



Rotary Gold Coast



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February 16 2017 #190. We meet 5:45pm for 6:15pm the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at The Southport Golf Club. You're



President's Report

Time has caught up with me this week and I know I don't have exclusivity on being time poor however, apologies in advance for a short report. Importantly I would like to welcome Robyn Gowland our new member who we have had the pleasure of getting to know over the last few months already. Our last meeting had a strong member flair with Ros Byrne, our specialist Family Law Practitioner opening us up to the growing issue of Domestic Violence. You can help, please check out Friends with Dignity <http://www.friendswithdignity.org.au/>

Also lovely to hear Rowan giving us a synopsis of his background and life growing up on the farm in Griffith and how he with Rose and their two children have evolved, relocated to the Coast and is now actively involved professionally with the fundraising arm of the Salvation Army. Another new asset to our club with some wonderful skills that are being put to good use with fund raising for the Ramble!

Speaking of the Ramble only myself and Rowan have registered!!! Here's the website and expect some hounding over the next couple of weeks! Let's start the ball rolling, or Ramble! Now it is your turn to help, please sign and register your team and you can do this even if you do not have a team yet. It is easy, we'll show you how! <https://www.eventbrite.com.au> Thank you to everyone for what you do and for making



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FEBRUARY

Meeting Roster

Welcome guests - Brian Pearson
Front desk - Joe Kertesz

Meeting chair - Chawki Gazal
Int'l toast - Phil Rosenberg
Sergeant - Andrew Csabi

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

2 Club meeting

7 Vocation visit to Quintrex Boat
(Telwater), Coomera

9 Board meeting

10 Dower, Bryan

11 Richard Flanagan

16 Club meeting

17 Viv Mallinson

28 Bryan and Carolyn Dower 52 yrs

MARCH

Meeting Roster

Welcome guests - Sue Foskett
Front desk - Kevin Stapleton

Meeting chair - Mark Urquhart
Int'l toast - David Baguley
Sergeant - Brian Kidd

1 Ted Fong 38 yrs + Bruce
Roddick 34 yrs

2 Club meeting

4 Tony Nesci

4 Night Fever, Spotlight Theatre

15 David Baguley 36 yrs

10 Andrew Chan + Caroline
Mercer

12 Joan Baguley

14 Kathy Hogan

16 Club meeting

16 Eddie Klimowicz

APRIL

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

> Meetings/events

> Birthdays

> Wedding Anniversaries

> Member's Club Anniversaries

What does it mean to be human?



Showtime 7:30 Saturday 4 March

Let Phil know 0412 374 363 ASAP if you want to go.

Interact members in my district are raising \$120,000

this year to aid Syrian refugees overseas and refugee resettlement in the San Francisco Bay Area.

We are also raising awareness, planning service projects, and working to break the stigma associated with refugees.

Why did we chose this project? The main reason is because this crisis is covered a lot in the media, and the issue appears out of our hands, therefore we don't take action. This project focuses on how Interactors can make an impact internationally from their local communities.

On a more emotional level, "What does it mean to be a human?" This is the question I ask all Interactors. Refugees are often dehumanized and looked upon as a problem. We want to break that stigma, and really reach the core of the human connection that ties us all together. **Love, kindness, respect.** Whatever your response to what it means to be a human - that is what Syrian refugees are lacking right now. It's an emotional issue, but one that drives us to seek change. As Interactors, it reminds us of our shared values, and why we value service. Why we spend countless hours planning events to raise funds, and why we care so much. Because in the end it makes you feel something. That undying connection we all have as humans, regardless of the borders that separate us. As a district, we raise thousands of dollars every year for our international service project, but it's



Is the Rotary Youth Leadership Award our best teen youth project?

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) is a residential camp unlike any other. Over seven days, participants are immersed in a programme centred around four key themes: challenge by choice, diversity, community and time out.

This RYLA experience is an intensive time of nonstop activity and interaction that's often describes as life changing..

Applicants need to be prepared to research current issues and seek solutions through debate and planning.

This is a rewarding week of teamwork that can be taxing for some. We give young people aged 18-25 the opportunity to step away from the distractions of their busy lives and provide the space to think about what is important to them. As always Sue Fosket does a fabulous job finding just the right people. Well done, Sue, and hopefully next year a whole group of us can attend and cele-

District 9640 Conference

5-8 May 2017

Ballina

Proudly hosted by District Governor Michael & Roz Irving

Recommend you don't wait till the last minute to book your accommodation as it is limited in Ballina. If you find it difficult try Lennox Heads, Alstonville and several

Rotarian action groups

Rotarian Action Groups help Rotary clubs and districts plan and carry out community development and humanitarian service projects in their area of expertise. The groups are organized by Rotarians and Rotaractors who are proficient, and have a passion for service, in a particular field.

How Rotarian action groups operate

- > Each group functions independently of Rotary International establishing its own rules, due, requirements, and administrative structure.

- > Membership is open to Rotarians, their family members as well as participants and alumni of all Rotary and Foundation programs.

- > They must adopt Rotary International's standard bylaws and operate in accordance with Rotary policy.

- > They regularly collaborate with clubs and districts on service projects in their area of specialty.

- > They can help clubs and districts obtain funding or other assistance for their service projects.

Benefits of Rotarian Action Groups

By joining a Rotarian Action Group, you can engage in meaningful service activities outside your own club, district, or country.

By partnering with a Rotarian Action Group, your club or district gains the support of experts for planning and implementing a project.

Take action: www.rotary.org/actiongroups



Rotarian Action groups

Do you have expertise and a passion to serve in a particular area? Visit the website of the relevant Rotarian Action Group to learn more.

Start a new Rotarian Action group

If your service interest isn't represented by an existing Rotarian Action Group, contact Rotary staff at actiongroups@rotary.org to learn how you can start a new group. All groups are subject to approval by the Rotary International Board of Directors.

Examples of Rotarian Action Groups in action

The Rotarian Action Group for Population & Development works with Rotary clubs in Germany, Austria, and Nigeria to reduce mortality rates among mothers and newborns at hospitals in rural Nigeria.

Rotarians for Family Health & AIDS Prevention sponsors an annual event to provide preventive health care services, including HIV testing and counselling, to thousands of people in hundreds of sites across Africa.

AIDS and Family Health	www.rfha.org
Alzheimer's and Dementia	http://adrag.org/
Blindness Prevention	www.rag4bp.org
Blood Donation	www.ourblooddrive.org
Child Slavery	www.racsrag.org
Clubfoot	www.rag4clubfoot.org
Dentistry	www.ragd.com
Diabetes	www.ragdiabetes.org
Disaster Assistance	www.dna-rag.com
Endangered Species	www.endangeredrag.org
Environmental Sustainability	www.esrag.org
Food Plant Solutions	http://foodplantsolutions.org
Health Education and Wellness	www.hewrag.org
Hearing	www.ifrahl.org
Hunger and Malnutrition	www.alleviatehunger.org
Literacy	www.litrag.org
Malaria	www.remarag.org
Mental Health	kenlefrancois@bell.net
Microfinance and Community Development	http://ragm.org
Multiple sclerosis	www.rotary-rfmsa.org
Peace	www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org
Polio Survival	www.rotarypoliosurvivors.com
Population and Development	www.rifpd.org
Preconception Care	www.raghphc.org
Water and Sanitation	www.wasrag.org

**Team up with family,
friends and workmates to
explore the city, uncover
secret locations, solve
puzzles and raise money
for local charities!**



Sunday 26 March 2017

Enjoy the Gold Coast Ramble

The first event of its kind on the east coast of Australia, the inaugural Gold Coast Ramble, being held on 26 March 2017, aims to raise funds and awareness for local charities.

Organised by Gold Coast Rotary, Surfers Sunrise Rotary and the Griffith University Satellite Rotary Club, in conjunction with the Gold Coast Community Fund, it is modelled off the highly successful Perth Ramble, organised by the Rotary Club of Mill Point, which recently raised more than \$60,000 for charities.

Team up with families, friends and workmates to explore the city on foot, uncover secret locations, solve puzzles and raise money for local charities. The event is suited to all ages, levels of fitness levels, and is wheel-chair and pram friendly.

[What does it cost?](#)

This is a team event with a captain and between one and five additional team members. The more team members, the more brains you'll have to utilise when solving clues! Also, we've found the more people you have the more fun the whole team has! Register a team and add team members later.

The 4-hour Ramble costs \$30 per team member. Students and holders of pension concession cards are entitled to a 50% discount.

The 2-hour Ramble is suited to families with younger children or teams with less mobile members and costs \$15 per team member. There are no further discounts but children under 5 are free.

[How does it work?](#)

Arrive half hour before your event starts and bring your Team Captain's fully charged Smart Phone, either an iPhone (minimum IOS version 7), or an Android (minimum version 4.0).

Remember to dress in your best - teams of costumed participants will explore the parks, malls and streets of Southport, Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach, following clues to locate 40 to 50 check-points between 11am and 3pm. There is also a 1-3pm version with 20 checkpoints for young families.

At each checkpoint, the team use the Gold Coast Ramble App to download a challenge about the immediate area - this could relate to the heritage, the natural environment, street art or local infra-structure. Points are awarded for successful challenges with additional points available for donations to the Ramble's chosen charities.

[Random draw and best costume prizes reward participation.](#) For the more competitive, completion of all checkpoint challenges in the allotted time involves strategy and teamwork.

Please note, due to the large numbers of Ramblers, there will be a slight stagger in starting time. But don't worry - your team time doesn't start till your Team Captain presses START on the Ramble app after receiving the clue sheet from Ramble authorities at the START line.

Your team is encouraged to support one of the following charities through seeking sponsorship donations. The incentive being that each donation will earn additional event points - every \$10 donation gains the team an additional point up to a maximum of 50 points (\$500 team sponsorship). Using Everyday Hero, your team members will be able to get their friends and work colleagues to sponsor their team.

[Charities you can support](#)

