

The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Runaway Bay

20th August 2019

Meeting No: 1562

What's Happening August/September 2019

20th August 2019 Event: Early Psychosis & Youth Mental Health Symposium Venue: Bond University Details: Ken Lister – see event Roster

27th August 2019 Event: Club Restaurant Night – 6:00pm for 6:30pm Venue: Gino's Trattoria, 128 Lae Drive, Runaway Bay Topic: Partners Night - Having a great night out!!!

3rd September 2019 Chair: Del Cole Guest Speaker: Jodie Burden, Topic: Golden Hearts Program, Animal Welfare League

10th September 2019

Chair: Ella James Guest Speaker: RYTS Representative Topic: 'Rotary Youth Transition Seminar'

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<u>Meeting Apologies</u>

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Roster changes/Absences

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<u> Presidents Message – Greg Smith</u>

Our new memberships continue to be very healthy with Keith Duncan and Ray Elphinstone recently inducted and Doug Meredith also inducted at the 6th August meeting. We hope to induct Margaret (Maggie) Pfeiffer in the very near future as well. All great people and valuable and very welcome additions to our club.

We held our monthly board meeting prior to the meeting on the 13th August. Various issues raised



and discussed by the Directors, all of whom are doing are working hard in their various portfolios. The coming Xmas/end of year period was raised both at the board and club meetings.

We need suggestions for a venue for the end of year/Xmas dinner function as we would have to book in the very near future. Anyone with

suggestions please contact me or Nancy Notman. The

timing and length of the end of year break for club meetings was also discussed. A break of about a month was considered reasonable by most. Can I suggest from 17th December2019 to 14th January 2020 as an option? Again, open to suggestions.



The board and club members discussed the information supplied by the District on the upcoming district merger of districts 9600,9630 and our district 9640 as we are required to hold a ballot on the issue by the 30th August. The advice from various past, present and future district Governors was that the merger may not be advantageous to our district at this time. The club voted on the matter and the overwhelming response was to not support a merger at this time.

Our guest speaker was Andy Bell who related his adventures as an undercover police officer in New



Zealand during the proposed Springboks tour from South Africa in the Apartheid era. A very volatile period and Andy was right in the thick of it. A very interesting and revealing talk.

There will be no formal meeting until the 3rd September as we have the Mental Health Symposium on the 20th August and our social night at Ginos Trattoria on the 27th. The Symposium committee have continued their great efforts at organizing, funding and presenting the Symposium with excellent support from club members on the day.



Ginos has been booked for forty people at this stage with final numbers to be given to them on 23rd

1Gino's 128 Lae Dr, Runaway Bay

August. Anyone still wishing to attend or any alterations to the numbers attending please notify me by that date.

I attended Coombabah State High School with Sam O'Connor on 12th August for their Scholarship Presentation Evening. Very satisfying to see the positive results of our club's funding of the scholarships and the recognition given by the school administrators to our club and the school P & C for their contributions.

The school Principal has suggested students participate in tandem with our club on a project, e.g. fund raising, with rotary club members attending the school to acknowledge the student's efforts and promote rotary at the end of the project.

An issue to do with this and other direct participation in the many rotary youth programs is that the "Blue Cards" of members will have to be audited, renewed and/or applied for.

Regards Greg

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

For Meeting held 6th August - Member Attendances were 24 (Michael Brown and Lynn Clarkson-Brown, Nigel and Irene Cates, Tony Coxen, Bob Curtis, Brian Deasy, Keith Duncan, Ray Elphinstone, Peter Fisk, Karl Frick, Brian Heaton, David Kerr, Eric Lewis, Ken Lister, David McKenzie, Doug Meredith, John Murtagh, Nancy Notman, Sam O'Connor, Greg Smith, Phil Smith,



Graham Toms and Tom Turner) **Visiting Rotarian** was Karin Kolenko and Benji the Wonder Dog from RC Hope Island. **Guests of Rotarians** were Sue Meredith (Doug Meredith), Kerri Smith

(Greg Smith), Sue Lewis (Eric Lewis) and Kath Curtis (Bob Curtis). **Apologies were** Harry Boogaerdt, Laurie Buckley, Del Cole, John Cooke, Michael George, Roy Howard, Ella James, Rene Jorgensen, Des Lovett, Keith Ranson, Wanda Tereba, Paul Vertullo and Anita Whiteford.

We dwelled in the shadow of the greatness of Chair Tony Coxen and the pontificating brilliance of Sergeant Phil Smith.

For the second week in a row we were honoured with induction, this week President Greg inducted friend Doug Meredith. Doug's wife Sue was also present, and President Greg was very pleased to be able to welcome them into our midst on behalf of all of us. We are looking forward to looking after Doug and Sue, Keith and Ineke and Ray as they embark on their happy journeys with us. Maggie Pfeiffer is also soon to join us.

Past President Ken Lister has had circulated all the information you need to get to the Early Psychosis and Mental Health Symposium at Bond University on Tuesday 20 August '19. If you have not received it please contact Secretary Bob.

Sergeant Phil advised that old mate John Cooke is moving along well. John started his chemotherapy earlier in the day and categorically reinforced that he would be joining his friends at the Hollywell Sailing Squadron on Friday for a short voyage with two sailing schooners of the best quality.

Sam O'Connor MP for Bonney gave us a very excellent talk about his interesting life as a new member of the Queensland Parliament, he also gave us a detailed account of how he prepared from an early stage, including gaining selection and winning his electorate vote. As an introduction Sam also gave an account of the 17 Bonney electorate servicemen, who gave their lives for Australia in the First World War and have local streets named for them. Sam is our Youth Services Chairman and has been very active on our behalf with our youth award schemes and the two Summer Science Schools schemes we are involved with. Sam shows a very strong liking for working intensively with people to achieve objectives, and he now has a very strong team around him for his re-election. Sam is going to facilitate a visit of our club members to Parliament House in Brisbane.

Regards Bob

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Vocational Service Director – Anita Whiteford (and President Elect)



The Pride of Workmanship awards will be held at the Paradise Point Bowls club on 15th October 2019. Please complete the nomination form which was sent out earlier by Club Secretary - Bob Curtis.

If you know of anyone who you feel is worthy of receiving one of these awards. Could these forms be returned to me by August 31 at <u>anitawhiteford@hotmail.com</u>



Images from the Meetings held in August 2019



Snapshot of August Meetings – inc. Induction of Doug Meredith



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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