




# Rotary Gold Coast



**July 21 2016 #176.** 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 Jennifer on [m 0417710982](tel:0417710982) e [jen@nine1nine3consulting.com.au](mailto:jen@nine1nine3consulting.com.au) **July Roster.** Welcome guests: **David Baguley** Meeting chair: **Kate Kimmorley** Front desk: **Nan Baldwin** Int'l toast: **Jenny Bao** Sergeant: **Brian Kidding**. If you're unable to attend please arrange a replacement before the meeting.  [goldcoastrotary.org.au](http://goldcoastrotary.org.au) District 9640 RI #17910



***"Friendship was the foundation rock on which Rotary was built and tolerance is the element which holds it together" (ref Rotary unknown)***

I am never sure whether a Changeover signifies the start of the New Year or the conclusion of the previous 12 months. Either way, our Changeover was a lovely evening filled with warmth, humour and humility, words of gratitude for the past and new ideas for the future. The next 12 months, I hope will not only be a continuation of the good spirit that we currently enjoy but one that presents some exciting new challenges for us all.

First let me start by "correctly" announcing our 2016/17 Board: **Club Service** – Jennifer Bailey. **Youth** – Sue Foskett. **Vocation** – John D'Anna. **Community** – John Bird. **International** – Brian Pearson. **Rotary Foundation** – Lynda Hynes. **Membership** – Joe Kertesz. **Public Relations** – Jenny Bao. **Vice** – Eddie Klimowicz. **Secretary** – Mark Urquhart. **Treasurer** – David Baguley. My apologies to Sue, you committed so much to the Youth Program, over the last 12 months, how could I miss you!

Evident also is how many activities and projects our club is currently involved in as well as individuals who often work tirelessly and quietly on district projects. Please let us know what you have been up to so that we can recognise your efforts and share in your achievements.

**For the year ahead.** As well as the many projects in which we are already committed, you have requested **1) better communication from your board and 2) better camaraderie and involvement toward new members and guests.** We hope that by focusing on this we will all feel better informed and more engaged and in confirming, we will in future ensure that **1) Board meeting discussion points and outcomes** will be published each month on Clubrunner. **2) Treasurer's report, Club Budget and financials for the year** - will be published on Clubrunner **3) Directors reports and news** will be published in the Bulletin each month

We join Rotary to "make friends" and "make a difference". (Continued on page 5)



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**JULY****MEETING ROSTER**

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7 Give Me 5 for Kids Gala Ball + Changeover

10 Ian Daw

19 Joan McDermott,  
Ruay Loo, Yew-Chaye Jul 29

21 Gala Ball Update and the year ahead, Kate Kimmorley.

Think Tank and Gold Coast Ramble – Who would you like included as local beneficiaries? Jennifer Bailey and David Baguley.

Ken Bromley update, Brian Kidd  
Ken Bromley AGM

24 Jenny Bao

**AUGUST****MEETING ROSTER**

*Welcome guests - Joe Kertesz*

*Front desk - Phil Rosenberg*

*Meeting chair - Mark Urquhart*

*International toast - Bruce Roddick*

*Sergeant - Andrew Csabi*

4 Sharon Cream, *Beyond Water*

6 Harry Ellis

6 Ann Gazal

8 Genic Saraswati

13 John & Tracey D'Anna 16 yrs

15 Bruce & Coralie Roddick 17 yrs

18 David & Rana Baguley 43 yrs

18 Pamela Holdsworth, *Nutrition*

22 Eddie Klimowicz

30 Loo, Yew-Chaye Ruay 47 yrs

**SEPTEMBER****MEETING ROSTER**

*Welcome guests - Jill Ellis*

*Front desk - Lyn MacArthur*

*Meeting chair - Eddie Klimowicz*

*International toast - David Baguley*

*Sergeant - Brian Onlykidding*

1 Club meeting

3 Jennifer Baily 1 yr

3 J P Langbroek 6 yrs

3 Margaret Grummitt (Noel) 28 yrs

3 Chawki Gazal (Ann) 40 yrs

8 Lindy Campbell

8 Tracy D'Anna

10 Tony Nesci 18 yrs

15 Club meeting

15 Jann Davies 16 yrs

16 Eddie Klimowicz 11 yrs

19 Lynda Hynes 19 yrs

26 Coralie Roddick

Meetings/events

Birthdays

Wedding Anniversaries

Member's Club Anniversaries



## Rotary International President John Germ's message

Today, we look ahead toward a Rotary year that may one day be known as the greatest in our history: the year that sees the world's last case of polio. Wild poliovirus caused only 74 cases of polio in 2015, all of them in Afghanistan and Pakistan. As we continue to work tirelessly toward our goal of eradication, we must also look beyond it: preparing to leverage our success into even greater successes to come. It is tremendously important to Rotary's future that our role in the eradication of polio be recognized. The more we are known for what we've achieved, the more we'll be able to attract the partners, the funding, and, most important, the members to achieve even more. We're working hard at RI headquarters

to be sure that Rotary gets that recognition. But it can't all happen in Evanston. We need you to get the word out through your clubs and in your communities about what Rotary is and what we do. We need to be sure that our clubs are ready for the moment when polio is finally eradicated – so that when people who want to do good see that Rotary is a place where they can change the world, every Rotary club is ready to give them that opportunity. We know that if we want to see *Rotary Serving Humanity* even better in the years ahead, we'll need more willing hands, more caring hearts, and more bright minds to move our work forward.

> We'll need clubs that are flexible, so that Rotary service will be attractive to younger members, recent retirees, and working people.

> We'll need to seek out new partnerships, opening ourselves more to collaborative relationships with other organizations.

Looking ahead, we also see a clear need to prioritize continuity in our leadership. We in Rotary are all playing on the same team, working toward the same goals. If we want to reach those goals together, we all have to move in the same direction – together. Every day that you serve in Rotary, you have the opportunity to change lives. Everything you do matters; every good work makes the world better for us all. In this new Rotary year, we all have a new chance to change the world for the better, through *Rotary Serving Humanity*.

- John Germ, Rotary International President, 2016-2017





## The rules have changed - what you should know about the 2016 Council on Legislation and how it benefits membership and attendance

Rotary representatives from around the world who met in Chicago 10-15 April took several historic actions that will grant clubs greater flexibility in their meeting schedule and membership.

Here are answers to questions about some of this year's Council on Legislation decisions.

### **How will the Council action affect my club's meeting schedule?**

The Council overwhelmingly voted to eliminate limitations on how clubs conduct their meetings.

Clubs now have the option of amending their bylaws to vary their meeting days and times. And they are now able to decide when to cancel a meeting, **as long as they meet at least twice a month.**

Clubs are still expected to forward attendance reports to the district governor within 15 days of the last meeting of each month.

### **What constitutes a meeting?**

The Council felt strongly that clubs are in the best position to determine the meeting format that works best for their members. Any club can meet in person or online, or use a mixture of these formats. It could even use both formats at the same time. For example, a member could use Skype to participate in a physical meeting.

Clubs can also choose to replace a traditional meeting with a service project or social event.

### **How will the changes affect Club membership?**

Rotary will continue to recognize two kinds of membership — active and honorary. But clubs may now choose to offer additional membership categories — such as associate, corporate, or family membership — creating alternative financial, attendance, and service expectations.

However, for these members to be recorded as members of RI with the full benefits of membership, clubs must report them as active members and pay per capita dues accordingly.

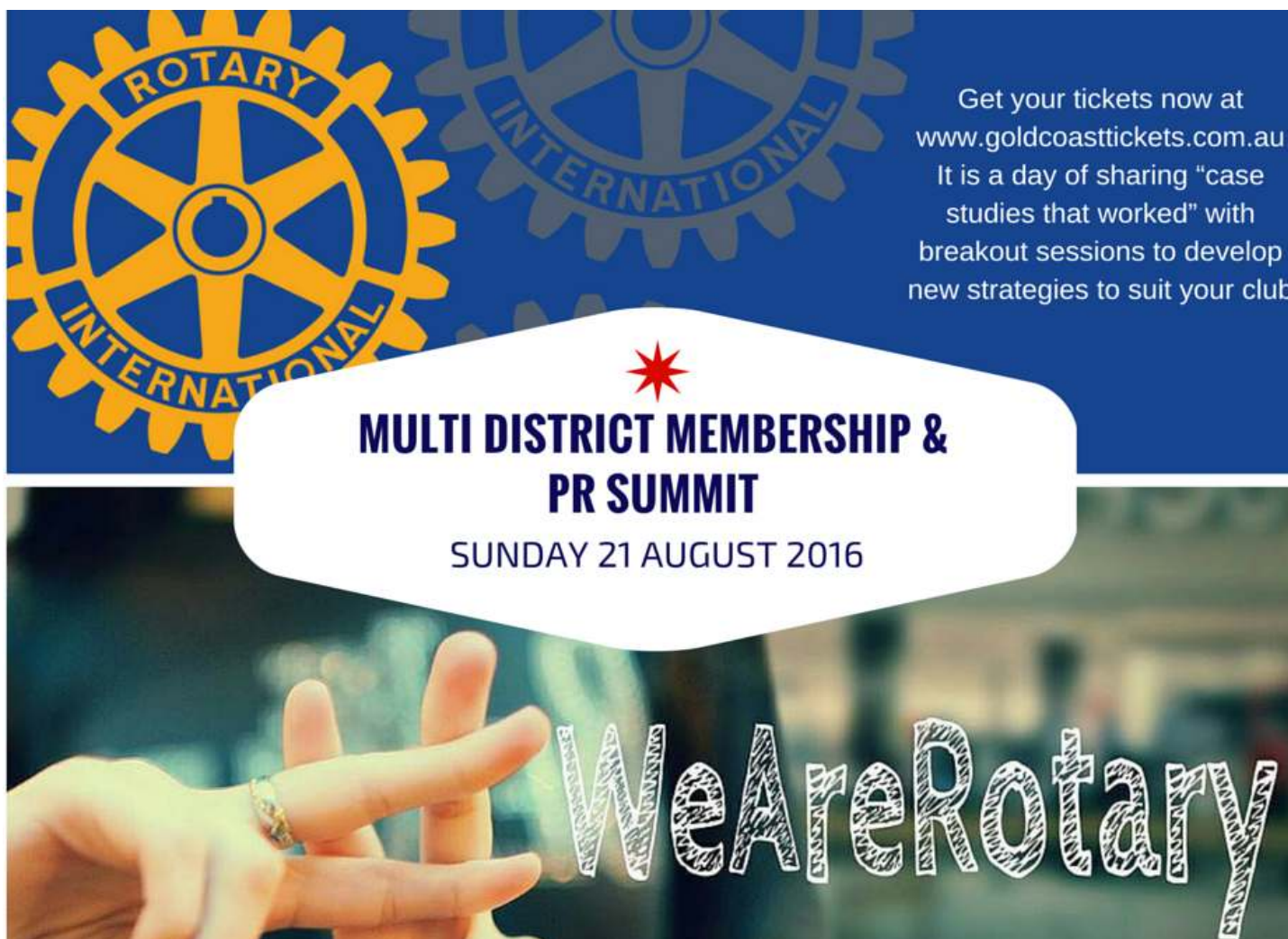
### **Does my club have to adopt these changes?**

No. The Council action did not explicitly remove or modify the existing rules and traditions in Rotary's governing documents. Any club that still wishes to follow the traditional requirements for meetings, attendance, structure, and categories of membership may continue to do so.

### **Why are these changes necessary?**

While Rotary continues to grow at a rapid rate in some parts of the world, membership has been stable or declining in other regions, with the average age of members increasing.

Through various membership pilots, clubs that have experimented with new categories of membership and with flexibility in meeting schedules have experienced growth, improved retention, and increased diversity and member engagement.



## District 9640 to host All Queensland Multi District Membership & PR Summit on 21<sup>st</sup> August in the Gold Coast.

200 Rotary Club Membership Chairmen & Club Presidents of 2016/2017 from all 5 Districts in Queensland will come together on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August in the Gold Coast for a one day "Multi District Membership & Public Relations Summit." We will hear success stories from a few Rotary Clubs across Australia as to how they increased Rotary Club membership in the past 2 years by using smart Public Relations & Marketing techniques.

It is a day of sharing "case studies that worked" with breakout sessions to develop new strategies to suit your club. The presenters are a good mix of new generation Rotarians and seasoned Rotary leaders, who believed in changing with the times to keep Rotary relevant to their communities.

### Case Studies & Presenters:

1. "How to attract young members to Rotary". Presented by Simon Brooks (33) President of Surfers Sunrise Rotary & Kaye Titmarsh (24) President Elect of Rotary E-Club NextGen from District 9640.

2. "Using smart Marketing to bring in new members to Rotary" Presented by Amanda Wendt (28) President Melbourne Park Rotary from District 9800, VIC. (Presenter at 2016 RI Convention)

3. "From 2 members to 26 in 18 months" presented by PDG. Terry Daley of the Rockhampton Fitzroy Rotary of District 9570 QLD

4. "How a Satellite Club helped increase Membership by 21 in 16 months" Presented by PDG Graham Jones of Southport Rotary and 2 members of Griffith University Satellite Club.

5. Demonstration of "Easy to use RI Online Tools to help increase Rotary Club membership" Presented by Barbara Mifsud Supervisor of Club & District Support at RI Office, Sydney NSW.

For more details contact District 9640 Membership Chairman 2016/2017, Rtn. Andy Rajapakse on 0414 787 006 or 0414 787 006.

Venue is the **Italo-Australia Club**, 18 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters, There are only 200 seats, registrations will close when seats are filled up! This is a must attend event for every Rotary Club Membership Chairmen and Club Presidents. **Book your seat now. \$50/ per seat, includes morning tea, buffet lunch & free parking. Use the below link to buy tickets.**

<http://goldcoasttickets.com.au/event/rotary-queensland-multidistrict-membership-and-pr-summit-3027>





## Sleep Swags charity founder sacked

- > Brisbane woman Jean Madden founded charity Street Swags in 2005
- > She was sacked from the charity and is in Supreme Court battle
- > Charity alleges she awarded her partner a \$528,000-a-year contract
- > It's alleged she spent \$170,000 of the charity's money.

A charity founder has been sacked over allegations she gave her partner a half-a-million dollar contract and spent \$170,000 of the charity's money. Street Swags founder Jean Madden, who has provided lightweight and waterproof sleeping bags for the homeless since 2005, is facing the Supreme Court in a civil battle against Street Swags.



*Jean Maddon, top, and below demonstrating her Street Swag*

Swags is being investigated.

The company alleges Ms Madden was in a relationship with the owner of Walkabout Beds when she authorised the half-a-million-dollar contract for cabins. Swags with Walls was launched to provide transportable, affordable shelter with the hopes of ending homelessness. Ms Madden allegedly threatened to drive Street Swags into bankruptcy by moving its assets to Walkabout Beds, the Daily Telegraph reported.

'If I was to leave, the cabin business would go with me and I may make it my new commercial endeavour,' she reportedly wrote to the company in March. Ms Madden has denied all allegations in a recent video she shared to her Facebook page and said she was 'devastated to lose my life's work'. She reportedly said Street Swags would be 'nothing more than my legacy'.

Ms Madden has denied all allegations. 'I started the charity Street Swags back in 2005,' she said in a video posted to Facebook. 'During this time I've had an impeccable career which has been outstanding with many awards and accolations [sic]. 'I am devastated to lose my life's work,' she wrote alongside the video. 'As of 19 May I am no longer the Managing Director of Street Swags. I have also resigned as a director of the board.' Ms Madden was awarded Queensland Young Australian of the Year in 2010 and won the Innovation award at the Telstra Business Woman of the Year Awards in Queensland, among other awards.

Ms Madden and Street Swags have so far had three applications in the civil case at the Supreme Court, the Queensland court registries confirmed to Daily Mail Australia.

She has now been charged for fraud. - Rachel Eddie for Daily Mail Australia

**Presidents report The Year Ahead.** There is much to discuss and much to achieve. Amongst our many benevolent activities we will continue to enjoy bi-monthly birthday celebrations, interesting guest speakers as well as member talks and director updates. Our District has a number of goals and will keep you informed as to how we can be involved. Our major fund raising activities will revolve around the Gala Ball, planned again for next June as well as the Ramble in March 2017 both of which will provide opportunities for us to connect with Gold Coast businesses and the Gold Coast Community.

Thank you once again for your pledge of support and confidence and I look forward to the year ahead.

This Week 21st July:

- Gala Ball
- Update, results, financials and Goals for the Year Ahead

- Gold Coast Ramble - which Charity? The Gold Coast Ramble will identify a number of local charities that could be beneficiaries. Help us by giving us your thoughts and ideas as to which local causes you may like to see benefit.