



# ROTABAY

## The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Runaway Bay

26<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Meeting No: 1541

### *What's Happening March/April 2019*

#### *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**

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

**Chair:** Harry Boogaardt

**Guest Speaker:** Ella James

**Topic:** The Person Behind the Badge!

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## Presidents Message – Eric Lewis

Hi All,

**District Conference – 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March at Lismore** - last chance! You'll regret it if you don't go!

Thanks very much to all the members who have volunteered to become Club Officers for the next Rotary year (19/20) and the subsequent year (20/21) It seems we have a full crew for the next year – one of the many benefits of having a growing and thriving membership. Some of our incoming Directors are relatively new members, thankfully there is a vast number of experienced Rotarians in the club who will help all our newer members ease into their roles in the coming year.

I'd like to welcome Dr Michael Brown and Lyn Clarkson-Brown as our soon to be newest members of the club. Michael and Lyn have recently relocated to the Gold Coast. They were very active members of the Rotary Club of Kings Cross – their membership details are being processed, we are all looking forward to formally welcoming them into the club in the very near future.



Hopefully, all our readers will have noticed in our previous editions of Rotabay in the 'What's Happening,' section that we have a full guest speaker list. This list of interesting and engaging speakers doesn't happen all by itself! It takes a lot of effort to ensure there is a pipeline of guest speakers.

I'd like to thank Nancy Notman in particular for her efforts in ensuring our upcoming guest speaker list is always full of interesting people.

Six of us are going to the District Conference in Lismore next Friday – I look forward to reporting back to the club on all our activities, Rotary news and hopefully all the fun we had.

Take care ..... Eric

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



## Secretary's Message – Bob Curtis

**Member Attendances** for 19<sup>th</sup> March were 25 - (Harry Boogaerdt, Irene Cates, Nigel Cates, Del Cole, John Cooke, Tony Coxen, Bob Curtis, Brian Deasy, Peter Fisk, Brian Heaton, Roy Howard, Rene Jorgensen, David Kerr, Eric Lewis, Ken Lister, Des Lovett, Gail McGaw, David McKenzie, John Murtagh, Nancy Notman, Phil Smith, Graham Toms, Tom Turner, Santo Varapodio and Anita Whiteford). Guests of Rotarian Nancy Notman were Graeme Brown and Lynn Clarkson-Brown. Guest Speaker was Councillor Cameron Caldwell.

**Apologies** were Laurie Buckley, Bryan Connelly, Karl Frick, Julie Fennell, Sarah Funnell, Ella James, Sam O'Connor, Keith Ranson, Greg Smith, Wanda Tereba, and Paul Vertullo.

We thrived in the shadow of the greatness of Chair Anita Whiteford and Sergeant Phil Smith. After the meal, our adjourned Annual General Meeting was opened under the Chairmanship of Past

President Ken Lister. We were delighted to receive the sole nomination of President Nominee for 2020/2021: Anita Whiteford. We already have elected President Elect 2019/2020 Greg Smith. Being the sole nomination Anita was duly elected to immense acclamation. Being the only nominations Bob Curtis and Tom Turner were elected to Secretary and Treasurer respectively for 2019/2020.



Being the only nominations, the 2019/2020 Club Directors were elected: Club Service - Des Lovett, Community Service - Nigel and Irene Cates, Vocational Service - Anita Whiteford, Membership - Nancy Notman, International - Del Cole, Youth - Sam O'Connor, Communications - Roy Howard.

Earlier in the evening Past President Ken Lister reminded us that the Mental Health Symposium committee was meeting at Sam O'Connor's office the next Thursday evening. The Tug of War event in October is thriving. The Wrong Way Screw event is organised and promoted.



Councillor Cameron Caldwell addressed us at the beginning of the meeting without dining, so that he could travel to the airport to pick up his wife. Cameron will be giving us another talk about how life is going in another three or four months. There is much to talk about with regard to our very energetic and innovative Gold Coast City Council and Cameron did us proud. Highlight probably was the possible cruise ship terminal and the extensive published park plans for the Spit area. It was interesting that the hoped-for cruise ship terminal will be located more at the southern end of the Spit which will simplify the solutions for getting heavy traffic to and from the terminal with our road networks. President Eric thanked Cameron for his good will and his very interesting talk to us.

Regards ..... Bob

## **How to Enjoy another ‘One-Way Screw’ on 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Our Club has a long association with the Runaway Bay Police through our participation in the Police Consultative Committee, and the number plate screw replacement program. This latter activity, more generally known as the One-Way Screw (OWS) program, is a joint effort of the Volunteers in Policing group, the Runaway Bay Islands Neighbourhood Watch, and the Rotary Club of Runaway Bay. This program is a free service to the public, involving replacing the normal self-tapping screws that attach the number plates to the vehicle with screws that cannot be removed. Number plate theft is a significant criminal activity and replacing the original screws with one-way screws significantly enhances prevention of theft.



### ***A recent event at Runaway Bay Police Station – a OWS makes you Smile!!***

The next OWS event will be held at Bunnings at Arundel on Saturday, 27th April. Our participation on that day will mark our sixth involvement in the OWS program. RCRB is justifiably proud to be a major supporter of our local police, and of our contribution to helping to fight crime in Runaway Bay.

Regards ..... Tony Coxen

## Images from the past week!

Many thanks to Councillor Cameron Caldwell, our guest speaker on 19<sup>th</sup> March – he kept the wild bunch enthralled!



### The Rotary Ladies Luncheon

Rotary Ladies Luncheon was held at Restaurant 360 Labrador on Tuesday the 19th March. Kath Curtis welcomed the 13 ladies in attendance, with special mention to our newest Rotarian Gail McGaw. Apologies were read. Photos show all the ladies having just enjoyed great fare and companionship. A very nice venue on a hot Gold Coast day. Our next luncheon is on Tuesday 16th April with venue to be confirmed. All our Rotary ladies are welcome to join us.

Regards ..... Kath

### Our 2019-20 RI Presidential Theme



## But wait – there's more



### The Toronto Convention

*(Val and Brian are lurking in the middle of the photo)*

This is the Sergeants-at-arms team at the Toronto Convention, consisting of Rotarians from many countries throughout the world - Brazil, Argentina, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, France and many more. Reason for this is the language problems many delegates to a Convention face, and the ability of our team to be of assistance in helping them. The size of our team is dependent upon the number of delegates registered. In the case of Toronto, we had in excess of 33,000 which necessitated a larger than normal team, and Brian's team in Korea was larger again, in order to handle a delegate registration of around 44,000. quick, accommodation quick, accommodation.

Regards ..... B1

### Living Legends!

This photo is of two Past Rotary World Presidents, on the right is Glen Kinross (97-98) *(hopefully soon to be a guest speaker at our club!)*

The gent on the left is Sir Clem Renouf (78-79) He is accredited with starting the 3H program – Health, Hunger, and Humanity - the forerunner to the Polio Eradication program.



Clem will be 99 years of age on the 19th of April *(same birthdate as our founder Paul Harris)*

He is quite feeble in particular his legs. but his brain is still sharp. He is in the nursing home at Halcyon.

He is an absolute Icon of Rotary

Regards ..... B1

## District Conference Details

**Going going going!!!!**

**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 

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



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

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## Anniversaries – February 2019



**Please let the editor know of any upcoming anniversaries!!**

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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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