

The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Runaway Bay

5th February 2019

Meeting No: 1535

What's Happening Feb/March 2019

12th February 2019

Chair: Dave McKenzie Guest Speaker: Irene & Nigel Cates Topic: The persons behind the badge

19th February 2019

Chair: Graham Toms Guest Speaker: Rene' Jorgensen Topic: Super Trawler in Scotland

26th February 2019

Chair: Peter Fisk Guest Speaker: Angelina Korshun, Brodie Luney – RYLA 2019 Topic: TBA

5th March 2019

Chair: Des Lovett Guest Speaker: -Topic: CLUB ASSEMBLY

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<u> Presidents Message – Eric Lewis</u>

Hi All,

Our meeting last Tuesday was very entertaining, with Andy Bell telling us about his life as an undercover cop in New Zealand. Andy maintained an air of calm determination as we all ate our dinner, whilst his was becoming cold. Well done Andy, we very much appreciated your visit as our guest speaker.



It was also great to see our Assistant Governor - Lea Rickwood at our last meeting. Lea has been a great supporter of the club, so it was a pleasure welcome her as our guest. Lea will be ending her three-year stint as AG at the end of June, a job well done!

Our two RYLA attendees have survived their week at the camp. I am hoping to get them both along to our meeting on 26th February so they can update us on their experiences at the camp.

Rotarian Dr Ekhard Popp from the Rotary Club of Hamburg was a surprise visitor to the club last Tuesday. Ekhard is taking a career break with his family on the Gold Coast for six months. I'm not sure of what he thought about our strange arcane practices at the club!! Two-Up seemed to have particularly confused him, nonetheless, we hope he comes back for another visit. BTW, Hamburg is the location for the 2019 Rotary Convention. PDG Brian Heaton will be going along to create his usual mischief!

We have a Board meeting this week, I will provide an update to the club at our next meeting. Hopefully I will be able to update you about some of our upcoming initiatives, and ideas of where we can provide some financial help to some of our community causes.

Like previous years we are planning to celebrate Rotary's 114th birthday on the 23rd February. We will be providing presents to mums and their new babies who were born on 23rd February at the Gold Coast University Hospital. Irene and Nigel Cates are doing an awesome job facilitating this activity. The Bendigo Community Bank will also be providing gifts for the new babies and their mums.

Many thanks to PDG Brian Heaton who has put an enormous effort into submitting our daring deeds for consideration for some District Awards.

Our club membership continues to climb, we will hopefully be inducting two new lady members within the next two weeks.

Take care Eric

Our 2018-19 RI Presidential Theme



<u>Secretary's Message – Bob Curtis</u>

Member attendances for meeting number 1534 were 21 (Laurie Buckley, Irene Cates, Nigel Cates, Tony Coxen, Bob Curtis, Brian Deasy, Peter Fisk, Michael George, Graham Gordon, Brian Heaton, Roy Howard, Eric Lewis, Ken Lister, David McKenzie, John Murtagh, Nancy Notman, Phil Smith, Graham Toms, Tom Turner, Paul Vertullo and Anita Whiteford). Visiting Rotarian was Lea Rickman, Assistant District Governor and RC Southport. Guest Speaker was Andy Bell, Past President of Surfers Sunrise, "The Adventures of an Undercover Cop". Guests of Rotarians were Ella James (Eric Lewis), Gail McGaw (Graham Toms) and Aileen Halter (Nancy Notman).

We sat in the shadow of the greatness of Chair Roy Howard and Sergeant Phil Smith. The meeting arrangements and PP Andy's virtuoso performance were only exceeded by the daring duo's dauntlessness and creativeness.



Past President and Past District Governor Brian Heaton had more to say about how Rotary works, our democratic practices and our heavy emphasis on succession planning at club district and International levels. Assistant District Governor Lea Rickwood urged us to attend our forthcoming District conference.

PP Andy Bell had a wonderful tale to tell about his often amusing and hairraising times as an undercover cop in New Zealand in the port city of Wellington and a bit later in Australia. Andy had plenty of action and

excitement to tell us about. Seems like this policeman had a very happy life pretending to be someone else quite a lot. President Eric thanked Andy on our behalf for a very interesting talk about the real realities of trying to catch people in the act of breaking very serious laws.

Regards Bob

2019-20 RI President Announces Presidential Theme

Rotary International President-elect Mark Daniel Maloney explained his vision for building a stronger Rotary, calling on leaders to expand connections to their communities and to embrace innovative membership models.



Rotarian's at play at the Bathurst 12 Hour



It seems that no luxury was forgone or that anyone starved on this boys only weekend! MasterChef Phil kept everyone satisfied, and annoyed other campers with his gastronomic wonder meals!



Townsville Flood Appeal

Major Flood Disaster in Townsville



From the District Website

The Rotary Club of Townsville South West registered the Rotary Australia Benevolent Society Disaster Appeal. 74-2018-19:D9550 North Queensland Disaster Relief Appeal (RABS)

To make a **tax-deductible** donation go to the RAWCS website: -

http://rawcs.org.au/project-search/

Click on the project No and then the donate button and follow the prompts.

Every little bit helps as there will be a massive recovery effort once the rain and floods dissipate and people's needs become more apparent.

PDG Rob Tardiani is Project Manager and will keep us advised on a regular basis.

This is a major disaster for Townsville and surrounding areas.

If you are touched by this, you can help through Rotary.

District Conference Details

Eric Lewis, Greg Smith, Anita Whiteford, Brian Deasy and **Brian Heaton** are going!! Be quick, accommodation in Lismore is running out fast!

Come and join us!!

District 9640 Conference 29-31 March 2019 lism





Use the following link to register for the conference

https://rotary9640conference.org.au

Rotary Peace Centres

Hey! Have you ever fancied travelling to strange places and then keeping the peace! Sounds like a job for John Cooke!! Nah..... maybe not!

Check out the following link to find out more.

The <u>2020 Rotary Peace Fellowship application</u> is now available and they need your help to find the next cohort of experienced global peace and development leaders!

Each year, Rotary awards up to 100 fully funded fellowships for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at one of our peace centres.

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Where Rotary Peace Centre Alumni Work

More than 1,000 peace fellowship alumni are working in over 100 countries.

<u> Anniversaries – February 2019</u>



Rotary's 114th Birthday – 23rd February

Like to join us for a meeting?

Location: -

Paradise Point Bowls Club

22 Thrush Avenue, (corner Sunbird Ave)

Paradise Point, Gold Coast, Qld



When: Tuesdays 6.00 for 6.30 pm start (except public holidays)

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