 15 – meeting

June 29 – 5th Monday in month – suggest appropriate day for Club Changeover?

Guest Speaker – Jan Maree



Adrian Smallacombe thanked Jan Maree of yhr Gold Coast Hospital Foundation for her Presentation on the work of the Foundation.

Jan gave us an updated version of the fabulous work they do, not only fund raising for important and vital equipment but also a Health Staff Scholarships programs, transport etc. They receive no government funding. 100% of the funds raised on the Coast, stay on the Gold Coast.

Over 100,000 people have been helped per year and have supported by over 30 years of fundraising to achieve these results.

From the Meeting

Jennifer Johnson thanks President Helen and her helpers for the excellent Christmas Party at Emerald Lakes



Alan Guignon advised that \$43,000 has been allocated towards the cost of Maintenance and Upgrading the interiors of the units.

The damaged fence at the back of the property is being relocated on to the actual boundary at the beginning of March.



A very welcome visitor from the past

Australia Day.

Our usual Australia Day barbecue will be held at our usual spot in the Gardens

From the District

Marion Jones, wife of DG Graham Jones, passed away on Thursday, 29 January following a long struggle with cancer and a recent fall.

More details on her funeral/celebration of life will be provided soon.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF TAKASAKI VISIT

Fellows,

Rerun of previous information.

The visit from our sister Club, Takasaki RC is **RAPIDLY** approaching.

12 members of Takasaki RC will be arriving on **THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY** – a little over a week away.

Sheila's committee is busily organising the visit, but we need your help with attending **NUMBERS**.

The visit this year, at the request of President Shungo Tomiyama, will be slightly different, in that he wishes the "welcome party" and "farewell party" to be casual affairs, not a formal event as in the past. Thus the welcome and farewell will be dinners at a restaurant on both nights.

To assist with the organising of the visit we **URGENTLY** need attending numbers for the following meals/events.

1 **THURSDAY 12th** – Welcome at the Catch Restaurant "private area" from about 6:00pm

2. **FRIDAY 13th** – Dinner at (probably) Sandbar Restaurant in the Soul Building, Surfers Paradise, again about 6:00 pm.

3. **SATURDAY 14th** – **BUS TRIP** to Tweed Heads, then 3.5 hr **CRUISE** and local produce (including prawns) lunch on board with **ECO Tours**, who come highly recommended. Cruise is 10:30 start (QLD time), so we will probably leave on the bus about 08:30, returning about 3:30-ish. We urgently need number to confirm with **ECO Tours** and the cruise cost is variable depending on numbers.

4. **SATURDAY 14th** – Farewell dinner at (again probably) at Kurrawa Surf Club.

We have had a venue cancel a "available" booking and Kurrawa is not available on the Friday night, so hence the "probably" comments above.

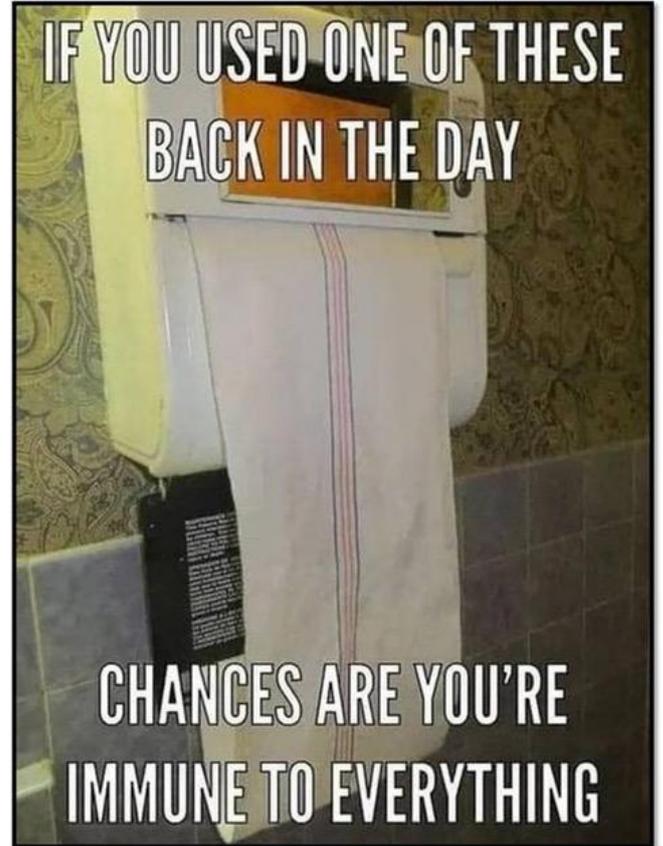
I will have a sheet to hand around at the meeting on Monday, but would appreciate an email reply as well.

The club will be subsidising an amount of the costs, to be advised after the Board Meeting Monday.

Cheers Bill



Here's a marriage tip, if you need a new can opener just get a new can opener. Don't give one to your wife for Christmas.



You don't know concentration until
you have to carry this thing from
the sink to the freezer



