

# Burleigh Breaker

Weekly newsletter of Burleigh Heads Rotary



Meetings 36-38/'16: Thursdays 29th Sept to 13th October 2016

## +Breakfast meetings

6.45am for 7am

Surf Club, Burleigh Heads  
Cnr Gold Coast Hwy &  
Goodwin Tce, Burleigh Heads

## Guests, makeups and apologies

We warmly welcome visiting Rotarians and guests to our weekly breakfast meetings. Please contact:

Anthony: 0407 194 509  
tony.zirilli@gmail.com  
by 5pm Wednesday

## Guest speakers, events & key dates

Find out more about our these on our website

### Oct 20, 2016

Vicki James from Life Flight  
On the role of Life Flight in the community

### Oct 27, 2016

Club Member Anthony Zirilli  
USA Trip News

### Nov 03, 2016

Mel Bromley from Assistance Dogs Australia  
On giving freedom and independence to people with disabilities

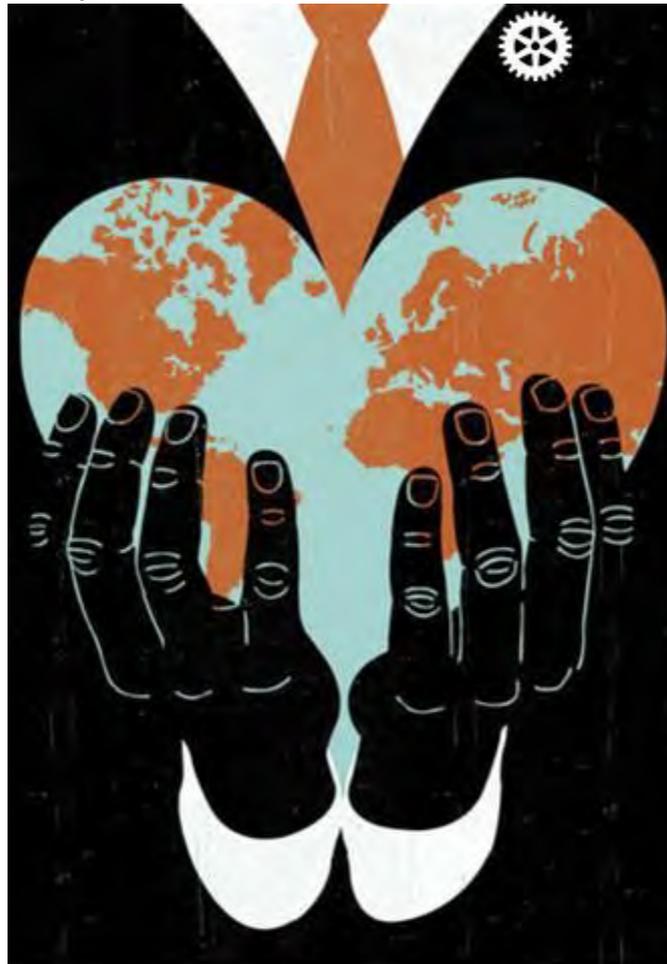
## RI Formalities

Rotary District 9640

RI International President: John F Germ

District Governor: Michael Irving

Rotary month October Vocational Service:



**Nov 10, 2016**

Member Behind the Badge  
Club Member - Trevor May

## Board meetings

6-8pm, first Tuesday of month, Burleigh Heads SLSC

**Club Assembly:** first meeting after Board meeting

## Rotaract meetings:

Mondays: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Monday of each month @ The Surf Club.

## Contact us

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## Social media

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## Club Officers

**President:** Catherine  
**Immediate Past President:** Jo  
**President Elect:** Richard

## Committee Chair Officers

**Membership:** Colleen  
**PR/Webperson:**  
**Rotary Foundation:** Andy

## Board

**Secretary:** Charles  
**Treasurer:** Teresa  
**Club Service:** Allan  
**Community Service:** Richard  
**International Director:** Johnny  
**Youth Director:** Anthony  
**Vocational Service:** Paul  
**Club Admin:** Jacqueline P

We have had a very busy 3 weeks with some great achievements. Apologies for the size of this catch up newsletter....make a cuppa and sit back for a read...

If you are able to help out with the newsletter or being our scribe your efforts will be very much appreciated.

(Thank you to Jacqueline, Trevor and Rod for putting their hands up so far)

## Meeting of 29th September.

The week of 29th September we had 2 club members Charles Kilby and Andy Rajapske share with us some very interesting facts about Polio and why as a club we need to support the upcoming Black Tie dinner to help end Polio worldwide.

They gave an overview of why Rotary and Australians are involved with ridding the world of polio and to let the members know some facts in a very interesting presentation:

Polio is an ancient disease - drawings dating back to BC show disfigured limbs

1894 first polio endemic

1908 Aussie Drs discovered polio is caused by a virus

1932 Sister Kenny, Australian, came up with the idea of keeping limbs moving - perhaps the first physiotherapy?

1937 Iron Lung introduced into Australia. Fact: one Australian lady spent 60 years living in an iron lung - she only died a couple of years ago. There are still many people alive who contracted Polio and are living with the results of the disease.

1938 - 40 out of 1000 people were contracting polio at this time. It was very prevalent in Australia and with today's moving world it could easily come back.

1955 USA introduced what they thought was a safe vaccine, sadly it did not work and many people were actually infected with polio. IPV was the first successful vaccine introduced and was developed in Australia.

1966 Vaccination became mandatory.

1972 was the last case of polio recorded

1988 Rotary got on board to help eradicate polio. Polio cases dropped from 350 thousand in 1988 to 420 in 2015 worldwide. There are still 400,000 polio sufferers in Australia today. There are varying levels of the disease, the worst being that the sufferer must live in an iron lung.

A short video showed Rotary's involvement along with other partners including Unicef and Bill and Melinda Gates. Rotary has been instrumental in convincing the world and its leaders that this disease can and needs to be eradicated for good. It is now a preventable disease.

Rotary's main objective and achievement apart from raising funds, has been to be the "person on the street" reaching all parts of the world to get kids immunised. Vaccines must be held at -8 degrees Celsius and Rotarian funds have assisted in providing such equipment to remote areas. Over 3 million people/volunteers were mobilised across the world and over 500 million children were vaccinated over a 5 year period. Andy was proud to say that Sri Lanka was one of the first countries to be immunised.

Purple Pinkie came about after mothers in poorer countries were unable to remember which child had been immunised and so 1 finger was painted purple to assist with this as over dosage can be very dangerous! It is important to remember that Polio can travel in water and poor sanitation and this is again where Rotarians have been helping out.

The new date for the End Polio Black Tie Dinner is now 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 and the corporate world is being targeted for ticket sales at \$200 each. Members are encouraged to ask any customers they have if they would like information regarding the event.

## Meeting of 6th October.

Our Club meeting of the 6th October was our Annual Club Assembly as well as HAT DAY supporting Australian Rotary Health for mental health. The room was set up into individual tables for each committee to discuss what they would like to achieve over the rest of this Rotary year.

Some of the points suggested were

- Club & Community Service (chaired by Allan Barnett) The committee is looking to fundraise by doing Melbourne Cup Tickets, Bunnings BBQ's, possible Art Show, Duck Race, Street Party/solstice, and will be applying for grants to support the Scooter Project, the RDA, the Sanctuary



Women's Refuge and the Aged Community. There was a lot of excellent suggestions so I am sure you will be hearing a lot from them soon.

- Youth Service (Chaired by Catherine PT) As we have such a strong Youth Program we would all like to continue to support our Interact Clubs at Miami High School & Marymount College, To be more involved with our Rotaract Club. They would also like to continue to do specific fundraising to sponsor 2 people each for RYLA (\$1100), RYTS (\$1000) and RYPEN (\$700).
- Vocational Service (Chaired by Catherine PT) We would all like to continue to plan an awards program supporting the disability sector by applying for grants. International Disability Day is 3rd December so there is still hope if we win the grant from Councillor Pauline Young that we may be able to put on a morning tea to give out awards to recognise nominated carers. We always enjoy our "Member behind the Badge" guest speakers so we are looking forward to learning more about our members. We are wanting to continue to use our professional skills to serve our community.
- International Service (Chaired by Bren Milsom) Continue to support RAWCS with minimum of \$1000, work on Specific Fundraising for International, Publicise International Services & projects, Coordinate with other Rotary Clubs to network and gather things like books, health and education for International projects and of course End Polio!.
- Membership (Chaired by Colleen Gauder) Colleen now has Trevor as her very enthusiastic partner to continue the great momentum of membership. Together they will keep lists of apologies and makeups, and will be contacting members one on one to check in if we have not seen them for a while and try and help if needed. As a way of encouraging new members and those that find it hard to attend breakfast meetings, we will be organising a community night where all club members, visitors and friends will be going out into the community to work with organisations like Rosie's or Meals on Wheels. We feel we need to get our hands dirty and rather than just fundraising we feel that members will be more encouraged to be proactive and bring along others to join our great club. There is also a planned night meeting before Christmas to get together with those that have not been able to make meeting lately. In the new year we will also be having a meeting at Rotary Park in Palm Beach to give OUR park a tidy up and enjoy some time in the sun.

Phew...that was a huge 1 hour with so many fabulous suggestions and enthusiasm so thank you so much to you all for your contribution, and great to see such an assortment of hats!



## Meeting of 13th October.

### Apologies:

Many of our members have had extended time away with Jo on Prac, Anthony is the USA, Johnny in Singapore and HK, Jacki in Europe. We have also had apologies from Teresa, Russell, Maurizio & Ken Clark.

### Guests

Tash Owens, wife of Nick Owens has been a regular visitor and has now applied for membership as has Zach Burrige and Rod Woods so we are very excited to have 3 new soon to be members....they will all be inducted together on the 27th October so please make an effort to be there and bring along your family and friends. Great to see family new and old coming to the Club for a visit.

### President

Catherine has been Chairperson with a lot of help from Charles at the Club Assembly and this week it was great to have Colleen as chair.

### Items on the Day

Happy Birthday to Colleen and Bren!

- Allan reminded us all to Vote for the \$2000 My GC Grant. He asked us all to sell all our Melbourne Cup tickets and if you are having trouble please tell him now so that others can sell them for you. Hat Day raised \$138 so well done everyone.
- Catherine thanked everyone for all their attendance at the Club Assembly and if you were not there and not sure of what committee you are on please contact Colleen to find out.

- Charles apologised for the room layout being the same as Club Assembly however member actually liked it so we will do this on a rotating basis...or whenever Nick feels like changing it up :) We also had a new style of breakfast with a stack and it was delicious so thank you to the chef.
- Jacqueline reminded all Club members to update or apply for Blue Cards. Can be done online. Contact Jacqueline or President Catherine for more information. All Club dues are paid with the exception of one person so Jacqueline is following this up.
- Bren reported that he had a truck loaded with power chairs to drive up to RAWCS DIK in Brisbane to be sold for scrap metal. Bren also picked up over 50 overbed tables from Earl Haven & a few old chairs from our fleet.
- Membership - Colleen & CPT will induct 3 new members on the 27th so please all be there to welcome your new club family. Colleen and Trevor are making calls and following up in members we have not seen for a while.
- Scooter - David had 2 new scooters and was successful in his grant application so many more new scooters to come and some can be retired.
- As our Guest Speaker was not available, Bren very kindly stepped it to share with us the highlights of his recent trip to East Timor. The trip was from the 19th-29th September and Bren was accompanied by nine year 11 students aged 16 yrs old, 8 girls and one boy, and with teacher, drivers and interpreters...12 people in total plus locals.



- To start their nine day trip they spend a few days in Dili. They visited the Truth and reconciliation Museum and learnt about the history of Timor. It was very confronting with blood splatters where people were tortured and murdered. The country decided that there would not be any war crime charges, instead deciding to forgive and forget. They stayed at a refuge where Nuns look after the orphans. They visited the Statue of Christ given to people by Indonesia to celebrate their independence. The students went into the schools to teach the kids English and they normally learn from Portuguese textbooks and the children want to learn English. While there Bren wanted to fix up the school. They needed \$6000 to fix up the school so Bren called in \$10,000 and he got Assisi College to commit to raise the money....this went up to \$15,000 so they could hook up the toilets to water.
- Bren spoke of his love of Timor and shared some amazing stories of the heroic people he meets who have suffered terribly and lost many family members.
- Bren also spoke of 3 Rotary Clubs from Melbourne who sent a rolling mill up to Timor and they started East Timor Roofing. They have donated \$57,000 worth of roofing, trusses etc to help with the school. So with Bren's enthusiasm the total committed was
  - Burleigh Parish & Rotary- \$30,000
  - ACN- \$20,000
  - Kinder Mission Germany- \$80,000
  - East Timor Roofing-\$57,000
  - GVFS-\$10,000

New member Trevor won the bottle of wine! Well done!!



Happy fines conducted by Geoff and included happiness due to: A fabulous show by the passing whales, a great turnout of members; 2 new Scooters, happy to be alive!; catch up with friends, family ...and Bren got to take a truck up to Brisbane...Boys and their toys!

**Next week's guest speaker is:** Club Member Anthony Zirilli sharing tales of his recent adventures to America as part of the Rotary Friendship exchange.

### Guest speakers

Each Burleigh Breaker includes a list of the speakers we've locked in to speak. We encourage you to find out more about speakers by going to our homepage and clicking on the particular speaker at the left hand side of the homepage, where you'll find info and a web link wherever possible. [www.BurleighHeadsRotary.com.au](http://www.BurleighHeadsRotary.com.au):

## Membership

Active: 38 members. Honourary: 4 members

## Call of duty

Please speak to Catherine for list of duties and associated roster. A new roster will be emailed out very soon so please keep an eye out for your name.

## Thinking of you

To any club members or partners who are not enjoying the best of health, we wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you in the near future.

## Financials

Direct debit details to pay into the Club's Bank Account:

BOQ: Rotary Club of Burleigh Heads, Club Account

BSB 124001 Account No. 12151911

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