



ROTABAY

The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Runaway Bay

2nd April 2019

Meeting No: 1542

What's Happening April 2019

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Chair: Karl Frick

Guest Speaker: Alan Burrell

Topic: Mercy Ships

9th April 2019

Chair: Brian Heaton

Guest Speaker: Partners/Friends welcome!

Topic: Pilot Trivia Night

16th April 2019

Chair: Harry Boogaerdt

Guest Speaker: Ella James

Topic: The Person Behind the Badge!

23rd April 2019

Chair: Greg Smith

Guest Speaker: Rhys Ibbot

Topic: Heart Attack – Warnings of a Heart Attack!

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Presidents Message – Eric Lewis

Hi All,

District Conference – Six of us went to this years District 9640's conference at Lismore over this past weekend. For a region that was hit by devastating floods only two short years ago, the community and town have recovered remarkably well. The conference was held at the Lismore Workers Club. As you can see from the following image the Club was badly hit by the flood – all the ground floor, car park, and basement etc were under water. Flood water in the main street reached over two metres.



The financial impact of the floods on Lismore was immense and is still recovering.



So, the arrival of 400+ Rotary visitors to the town provided a very welcome financial uplift to local business, from cafés, hotels, high street shops. All were grateful for so many Rotarians being let loose!

The conference organisers did a wonderful job staging a memorable event. The quality of the guest speakers was impressive. It is always amazing to see how ordinary people do extraordinary things! Like all Rotary events, the conference was good natured with

lots of humour and fellowship. I have included a selection of images from the conference later in this edition.

Trivia Fun – next week (09/04) don't forget that we will be holding a practice Trivia night. We have not held one before, so to practice for the real thing we are going to hold a fun event. All questions are designed to be funny, ridiculous or downright outrageous! If you want to bring your partner or friends – please do!!

Take care Eric

Runaway Bay – Why would you live anywhere else!!



Secretary's Message – Bob Curtis

Member Attendances - were 22 (Harry Boogaerdt, Laurie Buckley, Irene Cates, Nigel Cates, Tony Coxen, Bob Curtis, Brian Deasy, Peter Fisk, Karl Frick, Roy Howard, Rene Jorgensen, Eric Lewis, Ken Lister, Des Lovett, Gail McGaw, David McKenzie, Nancy Notman, Greg Smith, Phil Smith, Santo Varapodio, Paul Vertullo and Anita Whiteford). Visiting Rotarians were Michael Brown and Lynn Clarkson Brown.

Apologies were Peter Campbell, Del Cole, Bryan Connelly, John Cooke, Julie Funnell, Sarah Funnell, Michael George, Brian Heaton, Ella James, David Kerr, John Murtagh, Sam O'Connor, Keith Ranson, Wanda Tereba, Graham Toms and Tom Turner.

Karl Frick was our illustrious Chair in place of John Cooke who had to get to Newcastle to be with his father-in-law who suddenly became very unwell. Sergeant of laughs, inquiries and bullion was Phil Smith.



Past President Ken Lister advised us that the Mental Health Symposium meeting last week went very well and that all business is running to schedule with, I understand, all donors making known that they will give us the money required to meet the budget for the event in August. Des Lovett has taken a list of all participants in the Seniors Expo 2/5/19 at the Runaway Bay Indoor Sports Stadium (end of Sports Drive off Morala Avenue). Let Des know if you are not already on his list. The Pilot Trivia night is on 9 April. The One-Way Screw event is being prepared for on 27 April at Bunnings, Arundel. The Tug of War event continues in place for 12 October.

Gail McGaw was our person behind the badge. After a busy business life in Sydney and then an extended world trip Gail decided like most of us that Runaway Bay was a perfect place to drop the anchor. She loves to look after her pets. She has tried Lions community service and finds she very much prefers our ways of doing things and is enjoying her membership with us. Welcome again Gail, we will do everything we can to have you continue to feel very much at home with us.



Regards Bob

Our 2019-20 RI Presidential Theme



Images from the past week! – Gail McGaw the person behind the Badge!



Images from the District Conference



.... and a great time was had by all!! (Benji was told to leave for drinking under age!)

The Stars of the Show



Faces from the District Conference – left to right from the top!

Terry Brown – District Governor, Peter Drysdale AM – Fiji Revolutionary!, Clyde Campbell – CEO Shake It Up, PDG Ross Smith – MC, Remote Nurse Sarah Brown – CEO Purple House, Corrina Grace – Executive Director SERES, Don Mebus – RI Presidents Personal Representative.

Don't forget our 'One-Way Screw' on 27th April at Bunnings – Arundel

Give your electric screwdriver a proper workout at our One-Way screw activity on 27/04 at Bunnings, Arundel. It's good fun and provides a great community service.

Want to take part?? - See Tony Coxen.



BYO Screwdriver!!

Anniversaries – February 2019



Please let the editor know of any upcoming anniversaries!!

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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