



# Rotary Gold Coast



**November 5 2015 #163** 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](mailto: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**. International toast **Kate Kimmorley**. Sergeant **Peter Laurens**.



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**President's report.** Last week I was the President without a voice! Oh dear! Thank you David Baguley for being my voice. Armed with my trusty pen, notebook and delegation skills we had another enjoyable meeting. Kate was a great chair-woman as usual. Love the Brian Kidd sergeant sessions! Our guest speaker was PDG Neil Jones who shared with us how he conquered the challenging Kokoda trail with 30 other Rotarians plus the amazing fuzzy wuzzy porters. The late afternoon heavy rains for 9 days resulted in mud climbing and challenging foot care. Everyone had a daily shot of the bubbly black liquid (Coca Cola) that was indeed a lifesaver! Who says Coke isn't good for you? Neil described the magic of the dawn service with 800 attendees; amazing as the only way to get there was to walk and if there were any problems getting out the only way out would be by helicopter! Said Neil, *"No regrets, but I probably won't do it again!"* Understandable and congrats on your achievement.

**Exciting news:** Our Rotary Pavilion at the Ashmore Botanical Gardens is underway. Watch this space for further developments. Thank you to Jill and to all who donated a gold coin or folding note to ROMAC for their international day; it's another wonderful Rotary initiative. Leon, our German exchange student spoke on his awesome experience with his host family and his exciting visit to Melbourne and his magic, 5 days at Arlie Beach. He just loved it - who wouldn't? He also enjoyed a visit to Movie World. Leon is happy at school and loves his teachers. All is well...so pleased.

Will, our NYSF recipient, shared how he met the Governor at Governor house. So proud of you Will, you are a highly articulate young man with a fantastic brain. By the way, I hear you have a band happening, lets organise a gig. I look forward to your input. Phil is organising an interesting vocational visit - see the flier inside. **RSVP Phil ASAP**. Thanks to Chawki we all enjoyed a great birthday dinner at Tokyia (see the photos inside). Welcome back Peter from Hawaii. Let's hear some of those stories. Brian Pearson organised a very entertaining movie night at the Arts Centre - "Bridge of Spies" with the funds to END POLIO NOW. **Please let's make our Christmas Bush Dance on Sat 12th December, a beauty...** It's a great 'bush dance' venue, we'll have live music from Stone the Crows and wonderful Australian bush tucker provided by the lovely Bruno. **Please invite your friends. Read the flier inside. Lets make it a night to remember.....**



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## Event at Indian racetrack nets \$350,000 for service projects

*Rotary members in India selected a popular racecourse in Mumbai to promote Rotary to the tens of thousands of racing aficionados who gather there daily, raising more than \$350,000 for club service projects in the process.*

And between races, spectators at the Mahalaxmi Race Course were also treated to the Rotary members' attempt at a Guinness World Record as 650 members, 75 of them dressed in white and 575 in black, formed the shape of a horse -- with the Rotary wheel as its eye -- on the lawn of the

members' area. District leaders in western India chose the Mahalaxmi Race Course for their Race for Humanity event because it draws people from all segments of Indian society. They reached out to Gulam A. Vahanvaty, a member of the Rotary Club of Bombay who also is a member of a track committee, to facilitate a deal that enabled Rotary clubs to name seven of the eight races run on 23 November after their respective service projects.

Leading up to race day, each club had raised at least \$50,000 for the projects, which support literacy, children's health, and education, among other causes. Betting on the races was left up to the Rotary members but was not promoted as part of the event. More than 6,000 Rotary members attended the Race for Humanity event, and club leaders distributed 1,500 membership kits to race goers. In addition, Rotary colors and flags lined the paths to the complex, banners hung in every available location, and a five-minute Rotary public service video was shown throughout the event as well as on video feeds to other racing sites throughout the country. "This was a spectacular event for Rotary in terms of fellowship, bringing together Rotarians and their families in one grand open-air venue," says Vahanvaty. "Rotary's work was showcased across the racecourse through banners and audiovisuals. We also obtained immense public relations through newspapers, radio, and TV covering the event."

Adds Ajay Gupta, governor of District 3140, "It was a delight to be with so many Rotary members and sing our national anthem and unfurl both our nation's flag and the Rotary flag." District 3140 spearheaded the event

along with the Rotary Club of Bombay. The day at the racecourse also included a fashion show, an art camp, a play area for kids, a DJ, and an organized cleanup activity inspired by a nationwide campaign to clean up India's infrastructure. "Truly, this has to be one of the most significant events that I have had the opportunity to witness in my 42 years in Rotary," says past Rotary Foundation Trustee Ashok Mahajan. "The event not only helped raise funds for Rotary, strengthen district fellowship, and reinforce Rotary goodwill but it also highlighted Rotary's reach and network in society."

### 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)  
 11 Vocation visit to Rockcote  
 18 Agnes Nesce  
 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  
 28 John Goldstein + Ester Chan  
 29 Helen Watter + Carolyne 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 Club Xmas Bush Dance, Nerang  
 18 Andrew & Esther Chan (38yrs)  
 19 Club meeting  
 25 Chawki & Ann (39yrs)  
 21 David Wood  
 22 Beverly Daw

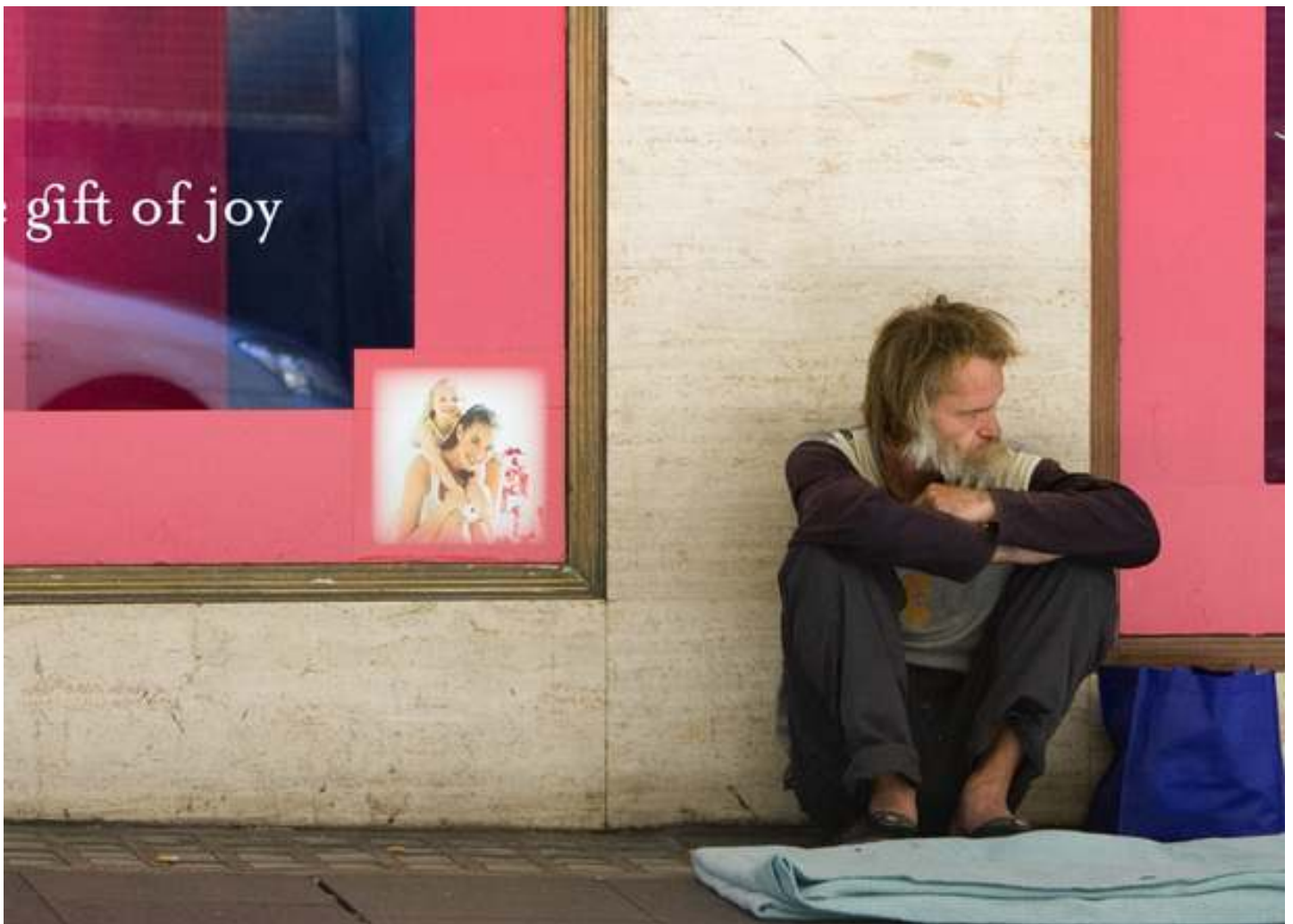
### JANUARY

#### MEETING ROSTER

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

1 Joe Kertesz (14yrs)  
 8 Club meeting  
 14 Board meeting  
 19 Brian Kidd  
 11 Ian & Beverly Daw  
 22 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)

Meetings/events Birthdays Wedding Anniversaries Member's Club Anniversaries



## Almost 70% of Australians on welfare payments living below poverty line

***Almost 70 per cent of people on welfare are also living well below the poverty line and are relying on charities to survive, according to new research.***

The study, conducted by the charity Anglicare, says welfare payments are a poverty trap that few escape, with single parents and those living alone the worst affected.

Director of Advocacy and Research for Anglicare Sue King said the research found income support was unable to meet the cost of living, forcing many people into persistent disadvantage and a reliance on charities.

"About 43 per cent of the people who are coming through our services now are people who are living on their own," she said. "Nine out of 10 of them are living on incomes of less than \$500 per week. They can be on Newstart, disability support benefit, etc."

Ms King said also at risk were single parents and, increasingly, single women over the age of 50. "Suddenly they've got a problem with unemployment, or they've had a relationship breakdown or they're escaping domestic violence and they're just catapulted into this sort of catastrophic state where they're trying to survive on \$230 a week," she said.

"They don't have any super, or very little super, and now they're really in a very bad space."

### **There needs to be a very specific plan to reduce poverty.**

Fifty-year-old Campbell receives the Newstart allowance, receiving around \$800 a fortnight that covers his rent in a single bedroom housing commission flat, as well his basic dietary needs. He said that left him with \$350 a fortnight for everything else. "Like you know, what happens when you get a \$350 electricity bill? You've got to pay it," he said. "If you only get \$350 a fortnight, everything's in payments. You've got to get through life, everything in payments." "I haven't worn underpants in 15 years. I haven't bought a new pair, a piece of clothing in 15 years."

Not far away is 55-year-old Steve, who gets \$800 a fortnight from his disability pension that pays for a room in a boarding house, but leaves little, if any, for extras. "You've just got to live day to day... until your money runs out," he said. "Then you just got to wait until you can get paid again, you know. It's just the way it is these days."

The Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) said the present level of payments were pushing far too many people into poverty. ACOSS chief executive Dr Cassandra Goldie said it was time federal and state governments considered a coordinated approach to tackling disadvantage.

"We've got about 2.5 million people living below the poverty line in Australia, and 600,000 children," she said. "Clearly at the moment we are not getting where we need to be."

There needs to be a clear target and a very specific plan to reduce poverty in Australia."

- Michael Edwards, AM/ABC Radio 12/10/2015



A selection of guest speaker Andrew Jones' Kokoda photos





## Under One Sky lights the way to a better world

Participants in the Under One Sky event in Chicago, left, dance along to music performed by Funkadesi. Rotary and ONE, an international advocacy organization, joined other event partners in downtown Chicago on 24 September to demonstrate a commitment to ending extreme poverty and inequality and to promoting action on climate change on the eve of the United Nations launch of its Sustainable Development Goals. The 17 ambitious goals constitute a road map for finding solutions to the world's most pressing problems, and

dovetail with Rotary members' work to create positive change in their communities and around the world. As dusk fell over Chicago, participants in the Under One Sky event held up blue lights, transforming the plaza where they were gathered into a field of fireflies to #LightTheWay to a more just world.

"This is a great opportunity for people to network and join an event where we are all focused on creating a better world," said Cheryl McIntyre, president of the Rotary Club of Chicago.

Julie Bordo, a district representative for ONE.org, noted that Rotary and ONE are more effective when they work together.

"We have very similar goals, and when we put our collective efforts together, it allows us to reach more people in addressing these incredibly important issues," she said.

Under One Sky Chicago was one of more than 40 such events planned in the United States and more than 150 around the world. Other cities that hosted them include Sydney, New Delhi, Johannesburg, São Paulo, and New York.



*Dinner at Tokiyo French*





## 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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## JOHN LANDERS NO REASON PARTY!

