

# ROTARWAVE

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Meetings – Gold Coast Tavern, 150 Bundall Rd, Bundall.  
– 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 5.45pm for 6:15pm  
– 5<sup>th</sup> 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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in the WORLD

**Meeting Chairman Alan Guignon** welcomed members and Guest were introduced – Rosi Shenko, Julie White and Marilyn Jeffries, He introduced the three guests from Crimestoppers – Julie, Keith and Tracey. Apologies were received from Peter Kumnick, Jeff Bignell, Helen and Ron Derrick.

**Donna thanked Sheila Ponting and Marilyn Byford** who saved and brought used postage stamps and reminded everyone to KEEP COLLECTING USED POSTAGE STAMPS.

*President Kirk introduced,  
Inducted and welcomed two new  
Members to our Club, **Peter  
Dimond and Robyn Brown***



**Bill White** announced there would be a **Fire Awareness Day at Golden Wheel Villas on the morning of 27<sup>th</sup> February**. There will be talks about fire safety, evacuations, use of extinguishers etc. Rotarians are welcome to come and join in.

**Guest speakers Keith and Tracey from Crimestoppers** emphasised that **Crimestoppers is a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers**. It was founded in Mexico in 1996. In Queensland there are 54 Groups of which two are on the Gold Coast. Queensland is the only State with volunteer groups – the other States just promote the Crimestoppers number **1800 333 000**. The phones are manned 24/7 by Volunteers. People who report suspicious activity are given a File Number Identity, which they always use to remain anonymous. Crimestoppers collates all the reports to build a picture of an activity over years and where there is sufficient information this is passed on to Police who take appropriate action. This is how Daniel Morecombe's killer was caught, for instance.

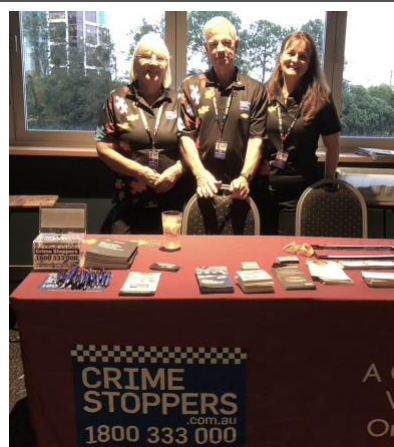
CLUB DUTIES ROSTER. <i>Please arrange a REPLACEMENT if you cannot make it.</i>						
DATE	Mar-04	Mar-18	Apr-01	Apr-15	TUES-May 7	May-20
CHAIRMAN	Peter Kumnick	Peter Kumnick	EASTER MONDAY	Peter Kumnick	Peter Kumnick	Peter Kumnick
DOOR	Robin Ziukelis	Bill White	NO MEETING	Marilyn Byford	Ron Derrick	Bert Shenko
TOAST	Lee Peters	A Smallacombe		Lee Peters	Alan Midwood	Adrian Smallacombe
THANKS	Alan Guignon	Ron Los		Robyn Ziukelis	Helen Derrick	Donna Gillet-Shaw

Other activities include Schoolies and **volunteers are needed for Schoolies week**, daytime or night-time – activities such as putting on their bracelets. Keith spoke about electronic scanners, available cheaply, where your Credit Cards chips can be scanned from 200m. A pair were recently caught at Robina Town Centre, one in a wheelchair, using a scanner, roaming the shopping centre and scanning people's unprotected credit cards. The victims stand to lose thousands of dollars this way and identities can be stolen very quickly from chips on drivers' licences. All cards with chips can be readily protected using special protective sleeves @ \$2.50 each. On-line scammers use many tricks 'click here for further information' – on-line betting and lottery scams, fake toll threats, fake parking fines, fake tax demands. Never, ever click on a link. And beware – **'Unsubscribe' can be a link!**

#### **Extract from the Annual Report.**

*With a remarkable 57,712 anonymous reports received in 2023, our community's vigilance has been nothing short of inspiring. These reports, including **22,443 telephone calls and 35,269 online submissions**, have significantly contributed to a safer Queensland.*

***Our collective efforts led to outstanding results: 590 arrests, 2,422 charges, and the seizure of 51.66 kg of drugs worth \$765,826. Moreover, \$416,477 in proceeds of crime were recovered, underscoring our impact on criminal activities.***



*Julie, Keith and Tracey from Crimestoppers.*



**Congratulations to our Quiet Achiever, Bill Crouch.**

#### **Grains of Truth!**

*\*The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.*

*\*I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. He's 5 and it's past his bedtime.*

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

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**For those who asked how to donate.....**

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UPCOMING DATES				
4 March	18 March	1 April	15 April	May 7 (TUE)
Ann Metcher, Wattle Quilters	Rotarians Behind The Badge - Marilyn Byford & Lee Peters	Easter - No Rotary/ Takasaki Visit.	Angie Bell. Federal Member for Moncrieff.	T.B.A.