



# THE ROTARWAVE



THE ROTARY CLUB OF SURFERS PARADISE

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Meetings – Gold Coast Tavern

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5.45pm for 6.15 pm



RIP Jennifer Jones



President Alan



DG Karen Thomas

Date	19.09.22	04.10.22	17.10.22
Chair	President Alan	Tuesday President Alan	President Alan
Door	Bert Shenko	Bill White	Jeff Bignell
Toast	Sgt Peter	Treasurer Adrian	Secretary Donna
Thanks			
		Board meeting	GWV Board Meeting

### Forthcoming program

Date	Speaker	Topic
19 Sept	DG Karen Thomas	Official Visit
04 Oct	T.b.a.	
17 Oct	Club Annual general meeting	GWV Annual general meeting

Guest Speaker – De Parker



De Parker, Principal of Surfers Paradise State School gave the club an insightful summary of her role at the school. She set the scene with the introduction of her family of young adult children and the motto that she applies to her family as well as her professional life ‘Together Everyone Achieves More’ – TEAM.

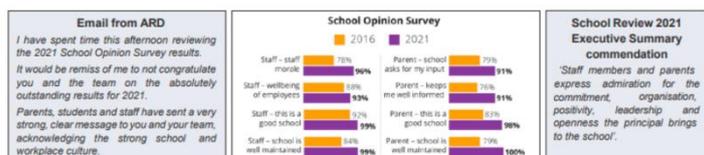
De’s professional experience ranges from two degrees at the University of Southern Queensland and moves through several State Schools in the Gold Coast Region – William Duncan, Mudgeeraba, Tallebudgera, Miami, Helensvale, Upper Coomera and Surfers Paradise State Schools. Her next appointment will be to Pacific Pines State School. De sees her role as Inspiring and Empowering successful Lifelong Learners. She believes every child has a life of choice, not chance. De also states that she consciously inspires all staff to a belief that every child will be literate and numerate.

The school under her leadership has several music programmes, focuses on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) subjects, varies the school experience with programmes such as sports aerobics, discos, school camps, Christmas parties, sports carnivals, and other imaginative resources.

Between 2016 and 2021 the school measures of attainment improved markedly, achieved by improving staff morale, keeping the school well maintained, keeping parents informed.

Strategies during Covid were a challenge, however the improvement in the school has been noted in a Key Finding. School Leaders and staff members discuss their shared commitment to providing high quality education for every student.

The school's achievements are summed up by the following:



The Rotary Club of Surfers Paradise is proud of its support of the school: last year we provided funds to enable children who would not otherwise be able to, to attend camp and also bought a set of 30 dictionaries for the school.

### President Alan

Christmas Party – Monday, 12 December  
 Southport Golf Club  
 Final meeting for the year.

### Race Day

Saturday, 1 October.  
 Time to get tables filled – expect 200 people  
 Possible problem – Monday 3 October is a Public Holiday in Queensland

**Tables sales are well below 50% of the 200 seats we are required to sell.**

Prizes needed for Raffle – suggest 2 Bottles of wine.

Club donated \$3,000 to RAWCS to enable them to ship a container already filled. RAWCS - Rotary Australia World Community Service. Much support goes to our Pacific Islands

### Visitors



Welcome again Marilyn

### From our Friends in Takasaki:

Dear Bill, Donna and Kirk

Chairman Katsuragawa and all the members have entrusted me with a message, so I will send this.

Chairman Katsuragawa and all the members would like to express our condolences on the passing of Queen Elizabeth. At last night's meeting, all members observed a minute's silence. It has become big news in Japan, and the Japanese people are also saddened. Her Queen Elizabethan achievements over the years are more honored than anyone else.

In Japan, the 7th wave is finally on the decline. I would like to hope that this will continue to the end. And I hope we can visit SPRC next year.

Please take care of yourself. We are always being with you.

Let's keep in touch.

Ken Yamazaki

Folks,  
Here is the yearbook 2022 of our sister club, Rotary Bangkok South.  
As you know, we have enjoyed a very successful relationship with this club for many years and I have personally attended their weekly meetings when I was most recently living in Bangkok. And VP Donna and I attended their 50th celebration event some years ago.

Others in our club have also been in close contact.  
I will be in Bangkok in early November and will attend their weekly meeting and pass on our best wishes and desire to get together with important and life changing projects in Thailand.  
Because of Covid, the water purification joint projects in rural Thailand have been put on hold but we are both hopeful they will recommence early next year.  
This is a really magnificent club. Their commitment to the principles of Rotary are inspiring.  
The attached Yearbook will give you an idea of their amazing work.  
Cheers  
Alan G

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ihY7iUsQr6AsLBwDr1OxGKdk4CW99d3I/view?usp=sharing>

Hi Alan

Thanks for the invitation to speak with your club, regarding the upcoming Regionalisation vote. It was good to catch up with some familiar faces.

Could I just emphasize a few points in relation to the process:

- All clubs are requested to vote either for or against the pilot. Abstaining is counted as a no vote.
- Voting opens on 15 September and closes on 29 September.
- Club Presidents will be contacted by the RISPPPO office 2 weeks before the vote, to confirm emails and ensure availability. If a President is not available during the voting window another club member can be nominated to vote.
- The voting form will be emailed to the President by the RISPPPO office.
- If any club member would like any further information, visit the website [creatingtomorrowrotary.org](http://creatingtomorrowrotary.org)
- There is a voting Fact Sheet on the website, explaining the processes.

Kind regards

Terry (PDG Terry Brown)

**Many people ask me why I drink so much wine. It's actually because I have a genetic condition whereby my body doesn't produce its own alcohol. Therefore I'm forced to take a supplement.**

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