



THE ROTARWAVE



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Meetings – Ferry Road Tavern

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5.45pm for 6.15pm



RIP Holger Knaack



President Donna



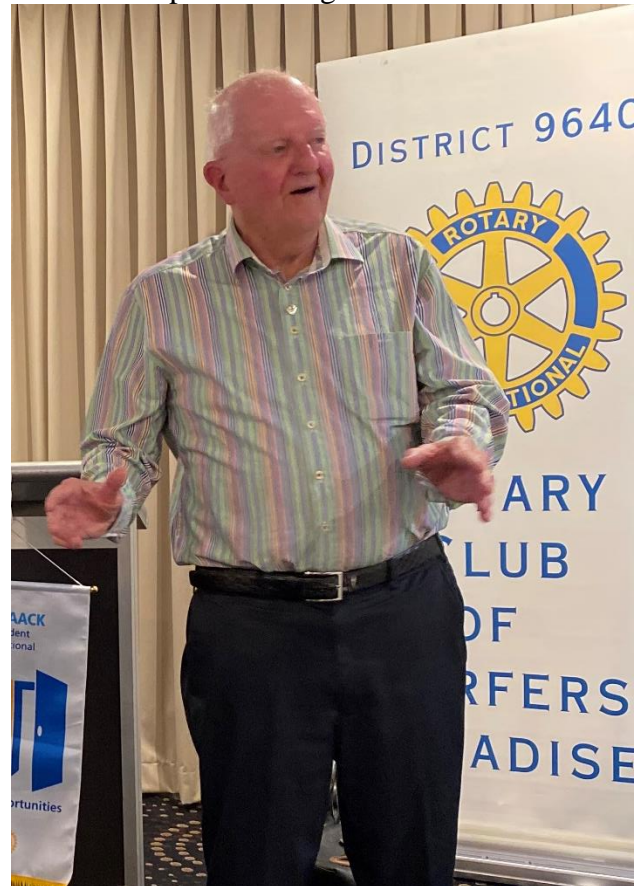
DG Andy Rajapaske

Date	21.09.20	05.10.20	12.10.20
Chair	Sheila Ponting	Queen's Birthday	Adrian Smallacombe
Door	Bill White	Note: Meeting	Jeff Bignell
Fellowship		Next Week 12 October	
Toast	Secretary Sue		Treasurer
Thanks	President Donna		
		Board Mtg?	GWV Board Mtg

Forthcoming program

Date	Speaker	Topic
21 Sept	DG Andy Rajapaske	DG's visit
05 Oct	Holiday	
12 Oct	To be advised	

Our Guest Speaker – Pdg Graham Jones



Having spent many years in the universities in the USA, graham took on the job of explaining the election processes for electing The President of the United States of America.

It is so different to our elections.

In the USA, voting is NOT compulsory. This means that the political parties have to enthruse the people to come out to vote. The VIRUS is presenting further problems.

I'm not sure of the process of postal voting. Do the electors all get sent a postal ballot or do they have to

NOTICE:

District Governor Andy Rajapaske will be visiting our club on Monday, 21 September.

PARTNERS WELCOME

apply for a postal ballot? Postal voting is a contentious issue at present.

The candidates have to win in the various states. Each of the states traditionally support either the Democrats or the Republicans. Then there are the swinging states where the outcome is only known after the election.

Each state is allocated a number of votes of members of the Electoral College. The number of votes depends on the state's population. The winner of each state is allocated the total number of the Electoral College Votes with the exception of two states Maine and Nebraska who split the votes.

California has 55 votes, Texas 38 and Alaska has 3.

To be successful, a candidate has to win 270 electoral college votes.

This also means that the successful candidate could win fewer votes overall than the loser.

Thanks Graham for a very comprehensive explanation..

Yasin Moitahedi – Iranian Student at Griffith Uni.



Alan Midwood thanking Yasin Moitahedi for his talk on his experiences as a student in Australia during the pandemic.

Yasin gave thanks for the support given by the Club and others. He came to Australia as a 17 year old and completed year 11 and 12 in Bendigo. While there he attended the Rotary's National Youth Science Forum.

He enrolled in Medical Science at Griffith University. He lost his jobs and has been seeking support as he is unable to get home.

Adding to his problems the Iranian currency was 3 to one with the Australian currency. It has now dropped to 27 to one

Members Birthday



Adrian celebrating his birthday at dinner at Don's. Happy birthday, Adrian, you're certainly enjoying yourself.



President Donna presenting Don with a thank you for hosting Dinner at "House of Siam"

Visitors



Wonderful to welcome Marion Jones to our meeting. Marion and Graham are now members of the Griffith Club.



We welcomed Marilyn Reynolds who responded to an invitation by Alan Midwood who made a letterbox drop in the area. I hope we will see Marilyn again.

Announcements

Alan Guignon

Alan is very thankful for the efforts of Sue McKeen for the work she has been doing in progressing the extension of the sub-lease for Golden Wheel Villas. The building inspection that was a requirement of extending the lease has been completed

There will be a board meeting of the GWV at 5 pm on the 12 October at the Tavern.

The main item of business is looking over our financials.

Gold Coast Hospital Foundation Update

Hi Alan,

I hope you are all sitting down.....

The Multi-Gym has FINALLY arrived!! I have never had a piece of equipment cause me this much angst and I am so incredibly sorry about the whole situation.

As soon as the physio team have it all set up and ready to go, I will be sure to send you all some pictures.

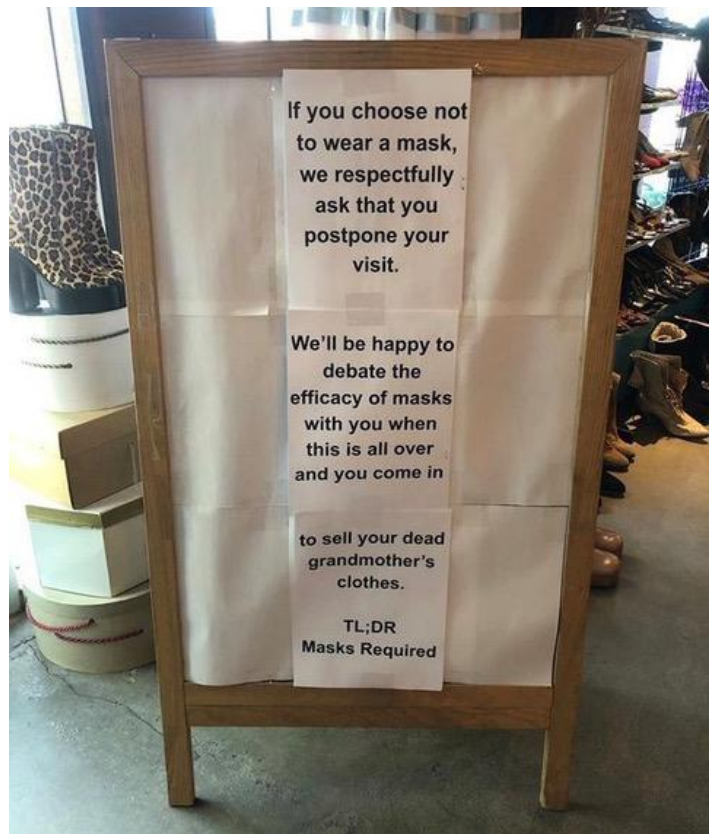
Sadly, COVID means we are still not allowed to do any hospital visits. Let's hope 2021 looks a little different!

Thank you for your patience.

Regards,

Tegan Tarquinio

Fundraising Coordinator - Business and Community
[Gold Coast Hospital Foundation](#)





Sitting by the window of her convent, Sister Barbara opened a letter from home one evening. Inside the letter was a \$100 bill her parents had sent. Sister Barbara smiled at the gesture.

As she read the letter by the window, she noticed a shabbily dressed stranger leaning against the lamp post below.

Quickly, she wrote, "Don't despair. - Sister Barbara," on a piece of paper, wrapped the \$100 bill in it, got the man's attention, and tossed it out the window to him. The stranger picked it up, and with a puzzled expression and a tip of his hat, went off down the street.

The next day, Sister Barbara was told that a man was at her door, insisting on seeing her.

She went down and found the stranger waiting. Without a word, he handed her a huge wad of \$100 bills.

"What's this?" she asked.

"That's the \$8,000 you have coming Sister," he replied.

"Don't Despair paid 80-to-1."



It may take a village to raise a child, but I swear it's going to take a whole vineyard to homeschool one.

If you want to save money at Xmas, now's the perfect time to tell the kids that Santa didn't make it through the pandemic

When the quarantine ends and you have to put on your work clothes again..

