



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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Club President
Helen Derrick



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GUEST SPEAKER PROGRAM

Date	Speaker	Topic	Comment
02 March Board Meeting	Taylor Hayley and The Chaplain	Surfers Paradise State School	
16 March	Natalie Lidgerwood	“Seed the Ground”	
30 March	Kane Chisholm	“Kieser”, Bundall	

DUTY ROSTER

Date	Door	Toast	Thanks	Chair
02 March	Donna Gillett- Shaw	Peter Kumnick	Ron Los	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?

Guest Speaker – Michael Clancy

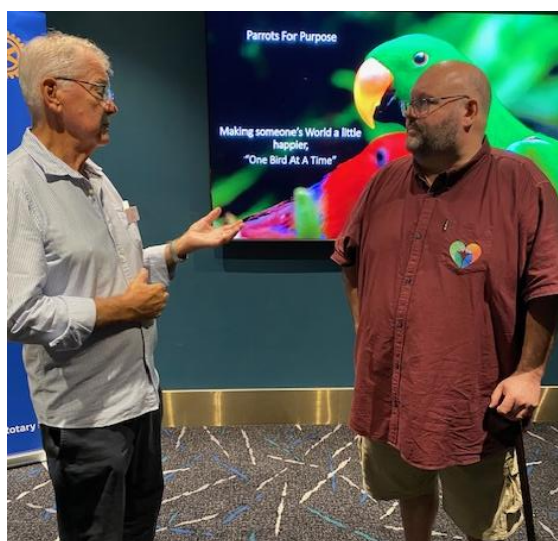
“Parrots for Purpose”



Michael was present when the Dreamworld disaster occurred on the 25/10/2016. He was deeply affected by this incident. He found parrots to be a great comfort and companion. They are his reason to get up.

Michael breeds and gives away his birds to people needing a companion they can handle, talk to, and keep in a home. He has 32 birds to breed with.

He has distributed his birds very successfully with his clients very involved with their feathery friends.



Rtn Phil moving the vote of thanks to Michael

Tri-District Conference

Districts 9560 9620 and 9640

Friday 1 May to Sunday 3 May

Royal Pines Resort, Gold Coast.

Cost \$175 per person Conference Fee

(Does not include Meals)

To register check the

District 9640 website.

also the Golf Day Flyer that provides information on how to register etc for those who like to play golf.


Dear Helen, Sheila, Helen and fellow Rotarians,

We would love to invite you to join us for a fantastic evening of entertainment, delicious food, fun, friendship and fundraising at **Club Musgrave** in celebration of International Women's Day.

This special event promises a wonderful night out while raising vital funds for the Gold Coast Hospital Foundation, supporting life-saving equipment, essential services and care for local patients and families.

It's the perfect opportunity to come together, enjoy great company and make a meaningful impact in our community. We are also honoured to have a very special father and daughter guest speaker duo, Mark and Holly, who will share their powerful and personal health journey – a story that truly highlights the importance of supporting our local hospital services. And the Beehives will get the room buzzing!

 Date: Saturday March 7

 Venue: Club Musgrave

Event

Details: <https://clubmusgrave.com/event/international-womens-day/>

We would be thrilled to see many of you there for what is sure to be a memorable evening.

Thank you, as always, for your incredible support and community spirit.

Warm regards

Jan Marie Nicolai

OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS District 9640

Dear Members,

One of the most powerful investments a Rotary or Rotaract Club can make is in a young person at a formative stage of life. Our District youth programs build confidence, leadership, and resilience – and often create a lifelong connection to Rotary and service.

I encourage every Club to actively sponsor students to participate in our key youth programs. We have three key programs now accepting applications :

- RYPEN
- Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)
- Rotary Youth Exchange

RYPEN

Designed for students aged 14–16, RYPEN is a powerful weekend experience focused on personal growth, teamwork, and confidence-building. For many participants, it is genuinely life-changing. I encourage each Club to identify at least one young person in your community who would benefit from this opportunity and work with local schools and youth groups to support them.

Applications for RYPEN 2026, which runs from 15-17 May, are now open. More details, including the application process, can be found here (<https://www.rotary9640.org/page/rypen>).

MUNA

MUNA develops public speaking, critical thinking, and global awareness through a simulated United Nations Assembly.

Strong school partnerships are essential. Clubs are encouraged to engage local secondary schools and

sponsor teams of students. This is an outstanding way to strengthen Rotary's connection with the school community while empowering young people to engage with global issues.

Applications for MUNA 2026, being held on 30 May, are now open. More details can be found here (<https://www.rotary9640.org/page/muna>).

Youth Exchange

Youth Exchange continues to offer one of Rotary's most impactful experiences, fostering cultural understanding and lifelong friendships. Applications for outbound students in 2027 are open now until around mid-April 2026. Further details can be found at (<https://9640.ryea.org.au/>).

RYLA

Finally, we are also working on a RYLA program in conjunction with District 9620, with more details to come in the coming weeks.

Thank you in advance for your support and let's continue to invest in the next generation of leaders.

Gareth Hunt

Youth Programs Chair 25-26

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Club Information

Donna Gillett-Shaw

Background on our Takasaki Relationship

In the beginning, Paul Gillett, Donna's partner and s District Governor along with Terry Lawrence who spoke Japanese, but more importantly understood the culture were instrumental in arranging the sister club relationship that has continued to this day.

Many of the Takasaki members were real characters and unfortunately today are restricted through age. But the memories survive.

Bill White

Golden Wheel Villas back fence.

This fence has been constructed aided by the insurance payout.

Much of the groundwork was accomplished with the help of Lyle Stevenson, Many thanks Lyle.



What do we learn from cow, buffaloes & elephants?



It's impossible to reduce weight by eating green grass and salads and walking

