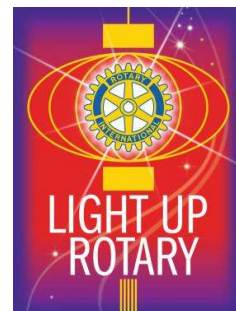




# Rotary Gold Coast



GC Suns' Seb Tape (Vice Captain), Tom Lynch & Brandon Matara

## Presidents meeting report

Some time ago I introduced Brian Kidd, President of the Ken Bromley's Wounded Servicemen's Convalescent Scheme, to the then Chair of Mates4Mates believing that the two organisations would work well together. Mates4Mates is a registered charity that offers a range of services specifically designed to meet the needs of the wounded, injured and ill current and ex-serving ADF personnel and their families. Many of our Mates require immediate, medium and long-term support, often involving on-going treatment and rehabilitation. Families also require practical and emotional support. Mates4Mates are there when needed, ensuring that service personnel and their families receive the highest possible level of care and assistance they deserve.

I am so pleased that introduction as come to fruition with two returned service personnel referred by Mates4Mates and their families will be here in April for some much needed R&R. With more to follow shortly, it seemed like a good time to invite Peter Davies to come along to the club to speak about the organisation. I was disappointed that Peter had to cancel due to having to go to England with work. He did however ask the current Chair to step in for him and I was delighted when I meet Miriam at our last meeting and her talk didn't disappoint.

Miriam's "day job" is the Chief Executive Officer of the Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation (a Not for Profit research facility dedicated to addressing the burden of disease in the veteran community). Working through both organisations Miriam aims to improve the lives of current and former serving members of the Australian Defence Force now and into the future. Interesting lady.

Nancy Smith as Sergeant extracted funds from all present in her usual entertaining way. It was a fun meeting overall with quite a few guests of members and a couple of visitors from other clubs.

Reminder: our next meeting will be to welcome the GSE team with Ashmore Rotary Club at the Volunteer Marine Rescue in Main Beach. It's not too late to attend, see their invitation with contact details in this bulletin. - PP Kathy.

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We meet 5:45 for 6:15pm the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at The Gold Coast Arts Centre + mid month birthday/ anniversary dinner + all members at Board meeting 2nd Thursday + quarterly vocational meetings with time and place TBA.

You're welcome to join us - advise Chawki 0410 002 403, email [mango@winshop.com.au](mailto:mango@winshop.com.au) if possible.

**April meeting roster**

If you're unable to attend please *directly* arrange a replacement before the meeting.

Thank you.

**Welcome guests**

- Viv Mallinson

**Front desk**

- David Baguley

**Meeting chair**

- Eddie Klimowicz

**International toast**

- Joe Kertesz

**Sergeant**

- Brian Kidd

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**Club President**

Eddie Klimowicz PHF

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## Attract new members to your club, and have fun!

President Gary C.K. Huang is encouraging clubs and districts to sponsor or participate in a Rotary Day event in 2014-15 to introduce non-Rotarians to Rotary. District governors are encouraged to award clubs that undertake such events this Rotary year.

"The Rotary Day concept is a simple one: Hold a fun, informal event in your community for the non-Rotary public and use it as an opportunity to introduce them to Rotary. It's that easy."

Huang says. "Rotary Days can help your club drive up interest in membership, strengthen your club's relationships with local institutions and community members, and improve Rotary's image in your community." Rotary members in District 1070 (England) already had considerable experience with Rotary Days when they **decided to expand their annual event and break a world record in 2012**. As part of a giant Rotary Day activity, organizers used the Web and social media to take part in **100-meter swims simultaneously across 15 time zones**. The effort raised more than \$100,000 for polio eradication, earned massive media coverage, and attracted new members to Rotary.

**This year, clubs throughout England held events for a sister effort, the World's Greatest Meal.**

The Rotary Club of North Penn, Pennsylvania, USA, plans an expansive outdoor celebration each year on the first Saturday of June. The main attractions include an arts festival, a community marketplace, and a pet alley dedicated to pet-related items and organizations.



**But a Rotary Day doesn't have to be as elaborate as those. A few suggestions**

As part of a festival or similar event in your district, organize a **Taste of Rotary**, featuring food that represents Rotary countries related to your district's service projects. Decorate your booth with flags from those countries, and provide information about Rotary.

**Hold a picnic or barbecue or a Rotary Day/Service Project at a suitable event such as in conjunction with a district assembly or conference, and open the event to the public.**

A portion of the meeting can focus on Rotary history, service efforts, and testimonials from long time club members. Invite Rotaractors to participate.



## Download the Sunrise Children's Villages Newsletter

Simply rewrite this link in your browser or click on it.  
[www.scv.org.au/news/](http://www.scv.org.au/news/)

### APRIL

1 Joe Kertesz, Brian & Lexi Kidd (25yrs), Richard Flanagan (29yrs), Peter Laurens (27yrs)  
2 Lynda Hynes  
5 Jill Ellis  
6 Joan McDermott, Kerry Wood  
8 6:00 for 6:30 GSE team welcome dinner at Volunteer Marine Rescue base, The Spit (replaces our regular club meeting)  
11 Nancy Smith  
12 Rana Baguley, Tom Tate (1)  
15 Board meeting  
16 Birthday dinner Taboon Modern Middle Eastern (Robina)  
17-19 District Conference, Goondawindi  
20 Chawki Gazal  
21 Tini Rosenberg, Andi & Ann Marie von Zeppelin (40 yrs), Sue Foscett (12 yrs), Mark Urquhart (12 yrs)  
25 Club meeting  
28 Yew Chaye Loo  
30 Andy Csabi (15 yrs)

### MAY

**MEETING ROSTER**  
*Welcome guests* - Jenny Bao  
*Front desk* - Phil Rosenberg  
*Meeting chair* - Dean Catrell  
*International toast* - Jill Ellis  
*Sergeant* - Nancy Smith

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1-3 Opera in the Vineyard (Peter)  
1 Jenny Bao (6 yrs), Kevin Campbell (22 yrs) Don Stalker (20 years)  
2 Carol Allan, Jill Ellis, Kathy Hogan, John Kelly, John Lander, Lyn MacArthur, Phil Rosenberg & David Wood *all 3 years*  
6 Board meeting  
7 GSE Team Farewell Dinner, Southport Yacht Club  
14 Club meeting  
15 Phil Rosenberg  
22 John & Pam Goldsteini (42 yrs)  
24 Kevin Stapleton  
23 Geoff & Margaret Prentice (50 years)  
28 Club meeting  
29 ROMAC Trivia Challenge  
30 Ted Fong, Helen Stalker

### JUNE

**MEETING ROSTER**  
*Welcome guests* - Greg Bowler  
*Front desk* - Dean Castell  
*Meeting chair* - Andrew Csabi  
*International toast* - Peter Laurens  
*Sergeant* - Andrew Csabi

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1 Ian Daw (30 yrs), Kevin Stapleton (30 yrs),  
2 Jan Davies  
3 Board meeting  
7 Richard Mercer  
9 Nancy & Hugh Smith (42 years)  
10 Richard & Narelle Flanagan (31 years)  
10 Andrew Chan + Caroline Mercer  
11 Club meeting  
11 Kevin Campbell  
14 Kathy Hogan  
15 Caroline and Richard (43 years)  
16 Eddie Klimowitz  
17 Nan Baldwin + Greg Bowler + Jennifer Rakauskas  
18 Kate Kimmorley (15 yrs)  
20 David Baguley (16 years)  
25 Club meeting

Meetings/events Birthdays Wedding Anniversaries Member's Club Anniversaries

## The White House honors Rotary women for their humanitarian service

Senior Rotary leaders gathered Tuesday at the White House to honor 10 women for their service projects, an event attended by members of U.S. President Barack Obama's senior staff. The Rotary members presented their projects, in the hopes of creating new inroads for

works with Monarch High, an alternative school designed for homeless children. "Right now there are over 1.3 million homeless kids on the street in America. That's more than there are Rotarians around the world," said Candland. "Twenty thousand of those kids are in San Diego alone." "How can a child focus on school if their tummies are growling, their shoes don't fit, and they don't even know where they are going to be sleeping the next



*Tina Tchen, assistant to President Barack Obama, and chief of staff to First Lady Michelle Obama, thanks the Rotary honorees for their humanitarian work.*

government partnerships and support.

"This is recognition of the great work that they do but also serves as a great vehicle to inspire others to do similar kinds of things," said Rotary General Secretary John Hewko. "One of the things we're doing a better job of is sharing our story to the non-Rotary world." The honorees were selected by Rotary senior leaders and endorsed by the White House from clubs around the U.S. but their projects touch lives across the globe.

Carolyn Jones, of Anchorage, Alaska, has served numerous times as a Rotary volunteer in Russia, three of them as a preschool teacher for developmentally delayed children in orphanages. During her presentation she lamented hearing about a child sold for a bottle of vodka, and vowed to use her honor as a stepping stone to save more lives.

Jacqueline Parsons, a licensed professional counselor from San Antonio, Texas, works on projects in her community and abroad, including the FLAG (Fitness, Literacy, Attendance, and Grades) program, which provides incentives to students to go to school, including bikes, sports equipment, and other items.

Ginger Vann from Baker, Louisiana, coordinates tutoring for at-risk students. With the help of her club, she renovated an uninhabitable school building, and worked with tutors to reach 50 students each day. She's also passionate about workforce development in Baker, where well-paying craftsman jobs often go unfilled. "We just don't have enough craft workers, people who are certified to do the jobs," she said.

Michelle Candland, from San Diego, California,

day?" she asked. "It takes an entire community to work together to solve this problem."

The other honorees Tuesday were Bernadette Blackstock, Marion Bunch, Carol Butler, Elizabeth Usovich, Deepa Willingham, and Jane Winning. Winning, a registered nurse from Chowchilla, California, has provided immunizations and health exams to more than 2,500 people in need across Mexico, Honduras, Ecuador, and Guatemala. She's also worked with Rotaplast International to provide free cleft lip and palate reconstructive surgery to those who cannot afford it. "A gentleman was 65 years old and he said, 'I can kiss my wife for the first time,'" Winning said of the man post-surgery. "Those are incredible experiences you don't get to share every day."

Butler, also from Anchorage, highlighted two projects. The first is a statewide suicide prevention plan. According to Butler, Alaska has the highest rate of suicide per capita in the nation. The public awareness plan educates Rotary members and Alaska residents to recognize the warning signs of someone in crisis. She also talked about her club's partnership with the Alaska Mission of Mercy, a collective of dentists, staff, and other volunteers who provide free dental services throughout the state. "Dental care is a gateway to good health," says Butler. "There's an increasing problem nationwide with people seeking dental care in emergency rooms."

Usovich, of Shawnee Mission, Kansas, has worked on service projects in Missouri as well as abroad. In Malawi, she helped to reduce the rate of malaria deaths by 65 percent to 70 percent in less than a year by supplying the community with mosquito bed nets.

Willingham, of Solvang, California, is the founder and chair of Promise of Assurance to Children Everywhere

# Rotary

Club of Ashmore



is host for the

## **Danish GSE Team Welcome Dinner**

to be held at

**Volunteer Marine Rescue Base**  
**Muriel Henschman Drive, Main Beach**  
(just past Seaworld)

Wednesday 8th April 2015

6.00 for 6.30pm.

Usual cost: \$22.00 each

We will have an indigenous element with a welcome by the Traditional Owners followed by a didgeridoo performance. Spit roast dinner and cash bar.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN THIS MEMORABLE OCCASION

RSVP Rock O'Keefe

Wednesday 1st April 2015

M: 0417 741 945

E: rockandjoan@gmail.com



## **G S E T E A M I N V I T A T I O N**

As the sun sets on their visit celebrate their journey, enjoy their official farewell dinner presentation and say goodbye.

**DINNER: 6:00/6:15 pm Thu 7 May at Southport Golf Club, Slatyer Ave, Southport. COST \$30 at the door or direct debit to Rotary Club Gold Coast, Bank of Queensland BSB 124022, account 21667645. Tag GSE + your name &**

**Club name. MUST RSVP ATTENDANCE TO**

**Greg Bowler 0411 110 444 or**

**[greg@ausvisas.com.au](mailto:greg@ausvisas.com.au)**

**Thank you.**



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# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9640

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Way Out West

DISTRICT  
CONFERENCE

17 - 19 APRIL 2015  
GOONDIWINDI

**How do I register for the Conference?** Google *Rotary District 9640 Conference 2015* or click on <http://e.mybookingmanager.com/D9640Conference2015> For any help, contact Guy Nosworthy 0427 771 490.

**Is there any accommodation left?** There is plenty of accommodation of all standards available. Contact the establishments direct, rather than use an online booking service. If you need assistance, contact Conference Accommodation Officer Peter Cory 0429 495 975.

**What will I wear?** Dress code for the conference is neat casual, and for the Saturday evening Bush Dance, 'country wear'. What will the weather be like? Weather in Goondiwindi in April will be mild, perhaps a little cool at night. All conference activities are indoors, at the same venue.

**What will the food be like?** Local community groups and other service clubs will provide a delightful array of foods for breakfasts, lunches and breaks. Our dinners will be provided by renowned local caterer Annie Makim, and promise to be a real gastronomic pleasure. Barista coffee from 'Coffee on the Move' available at the venue, at your own cost. Not included in Conference Registration. Please mark your particular food requirements/allergies in the Registration process.

**Any questions or concerns about conference food,** contact our Catering Liaison Manager Gloria Cory 07 4671 1246.

**What is the Cotton Tour?** You will travel by bus to a local cotton property, where you will find out more about one of the regions' major rural industries. You will see the machinery used, water storage and be treated to a crop duster demonstration. For more information, contact Cotton Tour Manager Jay Masters 0427 762 105

# REGISTER NOW!

Dinner bookings close 31 March !

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District 9640



## "Way out West"

Goondiwindi | 17-19 April

## 2015 District Conference

### Program Highlights

- *Friday Welcome Dinner*
- *Quality Guest Speakers (see below)*
- *Cotton Tours (spaces limited & filling quickly)*
- *District Awards*
- *Saturday Night Dinner (including Cotton Showcase and Bush Dance featuring Band O'Coots)*



### Guest Speakers

Full Biographies available on the District Website



**Sam Bailey** is a C6/C7 Quadriplegic who has conquered his disability to become a successful farmer, ultra-light pilot, speaker and author.



**Phil Rosenberg** was part of a team that helped officially launch ROMAC in Queensland and has remained a passionate advocate since.



**Betty Kitchener AM** is an experienced educator, nurse, counsellor and researcher and CEO of Mental Health First Aid Australia.



**Steve Martin** is a Rotarian from Broken Hill and a Base Manager for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.



**Kay Danes OAM** has become one of Australia's leading advocates for human rights and social justice.



**Damien Fitzgerald** has an extensive military and civilian management experience and is a strong advocate for the "Mates for Mates" program.



**PDG Chew Ghim Bok** has extensive Rotary experience in Singapore and is a strong advocate of and donor to The Rotary Foundation.



**PDG Ian Yarker** has been a member of a number of Rotary Clubs and has held a wider range of District and International positions.



**Bobby Whitfield** is a refugee from Liberia and having emigrated to Australia has built an impressive career in Community Development



**PDG Kenneth & Lucia Wong** have extensive Rotary experience with Kenneth being a PDG of D3450 covering HK, Macau, Mongolia and PRC China.



Group Study Exchange Teams (D4180 Mexico - Returned, D1461 Denmark – Inbound and Outbound) and Goondiwindi State High School "Gundy to Gallipoli" team.

Book online at

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## You don't have to be famous to enjoy a fun night out!

### ROMAC Trivia Challenge

All you need is to join your clubs' team at this year's ROMAC Trivia Challenge to enjoy the humorous photos that accompany the questions, the camaraderie and, of course, that you're helping ROMAC whose Mission is *"To provide specialist treatment for children from developing countries in the form of life saving and/or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country."*

Show everyone that yours is the smartest Rotary Club on the Gold Coast and accept this lighthearted challenge. Bring your partners, friends and potential new members (before someone else invites them!) to the friendliest, most fun night out you've had ever since... well, you'll know the answer to that one too!

**Date:** 6:30 for 7:00pm, Friday 29th May 2015.

**Venue:** Paradise Showroom, Arts Centre Gold Coast.

**Cost:** \$65 p/p including dinner. Payment in advance your club's coordinator please.

**RSVP:** To your club's on-to-trivia coordinator, or contact Phil Rosenberg on 0412 374 363 or [philtini@hotmail.com](mailto:philtini@hotmail.com)

**A request:** Please consider helping Rotarian volunteers continue saving children's lives with your club donation: \$1,000, \$1,500, \$2,500, \$5,000 or whatever you can. If possible please bring your cheque, payable to ROMAC, who will issue you a receipt.

**On behalf of the children whose lives you'll save, thank you.**

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