



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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GUEST SPEAKER PROGRAM

Date	Speaker	Topic	Comment
16 March	Gillian Reeve	Polio	RC Hope Island
30 March Board Meeting	Kane Chisholm	“Kieser”, Bundall	Health & keeping fit

DUTY ROSTER

Date	Door	Toast	Thanks	Chair
02 March	Joihn Monks	Lee Peters	Kirk Mason	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 – Taylor Haley

Principal, Surfers Paradise State School
and School Chaplain Lee.



Rtn Ron Los thanked Taylor Haley and Chaplain Lee for their presentations to our members..

Surfers Paradise Principal, Taylor Haley spoke of the variety of backgrounds and differences that present in the school community.

A substantial number of families are transient in that they move from the southern states in winter and return south in summer.

A high ratio of student have English as a second language..

A significant number of pupils have a handicap, both physical and academic.

Though the pupils have access to a variety of support personnel, there never is enough to cover all that the school would like.

Haley thanked our club for the support that we have been able to give, financially to assist

disadvantaged students and in kind towards Christmas.

The school chaplain, Chappie Lee mixes with the staff and the pupils giving support and assistance where she can see it is needed.

Her training is through The Scripture Union but her role with the students is non religious.



President helen presented a cheque for \$4,000 on behalf of our Club to assist with the many instances to assist disadvantaged students.

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.

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.

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Club Information

Bill White

Golden Wheel Villas back fence has been moved

This fence has been constructed aided by the insurance payout.

Although much of the old undergrowth has been cleared thanks to Lyle Stevenson, We will need a working bee sometime when the weather is cooler to tidy up the newly exposed area.

Alan Guignon

Alan reminded members of the GWV Board that there will be a Board Meeting on

Wednesday 18 March at 5pm

at the Gold Coast Tavern

to discuss how we move forward with the new build.

Correct punctuation really adds meaning:

An English professor wrote the words: 'A woman without her man is nothing' on the chalkboard and asked his students to punctuate it correctly.

All of the males in the class wrote: 'A woman, without her man, is nothing.'

Are you ready for this.....?

All the females in the class wrote: 'A woman: without her, man is nothing.'

Punctuation is so powerful!

The new young Doctor!

A woman went to the doctor's office where she was seen by one of the younger doctors. After about four minutes in the examination room, she burst out screaming as she ran down the hall. An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was, and she told him her story.

After listening, he had her sit down and relax in another room. The older doctor marched down the hallway back to where the young doctor was writing on his clipboard.

'What's the matter with you?' the older doctor demanded. 'Mrs. Terry is 71 years old, has four grown children and seven grandchildren, and you told her she was pregnant?'

The younger doctor continued writing and without looking up said, 'Does she still have the hiccups?'

On the way back from a Cub Scout meeting, my grandson innocently said to my son, 'Dad, I know babies come from mommies' tummies, but how do they get there in the first place?'

After my son hemmed and hawed awhile, my grandson finally spoke up in disgust, 'You don't have to make up something, Dad. It's okay if you don't know the answer.'

These will make you smile. Some are quite clever.

Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.

A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.

Practice safe eating - always use condiments.

Shotgun wedding - A case of wife or death.

A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

Condoms should be used on every conceivable occasion.

Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead give away.)

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

