



THE ROTARWAVE



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5.45pm for 6. pm



RIP Shekhar Mehtak



President Kirk

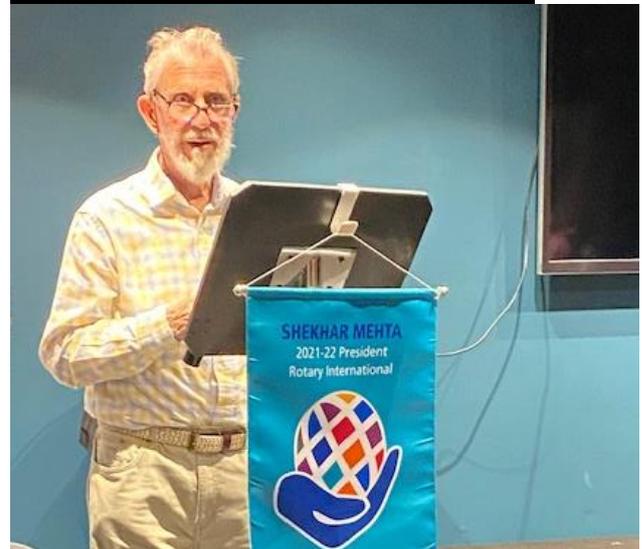


DG Jeff Egan

Date	16.05.22	06.06.22	20.06.22
Chair	President Kirk	President Kirk	President Kirk
Door	Bill White	Jeff Bignell	Helen Derrick
Toast	Secretary Donna	Sgt Peter	Treasurer Adrian
Thanks	Ron Derrick		
	GWV Board Meeting 5pm	Board Meeting	

TUESDAY NIGHT MEETING
Guest Speaker – Alan Midwood
Apologies to Alan.

His presentation is copied below



Forthcoming program

Date	Speaker	Topic
16 May	Dayana Winnall	Bone Health
30 May	Social Evening	To be advised
06 June	tba	

New Membership Drive for 2021 – 2022

Let's get these goals on the board

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New Members	

Welcome Our New Members:

‘The Christopher Skase that I knew’ was the subject of Alan Midwood’s talk. Alan set the scene, spoke of Christopher’s early career as a Commerce Student, Financial Times journalist, stockbroker and of the purchase of a small, listed company, Qintex in 1975. Alan reminded us of Gold Coast’s Unit Boom of ’77-’81 and the crash of ’82, as a result of too many apartments having been constructed. Following a world tour studying the design of International Hotels, Alan became convinced that what the GC lacked was 3-star Hotels to accommodate Asian tourists. Sir Frank Moore persuaded the Queensland Government to put government land out to tender and they selected beachfront sites on The Spit and at 4-mile Beach at Port Douglas. Qintex won both tenders.

The Christopher Skase that Alan knew was very hard working and with his wife Pixie was dynamic and stylish. Alan recalled a phone call he took from Christopher Skase one Christmas Day, querying some detail on a document he was reading. Alan spoke of a full-on visit in four private jets with a group of Melbourne financiers to both sites, Gold Coast and Port Douglas, given a complete rundown of Christopher's proposals and return to Gold Coast airport at midnight! Two weeks later financial approval was given and over eighteen frenetic months' work two 5-star Sheraton hotels were designed and constructed and completed in time for Expo '88. All subbies were fully paid and 40% interest in both hotels was sold for more than their total development cost.

Christophe Skase established the Brisbane Bears AFL team against opposition from Brisbane businesses. Quintex Entertainment purchased Channel 7 in Brisbane and subsequently Channel 7 in Sydney and Melbourne. Quintex Entertainment then merged with Hal Roach studios in Hollywood which had a new colourisation system for black and white films. MGM had a large film library and he bid \$1.0bn, but Rupert Murdoch raised that to \$1.2bn and Christopher responded with a fatal bid of \$1.5bn.

Six weeks later reality set in when he was unable to fund this amount and he faced Chapter 11 Bankruptcy in USA and CBA foreclosed on him in Australia.

Following a court appearance in Brisbane, Christopher and Pixie dropped out of sight in Australia. The media and the police were unable to find him. Alan revealed that he was in fact concealed in a Unit in The Domain Retirement Village at Ashmore before he fled to Majorca, Spain, which had no extradition treaty with Australia. He was too ill to fly back to Australia and died, of bowel cancer aged 53 in 2001. His wife Pixie now lives in reduced circumstances in Melbourne.

What happened to the 'missing million' of dollars? It was all a Mirage!

Guest Speaker on Tuesday 3 May

Clare Blake – QIMR Berghofer
Queensland Institute of Medical Research



Bert Shenko presenting the Vote of Thanks to Clare for showing her enthusiasm in her topic.

Clare Blake, from QIMR brought us an update on the work of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research. 100% of funds raised goes to Research.

They now have a 64-bed clinical trial centre where analysis is done on the spot. Already research has seen breakthroughs in the treatment of Prostate Cancer, as well as Infectious diseases and neurodegenerative disease.

Coronavirus research is ongoing. Vaccines are vital for **all** people: medical science is correct and other sources of 'information' are dubious. Peptide treatment in Long Covid is getting excellent results.

A new area of research is 'mini-brains'. Here the skin cells are treated hormonally to replicate as whatever cell the researcher selects for research: This enables the researcher to treat these cells for the disease and observe its effectiveness before applying the treatment to the individual. This particularly applies to difficult to treat areas such as the brain and heart.

QIMR has interesting podcasts which may be accessed from their website
<https://www.qimrberghofer.edu.au>

A cheque for \$2,000 was presented to QIMR from RoC Surfers Paradise for their research.



Cheque presented by president Kirk to Clare.

Club Visitors

Phil introduced Rtn Ian Donald from the Rotary Club of Monash where Ian is President.

President Kirk introduced His Brother, Rtn Scott Mason of the Rotary Club of Adelaide Parks,

Club Information

President Kirk

President Kirk advised that the board approved a donated of \$10,000 towards Ukrainian relief.

Alan Guignon

Alan advised that the Board Meeting of Golden Wheel Villas would be held on Tuesday night 10 May at 5pm.

(This was subsequently changed to Monday 16 May)

Alan Guignon and Alan Midwood attended the Rotary Club Corporate where Alan M spoke of the history of our Club.

Our GWV project created great interest.

District Conference Award

Our club received the Rotary Foundation Award for the Club that had contributed the most money per head in the district.

Bill Crouch

Bill introduced a new attendance sheet along with a new procedure.

Only members pay \$10 room hire.

Partners and visitors do NOT pay. – Only list their names on the sheet.

Phil Dunsford

Jokers wild will be back in the club.

The system will be clarified by next meeting.

Bert Shenko

Bert received centurion tubes from President Kirk and our resident comedian, Don, who delivers his jokes after the meeting . Thanks Don.



"At age 20, we worry about what others think of us... at age 40, we don't care what they think of us... at age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all." - Ann Landers

I've never tried to outrun a police car. But, if this shows up behind me, yeah, I'm taking my chances.



New sign at Wal-Mart



Our society is doomed.....

I was terrified of ghosts when I was little so my mom told me I can vacuum them up and had me clean the house telling me I was getting rid of them.

"I'm so old that my blood type is discontinued." - Bill Dane

"Old people shouldn't eat health foods. They need all the preservatives they can get." – Robert Orben

MY WIFE ASKED ME WHY I SPOKE SO SOFTLY IN THE HOUSE. I SAID I WAS AFRAID MARK ZUCKERBERG WAS LISTENING! SHE LAUGHED. I LAUGHED. ALEXA LAUGHED. SIRI LAUGHED.

AT MY FUNERAL TAKE THE BOUQUET OFF MY COFFIN AND THROW IT INTO THE CROWD TO SEE WHO IS NEXT