




Rotary Gold Coast



November 19 2015 #164 We meet 5:45pm for 6:15pm the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at The Southport Golf Club. You're welcome to join us - if possible advise Chawki on m 0410 002 403 e mango@winshop.com.au **NOVEMBER ROSTER.** If you're unable to attend please arrange a replacement before the meeting. Welcome guests **Chawki Gazal.** Meeting chair **Phil Rosenberg.** Front desk **Jill & Nan.** Intern'l toast **Kate Kimmorley.** Sergeant **Peter Laurens.**  goldcoastrotary.org.au District 9640 RI #17910



Welcome John and Brian, our newest members



President's report. Phil was a great Chairman, leading us through another enjoyable evening with great food and friends. We welcomed all our visitors: Alf Bailey (Jennifer's dad), Leon our YEP student, Christina Moyahan an "old friend" of Sue Fosket and Sue's beautiful daughter, Angela Howard, and the absolutely gorgeous twins. Also there was Bill Waller, Adrian Crowe, Jeff Eagan and our 'boomerang' member Joachim Ulrich. Visitors for the last time were John D'Anna and Brian Pearson who were inducted by guest speaker, Anne Eagan, who is our District Governor. John and Brian, we extend a warm welcome to our Rotary family and wish you a wonderful, fruitful experience within our club.

DG Ann was accompanied by her husband Jeff. Both shared the role of Guest speaker...a perfect marriage! Anne grew up in Sydney in a family of 9... 7 boys and 2 girls. Sounds fun! A lawyer by profession she moved from Sydney to Murwillumbah. Anne and Jeff have 3 children and it seems the whole family is very active in Rotary. Ann enjoys visiting the Clubs and feels the best part of being DG is *"The people you meet and the places you go"*. She joined Rotary to change the world and she changed herself. Jeff is a very supporting spouse and is the President of The Mt Warning Rotary Club. Jeff told us about Australian Rotary Health Program, his partner project that educates our indigenous population. They both are certainly enjoying the opportunity to assist and engage, and to be a gift to the world and to the community. Both gave us lots of energy and enthusiasm and we thoroughly enjoyed their visit. David updated us on the pavilion: the slab is down and construction will start. We look forward to celebrating the finished product. Jill was presented a cheque for \$112 raised by our club last meeting "ROMAC Gold Coin Day". Thank you to all who contributed to this worthy rotary Project. Our thoughts are with Jill as she is recovering at home after surgery. Get well and come back to Rotary soon. We miss your beautiful smile....

Peter was a very entertaining sergeant...bring all your money next week (as was so nicely put by Chawki.) Sometimes the simple things are the most enjoyable, so please all come and attend our beach Christmas Party on Sunday, 13 December. It will be a yummy beach dinner, courtesy of Bruno. So bring your blanket, chair, BYO, swimmers, lanterns, Hawaiian shirt whatever you think a beach party needs...."cause he's my blonde headed stompy wompy real gone surfer boy, Yeh Yeh Yeh Yeh! See page 7 for more details. See you all on Thursday night.



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Helping clubs strengthen their membership

We're committed to helping clubs thrive. Sign in to My Rotary <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary> or go to Rotary's shop to find publications and resources to help you attract new members, engage current members, and build your club's capacity.

Here are some of the resources you'll find:

> The five-part Membership Matters!

webinar series is available to view on demand. Each webinar is time-stamped for convenient viewing during club meetings. Topics cover club evaluation and visioning, simple steps to innovate your club, member engagement and member recruitment.

> Strengthening Your Membership

Creating Your Membership Development Plan explores club evaluation, visioning, member recruitment and engagement strategies, and mentorship.

> Proposing New Members (formerly

How to Propose a New Member) helps guide Rotarians through the process of identifying and proposing qualified prospective members.

> Be a Vibrant Club: Your Club Lead-

ership Plan offers fresh ideas for engaging members and revitalizing clubs. The publication is available in languages with region-specific content.

Rotary is constantly working to refine and develop resources to help our members.

Watch for a new piece for clubs to use for prospective members, a welcome kit for new members, and a new publication called Membership Assessment Tools (formerly Club Assessment Tools).

We're also developing a resource to provide ideas and strategies for new member orientation.

Has your club had success with an innovative way of introducing new members to your club, to fellow members, and to Rotary? Share it in the Membership Best Practices discussion group.

NOVEMBER

1 Brian Kidd (14yrs) + Geoff Prentice (32yrs)
3 Mark & Kerrie Urquhart (24yrs)
5 Club meeting, DG Anne Egan
12 Board meeting
11 Ted & Anni Fong (17yrs)
13 Vocation visit to Rockcote
18 Agnes Nesci
19 Club meeting, Carla Troman, International House - Rotary's Greatest Peace Project?
23 Margaret Grummitt + Noel Grummitt
26 Ken Bromley 'Wounded Soldiers Dinner' at De Vito's, Southport (details further on in this bulletin)
28 John Goldstein + Ester Chan
29 Helen Watter + Carolyn Dower

DECEMBER

MEETING ROSTER

Welcome guests - Kathy Hogan
 Front desk - John Lander
 Meeting chair - Jill Ellis
 International toast - Peter Laurens
 Sergeant - Andrew Csabi

1 Joan Baguley (23yrs), Chawki (19yrs), Joan McDermott (7 yrs) Andi von Zeppelin (24 yrs)
3 Club meeting,
9 Nancy & Hugh Smith (43yrs)
9 Dean Castell + Lindy Campbell
10 Richard & Narelle Flanagan (31yrs)
9 Justin Schaffer (9yrs)
10 Board meeting
12 John D'Anna
13 Xmas in the Park
18 Andrew & Esther Chan (38yrs)
25 Chawki & Anna (39yrs)
21 David Wood
22 Beverly Daw

JANUARY

MEETING ROSTER

Welcome guests - Viv Mallinson
 Front desk - Lyn McArthur
 Meeting chair - Greg Bowler
 International toast - Sue Foksett
 Sergeant - Brian Kidd

1 Joe Kertesz (14yrs)
7 Club meeting
14 Board meeting
19 Brian Kidd
11 Ian & Beverly Daw
21 Club meeting
22 Anne Maria von Zeppelin
23 David and Kerry Wood (14yrs)
26 Geoff Prentice & Kerrie Urquhart
28 Phil & Tini Rosenberg (42 yrs)
 Helen & John Watter (47 yrs)
30 Phil & Tini Rosenberg (42 yrs)

Meetings/events Birthdays Wedding Anniversaries Member's Club Anniversaries

Australia is facing a volunteer crisis with the elderly volunteers that provide care and support to vulnerable people in rural communities facing burn-out, according to an international expert.

Director of the Trent Center for Ageing and Society in Canada, Professor Mark Skinner, said a "paradox" was emerging for Australia's ageing rural communities. Professor Skinner is in Australia as a guest speaker at the [national conference](#) of the Australian Association of Gerontology, speaking in Queensland, Tasmania, Victoria and the Northern Territory about the challenges facing Australia and Canada.

"We have a situation in rural Australia and in Canada, where the reliance on volunteering is often promoted as a way of addressing gaps in rural public services as well as the lack of rural health and social care professionals," Professor Skinner said. "This paradox of relying on an increasingly older pool of volunteers to support ageing rural populations is a serious problem, and one that I am trying to solve."

Professor Skinner is working in conjunction

with researchers from Australia, Canada and Ireland to develop policies and practices on the age-friendliness of rural communities.



Australia facing volunteer 'paradox'

"On the one hand, what small towns lack in formal services, they make up for in the supportive nature of the rural community," he said. "Volunteering and volunteer-based initiatives have the potential to integrate older people within their communities and are often the key to the sustainability of ageing rural communities."

Professor Skinner warned there was a very real danger facing older people living in rural Australia if governments continue to justify a heavy reliance on volunteering without taking into account the challenges of doing so.

"We have to resolve the paradox that while many rural communities do not have the capacity for volunteerism, the reality is that a reliance on volunteers continues to influence health policy, research and practice, creating a double jeopardy for vulnerable older people living in vulnerable rural places," he said. — *Xavier Smerdon, Pro Bono*

The 2015 Moran Contemporary Photographic Prize of \$50,000 went to Trent Mitchell for his image *Boy In Boat* Hervey Bay.

Mitchell, who had two of his works selected among the finalists, won with *Boy In Boat*. Shot outside the iconic Vic Hislop shark museum in Queensland's Hervey Bay, the award-winning image came about after a chance encounter. "This boy turned up and all the elements clicked together and I worked the scene for 15 or 20 minutes," said Mitchell, whose work has long centred around coastal locations.

In recent years Mitchell has reverted to using film for his own projects – a decision that nearly cost him \$50,000 on this occasion. "I nearly lost the roll of film in the post," he said. "It went missing for two weeks. I'm really glad it turned up!" **Now you know how to fundraise \$50,000!**

\$50,000 for one photo!





Rockcote Vocation Visit

We visited one of the most eco friendly and multi-award winning buildings in Australia. It's oriented to allow winter sun into the main work areas, while in summer they are shaded and open to cool breezes. There's no moving parts, no wires or posts...simply an array of silicon panels providing the energy needed. As a result, their Design Centre is energy positive ie it produces more energy than it uses.

Rainwater is collected from the roof and stored in tanks with around 100,000 litre capacity. The initial runoff is diverted to gardens by a first flush system. Drinking water is processed through a micro filtration system.

They told us of the obsolete red tape they faced from the council, and how they got around it - not to be revealed here just in case the wrong person reads this!

The chemical free gardens provide fresh organic food - including a selection of yummy pizza toppings from their 'earthy' pizza oven - for staff and visitors, as well as flowers and foliage for the office and show-rooms. Naturally no herbicides, pesticides, chemical fertilisers or GM modified plants are used. The building and gardens certainly were an impressive showcase for their architectural coatings and natural materials.

Ann was so impressed that she arranged for Rockcote to visit her and Chawki's home for a quotation!





Exchange student Alessandra Hayward in Austria

I had a couple of days in the beginning to settle in before I started school where I visited some branches of the school to decide what branch I wanted to be placed in (i.e. arts, music, science, etc.), hung out with my host mum and went for a few walks around the forest next to our house.

I have been out a couple of times with the friends of my host sister and the American exchange student, Chloe, who I live with. I did a massive amount of shopping in an attempt to stock up for the year, and attempted to cook Mexican for my host

family, which tasted pretty weird because they don't have all the ingredients over here.

For school I decided on the arts branch, and my class seems reasonably friendly, although I can't understand them when they speak dialect (which is always) and they're not too keen on speaking English because they're not overly confident with it. Although it's annoying at the moment, that's definitely a big motivation for me to improve my language skills, so it's definitely a good thing. I don't understand any of my classes in school, so I basically just sit there with a dictionary doing translations of class handouts to try to improve my vocabulary. A few teachers are trying to help me out, so I've replaced my German and French classes with German classes in the younger grades. I'm also planning on offering to go into some of the English classes next term and help out a bit, so my time at school is a bit more productive.

I didn't really do anything exciting during my week of school, but on the 31 Jan I went to Innsbruck for a night with my host family which was really nice. It's only about 2/3 hours away on the train and we visited an old church, the famous gold roofed house (I don't remember the proper German name) and went up the clock tower which gave an amazing view of the city.





“None of us wants to help these bstards!”**

Aly's powerful call for unity after Paris carnage sets internet alight.

Renowned Australian sociologist Susan Carland has defended the Muslim community from 'misconceptions' in the wake of Saturday's terrorist attacks in Paris, as her husband Waleed Aly launched a scathing attack on the 'b***ards' who carried out massacres in a heartfelt monologue.

Aly, who is a host of Channel 10's The Project, used his platform to deliver an impassioned speech calling on all Australians to be above 'hate' in the wake of the horrific attacks, which saw 137 people killed and hundreds more injured.

'There is a reason ISIL still want to appear so powerful, why they don't want to acknowledge that the land they control has been taken from weak enemies, that they are pinned down by air strikes or that just last weekend they lost a significant part of their territory,' he said on The Project. 'ISIL don't want you to know they would quickly be crushed if they ever faced a proper Army on a battlefield. They want you to fear them. They want you to get angry. They want all of us to become hostile and here is why:

'ISIL's strategy is to split the world into two camps. It is that black and white. Again we know this because they told us.'

The host and journalist also called ISIS an 'evil organisation', and said it must not allow ourselves to become divided by the heinous attacks, as that is what the terrorist groups wants so it can recruit other Muslims.

Aly, who admitted to be 'angry' at the attacks, said Australians cannot allow themselves to become divided - as it is exactly what terrorists want. 'ISIL's strategy is to split the world into two camps. It is that black and white. Again we know this because they told us,' Aly said on The Project. 'Saying that out loud, it is both dumbfounding in its stupidity

- Waleed Aly delivers impassioned speech on The Project after Paris attacks
- Aly, one of Australia's leading Muslim commentators, discussed the attack
- The journalist and host said Australia must not become divided by terror.

and bloodcurdling in its barbarity,' Aly said.

'We are all feeling a million raging emotions right now. I am angry at these terrorists. I am sickened by the violence and I am crushed for the families that have been left behind, but, you know what, I will not be manipulated.

'We all need to come together.

I know how that sounds. I know it is a cliché, but it is also true because it is exactly what ISIL doesn't want. 'So, if you are a member of Parliament or a has-been member of Parliament preaching hate at a time when what we actually need is more love — you are helping ISIL.

They have told us that. If you are a Muslim leader telling your community they have no place here or basically them saying the same thing — you are helping ISIL 'We all need to come together. I know how that sounds. I know it is a cliché, but it is also true because it is exactly what ISIL doesn't want,' Aly said. 'I am pretty sure that right now none of us wants to help these b*stards,' Aly finished his monologue by saying, 'They have told us that. If you are just someone with a Facebook or Twitter account firing off misguided messages of hate, you are helping ISIL — They have told us that. 'I am pretty sure that right now none of us wants to help these b*stards.'

The video quickly went viral, with many than 3.4 million people watching it and more than 100,000 'liking' it on Facebook in just four hours. It was also widely shared on social media, with thousands of people tweeting the video or commenting about it.

To watch the video click on
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dmKpm_9BtHc
or copy and paste into your web browser



and by the beach. So very Gold Coast!

Relax, enjoy friendship and a BBQ.

* \$25pp * BYO * 4-9pm Sunday 13 December.

* Pratten Park, Old Burleigh Rd,
(opposite Albert Avenue) Broadbeach.

* RSVP Chawki
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Celebrate 50 years of Rotary holidays for wounded service personnel

Every year the Gold Coast Rotary Club proudly brings deserving service men, women and their families from all over Australia for a 5 star, all expense paid holiday on the Gold Coast.

This year our after dinner speaker Colonel Robert Likeman, former Director of Health of the Australian Army, will address 'The Monkey on my Back' or *Why do we have so many psychological casualties from our overseas operations?*

Cost: \$30 pp to Gold Coast Rotary BSB 124022
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Time & Date: 6:00pm for 6:30pm
Thursday 26 November 2015
Venue: Di Vito Waterfront Restaurant
2 Barney Street, Southport
(Near the Southport Bridge)

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