



# THE ROTARWAVE



THE ROTARY CLUB OF SURFERS PARADISE

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Meetings – Monday 6.30pm – Fables Restaurant – Mantra Legends Hotel – Surfers Paradise



RIP Mark Maloney



President Adrian



DG. Harry Bolton

Date	09.09.19	16.09.19	23.09.19
Chair	Alan Midwood	Bert Shenko	Stephen Beckett
Door	Sue Montgomery	Trevor Taylor	Jeff Bignell
Fellowship	Bill White	Bill White	Bill Crouch
Toast	Sgt. Peter	Treasurer Sheila	Alan Guignon
Thanks		Kiah Bastian	

## Guest Speaker – Noel Grummitt



Alan Guignon moving the Vote of Thanks to Noel Grummitt

Noel related that he has had a very close relationship with Rotary through his wife, Margaret.

Margaret was a RYLA awardee. She went on Group Study Exchange with built a self-belief and confidence followed by 20 years in Rotary with Parkwood and years as a Gold Coast City Counsellor.

Noel earned a degree in Civil Engineering at UQ. He worked with the Brisbane City Council and experienced the 1974 Brisbane floods.

Noel joined a Gold Coast firm with his civil engineering then extended into the rise of Structural Engineering in the 80's. He was involved with the construction of Conrad Jupiters.

### Forthcoming program

Date	Speaker	Topic
9 Sept	Social evening	
16 Sept	Alan Midwood	
23 Sept	Social Evening	

## A Special Concert

On Friday 27 September, the Queensland Symphony Orchestra is putting on a special concert of **popular light classics** at the Arts Centre (aka HOTA) If you have not heard a live orchestra perform, come and be amazed at the beautiful sounds.

Tickets are only \$45 each for a group of six. Contact Alan Midwood, 5538 9625.

He then moved into Town Planning where he was a rarity in that he was a Town Planner who was an engineer.

Noel has become very involved with the Community Sector. He has worked for Churches, Rotary and many other community organizations.

He has found it very frustrating in that Local Government don't understand the community sector when planning. Local Government Decisions costing the corporate sector can be passed on by the corporate sector to the end user. In the community sector, costly decisions result in projects being abandoned or diminished in size to fit the budget.

The Value of the Community Sector is huge when sporting organizations, cultural and charity projects are assessed.

Noel clarified the situation with Stage 4 at Golden Wheel Villas. Our lease with the State Government through the Council is "Unique", the only one in Queensland. Our problem is the "2017 Vegetation Clearing Regulation". This legislation prevents any destruction of vegetation that has been identified on a plan from being cleared, even if this is on private property. It is impacting many property owners across the State. With that, we had no hope of getting approval to access the remainder of our block.

Nicely clarified Noel. We expect to move on getting access to the northern area for a reduced outcome.

Thanks Noel.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **Bill Crouch**

Bill advised that we were getting badges with bigger printed NAME. We could have different clips, rotational, magnetic or standard. Bill will email everyone for their preference.

### **Alan Guignon**

Alan advised that we have received a letter regarding the Federal Community Environmental Program. Of the \$150,000 available, projects will be funded from \$2,500 to \$20,000.

Responses have to be in by 27 September.

Alan has asked for ideas. Possibly related to Cascade Gardens. –

Barbara Midwood: \$20,000 to re-green Surfers Paradise to make up for all the lovely shade trees that were removed to provide space for the Light Rail's overhead wires ?

### **Adrian Smallcombe**

Adrian advised that Greg Smith, President of Runaway Bay Rotary had advised that their guest speaker on 1<sup>st</sup> October is from Alvey, the Australian Fishing Reel company started by Charles Alvey in 1920.

### **Bill White**

#### **The Race Day – Saturday 12 October**

We have lots of donations so prizes are covered  
We now need "Bums on Seats"  
We need to focus on Ticket Sales.  
Russ Walkington will be our MC.  
4CRB will be interviewing the Professors associated with the Malaria Project.



# **RYTS**

## **Rotary Youth Transition Seminar**

17 to 22 November 2019

**RYTS** is a residential camp for students who have just left school and are aged 17/18 years, or are in final 2 years of High School and maybe taking on leadership roles in their Year 12

Applicants required for this course.  
Contact Bill White

From Alan Midwood

I was speaking at Broadbeach Club last night and they announced that on Tuesday 22 October they have a top rated speaker in Mick Palmer, who is Federal Police Commissioner and will be speaking on drugs and crime. They also gave a plug for our Race Day.

Jim Hawkins has been arranging their speakers for many years and said he is running out of ideas, and needs bigger numbers to justify good speakers. He suggested we might like to join them that night. How about it instead of our Monday night that week ? They meet at Lone Star Tavern.

Jim said they would be interested in a closer relationship with our club as they are down to around 39 members now, and a lot of them are familiar faces !

Who knows where this could lead? Alternate weeks at each others' club and larger numbers for Mantra when we are there? It could be at least a partial answer to our perennial membership problem.

**Sometimes when I reflect back on all the wine I drink I feel shame. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the vineyards and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn't drink this wine, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. Then I say to myself, "It is better that I drink this wine and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver."**

*~ Jack Handy*

