



# ROTABAY

## The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Runaway Bay

19<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Meeting No: 1541

### *What's Happening March 2019*

#### *19<sup>th</sup> March 2019*

**Chair: Greg Smith**

**Guest Speaker: Councillor Cameron Caldwell**

**Topic: Council Update**

#### *26<sup>th</sup> March 2019*

**Chair: John Cooke**

**Guest Speaker: Gail McGaw**

**Topic: The person behind the badge!**

#### *2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019*

**Chair: Karl Frick**

**Guest Speaker: Alan Burrell**

**Topic: Mercy Ships**

#### *9<sup>th</sup> April 2019*

**Chair: Brian Heaton**

**Guest Speaker: **Partners/Friends welcome!****

**Topic: **Pilot Trivia Night****

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## Presidents Message – Eric Lewis

Hi All,

**District Conference – 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March at Lismore** So, there are six of us going to the conference in Lismore later this month, time is running out if any other members wish to attend! Actually, it's great to have as many as six going, a much better attendance than in recent years.

I have missed the last two meetings as I was interstate, which was unfortunate as I wanted to be part of the Club Assembly, and also to meet with Kathleen from Rosies' Friends on the Street. However, it was great to receive feedback on how well attended the meetings were for both the Assembly and to hear Kathleen from Rosies.



At our next meeting (19<sup>th</sup> March) we will have Councillor Cameron Caldwell as our guest speaker. Cameron is a very engaging speaker and well worth listening to, lets please ensure that we have a good attendance both to show our appreciation and to put him on the spot with any concerns we may have about council activities.

As you all know, I created the clubs **Facebook Page** some time ago, and also periodically update the content. For the Page to remain relevant we need to be updating it on a much more regular basis with content that will inform, educate and entertain visitors to the Page. We get far more views and feedback on our Facebook Page than our website. Social media, despite all the recent negative press, remains a powerful tool for reaching out to the community. It has also been a great source of membership enquiries for the club. I ask that you all to give some thought on how you can help me to provide meaningful content for our Page. Updates to the Page only require one or two paragraphs and most importantly one or more photos relevant to the update. We have a lot of upcoming activities and events, what better way to promote them than via our Facebook Page. We are an active and friendly club, let's get our message out there!

Take care ..... Eric

## Runaway Bay – Why would you live anywhere else!!



## Secretary's Message – Bob Curtis

**Member Attendances** for 12<sup>th</sup> March were 24 - (Harry Boogaardt, Laurie Buckley, Irene Cates, Nigel Cates, Tony Coxen, Bob Curtis, Brian Deasy, Peter Fisk, Karl Frick, Brian Heaton, Roy Howard, Ella James, Rene Jorgensen, Ken Lister, Des Lovett, Gail McGaw, John Murtagh, Nancy Notman, Greg Smith, Phil Smith, Graham Toms, Tom Turner, Paul Vertullo and Anita Whiteford). Visiting Rotarian was President Elect RC Hope Island Wayne Kirby and Karin Kolenko from RC Hope Island. Guests of Rotarian Nancy Notman were Past Presidents Professor Michael Brown and his partner Lynn.



**Guest Speaker** was Kathleen Vlassic from Rosie's on the Gold Coast.

Apologies were Peter Campbell, Del Cole, Bryan Connelly, John Cooke, Julie Funnell, Sarah Funnell, Michael George, David Kerr, Eric Lewis, David McKenzie, Sam O'Connor, Keith Ranson, and Wanda Tereba.

We thrived under the skilful hands of Chair Past President Ken Lister and the golden thoughts of Sergeant Past President Phil Smith.

Past Presidents Brian Heaton reported that all was going very well with our Mental Health Symposium 20 August and that traction was still working on the Tug of War event in October. Club Service Director - Des Lovett reminded us that we all needed to be on deck for The Seniors Expo, Thursday 2/5/19 at the Runaway Bay Indoor Sports Stadium (end of Sports Drive, off Morala Avenue). There will be a small working bee the day before for set-up and we have to be on site ready for 2,000 snags, 4,000 slices of bread, heaps of onions and sauces on the Thursday morning.

Wayne Kirby came to us as the President of Disaster Relief Gold Coast (an Australian organisation of Rotary International) to remind us that he will be back shortly to talk about his organisation, which does great work in the lands of our region when there are earthquakes, fires, floods, tidal waves, droughts and famines. His organisation is very skilled at providing immediate needs under these circumstances and is also able to supply single or multiples of in line water filtration systems whenever a village is needing clean drinking water after a disaster particularly.



Our Guest Speaker was Kathleen Vlassic, Operations Manager from Rosie's Friends on the Street and Kathleen gave us a very interesting, informative and challenging talk which followed on from her talk to us last September. Our members were profoundly interested to hear more from Kathleen. There is no government funding for Rosie's on the Street. No accommodation can be provided. Rosie's provides relief in the form of food and showers and access to clothing and hygiene needs, supplied through a significant number of very honourable people and businesses, and from a significant number of volunteers who prepare food and assistance. They also ensure that children found on the street get attention, accommodation and care and do not sleep on the street. Otherwise life on the street is very difficult and dangerous with exposure to every kind of problem.

Currently about 250 homeless persons are assisted by Rosie's every day. We were most grateful to Kathleen for her information and the chance for us to provide assistance when it is required.

Regards ..... Bob

## Club Assembly held 5<sup>th</sup> March – Club Service Director Des Lovett

*Editors Note: this Club Assembly has been scheduled for quite some time. It is gratifying to note that there was great participation and numerous useful ideas at the Assembly.*

**Meet and Greet** - It was decided that this should be the responsibility of all members not one allocated person who may or may not be present.

**Head Table** - to be expanded to ensure all guest speakers/invited guests are sitting on the top table with the President and Chairman.

**District Governors Visit** - club to ensure that it is treated as a special event - partners night. Prepare an agenda and prepare special awards for club members if appropriate. Show appreciation for their efforts.

**Social Events** - this responsibility has been taken on board by several members including Brian Heaton and Renee Jorgensen and Nancy Notman.

**Club Directory** - agreed this should be reinstated with more detail Brian Heaton to arrange.

**Gifts** - Some said we should do better but lead times, costs and order quantities are a problem. We will stay with current gifts and arrangements.

**Seating Arrangements** - John Murtagh proposed a new simple system - marbles - worked well on first attempt.

**Community Affiliations** - Tony Coxen suggested we should look to supporting local causes as an ongoing basis - well supported - Board to discuss.

**Heads of State Toast** - Karl Frick suggested that we should propose a toast to the Country of any visitor attending a meeting - well supported.

**After Meeting Clean Up** - Des Lovett reminded all that the after-dinner clean-up was not for a few but for old.

**Member Involvement** - Des Lovett reminded all present that all members were expected to get involved with club programs - no knife and fork members.

**General - PPBC noise and food** - The club was reminded that if they have a complaint it was to be funnelled via Tony Coxen. Most new members have no idea of what was involved in organising club facilities and to cost implications on many members. Hopefully we will outlast the pretend sing along that occurs near the front door every Tuesday evening!

I started the meeting with a general condition - if a member has a complaint /comment/suggestion then he/she has to take ownership of that arrangement/suggestion and be prepared to offer a solution.

Regards ..... Des Lovett

Images from Meeting No 1540 – 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019




# District Conference Details

**Last Chance!!!!**

**Eric Lewis, Greg Smith, Anita Whiteford, Brian Deasy, Nancy Notman 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 **lismore**

[www.rotary9640conference.org.au](http://www.rotary9640conference.org.au)

**Rotary** Proudly hosted by District Governor Terry & Carol Brown and the Rotary Club of Lismore **BE THE INSPIRATION**

- Be inspired by an exciting variety of speakers from local, national and international regions
- Meet our Rotary International Representative from Texas, USA
- See the re-birth of Lismore after the devastating 2017 floods
- Catch up with old friends and meet new ones
- REGISTER NOW

Venue - Lismore Workers Club. Full accommodation listing is on the District Conference website

**NSW** **Destination NSW** **WORKERS GROUP OF CLUBS**

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**Use the following link to register for the conference**

**<https://rotary9640conference.org.au>**

## Anniversaries – February 2019



**Watch this space!!**

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**Like to join us for a meeting?**

*Location: -*

*Paradise Point Bowls Club*

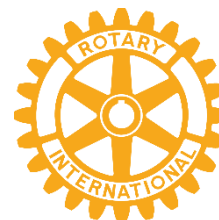
*22 Thrush Avenue, (corner Sunbird Ave)*

*Paradise Point, Gold Coast, Qld*

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

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