



THE ROTARWAVE



THE ROTARY CLUB OF SURFERS PARADISE
<http://surfersparadiserotary.org>
Meetings – Ferry Road Tavern

PO BOX 5267, Gold Coast MC. 9726
me 66 Issue 10 – 29.11.21
5.45pm for 6.15pm



RIP Shekhar Mehtak



President Kirk



DG Jeff Egan

| Date | 06.12.21 | 13.12.21 | 17.01.22 |
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| Chair | President Kirk | Christmas Party | President Kirk |
| Door | Phil Dunsford | Southport Golf Club | Stuart Fairley |
| Toast | Sec Donna | 6.00pm for 6.30pm | Treasurer Adrian |
| Thanks | Stuart Fairley | Cost \$30 per head | |
| | Board Meeting | All welcome | Board Meeting |

Congratulations to Jennifer Johnson who accepted an offer of Honorary Membership of our Club. The honour was well deserved.



President Kirk has just presented Jennifer with her Honorary Membership.

Forthcoming program

| Date | Speaker | Topic |
|--------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| 6 Dec | Gareth Hunt | District Public Image Team |
| 13 Dec | Christmas Party | Southport Golf Club 6pm for 6.30pm |
| 17 Jan | To be confirmed | |

New Membership Drive for 2021 – 2022

Let's get these goals on the board

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| New Members | |

Our Guest Speaker – Clare Blake from QIMR, Berghofer Medical Research Unit.



Claire Blake from QIMR Berghofer Institute, Brisbane, gave a fascinating illustrated talk on the history of and research work done by the Institute in Brisbane.

Queensland Institute of Medical Research began in 1947 with a staff of seven in a disused World War II US Army hut in Victoria Park, Brisbane. This temporary accommodation housed the Institute for the next 30 years.

From 1951 to 1965, in North Queensland, QIMR researchers investigated outbreaks of Qfever, leptospirosis, scrub typhus, dengue and other tropical fevers and also studied viruses in Queensland's animals.

In 1960, QIMR scientists isolated Murray Valley encephalitis virus from mosquitoes.

In August 2013, QIMR was renamed QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute after Clive Berghofer AM donated \$50.1 million to the institute.

Rotary is supporting the Institute's research into malaria vaccine, which kills mostly children under five. Our Club donated \$13,000 from our recent Race Day to this.

Today's QIMR Berghofer Institute pursues four main avenues of research: Infectious Diseases, Chronic illnesses, Mental Health and Cancer.

A recent outcome of research has been proving the link between high cholesterol in men and prostate cancer.

Exciting and important breakthroughs in the treatment of dementia by means of a lab-grown brain 'patch', rather than by chemical means, is ongoing.

Research is identifying those who may be susceptible to Long Covid – a terrible form of the disease that affects the heart and major organs. It seems there is a genetic link in those susceptible to Long Covid, so biometric markers are being established to identify those cases, so that appropriate treatment can be given.

In animal research, 220 Koalas in Kippa Ring were examined and 80% were carrying Ross River Fever virus, for which they were treated. This was important so that mosquitoes could not carry the disease from Koalas to humans. In Cairns, female mosquitoes were sterilised and released into the wild and, unable to breed, the population of disease-carrying mosquitoes fell.

It is hoped that Clair Blake can return to the Club next year to tell us more about the Institute's work and give us an update on the malaria vaccine.

My thanks to Barbara Midwood .



Bill White moving the vote of thanks to Clare.

Visitors to the Club:



Ling Raines of the Rotary Club of Brisbane Mid City. Lovely to have Ling join with us again.



Edwina Sullivan with Sheila Ponting. Edwina is interested in Rotary. Welcome to our Rotary

Club Edwina. We hope you have an enjoyable evening.



Ron and Helen Derrick. Ron is a former member of the club. Great to have you both with us.

THREE NEW MEMBERS !!!

Whilst the immediate result of the Letterbox Drop has been less than hoped for, we can at least celebrate the attendance of 3 prospective NEW MEMBERS at last week's meeting.

Japanese speaking LING RAINES returned for a second look, and although she wants to retain membership of her Brisbane City club (where she links with their Sister Club in Japan), she is very happy with what she sees and will be a regular at our club meetings. Together with being a great help to us when Takasaki activities fire up again.

EDWINA SULLIVAN saw our flyer and is so impressed with the friendly welcome she received from Sheila and her table, that she wants to join asap.

RON DERRICK is a former member of our club who has been helping with repair work at Golden Wheel Villas and is looking into rejoining the club, along with his wife Helen.

ALL THREE will be attending the Christmas Party, so take the time to introduce yourself and show them a friendly welcome.

AND if you have any flyers left over, make use of them to persuade your friends and neighbours to "Come and Join Us".

Alan Midwood

Visitor

Our visitor looks familiar



Welcome again Scott. Scott is vaguely related to President Kirk Mason. They share the same birthday.

Scott is a member of the Rotary Club of Adelaide Parks.



A real pleasure to welcome Barbara Midwood and Judy Dunsford who enjoyed the fantastic delivery on the medical interventions that are being developed at the QIMR as presented by Clare Blake.

Club Information

Bert Shenko

Sausage Sizzle

URGENT – We have been offered this Sunday 5 December due to a cancellation.

Bert has Donna, Jennifer, Adrian, Alan G.. Bert and Kirk. Anyone else who is available , please contact Bert.

Bert informed us that the Next next sausage sizzle will be on Monday 27 December at Bunnings Southport.

Worker are required.

Golden Wheel Villas working Bee

Bill thanked all of the members who attended on the Saturday to spread the compost. Adrian Alan Midwood, Barbara Midwood, Phil, Bert, Paul, Alan

Alan Guignon

Christmas Party

Alan has booked us into the Southport Golf Club on Monday, 13 December for our Christmas party.

The Cost is \$30 a head, 6.00pm for 6.30pm

All welcome and bring friends

Rotary Youth Program – MUNA

MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY

One of the most imaginative programs Rotary International runs is a Model United Nations Assembly, or MUNA.

District is calling on all Clubs to encourage and sponsor a local High School to compete at Tweed Heads Civic Centre on 30 April 2022.

MUNA is a school-based competition which gives students a wider understanding of the democratic process and knowledge of international affairs.

Teams of 3 students from Grades 11/12 will select a country and debate set resolutions from that country's point of view. The winning team from our District will be invited to the National Final in Canberra in August. To create an authentic atmosphere Teams are encouraged to research their selected country, dress in that

national dress and and decorate their table appropriately.

Our Club will pay the \$350 entry fee plus incidentals for a team we sponsor. However, someone from our Club, needs to contact schools and identify the teacher who is inspired and enthusiastic enough to carry the project through.

This is a wonderful way to broaden students' understanding of Real World affairs outside the classroom.

It is also a great opportunity for our Club to get some much needed exposure in the local community and catch the attention of potential new Rotarians.

Who in our Club is prepared to be the coordinator of this innovative initiative? Please let Alan Midwood know if **you** are the one prepared to give some students this invaluable experience.

Letter of Thanks for our donation to the Hospital Foundation.

Dear Alan,

Thank you for giving back to the sickest and most vulnerable in the community. With your support, Gold Coast Hospital Foundation **raised more than \$3.9 million** last year to fund cutting-edge equipment, much-needed hospital facility refurbishments, life-changing patient transport and emergency accommodation services, innovative research and important projects. This is absolutely incredible, and it's all happened because of your continued support and generosity.

How you have helped over 100,000 people in our community

A big-hearted virtual thank you

With the ongoing uncertainty around the COVID-19 crisis, your Gold Coast Hospital Foundation has faced many unexpected curveballs that has seen the cancellation or postponement of our in-person events. While this has been hugely disappointing and challenging for our small team, we refuse to let it dampen our spirits or stop us from showing you – our valued supporters – how immensely grateful we are for your continued support and donations.

This week, our team [took to social media to say a wholehearted virtual thank you](#) to our extended Foundation 'family' – our donors, supporters, corporate and community partners, volunteers, patients and their families, Gold Coast Health staff, and of course everyone in the wider community.

Thank you for supporting your Foundation. You're all playing a very important and much-needed role in funding our meaningful work. Whether it's through donations, workplace giving, attending our fundraising events, liking and sharing our social media content, buying our merchandise and market stall items, or raising awareness by telling your family, friends and colleagues about us – we appreciate everything you do to support patients, families and the medical teams who care for them.

Kind regards,

Ben Cox
Chief Executive Officer
Gold Coast Hospital Foundation



100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars.

Today, everyone has a car and only the rich have horses

Oh how the stables have turned

