



THE ROTARWAVE



THE ROTARY CLUB OF SURFERS PARADISE

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



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

Date	5 Feb	12 Feb	19 Feb
Chair	Catherine Palin - Brinkworth	Sue Montgomery	
Door	Stuart Fairley	Bert Shenko	
Fellowship	Alan Midwood	Jason Williams	
Toast	Adrian Smallacombe	Sue Brown	
Thanks	Peter Kumnick	Stuart Fairley	

Forthcoming program

Date	Speaker	Topic
5 Feb	4 officers from RACQ	RACQ's New Bank
12 Feb	Bridget Moloney RYLA Awardees	Our Exchange Student to Japan in 2017 To Speak of their experiences
19 Feb	To be confirmed	

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?

“Believe It or Not”

Thank you, Alan for a very interesting take on the concepts expressed by a well-known speaker.

Visitor to the Club



Tonight, we welcomed Jemma Byfield, introduced by Catherine. Jemma saw Catherine's web page on our Club. Thank you, Catherine and Welcome Jemma.

Announcements:

Jeff Bignell

Jeff advised that it would be best to park in the Oasis when attending the Saturday night dinner.

Jeff also advised that it could be beneficial to become a member, \$5 for over 55's, \$10 for under 55. The discounts make membership a worthwhile proposition.

Bert Shenko

Bert advised that the profit from the Sausage sizzle was about \$250.

It had been so hot, that a can of coke on the counter had exploded.

Bill Crouch

Projects

Bill advised that the ultrasound scanner project was completed, and the scanner was in operation.

The new project with Bangkok South providing weaving looms was under way with the club donating US\$2,000 and the district donating US\$4,000 towards this \$35,000 project.

Rotary Foundation

Bill asked for any "Tubes" already filled to be handed to him. Even if not filled, any donation would be gratefully received. One member has already filled 3 tubes. Congratulations Don.

Bequest of Jan and Bevan Worland-Brown

Bill has been advised by Bruce Allan from Paramatta, that the estate of Jane and Bevan Worland-Brown, a previous member of our club has been finalized. Rotary Foundation was a beneficiary of the estate to the value of \$620,000. \$310,000 of this is to attributed to the Rotary Club of Surfers Paradise.

Phil Dunsford

Clean Up Australia Day Sunday, 4 March 2018

Phil has secured Rotary Park, Cascade Gardens including the Kokoda Memorial Walk area as our clean-up site.

Phil said we start at 8.30am and finish at 11.00am when a delightful morning tea will be enjoyed in our Rotary Park.

We will be supplied with bags and a sharps bin.

Phil suggests we bring gardening gloves, hats and sunscreen cream

Joint Meeting

Our next planned joint meeting with Runaway Bay will be at our meeting place on the 19th March 2018.

Secretary Sue

There is a special event at Southport Yacht Club (Compass Room) to thank people who have donated to GC Foundation.

Wednesday 14th Feb – Breakfast – 8am – 9.30am

Rsvp to me by 2nd Feb. please

Is anyone able to attend?

Sue

Mermaid Waters Sausage Sizzle

Saturday, 10 February Mermaid Waters

MORNING SET UP AT 7.00AM – REPORT TO OFFICE – READY TO SERVE 8AM

Bert to report to Office Staff at 7am – bring items, set up, start cooking

KIRK - COOK – (arrive 7.30am)

STUART - TAKE MONEY (arrive 7.30am)

JENNIFER - SERVE (arrive 7.00am) bring all other items-- **BRING FLOAT**

AFTERNOON – 11.30AM – 4.00PM (START CLEANING & PACKING 3.30PM)

BERT - COOK – help clean up

SHEILA - TAKE MONEY – complete funds taken and report to office

ALAN M - SERVE

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

GOD & LAWN CARE

GOD to ST. FRANCIS:

Frank, You know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there on the planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, milkweeds and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now.

But, all I see are these green rectangles.

St. FRANCIS:

It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers 'weeds' and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

GOD:

Grass? But, it's so boring It's not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees, only grubs and sod worms. It's sensitive to temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

ST. FRANCIS:

Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

GOD:

The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

ST. FRANCIS:

Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it, sometimes twice a week.

GOD:

They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?

ST. FRANCIS:

Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

GOD:

They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

ST. FRANCIS:

No, Sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

GOD:

Now, let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And, when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

ST. FRANCIS:

Yes, Sir.

GOD:

These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

ST. FRANCIS:

You aren't going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to

water it, so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

GOD:

What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn, they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. It's a natural cycle of life.

ST. FRANCIS:

You better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

GOD:

No!? What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter to keep the soil moist and loose?

ST. FRANCIS:

After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

GOD:

And where do they get this mulch?

ST. FRANCIS:

They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

GOD:

Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore. St. Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

ST. CATHERINE:

'Dumb and Dumber', Lord. It's a story about....

GOD:

Never mind, I think I just heard the whole story from St. Francis.