



# ROTABAY

## The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Runaway Bay

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

Meeting No: 1556

### *What's Happening July/August 2019*

#### *2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019*

Chair: **Peter Fisk**

Guest Speaker: **PARTNERS NIGHT**

Topic: **District Governor Visit**

#### *9<sup>th</sup> July 2019*

Chair: **Nigel Cates**

Guest Speaker: **TBA**

Topic: **TBA**

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

Chair: **Eric Lewis**

Guest Speaker: **TBA**

Topic: **TBA**

#### *23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019*

Chair: **Eric Lewis**

Guest Speaker: **TBA**

Topic: **TBA**

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## Presidents Message – Greg Smith

Hello, this is my first effort at a message from the president and hopefully reasonably informative.

Firstly, we had our Changeover Dinner last Tuesday, 25th June, at the Videre restaurant in the Royal Pines resort. A lovely venue and made possible by utilising the clubs credit the resort made available after the antique fair was cancelled last year.

We had 40 plus attendees including PDG Graham Jones and his wife Marion, ADG Lea Rickwood and our ever-supportive local member Sam O'Connor. PDG Brian Heaton continued his winning run as an MC and did a great job. Kath Curtis, who missed her vocation as a florist. did a tremendous job making floral decorations for the table.



IPP Eric Lewis (anyone else having trouble keeping up with the acronyms) bid a fond farewell to the role of president after a successful and very productive three years in the position. We can't thank Eric enough for the tremendous job he's done in that time, particularly in enhancing the club's profile on social media, increasing membership, developing diverse projects and being continually supportive of the club and its members. Our thanks also go to Sue Lewis, Eric's wife, for organising the lady's luncheons and the numerous occasions she has given her time and support to the club.

Overall the changeover dinner was an enjoyable occasion for all who attended.

Eric, Brian (B3) and Phil Smith visited the right honourable John Cooke during the week. John is recovering from major surgery and was reportedly in good spirits. We all wish him a speedy recovery to good health.

I attended the Mental Health Symposium committee meeting with Roy Howard last Thursday, 27th June. The people on the committee, consisting of Rotarians and Health professionals, have done a tremendous job in organising the Seminar, attaining numerous sponsors and arranging first class presenters. I'm sure Ken Lister will update members at our next meeting.

We have our visit from the incoming District Governor, Harry Bolton and his wife Shauna on Tuesday, 2nd July. We have made this a partner's night and probably are pushing the friendship considering the close proximity to the Changeover Dinner, but the visit was prescheduled some time ago and has to fit the DG's very full visits schedule. It may be a very open, semi-public occasion unless the bowling club have replaced the curtains that were removed due to safety concerns.

Finally, we start a new Rotary year with a new president, I can't hope to emulate Eric's success but can assure you I will give it my best.

Regards .... Greg Smith



## Secretary's Message – Bob Curtis

**Changeover Dinner – our guests were:** Past District Governor Graham Jones and wife Marion from the Rotary Club of Southport Inc., and Assistant District Governor Lea Rickwood from the Rotary Club of Gold Coast Inc.



**Members, partners and friends** were Michael Brown and Lynn Clarkson-Brown, Tony and Val Coxen, Bob and Kath Curtis, Brian Deasy, Keith Duncan, Ken and Anne Edwards, Peter and Jan Fisk, Brian and Val Heaton, Roy and Pauline Howard, Karin Kolenko, Ella James, Eric and Sue Lewis, Ken and Sandra Lister, Des and Sue Lovett, David Mckenzie and partner Jan, Doug and Sue Merideth, Nancy Notman, Sam O'Connor, Greg and Kerri Smith, Graham and Lorelle Toms, Tom and Joan Turner, Paul and Pat Vertullo, and Anita Whiteford.

Regards ..... Bob

**District Governor, Harry Bolton and his wife  
Shauna will be visiting with is on Tuesday,  
2nd July.**

**This will be a partner's night.**

**Our 2019-20 RI Presidential Theme**



## **Changeover Dinner 2019 at the Videre Restaurant**

This year's Changeover Dinner was held at the spectacular RACV Royal Pines Resort in the Videre Restaurant on the 21<sup>st</sup> floor, with fantastic views over the Gold Coast and hinterland.

Our District Governors representative was Past District Governor (PDG) Graham Jones and his wife Marian. Lea Rickwood our Assistant Governor (AG) for the past three years also joined us and was kind enough to propose the toast to Rotary International (RI). Graham responded to the toast and eloquently spoke about the amazing impact Rotary has had at a global level and will continue to do so with its focus on the eradication of Polio and Malaria and leadership in other significant global initiatives.

Lea Rickwood has been a great supporter and frequent visitor to our club. Lea has done a fantastic job as AG and we wish her well in her next District Level role.

Once again PDG Brian Heaton (B1) did an awesome job as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. The task was made somewhat more difficult with a malfunction of the wireless microphone. However, B1 had no problem projecting his dulcet tones until a replacement mic was provided by the restaurant staff.

One of the key highlights of the evening was Rotarian Nancy Notman being presented with a well-deserved Paull Harris Fellow award.



*Figure 1 Nancy receiving her Paul Harris Fellow from PDG Graham Jones*

Nancy is a very highly regarded Rotarian who has made a significant contribution over the past twelve months in both attracting new members to the club as well as being instrumental in finding a long list of quality guest speakers.

Nancy takes part in virtually all of the clubs' activities and can always be relied to be one of the first to volunteer.

One of Nancy's most valued personal attributes is her concern for the wellbeing of club members who we haven't seen for a while. She has been very keen to ensure that we keep in regular contact with absent members to ensure that all is well.

Our new President – Greg Smith was installed by PDG Graham Jones. Greg gave an eloquent first speech of his presidency and took great pleasure introducing the Board members for 2019-20.



*Figure 2 President Greg Smith & Kerri Smith*

We wish Greg and his wife Kerri great success during the next Rotary year.

A rogue's gallery of all attendees is included in the following pages - enjoy!!

## **Happy New – Rotary year**



















## Anniversaries – May/June 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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