

Meetings – 1st and 3rd Mondays – 5:45 for 6:15 pm  
First Floor, Gold Coast Tavern, 150 Bundall Rd, Bundall

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**GUEST SPEAKER PROGRAM**

Date	Speaker	Subject	Comment
MAY 20	Taylor Haley	Principal, Surfers Paradise State School	
JUNE 3	Ann Metcher	Ancestry Research	
JUNE 17	Cr. Darren Taylor	Local Issues Etc.	Our Honorary Member
JULY 1	CLUB CHANGEOVER	PARTNER'S NIGHT	

**Duty Roster**

Date	Door	Toast	Thanks	Chairman
MAY 20	Bert Shenko	Adrian Smallacombe	Donna Gillett-Shaw	Peter Kumnick
JUNE 3	Phil Dunsford	Jeff Bignell	Stuart Fairley	Peter Kumnick
JUNE 17	Peter Dimond	Robyn Brown	Jeff Bignell	Peter Kumnick
JULY 1	Bill Crouch	Jeff Bignell		Peter Kumnick

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This is a "TEMPORARY" information Rotarwave  
cobbed together to keep members informed  
until we have a NEW permanent Rotarwave Editor.

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***POSITION VACANT: Rotarwave Editor  
Contact: Kirk or Sheila (or Bill C)***

**BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE:**

Bert advises we have been allocated a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Southport  
**FRIDAY 31 MAY**

Contact Bert if you can help out – Morning or Afternoon shifts available

## **ANNUAL SURFERS PARADISE ROTARY CHARITY RACE DAY**

Saturday September 21, 2024

Gold Coast Turf Club Corporate Suites, Level 2

(Southern end of main grandstand – new location)

Tables of 10 \$950 or \$95 single – trybooking.com opening soon

Proceeds to Gold Coast Hospital Foundation and The Rotary Foundation

### **LAST WEEK'S MEETING**

Last Tuesday was reflections on the Club visit to our long time Sister Club, Takasaki Rotary Club – Tales of Takasaki Travels. Everyone, particularly those who had not travelled and experienced Takasaki RC hospitality before, were blown away with the whole visit. 😊

#### **A couple of important information bits regarding our two club gifts:**

President Kirk presented our very individual Commemorative Plaque to the Chairman of Takasaki RC in front of 250 odd gathered Rotarians and guests from all over their District at the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Upon displaying the Plaque there was an immediate and highly audible gasp of amazement and appreciation from the entire audience. They were genuinely very impressed. It will adorn the wall of their office in the hotel.

At the Welcome Party Bill C presented a gift of ¥200,000 (about \$AUD2000) from our Club to be used for relief of the victims of the enormous disaster, Noto Peninsular earthquake earlier this year. This gift was greeted with appreciation and applause. More was to come, however, when we travelled to Koyasan.

Yoshii is the Chief Priest of his Jigengi Temple in Takasaki, which is part of the worldwide Buddhist sect known as Koyasan-Shingon – one of five Buddhist sects worldwide. We were invited into the Kongobuji Temple in Koyasan, which is the World HQ of the Shingon sect. There was an assembly of 10-12 Senior Buddhist Priests gathered around in the Temple and we were all seated in the centre.

It turns out that apparently Takasaki RC had added ¥100,000 to our ¥200,000 and asked Yoshii-San to donate all to the Koyasan Buddhists, who had been actively assisting with feeding, clothing etc the displaced residents of the Noto Peninsular earthquake from the outset. The donation was welcomed enthusiastically and sincerely by the assembled Senior Priests of the Temple, so much so that they had two Official Photographers and a Reporter recording the occasion. Amongst all the Japanese ceremony, “Surfers Paradise Rotary” was heard regularly. A great result for what we considered was a modest donation. Lots of kudos for Surfers Paradise Rotary, for a donation that was “Doing Good in the World”.