



# ROTABAY

## The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Runaway Bay

6<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Meeting No: 1560

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

#### *6<sup>th</sup> August 2019*

**Chair:** John Murtagh

**Guest Speaker:** Sam O'Connor MP

**Topic:** Political stuff!

#### *20<sup>th</sup> August 2019*

**Event:** Early Psychosis & Youth Mental Health Symposium

**Venue:** Bond University

**Details:** Updates will be provided at upcoming meetings – Ken Lister

#### *27<sup>th</sup> August 2019*

**Event:** Club Restaurant Night – 6:00pm for 6:30pm

**Venue:** Gino's Trattoria, 128 Lae Drive, Runaway Bay

**Topic:** Having a great night out!!!

#### *3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019*

**Chair:** Del Cole

**Guest Speaker:** Jodie Burden,

**Topic:** Golden Hearts Program, Animal Welfare League

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## Presidents Message – Greg Smith

At our last meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> July we inducted two new members into our club, Keith Duncan and Ray Elphinstone. Both of these guys were warmly welcomed into the club by our members. At our next meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> August we hope to induct Doug Meredith into our club. It's gratifying to see so many new members coming into the club.



We also heard from Dell Cole on her many projects to generate assistance to areas like PNG. She is currently seeking any dental equipment that may be available from local dental practices to allocate to her next shipment if anyone can assist please contact Dell.

We also welcomed back Santo Vertullo to club meetings after a long absence. Phil Smith gave us an update on the recovery of John Cooke from his extensive surgery and the news is encouraging. I can confirm he was in attendance at the Friday afternoon, sailing club subcommittee meeting and was in very good spirits.

August looks like being a busy and varied month with the Mental Health Symposium happening on the 20<sup>th</sup> and a social evening planned at Gino's restaurant, Runaway Bay, for the 27<sup>th</sup>. The Symposium committee have done a great job preparing and planning for the event and all looks good to go. Gino's are reopening from a winter break on the 7<sup>th</sup> and we will be contacting them to book our dinner. At this stage we have well over thirty people attending.

The bowling club has resolved the divider issue by installing black plastic shutters which effectively create a good visual barrier between our meeting area and the bistro. They have also repaired the power point connection enabling guest speakers and members to again use power point in their presentation. Many thanks to Tony Coxen our club liaison person and the club for their support.

Des Lovett has almost completed his task allocation exercise and hopefully most members will have a designated role to play in the club at the conclusion of the task. I think its very important to ensure members are involved in the club's operation and that identified, interested people be designated to assist key positions such as Youth Service Director, Treasurer, Secretary etc.

I attended my first cluster meeting on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August, and it was very interesting to liaise with other clubs and our AG Lisa Hunt. The Rotary focus for the month of August is on membership recruitment and retention and public relations and we, as a club, are doing good work in both areas. I was also advised that all applicants assessed for the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) performed well, which augers well for those our club has sponsored.

We recruited Gareth Hunt, Lisa's partner, to brief us on the Rotary Youth Transition Seminar (RYTS) which is a weeklong program to develop interpersonal and professional skills of young adults. It is targeted at young people either going to year 12 next year or leaving high school who demonstrate leadership potential. Clubs are being asked to identify and endorse awardees to attend the 2019 camp, being run from 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The cost is \$590 per attendee and clubs can choose to pay all, some or none of the cost depending on the circumstances.

Regards ..... Greg

## Secretary's Message – Bob Curtis

**Member attendance was 20** (Harry Boogaerdt, Del Cole, Tony Coxen, Bob Curtis, Brian Deasy, Keith Duncan, Ray Elphinstone, Peter Fisk, Brian Heaton, Roy Howard, David Kerr, Eric Lewis, Ken Lister, Des Lovett, John Murtagh, Nancy Notman, Greg Smith, Phil Smith, Tom Turner and Santo Varapodio).

**Visiting Rotarian** was our friend Gerard Dellis from the land of the long white cloud.



**Guests of Rotarians** were Kerri Smith (Greg), Ineke Duncan (Keith) and Kath Curtis (Bob). **Apologies** - Michael Brown and Lynn Clarkson-Brown, Nigel and Irene Cates, John Cooke, Karl Frick, Ella James, Rene Jorgensen, David McKenzie, Sam O'Connor, Keith Ranson, Wanda Tereba, Graham Toms, Paul Vertullo and Anita Whiteford.

The prime business was the induction of Keith Duncan and Ray Elphinstone and the welcoming of them and Keith's wife Ineke. Next week we are inducting Doug Meredith and welcoming Doug and Sue. Very soon we will also be inducting Maggie Pfeiffer who has also been a frequent guest at our recent dinner meetings.

All arrangements are in place for the Early Psychosis and Mental Health Symposium at Bond University on Tuesday 20 August. Ken will shortly be sending maps about car parking and getting to the venue.

There was considerable progress made with the bookings for the club restaurant night on 27 August, and arrangements for a boat outing and lunch.

We were delighted to hear from Phil Smith that the highlands and coastal weekend car trip with old mate John Cooke and Mary and Vanessa went very well, before John starts his chemotherapy.

President Elect Anita Whiteford is hard at work organising the October Pride of Workmanship awards.

Regards ..... Bob

## Runaway Bay – Why would you live anywhere else!!



Images from the Meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019



*The Main Event – The Induction of Ray Elphinstone and Keith Duncan*

## Anniversaries – August/September 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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