

September 7 2017 #199 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 [m0410 002 403 eChawki@akgaz.net](mailto:m0410002403@chawki@akgaz.net). Monthly meeting roster inside.



*Ernie Hicks recipients Erin & boyfriend Adam, Lyn, Daniel, Katny Leah, Daniel's mother Angela and grandmother Ing id.*

## President's Report

Meeting 17th of August 2017 at Southport Gold Club back into our normal room.

Dinner was tender, grilled steak topped with tomato salsa, broccoli, carrots and roast potatoes.

The meeting was well attended with 30 Rotarians and Ernie Hicks Memorial Scholarship recipients.

Erin spoke about studying at Griffith University and is passing with distinctions.

Daniel is studying mechanical engineering. This will take him 4 years. Daniel displayed his video of designing a robot to separate different diameter round balls. The robot was able to separate and move different size and weight items and store them. Simply amazing.

Leaha is in her last semester, after three years of study. While studying psychology she has also excelled and is passing with distinctions.

The President's breakfast was held in the Benowa Botanical Gardens and was well attended by most Club members. The Sunday morning was blessed with sunshine and 25 degree temperatures. Breakfast was chicken, salad and champagne, with Martin's desserts being chocolate mousse and cheesecakes.

Thank you to Chawki, David and the Board for organizing a fabulous breakfast in the park.

This week's meeting is a Partner's meeting, as we have our District Governor and his wife – Darryl and Kerrie Brown – visiting our club.

To be discussed at our meeting this week will be our 40th Anniversary, Trivia Night, Gold Coast Ramble, Rotary Ball, and the District Conference to be held March 9-11, 2018. Rotary Members are encouraged to bring visiting Rotarians, friends and guests



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# Board Members

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## 2017 - 2018 Meeting Roster

Please make a notation of your roster dates in your diaries now. If you can't attend the meeting please ASAP swap with someone else then inform Club Service Director Chawki on 0410 002 403 or [chawki@akgaz.net](mailto:chawki@akgaz.net).

Please don't ask Chawki to do it for you. Thank you.

Month	Welcome Guests	Front Desk	Meeting Chairperson	International Toast	Sergeant
September	Lynda Hynes	Lyn McArthur	Rob Ffrench	Brian Pearson	Kevin Stapleton
October	Greg Bowler	Kathy Hogan	Viv Mallinson	Rowan Johnstone	Kevin Stapleton
November	Robin Gowland	Ras Manickan	Kathy Hogan	Jenny Bao	Kevin Stapleton
December	Kathy Hogan	Robin Gowland	John Lander	Sue Foscett	Kevin Stapleton
January	Viv Mallinson	Lyn McArthur	Greg Bowler	Rob Ffrench	Kevin Stapleton
February	Brian Pearson	Joe Kertesz	Sue Foscett	Phil Rosenberg	Kevin Stapleton
March	Sue Foscett	Yidan Xi	Robin Gowland	David Baguley	Kevin Stapleton
April	Robin Gowland	Jenny Bao	Rowan Johnstone	John Lander	Kevin Stapleton
May	Yidan Xi	Phil Rosenberg	Brian Pearson	Jill Ellis	Kevin Stapleton
June	Jenny Bao	Jennifer Bailey	Kate Kimmorley	Mark Urquhart	Kevin Stapleton

### This month's....

-**Club 'Birthdays'** Yidan Xi 3. Kate Kimmorley 7. Peter Watkins 14. Carol Allan 29. Justin Schaffer 29.

-**Wedding Anniversaries** Margaret & Noel Grummitt 28yrs/3rd. Chawki & Ann Gazal 40yrs/25th



## Birthdays Lunch

Congratulations to Chawki for finding a very enjoyable venue for the July and August birthday celebration lunch on Sunday 6 August.

"Hideaway Kitchen" at Gold Coast Highway, Broadbeach, had a light 8-course meal and the venue with a large outdoor eating area was very attractive. The restaurant had an excellent three-person band whose members sang very popular songs. We had a very well attended lunch, sitting at a long table, but we all mingled and chatted and enjoyed the sunny weather. We were out in the open sunshine, but this restaurant has a pull over ceiling in case of bad weather.

It was great to be with all who had celebrated birthdays and to enjoy the venue – a feature of which was the colourful rain umbrellas arranged to hang over our heads. An unusual and original decor.

All our birthday people have gone home with a great memory of a special day. – *Jill Ellis*





*Human rights organisations across the country have united to call for immediate action on offshore detention and for refugees on Manus Island and Nauru to be brought to safety in Australia.*

## Human Rights Organisations call for immediate action on offshore detention

With the uncertainty surrounding the US-Australia refugee resettlement arrangement continuing, the coalition led by the Refugee Council of Australia has issued an open statement expressing their concern over the “humanitarian crisis that Australia has created”.

“This situation has reached crisis point, and immediate action must be taken,” the statement read. “Beyond the reports of physical and sexual abuse, including of children, inadequate medical attention, suicides and attempted suicides, even a murder, the extinguishment of hope has pushed people to the edge. Many of these people have been recognised as refugees. We owe them protection and safety now.”

The organisations were critical of the time spent by the politicians in “lengthy negotiations”. They called on the federal government to bring the refugees to Australia.

“With the US resettlement deal in serious doubt, the most obvious and humane solution is to clear the camps and bring these people to Australia until a safe long term, appropriate outcome for them can be guaranteed,” they said. “We do not have years. Australia cannot allow another person to die or suffer because of our actions. “This is a crisis. We are calling on both major parties to form a bipartisan commitment to immediately evacuate the camps and bring these people to safety.”

Their demands come just days after US President Donald Trump hailed the agreement to resettle up to 1,250 refugees from Australia’s offshore detention centres as “a dumb deal” and told Malcolm Turnbull during a private telephone call that it was the “worst deal ever”. Turnbull remains adamant that the deal brokered between Obama and Turnbull last November will take place. But RCOA president and Edmund Rice Centre director Phil Glendenning said the ongoing media and political speculation was “only making life worse” for the people on Manus Island and Nauru who “have already suffered so much”.

“As political games are played in Canberra and Washington, the real victims are the refugees who have been left languishing for over three years,” Glendenning said. “Today we are saying enough is enough. People have suffered for too long. The political games have gone on for too long. Mr Turnbull and Mr Shorten must put an end to the partisanship and urgently bring these people to safety in Australia.” He said as the international community was facing the biggest humanitarian crisis since World War Two, it was time to stop relying on the US. “It is simply beyond embarrassing that our leaders are refusing to bring 1,600 people to safety in Australia and instead are relying on a volatile US President,” he said.

“Forty years ago, Malcolm Fraser and Bill Hayden came together, put partisanship aside and welcomed Vietnamese refugees to Australia. It’s now time this generation’s Malcolm and Bill did the same.”

- Wendy Williams, ProBonoNews



SURFERS PARADISE ROTARY'S

# 15<sup>TH</sup> Charity Race Day

Come & join us on the first day of Spring Racing Carnival in The Dome!



## DATE

11.30am Saturday 7th October 2017

## LOCATION

The Dome, Gold Coast Turf Club Racecourse Drive, Bundall.

## COST

\$75 p/p in advance includes a new fantastic hot and cold buffet lunch. Cash Bar. Tables of 10 available. Lucky Door Prize.

## RSVP

11th September 2017. Call Adrian 0417 634 485 or email [rotaryraceday@yahoo.com](mailto:rotaryraceday@yahoo.com)

Prizes for Best Dressed Male & Female & Best Hat. Multi raffle draw.

Saturday  
7th October  
2017.

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