



# THE ROTARWAVE

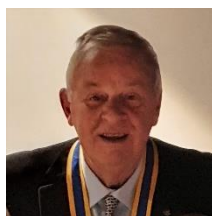


**THE ROTARY CLUB OF SURFERS PARADISE**  
<http://surfersparadiserotary.org>  
**Meetings – Gold Coast Tavern**

**PO BOX 5267, Gold Coast MC. 9726**  
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**5.45pm for 6.15 pm**



RIP Jennifer Jones



President Alan



DG Karen Thomas

Date	17.10.22	31.10.22	07.11.22
Chair	Bill Crouch	President Alan	President Alan
Door	Jeff Bignell		Ron Derrick
Toast	Secretary Donna		Sgt Peter
Thanks			Phil Dunsford
			Board Meeting

Our Guest Speaker – Mr Brad Cooper of Volunteering Gold Coast



President Alan welcoming Brad Cooper to the Club.

### Forthcoming program

Date	Speaker	Topic
17 Oct	Club Annual general meeting	GWV Annual general meeting
31.Oct	Social Evening	Details to follow
07 Nov	Ms Chelle King	PBF – Paraplegic Benefit Fund

### Vale John Polson

On October 3rd 2022 ex Surfers Paradise Rotary Club member, John Rendall Polson passed away after a long battle with cancer.

John had been a good and colourful member of our Rotary Club in the 1980ies.

John's wife Anthea has an Art gallery in Tedder Place, Main Beach.

John was father to Carla and JB

### Brad Cooper, CEO of Volunteering Gold Coast

(<https://volunteeringgc.org.au>), addressed the Club and began by acknowledging the work of Bill Crouch and Adrian Smallacombe who are among the Volunteers who give their time.

The two main areas of volunteers' work are in Transport and Community Visits. Volunteering Gold Coast also supply to Surf Clubs blue mats to roll out on the beach to enable access across the sand for wheelchairs, which would otherwise become bogged, making the beach inaccessible to wheel-chair users.

People have different motivations for volunteering: a) to meet new people, b) to acquire new skills to improve employment eligibility, c) 'pay forward' or 'pay back' and d) Corporate volunteers, where Companies volunteer their employees as good corporate citizens. The latter has a cost recovery issue as volunteers need to be checked out individually to ensure they are 'cleared' for volunteering. Volunteering is a huge saving of money to the community. The new government in Canberra believes in volunteer resources. Senator Murray Watts, (Lab. Qld.) has appealed to Canberra to continue funding Volunteer resources.

Tweed Volunteer Services has closed through lack of funding. Volunteering Gold Coast is fortunate in that it owns the building that it occupies in Miami. There are some 6,000 volunteers on the Gold Coast. During the Lismore floods in 2022, Volunteering Gold Coast made buses available and over 9 weeks took over 500 volunteers to work on site.

Brad Cooper was thanked by Kirk Mason and presented with a Club pen/light as thanks for his visit and informative talk.

On Friday, Jennifer and Cheryl provided morning tea of scones, jam and cream for the residents of Golden Wheel Villas.

The good food matched the great atmosphere that the residents enjoy.

Thanks Jennifer and Cheryl for establishing these events.



#### **Our Race Day.**

**In its 19<sup>th</sup> year, the race day was a great success.**

**Numbers were down but the atmosphere was very enjoyable. The food was fabulous.**

**Those who attended are asking to be invited next year.**

**Next year Sue McKeen has put forward PG&A to sponsor next years event. Many thanks Sue for your continued support. PG&A also donated \$1,000 on the day.**

**With about 50% of the numbers last year, the profit was about 50% of last years total.**

**From this years profit, \$3,000 will be donated to Angel Flight, \$3,000 will be donated to the Hospital Foundation.**

**President Alan thanked Sheila and Jennifer for their constant support.**

#### **Rotary Youth Programs**

Please read carefully the information below from Executive Youth Chair PDG Darrell Brown outlining the requirements and criteria for each programme. Please inform your members of these outstanding programmes, as they may be aware of someone who would benefit from attending. Additional information may be obtained from D9640 Website. If you have any questions, please communicate **DIRECTLY** with either Gareth Hunt for RYTS or Anthony Zirilli for RYLA. Their details appear at the bottom of this email under "Further Information" YIR, Sue Dist Sec



## Youth Programs – now accepting applications!

Two of our District's Youth Programs, the Rotary Youth Transition Seminar (RYTS) and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) are now **open for applications**.

**RYTS is aimed at students in their senior years of school (years 11-12) or who are aged between 17-18** if not within a school system. The program has a focus to assist the transition from one area of study into the next phase of life. It will run from 12 - 17 January 2023. Further information and links for applications can be found on our District website ([www.rotary9640.org/page/ryts](http://www.rotary9640.org/page/ryts)).

**RYLA is aimed at young people aged 19-29** and will run from 24 - 29 January 2023. The program is a personal, professional development camp which focuses on enhancing leadership, communication, motivation, teamwork and interpersonal skills. Further information and links for applications can be found on our District website ([www.rotary9640.org/page/rotary-youth=leadership-awards](http://www.rotary9640.org/page/rotary-youth=leadership-awards)).

Our venue for both camps is Bornhoffen PCYC in Natural Bridge, QLD. **We are accepting applicants from both QLD and NSW.** With limited spaces available at each camp, we urge applicants to apply early.

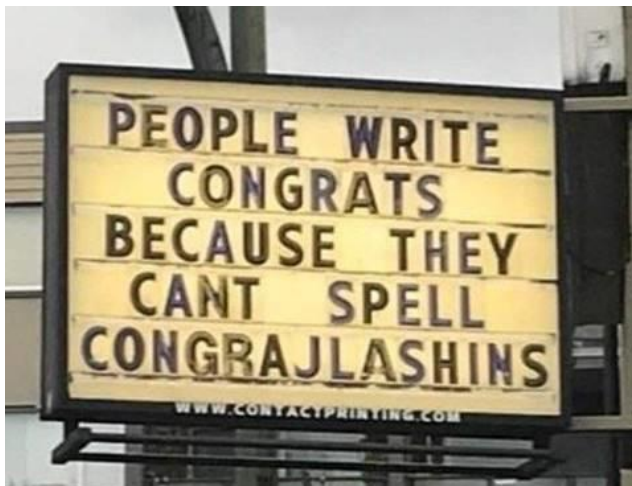
**Clubs can sponsor as many attendees as they wish to either camp.** You will be invoiced in full for each person you sponsor (less the \$100 deposit payable by RYLA applicants). However, you are free to determine how much of that cost is covered by your club or the applicant – further details are on the respective website pages.

Please be aware that the **applications will only be accepted online** via the links on the website pages. For each submitted application sponsored by your club we will send an email containing the details of the application and asking you to confirm / approve (an additional email will also be triggered for RYTS applicants asking their parent / guardian to approve).

### Further Information

If you need further information or have any queries, please reach out to the respective Program Chairs – RYTS – Gareth Hunt ([gareth.hunt71@gmail.com](mailto:gareth.hunt71@gmail.com) or 0414 408 299)

RYLA – Anthony Zirilli ([tony.zirilli@gmail.com](mailto:tony.zirilli@gmail.com) or 0407 194 509)



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