



# THE ROTARWAVE



THE ROTARY CLUB OF SURFERS PARADISE

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

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RI Pres Ian Risley; DG Darrell Brown; Pres Sheila Ponting

Date	22 Jan	29 Jan	5 Feb
Chair	Kiah Bastian	Philip Dunsford	Don Kissell
Door	Stephen Beckett	Donna Gillett-Shaw	Stuart Fairley
Fellowship	Jeff Bignell	Don Kissell	Alan Midwood
Toast	Sue Brown	Kirk Mason	Adrian Smallacombe
Thanks	Bill Crouch	Alan Guignon	Peter Kumnick

Guest Speaker – Robert Dean



Bill White moving the Vote of Thanks to Robert Dean.

Robert has been in the aviation field most of his working life, working as airport operations manager in various countries for various airlines.

Robert was to speak on “behind the Scenes with the Comm Games”. And did we get that information in spades.

I found it fascinating that so much has been done and there is so much to do when it all starts.

From the first Commonwealth Games in 1930 held in Hamilton Canada to unite all Commonwealth Countries and Territories, the Games Federation oversees the operations.

The Centre of Operations is at the Benowa TAFE. During the Games there will be 1,500 paid staff, with

### Forthcoming program

Date	Speaker	Topic
22 Jan	Adrian Smallacombe	Rotarian Behind the Badge
26 Jan	Friday Australia Day	Benowa Gardens
29 Jan	?	Believe It or Not
5 Feb	TBC	RACQ’s New Bank

### THE ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we say and do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it fair to ALL CONCERNED?

Will it build GOODWILL, and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

overall 40,000 involved including contractors, hotel staff, etc.

I love numbers so here goes:

70 Nations and Territories  
6,600 Athletes and Team Officials  
18 sports and 7 para events  
1,714 Dignitaries  
3,360 press people  
300 sponsors and 200 observers from Birmingham

The Games village has 1,170 apartments and 82 townhouses with:

16,000 pieces of furniture  
7,000 towels daily  
2,350 toilets  
27,000 meals per day  
800,000 pieces of fruit  
8,000kg of fish

770 buses will be used along with 1,500 cars

The Key Date for the airport is 20 March through to 18 April.

The competition starts on 5 April and finishes on 16 April.

The Games Village has to be evacuated by 18 April.

What a massive undertaking!

Visitors to the Club



We welcomed Steve Mansur of the Rotary Club of Conobolin, with his partner, Kate Zlotkowski, and his children Leo and Natalie.

Steve and Kate have moved to the Coast and are setting up a business here.

RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Award



Sheila welcomed David Midwood, scout leader, Logan Scout Group along with our two nominees for RYLA also from the Logan Scout Group, Sera Ozden and Georgia Ferguson.

Alan Guignon has invited members to join him for “The RYLA Dinner” for Rotarians on Tuesday the 23rd January. It would be good to have more than just the usual couple of members who attend. Please let Alan G know if you are interested.

Car-pooling is available.

### Announcements from the Meeting

Secretary Sue

Please get your Conference Registrations in as soon as possible

We have a social function on 3 February at Kurrawa Surf Club

Bill Crouch

Anyone contemplating joining the Takasaki trip on 15,16,17 November please contact Bill

Alan Guignon

Alan mentioned the repayments that Golden Wheel Villas would be making this year and the management fee to be paid in September.

Alan also mentioned a project in conjunction with our sister club, Bangkok South to supply weaving looms to the women of Bhutan. The board has agreed to make US\$2,000 available. District will also be approached.

President Sheila

Sheila announced that the dinner at Kurrawa would be 6 for 6.30

We expect to have the return visit from the Rotary Club of Runaway Bay on 19 March

Harry Truman was a different kind of President. He probably made as many, or more important decisions regarding American history as any of the other 42 Presidents preceding him. However, a measure of his greatness may rest on what he did after he left the White House.

The only asset he had when he died was the house he lived in, which was in Independence Missouri. His wife had inherited the house from her mother and father and other than their years in the White House, they lived in it their entire lives together.

When he retired from office in 1952 his income was a U.S. Army pension reported to have been \$13,507.72 a year. Congress, noting that he was paying for his stamps and personally licking them, granted him an 'allowance' and, later, a retroactive pension of \$25,000 per year.

After President Eisenhower was inaugurated, Harry and Bess drove home to Missouri by themselves. There was no Secret Service following them.

When offered corporate positions at large salaries, he declined, stating, "You don't want me. You want the office of the President, and that doesn't belong to me ... it belongs to the American people and it's not for sale."

Even later, on May 6, 1971, when Congress was preparing to award him the Medal of Honor on his 87th birthday, he refused to accept it, writing, "I don't consider that I have done anything which should be the reason for any award, Congressional or otherwise."

As president he paid for all of his own travel expenses and food.

Modern politicians have found a new level of success in cashing in on the Presidency, resulting in untold wealth. Today, many in Congress also have found a way to become quite wealthy while enjoying the fruits of their offices. Political offices are now for sale.

Good old Harry Truman was correct when he observed, "My choices in life were either to be a piano player in a whore house or a politician. And to tell the truth, there's hardly any difference!"