

# The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Runaway Bay

## 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Meeting No: 1548

# What's Happening May/June 2019

#### 14th May 2019

Chair: Brian Deasy Guest Speaker: Evelyn Berg Topic: View Club Runaway Bay

#### 21st May 2019

Chair: Tony Coxen Guest Speaker: PARTNERS NIGHT Topic: Joint Meeting with Rotary Club of Surfers Paradise

28th May 2019 Chair: Ken Lister Guest Speaker: Wayne Kirby Topic: Rotary Disaster Aide

### 4th June 2019

Chair: Dave McKenzie Guest Speaker: Lyn Clarkson-Brown & Michael Brown Topic: The Persons behind the badge!

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### <u>Meeting Apologies</u>

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### **Roster changes/Absences**

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

## Hi All,

We're still in Tenby, West Wales with the weather showing a significant improvement – it reached an impressive 16° today falling to 8° overnight!



The blue plaque in the image is on the wall of a terraced house we recently walked past adjacent to Tenby Harbour. Henry Tudor was born at nearby Pembroke castle in 1457. He escaped to France from a tunnel under the house in 1471, evading the Lancastrian forces.

Henry only had a very tenuous claim to the throne, however he eventually became King of England in 1485 after defeating Richard III at the battle of Bosworth (final battle of the War of the Roses) He was the father of Henry VIII, he of many headless wives!!

In later centuries Tenby made the mistake of declaring for the parliamentary forces during the English civil war. Its population

was decimated in subsequent battles with Royalist Armies. The population was totally wiped out in the plague of 1650. Tenby started its recovery in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century when the Napoleonic wars prevented the upper classes from visiting the continent, which led to the town becoming a tourist destination. The town also became a successful fishing port. Today the small coastal town surrounded by its ancient castle walls continues to be a booming holiday destination.

## **Changeover Dinner**

The Changeover Dinner has been confirmed for the Videre restaurant at the RACV Royal Pines Resort on 25th June 2019. The Royal Pines is a fantastic venue and will provide a great location for our dinner, and to celebrate the past Rotary year and welcome President Elect Greg Smith as



our president for 2019/20. Greg and Tony Coxen have done a great job negotiating and arranging this venue, so many thanks. Please RSVP Greg asap if you and your partners/guests will be attending.

Our 2018-19 RI Presidential Theme



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

**Member Attendances** - were 21 club members (Harry Boogaerdt, Laurie Buckley, Irene Cates, Nigel Cates, John Cooke, Tony Coxen, Bob Curtis, Brian Deasy, Karl Frick, Brian Heaton, Roy Howard, Rene Jorgensen, David Kerr, Ken Lister, Des Lovett, David McKenzie, Sam O'Connor,



Greg Smith, Phil Smith, Tom Turner and Anita Whiteford). Visiting Rotarians were Karin Kolenko and Benji (Hope Island) and Joshua Boyd from the Rotary Club of Gunnedah.

**Apologies** - Michael Brown, Lynn Clarkson-Brown, Peter Campbell, Del Cole, Bryan Connelly, Peter Fisk, Julie Funnell, Sarah Funnell, Michael George, Ella James, Eric Lewis, Gail McGaw, John Murtagh, Nancy Notman, Wanda Tereba, Graham Toms and Paul Vertullo.

**Jordan McGrath** was our other NYSF candidate who spoke to us about his candidature. Accompanied by his father Josh. Jordan presents extremely well.



Kaylene Johnston, daughter of founder Hetty Johnston, was our guest speaker about the development and continuing good work of Bravehearts.

Kaylene took us through the unfortunate origins preceding the formation of Bravehearts in Springfield where Hetty realised that poor families could not afford counselling for adult and child survivors of sexual assault. Assaults within the family are the most likely factors. Education is provided for potential victim children in a family, Prep to year 4, in a language the children can understand. Nothing presented is confronting. The average age of disclosers is 7 years. Domestic violence and assaults are disclosed by children attendees. Bravehearts has another program on mobile phone issues. Bravehearts now use Skype for counselling services when needed. Counselling sessions are run from Springwood 24/7. Partly funded by government, otherwise funded corporately, by private people and by service groups; Bravehearts advises at all times that it is a mandatory reporter to government authorities. Kaylene is a happy and

vivacious, dedicated and effective, representative of her mother and of Bravehearts. We are most appreciative of Nancy Notman's good work in arranging for Kaylene to talk to us.

Regards ..... Bob

### Our 2019-20 RI Presidential Theme



# National Youth Science Foundation (NYSF)

The first of our NYSF candidates made their presentation to the club at meeting on Tuesday. NYSF continues to be one of the most sought-after sponsorships the club provides in most years. It is highly regarded by students and judging by the presentations given by our previous successful candidates it can be a life changing event. I thought that this would be a good time to remind everyone about what NYSF is all about.

## About NYSF

The NYSF Year 12 Program is a 12-day residential program designed to give students a broader understanding of the diverse study and career options available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and to encourage continued studies in these fields. At the NYSF Year 12 Program run in January each year, participants will:

- visit science and technology related laboratories and facilities,
- go on site tours,
- listen to lectures,
- take part in workshops,
- go to social events, and
- participate in group activities that improve communication and presentation skills.

The NYSF is run by youth for youth, with a certain number of participants being selected each year to come back and participate in our Student Staff Leadership Program (SSLP) in preparation to help run the program the year after they first attended.

## **Eligibility**

To apply for the NYSF Year 12 program, a student must:

- be in year 11 in the year you apply, to attend the following January,
- be an Australian citizen or resident, and/or studying full-time in an Australian high school, and
- be considering pursuing a university degree at an Australian university to study science, engineering, technology, or a related discipline.

# <u> Rotary – Founding Partner of NYSF</u>

Rotary is the Founding Partner of the NYSF, and every year Rotarians continue to support the NYSF Year 12 Program by promoting the opportunity in local communities, managing applications and selections of students and assisting with funding or fund-raising for student fees to attend.

Rotarians also volunteer during the NYSF Year 12 Program in January. We estimate that Rotarians contribute more than 20,000 volunteer hours to the NYSF every year.

We look forward to seeing a presentation from our candidate(s) at the next NYSF early in 2020.



## 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) Please email us for more information: rotaryrunawaybay@gmail.com



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