



Rotary Gold Coast



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April 6 2017 #193 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. Monthly meeting roster inside.



President's Report

Well, we said it would be a busy second half year.

The highlight since our last meeting obviously has been our inaugural Ramble. As a participant, along with my Willow Vale neighbours, I have to say; "what a great event!" We had plenty of laughs and challenges and a credit to David for his organisational ability as I don't think a stone was left unturned!

Well done everyone for the support you gave this for the first year and let us anticipate that the public engagement will grow in years to come.

A special thank you to all of you who generously gave of dollars and time, both with sponsorship and committee roles.

Whilst the numbers were lower than hoped for, the journey and camaraderie on the way along with being provided the opportunity to share the event with other Rotary Clubs and Community Groups was invaluable. Congratulations!

Coming up very soon will be on our Gala Ball.

Please mark 10th June in the diary for a night of laughter, fun and dancing.

With total Polio eradication just around the corner, we now shift our focus to Malaria. Success in early trials at Griffith University have led to the next stage, to test a new vaccine on 20 human volunteers. With local Rotary Clubs initiating funding towards this and since being endorsed by District 9640, no doubt focus will transfer towards adopting this as a major Rotary Project. Currently, over 275 children die each day from Malaria.

Our guest speaker this week, from the Glycomics Centre at Griffith University and heavily involved in the research and development of the vaccine is Danielle Stanisic. Our proud we should be that this is happening in our own back yard!

Don't forget District conference next month and please register if you haven't already.



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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 Csabi

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

R.I.P. JAMES 'Jim' GRAY HOWE PHF

The Rotary Club of Surfers Paradise West was chartered in 1984 and later merged with The Rotary Club of Surfers Paradise with a new name The Rotary Club of Gold Coast. In 1985 a wholesale confectionary distributor by the name of James (Jim) Howe was inducted into membership. He was to remain a member for almost thirty years, until the debilitating effects of Parkinson's disease became so severe that he had to move into a care facility.

Jim Howe died on Wednesday 29 March 2017. Any Rotarian or former Rotarian who knew him will remember Jim Howe with sincere affection. As the Managing Director of Variety Sweets on the Gold Coast, he was constantly asked by charitable entities to provide baskets of confectionary as raffle prizes. Those baskets were always filled with more than was ordered, and where the need was obvious, Jim Howe would not collect payment. He was truly a most generous and gentle fellow.

After being forced into care by the advance of his illness, PP Gerry Ward and your member Rob Ffrench took over Jim's affairs. Each week a group of Jim's friends visited the home armed with at least a six pack. Jim Howe always loved a beer and just days before he died, one of the group fed him a stubby by spoon. Despite that he had at that point lost the power to properly communicate, his smile was enough for his friends to know he understood them.

Unless you are otherwise advised, the funeral for James Gray Howe will be held in the Parkview Chapel of the Allambe Memorial Park at Nerang commencing at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 11 April 2017. The celebrant will be P P Sherri Prior.

Jimmy's friends are trying to organise a memorial drink afterwards.

PP Stan Shneider



With the right support, refugee entrepreneurs provide significant economic benefits to Australia, a new report has found.

Refugee entrepreneurship brings economic benefits to Australia

The author of the book *Refugee to Entrepreneur in Three Years* investigates the existing and potential contribution of refugee entrepreneurs to Australia's economy and society. Professor Jock Collins from UTS Business School, studied the Ignite Small Business and Start-Ups Program, an initiative of humanitarian organisation Settlement Services International (SSI). Launched in 2013, Ignite assists newly arrived humanitarian migrants and refugees set up businesses.

At the end of its three-year pilot, the program has helped participants establish 66 new businesses, with the majority in retail, followed by culture and recreation, and construction. "The stand-out finding is the diversity of business types set up by the refugee graduates of the Ignite program," Collins said. "There is no typical refugee business enterprise. Businesses established by successful Ignite clients cover many different industry classifications." He found 68 per cent of graduates from the program have moved off Centrelink, with some also paying company tax and generating jobs. In-depth interviews with 35 refugee entrepreneurs also revealed \$880,000 savings in Centrelink benefits each year, and a projected \$4.4 million savings over five years, among that group alone.

Of the 240 people accepted into Ignite, 25 per cent were running their own enterprise, and 20 staff had been employed by the program's entrepreneurs.

"This success rate must be set against the substantial barriers that these refugees faced in order to appreciate its significance," Collins said.

"At first glance refugees are the most unlikely entrepreneurs. They lack capital to start up a business, they have no credit history, no assets or security. In many instances their educational qualifications are not recognised and they have no social networks."

SSI CEO Violet Roumeliotis said the first 12 months for a refugee in Australia came with additional complex challenges. "One of the key things for them is to get themselves settled, they need to find somewhere to live, they try to get the kids enrolled and settled into school, they enroll in English classes," Roumeliotis told Pro Bono News. "And of course just the trauma of the experiences that they'd had in the countries that they're fleeing and also adjusting to a very different environment here in Australia. "There's multiple things happening for them... so, that's why it's quite extraordinary... to have over 60 businesses set up by people who've only been in the country for a very short period of time. "It just shows [their] passion and how enterprising they are."

She said the report's findings would challenge misconceptions about refugees. "It's a very negative narrative that you hear in Australian media and the broader global media around refugees where they conflate a whole range of negative stereotypes around terrorism, around laziness, around very negative themes," she said. "And this is a fine example of the fact that refugees, when they arrive, even though they've come on protection visas, not on skilled migrant visas, are enterprising. They have strengths and they've got experience and they can offer lots to Australia – economically, socially and culturally. "They're running their own businesses and some of them are paying company tax and they're employing other Australians, so I think it's a great example that actually negates those negative stereotypes of refugees."

Now that the pilot is complete, Roumeliotis said it would be expanded to support a wider range of entrepreneurial refugees. "There are many entrepreneurs in the pipeline... and there's people who have gone on and started up their businesses and scaling those business up," she said. "There's a lot of work at a number of different levels that requires ongoing support, and we see there's a demand. "We focused on refugees in their first 12 months of arrival, but we also have people who've been here for two years or five years who are saying that they are very keen to also start up their own businesses and be supported by Ignite. So we're looking at supporting them and finding ways to resource the Ignite program."

SSI also plans to grow the model to support entrepreneurs with disability, their families and carers through a new pilot program, Ignite Ability.



Ongoing funding uncertainty is restricting homelessness support for Indigenous Australians, according to a new report.

Indigenous homeless hit hardest by funding uncertainty

Research from AHURI has found there are no government programs that specifically target supporting homeless Indigenous Australians or those at risk of experiencing homelessness, despite their being significantly overrepresented in the homeless population.

According to the report, *Safe and Sound? How Funding Mix Affects Homelessness Support for Indigenous Australians*, Indigenous Australians are 14 times more likely to become homeless than other Australians, and their homelessness situations are likely to be more severe. But limited-term funding arrangements are making it difficult for services that support homeless Indigenous people to develop and maintain the most appropriate services.

Report author Dr Angela Spinney from Swinburne University of Technology said policy changes and short-term funding arrangements were having an impact on outcomes for Indigenous Australians. "While almost all of the organisations we interviewed received small, additional types of funding or support, such as donations of goods, philanthropic grants and cash donations from community members and fundraising activities, most were cautious about further pursuing funding from diverse sources, as the time taken by staff to source such funding gets in the way of good service delivery," Spinney said. "As a consequence, Indigenous Australians who are homeless or at risk of homelessness may not be receiving support that is best suited to them or is culturally appropriate, and this is likely to reduce the effectiveness of services."

The latest report forms part of a research program in the AHURI inquiry into the funding of homelessness services in Australia, which aims to understand the mix of government and non-government funding and how the funding of services that support the homeless influences service provision and outcomes for those people. The research examined a range of services – mainstream, Indigenous-specific, homelessness specific and key groups such as youth and people experiencing domestic and family violence – in Northern Territory, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia.

Report author Associate Professor Daphne Habibis from University of Tasmania told Pro Bono News the research was conducted in the context of the continuing uncertainty surrounding the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness and the "incredibly precarious position" this placed organisations in. "In a way the report is really just stating the obvious but it provides an empirical project to wrap around what is obvious and that is that there is a real disconnect between the need for targeted funding for Aboriginal people and the funding structure," Habibis said. "Although Aboriginal people make up a very substantial part of our homeless population, they are also the most vulnerable group in Australia to homelessness and they face particular difficulties in getting out of homelessness, for reasons that are fairly connected to general disadvantage and cultural difference."

Habibis said the ongoing funding uncertainty meant organisations were left "treading water". "The sector as a whole in the last few years has been characterised by very short-term funding and ongoing funding uncertainty. So all organisations experience difficulties around that but it particularly affects Aboriginal people and it particularly affects Aboriginal organisations which are usually small and not able to deal with the funding insecurities," she said. "If you are a small organisation, you've got no space to deal with government grants that you don't know whether they are going to continue beyond the next say three months or six months, so you can't tell your staff they've got a job. "Now if you are employing Aboriginal people, usually more skilled Aboriginal people are in very high demand, so they are likely to go and find a job somewhere else, so you lose your staff."

"More than that it means that they can't innovate. They may have done a pilot program for example that they find to be very effective but they can't implement that program because it requires additional funding. "So organisations are just treading water, just operating on a very minimal and not really an optimal way for what they already demonstrated they could achieve. So those are the kinds of issues. "So on the one hand it is affecting the homelessness sector as a whole but it is particularly acute at the Aboriginal end and it particularly matters at the Aboriginal end, both because of the size of the population and because of the particular need of that population." - Wendy Williams, Pro Bono Journalist