



ROTABAY

The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Runaway Bay

25th June 2019

Meeting No: 1554

What's Happening June/July 2019

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Chair: Brian Heaton

Guest Speaker: PDG Graham Jones

Topic: CHANGEOVER DINNER at RACV Royal Pines Resort at 6:00pm

2nd July 2019

Chair: Peter Fisk

Guest Speaker: PARTNERS NIGHT

Topic: District Governor Visit

9th July 2019

Chair: Nigel Cates

Guest Speaker: TBA

Topic: TBA

16th July 2019

Chair: Eric Lewis

Guest Speaker: TBA

Topic: TBA

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Presidents Message – Eric Lewis

Hi All,

This is my last Rotabay message as President of the Rotary Club of Runaway Bay. It's hard to believe that we are at the end of my third consecutive year in this role. I thank the Board and all members of the club for the fantastic support I have received over this period. When I started this role, I was new to Rotary and woefully bereft of knowledge of Rotary, its history and its achievements. It has been a steep learning curve, and there is still much to learn!

As we all know, Greg Smith supported by his wife Kerri will be our new President for the upcoming Rotary year. I am sure we all wish them well and will give them our full support during the year. I very much look forward to supporting Greg during the year as the Immediate Past President. I would not have survived had I not had the support of PDG Brian Heaton during my first year.

We end this Rotary year with our membership growing strongly, we are one of the most successful clubs in the district. Our Membership Director – Nancy Notman has played a key role in our improving membership position. However, all our members should be congratulated on making our club friendly and welcoming to all potential new members.



We have had a very successful year, with many activities and projects completed and others in advanced stages of planning. One of the great benefits of having a thriving membership is our ability to take on more activities and initiatives.

Sue and I are very much looking forward to the Changeover Dinner at the Videre Restaurant at the RACV Royal Pines Resort, Benowa at 6:00pm on 25th June. Greg and Kerri have done a fantastic job in arranging the dinner in this awesome venue. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Finally, a big thankyou to my wife Sue who has provided me with unceasing support during my time as President. Sue has also very much enjoyed arranging the monthly ladies' luncheons, it has been a great venue to making new friends.

Take care Eric

Our 2018-19 RI Presidential Theme



Secretary's Message – Bob Curtis

Member attendances were 19 (Michael Brown, Lynn Clarkson-Brown, Nigel and Irene Cates, Bob Curtis, Brian Deasy, Peter Fist, Karl Frick, Brian Heaton, Roy Howard, Ella James, David Kerr, Eric Lewis, Ken Lister, Des Lovett, Nancy Notman, Greg Smith, Tom Turner and Paul Vertullo), Visiting Rotarian was Karin Kolenko with Benji the Wonder Dog, Guests of Rotarians were Ray Elphinstone (Nancy Notman) and Doug Meredith (Greg Smith). **Guest Speaker** was Monique Saunders who spoke to us of her rewarding experiences as she draws to the end of her Medical Degree at Griffith University assisted by her Australian Rotary Health Indigenous student scholarship provided through our club's Mental Health Symposium funding.



We always appreciate the great work of each meeting's Chair and our Sergeant. This last week it was our gifted Roy Howard and Brian Deasy respectively who kept us in line.

Our great mate and outgoing President Eric Lewis arrived back with us from family reunions in Wales where he and Sue crossed paths with John and Judith-Anne Murtagh in their travels, and Eric was a font for them of the area's history and cuisine.

Eric had been speaking to Mary Cooke that day and John was having a difficult day with an infection on his road to recovery. Eric said, on behalf of us all, we are all pulling for you John and Mary, and hope to see you a lot better soon John.

Members were invited to the meeting later in the week of the Mental Health Symposium committee meeting, and Brian and Ken reported that all arrangements were finalising or in place as anticipated.

Monique Saunders gave us a lovely talk about her experiences, beginning with her burning desire to be a medical Doctor and her learning how to study successfully. Then progressing to Griffith University to commence studying for her medical degree. She clearly enjoys her studies and deeply appreciates her opportunity to be a Doctor where she can also be very helpful to indigenous families in particular. Her first hospital semester was at Stanthorpe and she is now on her last semester at the Logan Hospital. We deeply appreciated Monique's account of this very interesting segment of her life and Past District Governor Brian Heaton's invitation to Monique and his hosting.



Regards Bob

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Anniversaries – May/June 2019



Please let the editor know of any upcoming anniversaries!!

Like to join us for a meeting?

Location: -

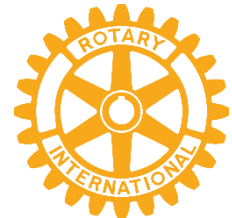
Paradise Point Bowls Club

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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