

**February 2 2018 #204** 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

Thursday January 18th, 2018 our meeting took place at the Southport Golf Club. Dinner was Barramundi grilled fish, potatoes, carrots and broccolini. We were approximately 45 attendees at the meeting including our Ken Bromley recipients from Canberra Shayne and Renee.

Thank you to Harry and Phil for taking photos for our meeting.

Our guest speaker was Corrina Grace Seres. Corrina Grace is an Australian engineer and development professional from Northern NSW, who founded SERES 10 years ago. SERES is an organisation working in Guatemala and El Salvador to cultivate and catalyse youth leaders to create more just and sustainable communities in the region. Corrina Grace has facilitated transformative programs for thousands of young people – engaging and empowering them to take action and accelerate the transition towards sustainability in the Central and North America region. Corrina's goal is to turn SERES into a name synonymous with sustainable, thriving, resilient communities around the world. A mechanical engineer, Corrina's skills and experience range from consulting engineering to expertise in the financial and private sectors, offshore work with Engineers Without Borders, project and construction management and transformative leadership and facilitation.

Corrina was one of 50 selected youth participants at the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development and is a Fellow of the 10th class of the Central America Leadership Initiative and a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network.

### Upcoming events:

- > March is Members Month so please invite guests and introduce new members
- > District Conference SeaWorld 9th until the 11th of March 2018
- > ROMAC trivia night, Gold Coast Arts Centre 18th of May 2018
- > Black Tie Gala Ball 9th of June 2018
- > July 2018 Club Change Over
- > August 2018 Gold Coast Ramble



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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
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

**Members birthdays** Bryan Dower on 10th. Richard Flanagan on 11th. Viv Mallinson on 17th.

**Wedding Anniversaries** Bryan & Caroline Dower on 28th 52 yrs.



## Guess who's coming for dinner?

You of course!

If you're interested in being a host please ASAP contact Kathy (0417 634 029) for details. Stay tuned in as the dates and details will soon be revealed....





Districts 9600, 9630 and 9640

## Dinner with Rotary International President Ian Riseley and his wife Juliet

**When:** 19th March 2018

**Where:** Fitzzy's Function Centre, Bryants Rd, Loganholme (Exit 28 from M1)

**Time:** 6.30 for 7pm

**Cost:** \$55.00 per head (plus booking fee \$1.75)

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to meet with RI President Ian and his wife Juliet and to hear more about the strategic direction of Rotary together with an update on current Rotary Programs and his current Peace Building Conference Tour.

**Purchase tickets at Eventbrite.co.au** <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/dinner-with-rotary-international-president-ian-riseley-tickets-41447715232?aff=eivtefind>



When you have something you want everyone to know ...  
... put it in your club bulletin.

- > Have a Directors' update/report?  
*Let everyone know.*
- > Have an idea for the club?  
*Let everyone know.*
- > Enjoyed a club event?  
*Let everyone know.*
- > Enjoyed/didn't like a speaker's talk?  
*Let everyone know.*
- > Visited a Rotary club?  
*Let everyone know.*
- > Participated in a fund raiser?  
*Let everyone know.*

If you have relevant photos please submit to [philtini@hotmail.com](mailto:philtini@hotmail.com)  
It's really that easy.



## Young changemakers reach for the stars

A total of nine initiatives led by and impacting young Australians were recently celebrated at the Foundation for Young Australians' (FYA) 2017 Unleashed Awards night.

In her keynote Jessica Meir, who spoke about her previous career as a scientist and what led her to becoming a NASA astronaut, highlighted the importance of "passion, purpose, perseverance and people" in achieving dreams. "I can only imagine the unbelievable contributions that you

*A NASA astronaut has been giving advice to the next generation of Australian change-makers at a celebration recognising young trailblazers who are leading and creating social change in communities, industry and public life, across this country and beyond.*

guys, and many more like you, will be making to the world. Seeing of these bright and creative and ambitious minds here today it is truly astounding," Meir said. "For all of you, you have already followed your passion, you have taken initiative, you have discovered your purpose, at least your first one for now, and luckily by seeking out foundations like the Foundation for Young Australians that have had enough foresight to realise the importance of backing you, you have acquired the means by which to take action." She said it was "truly an honour and an inspiration" to speak at the awards. "[To be] learning about all of these incredible projects and programs you have taken from seedlings of an idea that you may have conjured up in a day dream, nurtured and watched grow and hopefully you have reaped the greatest reward in finding that true sense of purpose," she said.

"Especially at a time like this on our planet when we are faced with what may seem like insurmountable challenges ranging from the fate of our environment to strained relationships among different world leaders, this optimism and this hope and this direct action that is aimed at bettering our people, all by people like you, at bettering our society, our planet, it is astoundingly moving for me to witness here." A mental health podcast, an app that makes it simple for people to report problems like potholes or graffiti to local governments and a program to break down stereotypes and reduce racism through storytelling were among the initiatives being recognised.

This year's Gamechanger Award, which celebrates social enterprises and ventures led by young people aged 18 to 29 who are "changing the game" went to not for profit Little Dreamers, the only organisation in Australia that solely works with young carers who have a family member with a serious illness or disability.

"There are 2.7 million carers in Australia and 490,000 are under the age of 25 and they are growing up as carers in their family for someone with a chronic illness, mental illness, disability, addiction," Buchner said. "I actually grew up as one of these carers myself for my brother and my mum and I founded Little Dreamers because there was a gap in the market that really shouldn't have existed in the first place.

"I was a 2015 Young Social Pioneer, so it is pretty cool to be back this year to see everything and since then I am a fully employed person in my organisation. We have a team of four, we are changing the lives of 600 families per year and this recognition for carers is just beyond anything we could have hoped for."

Well-known activist Yassmin Abdel-Magied was named this year's Champion of Change in recognition of becoming "a household name for shining the spotlight on the divisive voices that can flood the mainstream media".

Speaking on video stream from London, Abdel-Magied said she was "chuffed, honoured and really humbled" to receive the reward.

"The FYA family is like no other and I am really, really grateful to be a part of it," Abdel-Magied said. "Sometimes social change happens and you don't quite try to be the person that catalyses it, it just happens all around you and this has kind of been this year.

"But if there is anything that I want you all to know, it is that you can have the full weight of the mainstream media, government, and a lot of public opinion against you and you can survive and it will be great and you can have a lifetime supply of awesome tweets afterwards."

FYA CEO, Jan Owen said the Unleashed Awards were an opportunity to recognise initiatives that give back, enrich communities and make a positive contribution to society, as well as the young people who lead them.

"These inspiring individuals and the initiatives they're leading demonstrate the untapped potential of young people across Australia who have the talent, creativity, and ideas to create a more sustainable, equitable and prosperous society," Owen said.

"The challenges they are inheriting make it not only important but absolutely vital that we provide them with opportunities, back their ideas, and encourage enterprise to develop their innovation capacity."

## What's a Committee?

A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.