



ROTABAY

The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Runaway Bay

28th May 2019

Meeting No: 1550

What's Happening May/June 2019

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!

11th June 2019

Chair: Nancy Notman

Guest Speaker: Alfred Cooke

Topic: My Career in the Indian Airforce

18th June 2019

Chair: Roy Howard

Guest Speaker: Monique Saunders

Topic: Australian Rotary Health

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Presidents Message – Eric Lewis

Hi All,

Sue and I have travelled to Portland, Dorset, on the South Coast of England, having spent three great weeks in Tenby, Pembrokeshire, Wales. On the 14th May it was my pleasure to spend an evening with the Rotary Club of Tenby. The club is long established in Tenby and highly regarded in the local community.



Symbols of the club's good works is evident all around the Town. The members were very hospitable with much humour and fellowship throughout the dinner meeting.

My sincere thanks to **President Tom Cullen and the members** for their very warm welcome and hospitality.

During our last week in Tenby, out of the blue I received an email from Rotarian John Murtagh. John had seen my report in our last Rotabay and noticed that Sue and I were in Tenby. In one of life's strange coincidences Peter and Judith-Anne were travelling through Pembrokeshire prior to travelling to Ireland. We quickly made arrangements to catch-up for lunch, which we duly did at 'The Lifeboat' tavern in the town.

As can be seen from the photo below, Judith-Anne was in awe of the giant 'Cod and Chips' she ordered for lunch!! Nonetheless, it was great to catch up with John and Judith-Anne after their six-week cruise from Brisbane to Southampton.

Also, in the photos you can see that Tenby is visited by giant jellyfish!! Thankfully we only encountered dead ones.

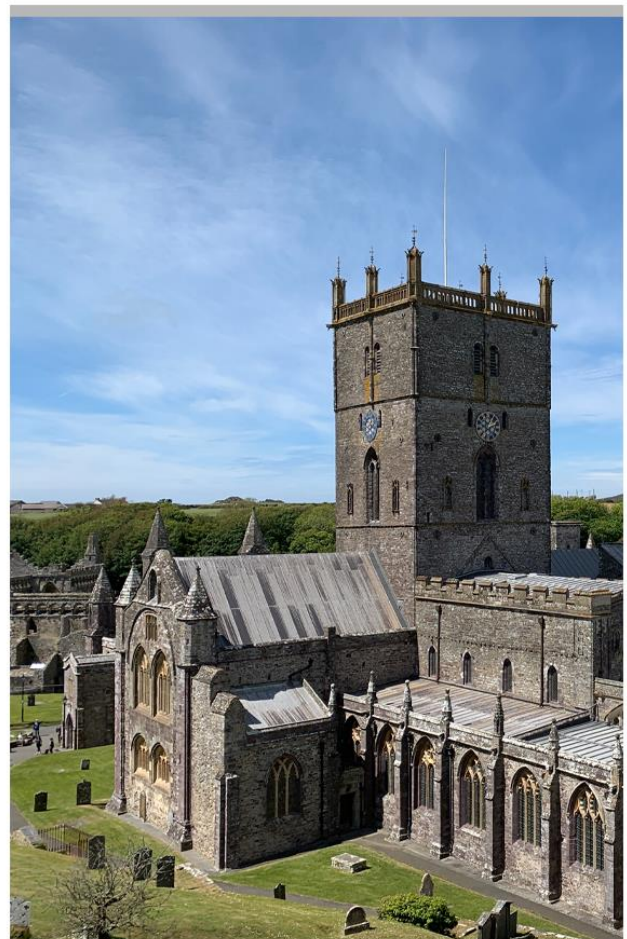
Lastly, I have included a photo of St Davids Cathedral on the most westerly point of Wales. There has been a place of worship on this site for over 1,000 years – more info here if you are interested - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_David%27s_Cathedral

Sue and I will be returning to Australia on the 7th June and look forward to seeing you all again soon after.

Take care Eric

Just another reminder of our 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.



Secretary's Message – Bob Curtis

Member Attendance: was 15 (Michael Brown, Lynn Clarkson Brown, John Cooke, Tony Coxen, Bob Curtis, Brian Deasy, Brian Heaton, Ella James, David Kerr, Ken Lister, David McKenzie, Nancy Notman, Greg Smith, Graham Toms and Anita Whitehead. Guests of Rotarians were Keith Duncan (Nancy Notman), Mary Cook (John Cook), Dawn Kerr (David Kerr), Sandra Lister (Ken Lister), and Kerri Smith (Greg Smith).

Apologies: were Harry Boogaardt, Laurie Buckley, Peter Campbell, Irene Cates, Nigel Cates, Del Cole, Bryan Connelly, Peter Fisk, Karl Frick, Julie Funnell, Sarah Funnell, Michael George, Roy Howard, Rene Jorgensen, Eric Lewis, Des Lovett, Gail McGaw, John Murtagh, Sam O'Connor, Keith Ranson, Phil Smith, Wanda Tereba, Tom Turner and Paul Vertullo.



We have a large number of members overseas and absent for meetings elsewhere or recovering from illness. A heavy contingent of cheery RC Surfers Paradise and wives joined us for a great happy meeting of minds and greatness.

The joint meeting was a brilliant get together and we are looking forward to supporting RC Surfers Paradise at their race meeting and one of their club dinner meetings soon.

Regards Bob

Our 2019-20 RI Presidential Theme



Red Shield Appeal – Ella James

The generosity of our fellow club members did not fail to impress once again as the Red Shield Appeal Roster filled quickly with eager volunteers.

From the first shift to the last, everyone showed up promptly and full of enthusiasm.

The weather surprised us all as we toiled under a beautiful sky basking in the sunshine...well, at least the team sitting outside did! The ones working inside the IGA however, came home smelling of pies but gloriously laden with cash as the patrons happily disposed of their change in our tactically placed buckets. I am very excited to report that according to Dianne and Robert from the Salvation Army, we have well exceeded their target for this year. More details to come at our next meeting.

Thank you everyone who participated John, Des, Graham, Sam and Tom, Lyn and Michael, Bob, Anita and Brian. Your dedication and commitment is inspiring. Special thanks to Nancy who in spite of her ongoing health challenges has generously given her time for two shifts. Many thanks to Maggie, our very welcomed visitor who so enthusiastically offered her time even before she joins our club membership.

You have the makings of a fantastic Rotarian. Also, very proud of our president elect, Greg Smith who also covered two shifts. Great show of leadership.

Look forward to presenting the club with our Certificate for the Red Shield Appeal 2019 at our next meeting. Well done everyone and thank you again.

Awesome effort by all involved Ella



Joint Trivia Night with Surfers Paradise Rotary – Greg Smith

The clubs combined meeting with the Surfers Paradise club on Tuesday 21st May was a success with a total of thirty odd members from both clubs attending. We were a little outnumbered due to the impact of “cruising season” on our numbers, hope your all having fun.

Many thanks to Sheila Ponting et al for organising the Surfers Paradise end. Nancy Notman produced another person expressing an interest in attending our meeting, Keith Duncan, who was warmly welcomed and indulged in a spot of trivia while he was there.

We conducted an abbreviated rotary meeting (no sergeants session/fines etc) with both clubs updating members on current issues followed by a lovely meal from our hard working caterers.

The serious part of the evening then began with a trivia game vigorously indulged in by members of both clubs. There were three rounds of questions delivered by merciless presenters from both clubs with a surprise fourth, non scoring round thrown in by our esteemed MC, Michael Brown.

The prizes consisted of rare bottles of wine for the winning tables of each round, the overall winners and for the losers an original piece of art work by the multi talented Roy Howard, a personally engraved wooded spoon.

Deserving of praise for the success of the evening go to Tony Coxen, Nancy Notman, Brian Heaton, Michael Brown, Roy Howard, Sheila Ponting and all participants.

Well done everyone Greg



Anniversaries – May/June 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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