

ROTARWAVE

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Meetings – Gold Coast Tavern, 150 Bundall Rd, Bundall.
 – 1st & 3rd Mondays, 5.45pm for 6:15pm
 – 5th Monday, 6 for 6.30 pm – Social Meet @
 Kurrawa Surf Club, Broadbeach

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R.I.P. Gordon McNally.



President Kirk Mason.



D. G. Dave Harmon.



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Following the opening and Toasts to Rotary, President Kirk called for announcements. Services Director Alan Guignon thanked everyone who worked at the **Golden Wheel Villas dinner**. The foods were delicious, Rotarians mixing with the residents was appreciated and to cap a successful night there was a record attendance of residents. The Board has allocated \$3,000 to Surfers Paradise State School as follows – to help provide Uniforms and shoes for the needy and to allocate funds to those who need support for school camps.

Donna thanked those who brought postage stamps – they are a rare commodity and she appeals to everyone to save and donate used Postage Stamps.

Alan Guignon then introduced **Guest Speaker Dr Perry Cross**. Perry was born in Taree, grew up on the Gold Coast and went to TSS, where sport was his passion. Two years out of school his neck was broken in a Rugby Trial at Ballymore and he joined 20,000 other Australians with spinal injuries. He set up the Perry Cross Foundation which raises funds locally to fund a laboratory at Gold Coast University Hospital focusing on finding a cure for spinal injuries. This focuses on cell transplant therapy, has raised \$7.6m and plans to initiate the first blind random trial spinal cell transplant on patients in mid 2024. In December 2023 Perry Cross was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Griffith University for all his outstanding work. He has also set up **Accessible Homes Australia** 3 years ago to deliver suitable homes for people with Spinal injuries. The first homes are in an 8-storey building at Palm Beach with individual carefully designed apartments and a central supervisor always on-call and social mixing facilities and has the advantage of a central location in the community. This project was the **Queensland winner of the Telstra Best of Business Award 2024**. Stuart Fairley thanked Perry Cross for this wonderful insight into the work of the Foundation.



Bill Crouch updated the Takasaki Visit arrangements – this is Takasaki Rotary Club’s 70th Anniversary, so celebrations will include a function in the Civic Centre, Dinner at an hotel and a visit to a

CLUB DUTIES ROSTER. Please arrange a REPLACEMENT if you cannot make it.

DATE	Feb-19	Mar-04	Mar-18	Apr-01	Apr-15	Apr-29
CHAIRMAN	Peter Kumnick	Peter Kumnick	Peter Kumnick	EASTER MONDAY	Peter Kumnick	T.B.A.
DOOR	Marylin Byford	Robin Ziukelis	Bill White	NO MEETING	Marilyn Byford	
TOAST	Helen Derrick	Lee Peters	A Smallacombe		Lee Peters	
THANKS	Ron Derrick	Alan Guignon	Ron Los		Robyn Ziukelis	

Buddhist World Heritage Site south of Osaka, near where Takasaki Club member Yoshi the Buddhist Priest was born.

NOTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING. Assistant Governor James Kennett together with Rowan Johnstone who discussed the Rotary District Satisfaction Survey for all our members. This written survey will be conducted at a meeting where we have no guest speaker in the not-too-distant future. The Board voted on the two prospective members nominated to join who were approved unanimously. The Board approved a donation of \$3,000 to the Surfers Paradise State School for assisting children who have difficulties with the cost of books, uniforms, excursions, camps and resource payments.

Did you know there is a wealth of information about other Rotary Clubs in our District? It is fascinating and inspirational to see how much we Rotarians together contribute imaginatively to our communities! **Check it out** at <https://rotary9640.org>



Assorted Words of Wisdom:

**So, you drive across town to a gym to walk on a treadmill?*

Just once, I want the prompt for username and password to say, **"Close enough."**

God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.



UPCOMING DATES				
19 Feb	4 March	18 March	1 April	15 April
Tracey and Keith, Crimestoppers	Ann Metcher, Wattle Quilters	Rotarian Behind The Badge - new Rotarians introduce themselves	Easter - No Rotary/ Takasaki Visit.	Angie Bell. Federal Member for Moncrieff.