

The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Runaway Bay

5th March 2019

Meeting No: 1538

What's Happening March 2019

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

12th March 2019

Chair: Del Cole Guest Speaker: Kathleen from Rosies Topic: Rosies, how we can help!

19th March 2019

Chair: Greg Smith Guest Speaker: Councillor Cameron Caldwell Topic: Council Update

26th March 2019

Chair: John Cooke Guest Speaker: TBC Topic: Practice Trivia Night (to be confirmed!)

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

Hi All,

New member inductions – A partner's night is always an enjoyable occasion, and so it was at our last meeting on 26th February. It is not very often that we have the opportunity to induct three new people into the club on the same evening, nonetheless at our last meeting our membership grew by another three Rotarians. It was my absolute pleasure to welcome Ella James, Gail McGaw



and Renee Jorgensen into our club. Ella and Gail are new Rotarians whilst Renee is a longstanding Rotarian transferring from another club. One of the many advantages of an active and healthy club membership is our ability to take on more projects. We all look forward to our three new members getting involved with our projects and activities and improving the club's capabilities.

RYLA – We were very pleased to welcome our RYLA attendees from this year's camp to our meeting this week. Angelina Korshun and Brodie Lunney

exemplified the reasons why we support RYLA each year. These two young guys jumped in boots and all to this year's camp. It was a unique experience for them both and one which they both embraced with some vigour! Like most of our previous candidates both Angelina and Brodie agreed it was a life changing experience and something that will always stay with them. Angelina arrived in Australia as a 17-year-old from Russia with virtually no English. Angelina is now studying at Griffith University – an awesome achievement in just a few short years! Angelina was so impressed by RYLA that she has subsequently joined the campus Rotary club. Likewise, Brodie was so impressed with RYLA he has volunteered to return next year in a leadership role. Well done to both of you!!

District Governor visit – it is some time away, however, we have confirmed that our new District Governor Harry Bolton and his partner Shauna – will be visiting the club on Tuesday 2nd July. We will be making this evening a partners evening, please make a note in your diaries.

Visit to Hope Island Rotary Club – I had the opportunity to visit with the Rotary Club of Hope Island at their breakfast meeting on Wednesday 27th February at the Hope Island Golf Club. Many thanks to President Pru Berry who made me very welcome. They were a very friendly club and I was impressed by the number of community activities and projects they currently have underway. It is always great to see other clubs in action, I came away with quite a few new ideas!

Take care Eric



<u>Runaway Bay – Why would you live anywhere else!!</u>

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

Member attendances for 26/02/2019 thre were 26 with the induction of new members Ella



James, Renee Jorgensen and Gail McGaw. The other members were Harry Boogaerdt, Laurie Buckley, Irene Cates, Nigel Cates, Del Cole, John Cooke, Tony Coxen, Bob Curtis, Brian Deasy, Peter Fisk, Karl Frick, Brian Heaton, Roy Howard, Eric Lewis, Ken Lister, Des Lovett, David McKenzie, John Murtagh, Nancy Notman, Phil Smith, Graham Toms, Tom Turner and Paul Vertullo.

Guest Speakers were our RYLA attendees Angelina Korshun now from – Griffith University Rotary Club, and Brodie Lunney from the Bendigo Bank,

Paradise Point. Very important additional Guests of Rotarians were Mary Cooke, Val Coxen, Kath Curtis, Jan Fisk, Terry Frick, Sue Lewis, Sandra Lister, Sue Lovett, Judith-Anne Murtagh and Vanessa Smith.

We were a big meeting with a total of 38 members and guests attending, all looked after with splendid panache by President Eric, Chair Peter Fisk and Sergeant Phil Smith.

Past Presidents Ken Lister and Brian Heaton advised that all was going well with the meeting and initial finance arrangements for the Mental Health Symposium in August. Brian and Peter Fisk reminded that we are on track for our Tug of War spectacles on 12 October.

Angelina and Brodie briefed us fully on their recent excellent and very happy experiences of the Rotary Youth Leadership Award camp. Great value was obtained by all participants and we enjoyed Angelina's power-point display. Brodie is hoping to attend next year's camp as a helper and co-ordinator in order to repay some of the value he has found in this powerful leadership programme for 18 to 29-year-olds. The program is the most important of the three leadership and knowledge imparting programmes run professionally in every Rotary District (i.e. every grouping of 55 Rotary Clubs) every year.

Then we went on to the induction of Ella James, Renee Jorgensen and Gail McGaw with full honours by President Eric and witnessed also by Renee's wife Bella. A big friendly welcome from all of us. Ella is a Psychologist, Renee is a Netting Distributor and Gail is a Receptionist. We are very aware that we need to look after Ella, Renee and Gail so that they will always enjoy coming along to our Club and help us to continue being a happy and useful Rotary service club.

Regards Bob

Our 2019-20 RI Presidential Theme



<u>Rotary gets things done!! – Nancy Notman</u>

Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self is channelled through 5 Avenues of Service, which form the foundation of Club Activity.

Community Service is one of those avenues. It is an opportunity for every Rotarian to exemplify Service Above Self. It is a part of the Rotary ethos for Rotarians and their Clubs to improve the quality of life for those who live in the Community and to serve the public interest.

Such an opportunity presented itself in the past week...

Recently I met Nathan Slatcher who is a 26-year-old young man, who is disabled and lives independently at Hope Island. His 4-wheel mobility scooter needed many repairs in order to become roadworthy again, including new front tyres, new brakes, etc.

Nathan is completely reliant on his scooter to assist him to function from day to day. I mentioned his predicament to Del Cole, who is our Club's International Service Officer.





Del receives many donations of hospital and office equipment and organises to send them to needy recipients overseas. Del works tirelessly for Rotary.

Del, with the assistance of Nigel and Irene Cates, loaded the scooter onto her ute, and then delivered it to Cleveland, where one of her associates repaired it.

I am delighted to advise that the repaired scooter was delivered into Nathan's hands on 28^{th} February.

You can see by the photo, that Nathan is one very happy young man.

I would like to give my thanks to Del, Nigel, Irene, and the gentleman who repaired it so expediently for Nathan.

What in the World does Rotary do?

Simply put.....We turn conversations into actions.

Once a week, groups of people like You get together to help others in the wider Community.

Rotary is Life Changing

It's exciting

It's knowing you are really making a Difference.

Kind regards Nancy Notman

<u>Images from a 'great meeting' – 3 inductions and 2 RYLA candidates!!</u>



For those of you who are BiCyclist, you may be interested in the Parkwood Rotary **GC100 event**. Find out more at <u>www.gc100.org</u>



CONDEV GC100 Charity Bike Event and Family Fun Day



Sunday 19th May 2019

Luke Harrop Circuit - Runaway Bay

CALLING ALL CYCLISTS!

Everyone is invited to ride in the Annual Gold Coast Charity Bike Ride Event and Family Fun Day.

The GC100 Bike Event is an initiative of the Parkwood Rotary Club and sponsored by Condev.

See www.gc100.org for further information on course routes and registration details.





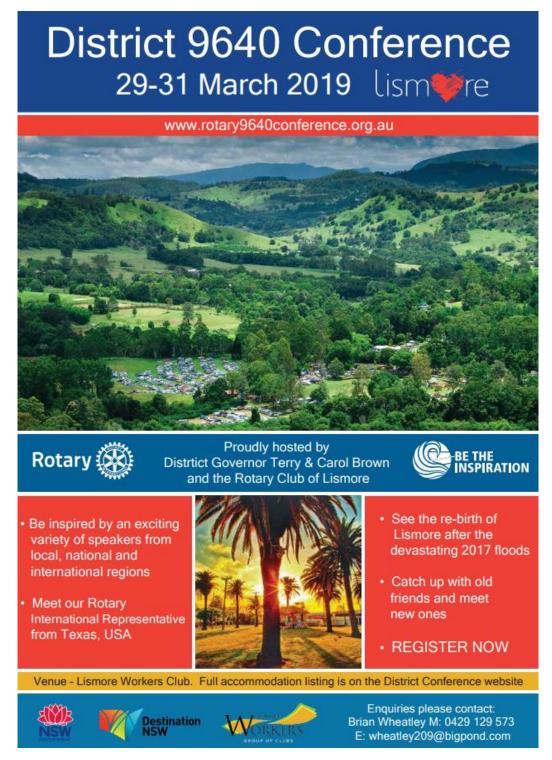


District Conference Details

RESISTANCE IS FUTILE!!!!!

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

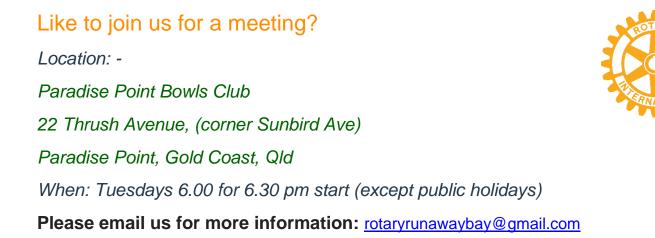
Come and join us!!



Use the following link to register for the conference <u>https://rotary9640conference.org.au</u>



Watch this space!!



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