



Rotary Gold Coast



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December 1 2016 #185. 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 - please advise Chawki on m 0410 002 403 e Chawki@akgaz.net. Monthly Meeting Roster now inside.



President's Report

Our guest speaker Mike Bennett gave an enlightening insight to modern day journalism, what makes news and how to best connect with media. Especially interesting was the role that social media, especially Twitter plays these days in transmitting on the spot news. Just when we thought we were "hip" with our grasp of Facebook! A solid reminder for us is that Rotary can be news.

Mondays between 9am and 1pm, Mike is on Air with Logan 101FM and would welcome the opportunity to hear from us.

Another vibrant and busy meeting and was lovely to be able to embrace our visitors and guests. We don't have too much time for socialising during our meetings so don't forget we are welcome to remain after the meeting concludes and enjoy a drink at the bar.

Speaking of socialising, thank you to all who joined Eric and I on Saturday evening for our Christmas function. It was lovely to see so many of you in our home enjoying some friendship and Christmas cheer. Yes, it is a little extra work but so much fun and now as a bonus our home is ready for other Christmas visitors.

Chawki, as always manages to organise everything we needed for eats and drinks and Martin triumphed with desserts to kill. I'm positively heavier for the leftover desserts that ended up in our fridge!

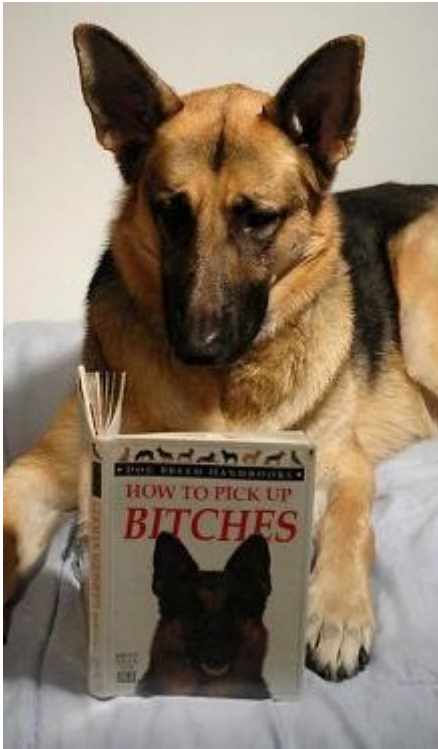
Our Board meeting held on 10th November resulted in some financial commitments being made to Anglicare, Laos Orphanage and Volunteer Coastguard. As well we had lengthy discussions around the upcoming Ramble and please remember that we now need more help. We will forward the positions vacant notice again as a prompt however, thank you to those who came forward after the last meeting. Remember if you spot something that you would like to know more about, please don't wait..."ask"!

Only two more meetings until Christmas. Please keep the 15th December free for a special surprise Christmas meeting and 22nd December for Breakfast in the Gardens.



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What do **you** want to read in **your** club bulletin?



- > Rotary local and int'l events and projects?
- > Directors' board meeting reports?
- > Oz charities and events?
- > Lifestyle and health?
- > 'Good news' stories?

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know by
simply
sending me
an email
(that is
soooo easy!)

Email or call Phil at
philtini@hotmail.com
or 0412 374 363

- > Submit your own stories? (yes please),
- > A slice of humour?
- > Please suggest other topics you'd like to read.

Thank you.

DECEMBER
Family month

MEETING ROSTER

Welcome guests - Kathy Hogan
Front desk - Greg Bowler
Meeting chair - Mark Urquhart
Int'l toast - Sue Foscett
Sergeant - Kevin Stapleton

1 Club meeting

1 Joan Baguley 25 yrs, Chawki
Gazal 21 yrs, Joan McDermott 9
yrs, Andi von Zeppelin 28 yrs
5 ROMAC fund raiser movie *The
Founder* the real story behind
McDonalds
6 Vocation visit to *Witches Chase
Wine & Cheese*
8 Board meeting
9 Justin Schaffer 11 yrs, John
Bird 2 yrs
11 Loo, Yew-Chaye 19 yrs
10 Richard & Narelle Flanagan 33 yrs
12 John D'Anna
15 Club meeting
18 Andrew & Esther Chan, 40 yrs
19 Helen Watter 19 yrs
21 David Wood
22 Breakfast in the Gardens
25 **Merry Christmas**

JANUARY
Rotary Awareness month

MEETING ROSTER

Welcome guests - Viv Mallinson
Front desk - Lyn McArthur
Meeting chair - Greg Bowler
Int'l toast - Sue Fosket
Sergeant - Lynda Hynes

1 Joe Kertesz 16 yrs

5 Club Meeting

12 Board meeting

14 Helena Rogers 11 yrs

18 Andi von Zeppelin

19 Brian (we're not) Kidd(ing)

19 Club Meeting

23 David and Kerry Wood 46 yrs

21 David Wood

26 Geoff Prentice

28 Phil and Tini Rosenberg 44 yrs

+ John and Helen Watter 49 yrs

31 J. P. Langbroek

FEBRUARY
World Awareness month

MEETING ROSTER

Welcome guests - Les
Front desk - Lyur
Meeting chair - Cal
Int'l toast - Brrson
Sergeant - Abi

1 Bryan Dower 37 yrs, Nan Baldwin
21 yrs, Don Stalker 22 yrs, Ken
Done 7 yrs

2 Club meeting

9 Board meeting

10 Dower, Bryan

11 Richard Flanagan

16 Club meeting

17 Viv Mallinson

28 Bryan and Carolyn Dower 52 yrs

> Meetings/events

> Birthdays

> Wedding Anniversaries

> Member's Club Anniversaries



District 9640 Conference
5-8 May 2017
Ballina

Proudly hosted by District Governor Michael & Roz Irving



Aylan Kurdi's story: how a small Syrian child came to be washed up on a beach in Turkey

More has emerged about the death of three-year-old Aylan, pictured above and below with his brother, whose story has given a face to the refugee crisis.

Aylan Kurdi and his older brother, Ghalib, died when their dinghy sank off the coast of Turkey. Surviving family members of Aylan Kurdi have revealed how the Syrian three-year-old came to be washed up dead on a beach in Turkey. Aylan's distraught father, Abdullah Kurdi, tried and failed to hold on to his wife and two sons after their boat to the Greek island of Kos capsized. He has reportedly now said his only wish is to return their bodies to their home town of Kobani and then "be buried alongside them".

The family had been making the treacherous journey across Turkey to Europe in the hope of joining Abdullah's sister, Teema Kurdi, a hairdresser who has lived in Vancouver, Canada for more than 20 years. Speaking to the *National Post's* Terry Glavin, Ms Kurdi said she had learned of Aylan's death, as well as that of his brother Galip and mother Rihan, at 5am on Wednesday morning. The images of Aylan emerged in Turkish media at around midday, and have since sparked international outrage over the refugee crisis.

Glavin told *BBC Radio 5 live* on Thursday that Ms Kurdi had heard from family members about Abdullah's desperate battle to save his family in the sea. "There's a terrible story he told about swimming from one to the other, finding one [son] who seemed to be alright and then going to another, finding him drowned... and then going back to the first boy and finding him drowned," he said. "He made it, but his wife didn't."

Jenan Moussa, a journalist with Dubai's *Al Aan TV*, said she had confirmed with sources in Kobani that the Kurdish family hailed from the recently-embattled Syrian city. She said Abdullah was a barber originally from Damascus, who fled from Kobani to Turkey but "dreamed of a future in Canada" for his family. Abdullah paid €4000 (£2,900) for his family to get on a 5m-long dinghy from Bodrum to Greece. He borrowed money. This was not their first attempt to get to Greece.

"When in the dinghy, the sea got rough. Turkish smuggler abandoned boat, left passengers struggling. Boat capsized after one hour." After it capsized, the family clung to the boat. Mr Abdullah tried to hold his two children and wife with his arm, but one by one they were washed away by waves.

According to Turkey's state-run Anadolu news agency, police have detained four suspected human traffickers one day after the three members of the Kurdi family and nine other refugees died in the short Aegean straight between Turkey and Kos. Officers said the men were detained on a beach on Turkey's Bodrum peninsula and, according to Anadolu, they were suspected of acting as intermediaries for illegal crossings. Three other children drowned in the same crossings as Aylan and his family, while seven people were rescued and two reached the shore in life jackets.

Thousands are making the same journey from Turkey to Greece's eastern most islands each day. It is considered one of the safest routes to Europe and beyond. The majority are from Syria though some have also fled Afghanistan and Iraq. The UN's refugee agency, the UNHCR, says the number crossing the Mediterranean has now exceeded 300,000 this year.

- *Independent Newspaper*



He took someone else's idea and America ate it up.

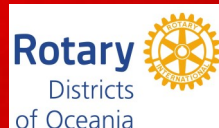
Michael Keaton
is
The Founder

THE TRUE STORY of how small-time salesman Ray Kroc (Michael Keaton) met brothers Mac and Dick McDonald when he was selling them six mixers for the small burger chain that they'd started on their own. Impressed by the brothers' speedy system of making and serving the food, he saw the potential to make a highly profitable franchise. He manages to talk the brothers into letting him get involved and is eventually able to pull the company out from under them, despite opposition from all sides, including his wife Ethel. He goes on to eventually create the billion-dollar McDonald's empire.



Don't miss this Gold Coast showing and support Rotarians and ROMAC changing and saving under-privileged childrens' lives.

**6:30pm Monday
5 December 2016,
Gold Coast Arts Centre
TICKETS @ \$20
Contact Brian Pearson
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pearson8@tpg.com.au**





VOCATION VISIT TO WITCHES CHASE WINE AND CHEESE

Reserve the date for this 1ST Vocation Tour, **Tuesday
6th December 2016**

Enjoy the wine and cheese tasting followed with a picnic in the garden at the winery.

Itinerary:

10.00am - Meet at Witches Chase Cheese factory,
165-185 Long Road, North Tamborine, Qld 4272

Cheese tasting (\$6pp) and purchase cheese for lunch **11.30am** - Drive to Witches Falls Winery,
79 Main Western Rd, Tamborine Mountain

Winery tour with wine maker, wine tasting (\$6 per person for 6 wines) and picnic in the garden.

Bring your picnic gear/basket, cheese (bought at the factory), wine from the vineyard and (BYO) bread/crackers and maybe some cold meat.

This is a great opportunity to stock up for your end of year parties.
Please RSVP email John D'Anna with numbers ASAP or by the 25th November.

- John D'Anna email john@getonyourbike.com.au