



# Rotary Gold Coast



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**April 20 2017 #194** 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 please advise Chawki m 0410 002 403 e [Chawki@akgaz.net](mailto:Chawki@akgaz.net). Monthly meeting roster inside.



## President's Report

Another powerful guest speaker last week with a passion to improve health through a research program focussed, successfully so far on developing a vaccine for Malaria. Currently 275 children die each day from Malaria. Dr Danielle Stanisic described the activity from the Glycomics centre at Griffith University in developing a vaccine that could protect people against Malaria. Successfully tested so far in mice they are about to embark on the first human trials.

Costs for this research are substantial. As was mentioned, also by PG Graham Jones, a number of clubs on the Gold Coast have already embraced this as a funding project and endorsement has been given by District 9640.

**This leads me to update you on our Ball.** Please, if you haven't already, mark 10th June in your diary. Book tickets, take a table and help us with auction items.

As you would know, Give me 5 for Kids is our naming sponsor and major beneficiary. The board has also agreed to nominate both ROMAC and the Malaria Vaccination research program as the other beneficiaries. Our aim is to improve on last year's result of \$20,000 total funds raised.

**Thank you again David for the comprehensive update on the Ramble.** Whilst a profit was not made for the operational account, just over \$7,000 was raised for charity and the event virtually operated seamlessly. A good result for the first year and one that we expect to build on in future years.

Finally, a funny sergeant session from our very funny sergeant Brian Kidd and a big congratulations to Linda and Peter on their engagement.

Best wishes for the weeks ahead. I will be missing a few meetings as I spend some time with our families in both the UK and Holland and look forward to seeing you all at the end of May.



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## APRIL Magazine

### Meeting Roster

Welcome guests - Viv Mallinson  
Front desk - Kevin Stapleton  
Meeting chair - Eddie Klimowicz  
Int'l toast - Joe Kertez  
Sergeant - Kathy Hogan

#### 1 Joe Kertesz

1 Richard Flanagan 31 yrs

1 Peter Laurens 29 yrs

1 Brian and Lexie Kidd 27 yrs

3 Jill Ellis

5 Lynda Hynes

6 Joan McDermott

6 Club Meeting

8 Helena Rogers

12 Tom Tate 3 yrs

20 Chawki Gazal

20 Club Meeting

21 Andi and Anne Maree von Zeppelin 42 yrs

22 Sue Foskett + Mark Urquhart  
14 yrs + Andy Csabi 17 yrs

## May Promote Int'l Convention

### Meeting Roster

Welcome guests - Jenny Bao  
Front desk - Phil Rosenberg  
Meeting chair - Brian Pearson  
Int'l toast - Jill Ellis  
Sergeant - Andrew Csabi

1 Jenny Bao, 8 years + Kevin Campbell 24 years

2 Carol Allan 11 years + Jill Ellis, 12 years + Kathy Hogan 5 years + John Lander 13 years + Lyn MacArthur 5 years + Viv Mallinson 5 years + Phil Rosenberg 38 years + David Wood 3 years

4 Club meeting

15 Phil Rosenberg

18 Club meeting

23 John & Pam Goldstein 44 years + Geoff & Margaret Prentice 52 years

24 Kevin Stapleton

28 Steven Ciobo

30 Ted Fong

## June Fellowship

### Meeting Roster

Welcome guests - Chawki Gazal  
Front desk - Jennifer Bailey  
Meeting chair - Greg Bowler  
Int'l toast - Mark Urquhart  
Sergeant - Andre Csabid

1 Ian Daw 32 years + Kevin Stapleton + Jenny Wong 20 years

4 Catherine Bonifant 17 years

6 Club meeting

2 Jan Davies

11 Kevin Campbell

13 John Bird

18 Kate Kimmorley 17 years

20 Club meeting

30 Steven Ciobo 13 years  
+ Margaret Grummitt 19 years  
+ Jennifer Rakauskas 16 years

> Meetings/events

> Birthdays

> Wedding Anniversaries

> Member's Club Anniversaries



## Volunteering at the Gold Coast Triathlon

Thanks to Jennifer's initiative three club members - Carol, Yi and Phil - volunteered to assist the 'sign in' of almost 2,000 participants of this popular event.

They each received \$50 which they donated directly to our club.



## R. I. P. Jimmy

Friends and relatives gathered last week to say a fond farewell to former Rotarian Jimmy. His caring and frequent generosity was just two of his many admired attributes. Jimmy spent his last years in a care home where his Rotary friends frequently visited.





## Miraculous surgical treatment saves Teretoriano

Teretoriano was referred to ROMAC by the Biro Pite Clinic in Timor-Leste. He had been diagnosed with a Wilm's tumour of the kidney. As his mother had suffered TB, Teretoriano's grandmother Claudina had to accompany him. He arrived very ill and had to have immediate surgery at Monash Children's Hospital, Melbourne as the tumour was so large it was pressing on his other vital organs, including his heart.

Thanks to the amazing effort of the surgical team from Monash Children's hospital lead by Prof Kimber plus Teretoriano's own fighting spirit, he was able to come through this enormous ordeal.

Unfortunately his tumour was more aggressive than previously thought. He now required very high-dose chemotherapy. To add to the complexity, Teretoriano was also found to have TB and his little heart was not yet strong. Initial chemotherapy treatment had to be revised so it would not interfere with his TB treatment or his heart. Gradually his heart got stronger, his TB came under control and he was able to have more aggressive chemotherapy for his cancer. For 6-months Dr Downie, paediatric oncologist and his dedicated team at Monash looked after Teretoriano until his return home. Very dedicated host parents, Rotarians Diane and Bill, looked after Teretoriano and Claudina lovingly and tirelessly. They were rewarded seeing a totally different child, a healthy, alert, vibrant and very active 2-year-old return home.



## ROMAC History

ROMAC commenced in March 1988 out of the actions of an Australian Rotarian who, with a group of surgeons, visited Lambasa in Fiji.

They found the child mortality rate as high as 25% in some places and quickly identified that lack of medical and surgical facilities and skills for children of the island nations, was a major cause.

Rotary faced the challenge to assist an 18-year-old Fijian girl whose right leg was threatened if immediate surgery was not performed.

During the next four years, eight children were brought to Australia for major, often life-saving surgery.

Soon 20 Rotary clubs were caught up in the success of each case and assisted in various ways.

ROMAC quickly went about harnessing assistance from medical experts, hospitals, nurses, physiotherapists, pathology and radiology services, airlines, sponsors and other supporters. ROMAC was making a difference, ROMAC was

*Giving Life to children who had no hope!*

Today ROMAC is Giving Life to around 50 children every year – we are making a huge difference in the lives of these small Island Countries.

## Mission Statement

*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.*





We managed to fit the inaugural Gold Coast Ramble in between a week of rain and Tropic Cyclone Debbie's drenching of SE Qld. The weather definitely affected registrations but everything else went as planned with the 58 teams and 220 participants having fun and enjoying the event. The teams entered into the spirit of the event with some great costumes that caught the attention of the public as they rambled around Southport and Surfers Paradise streets, and our 90 volunteers looked great in their orange Gold Coast Ramble Shirts and Bandanas. Due to the generosity of our sponsors, the event was run at close to break-even and the prizes offered were very attractive. A number of teams demonstrated that the fund raising model, which encourages teams to raise funds for their chosen charity in return for up to 50 bonus points towards their Ramble score works with \$7,000 being raised for four charities. *David Baguley*











*One of our 5 sponsored team. 2 individual team members of Somerset were honoured.*

## Model United Nations Assembly

Individual winners who will go on to represent District 9640 at National are Lachlan Kelly, Palm Beach Currumbin High School, sponsored by the E-club, and Ashraf Docrat representing New Zealand, from Somerset College. He was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Gold Coast. Runner up and reserve was Zoe Wei representing Italy, also from Somerset College.

PDG Wendy Scarlett and DGE Darrell Brown presented the trophies and certificates. The Assembly closed with congratulations and thanks from DGE Darrell Brown.

Special mention needs to be made of the tireless efforts of Luanne and Jim King in organizing MUNA in recent years, and we wish incoming chair, Patsy Lucas every success in organizing it.

*"I will move that our club sponsors Ashraf for the National Debate and will check when that is to be held. I will also get Ashraf and Zoe to come as guest speakers at our club meeting."* Sue Foscett.

**Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)** is a Rotary District project designed to create an awareness of the role of the United Nations in mediating international issues. Teams of three students from years 11 or 12 select a country; research its history, politics, economics, peoples, international alignment and policies in current world affairs. Having chosen a country they then debate selected resolutions from each country's point of view in a mock United Nations Assembly. MUNA occurs in March each year, and two students are then sponsored to attend the national MUNA titles in Canberra in August.

- Find out more at: <http://www.rotary9640.org/SitePage/muna#sthash.TpWCANVY.dpuf>