

# Rotary

## Surfers Sunrise



### A summary of 2020/21

*Of all the virtues we can learn, no trait is more useful, more essential for survival, and more likely to improve the quality of life than the ability to transform adversity into an enjoyable challenge. Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, American-Hungarian Psychologist*

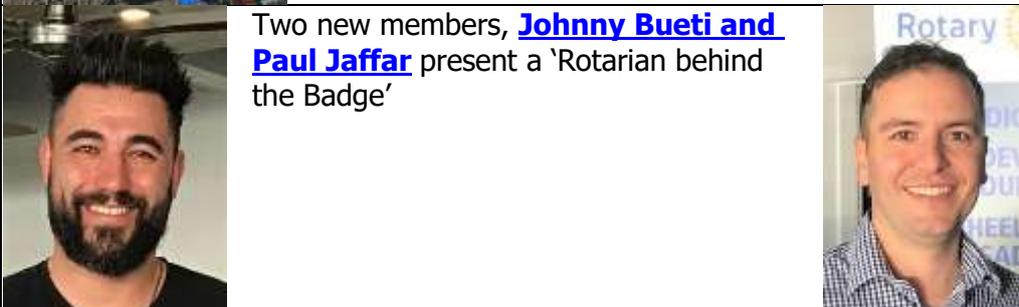
So, the last 12 months were challenging, but we came out of the COVID-19 crisis with flying colours. By the time the new Rotary year started, we were back to standard meetings, with only the Project Shed suffering major disruptions, and just one of the “formal” meetings cancelled. Here is a summary of the major events of the year. If you click on the links ([dark blue, underscored](#)), it will lead directly to the relevant story on our website. There are also a number of Photo Albums you might want to check out on the website (home page, right hand side).

### July 2020

04/07/20	<p><a href="#">‘Guess who is coming to Dinner?’</a> – first physical social event since COVID restrictions were imposed / relaxed.</p>	
08/07/20		<p>New President <a href="#">Charles Thomasson</a> conducts our first physical meeting since COVID started at Surfers Paradise SLSC! John Chirio: ‘How to become an Engineer without a Plan’</p>
15/07/20	<p>Container with <a href="#">29 Hospital Beds despatched for Kiribati</a> <a href="#">Changeover Breakfast at Edgewater Restaurant</a>, Isle of Capri. Mario Fairlie formally hands over to Charles Thomasson. Geoff Croad is deservedly presented with the Rotarian of the Year trophy.</p>	

<b>18/07/20</b>	<a href="#"><u>10,000<sup>th</sup> Wheelchair has "officially" been manufactured</u></a> . Was loaded on container for Honiara with 277 more - and promptly unloaded again for formal celebration later in the year... Click on the link for lots of photos.	
<b>22/07/20</b>		It was a physical meeting at the Surfers SLSC, but Zoom still comes in handy: <a href="#"><u>Ray Krebs from NBN Co</u></a> joins us via Zoom from Brisbane.

## August 2020

<b>05/08/20</b>	Our Guest Speaker was State Member of Parliament <a href="#"><u>John-Paul Langbroek</u></a>	
<b>15/08/20</b>	 <a href="#"><u>First Bunnings Sausage Sizzle since COVID</u></a>	
<b>19/08/20</b>	Two new members, <a href="#"><u>Johnny Bueti and Paul Jaffar</u></a> present a 'Rotarian behind the Badge'	

## September 2020

<b>02/09/20</b>	Our Guest Speaker was <a href="#"><u>Vandy S Kamara</u></a> , Rotary International Peace Fellowship candidate.	
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<p><b>16/09/20</b></p>		<p>Our Guest Speaker was <a href="#">Dr Steve Macanovic</a> – Men’s Health.</p>
<p><b>20/09/20</b></p>	<p><a href="#">‘Lutzy Award’ presentation</a>: this year’s recipient is Jade McMahon</p>	

## October 2020

<p><b>03/10/20</b></p>		<p><a href="#">Burleigh Rotaract Club members</a> become involved with the Vanuatu project</p>
<p><b>07/10/20</b></p>	<p>We hosted <a href="#">District Governor Andy Rajapakse</a>, who took the opportunity to induct our new member <b>Ramez Salib</b> to our club</p>	
<p><b>14/10/20</b></p>	<p><a href="#">PDG Graham Jones</a> presented on the US Presidential Elections</p>	
<p><b>15/10/20</b></p>		<p>We participated at the <a href="#">Gold Coast Business Expo</a> – both fundraising effort as well as as an exhibitor</p>

<p><b>26/10/20</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Surfers Sunrise Golf Day</u></a> is a huge success</p>	
<p><b>28/10/20</b></p>		<p><a href="#"><u>Jo Winwood</u></a> joins us from Byron Bay to speak on her project 'Be Someone for Someone', dealing with Loneliness</p>

## November 2020

	<p>A <a href="#"><u>40' container loaded to the rim with wheelchairs</u></a> and other items is despatched for South Africa for distribution via the Rotary e-Club of South Africa</p>	
<p><b>11/11/20</b></p>		<p><a href="#"><u>PDG Michael Irving</u></a> spoke on <b>Climate Change: 'Fact or ????'</b></p> <p>A controversial subject if ever there was one!</p>
<p><b>14/11/20</b></p>	<p>Big <a href="#"><u>10,000<sup>th</sup> Wheelchair Celebration</u></a> at the Project Shed. Honorary Member Des La Rance, who invented the design concept, is presented with a special commemorative collage.</p>	
<p><b>25/11/20</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Farley S Tolpen</u></a> speaks on Mediation. President Charles Thomasson inducts our newest members Adam Sheppard and Tash Price – THE "Wheelchair" club welcomes its first wheelchair bound members!</p>	

## December 2020

06/12/20	<p><b><a href="#">Annual General Meeting</a></b>. Paul Seymour is elected President Elect for 2021-22. Click on the link for other positions.</p>	
10/12/20		<p><b><a href="#">Italian Long Lunch</a></b> fundraiser, organised by John Bueti and Paul Jaffar. There is also a Photo Album on the website.</p>
16/12/20	<p><b><a href="#">Surfers Sunrise Christmas Breakfast</a></b> at Edgewater Dining on Isle of Capri.</p> <p>Ian Mayberry also arranged for a big load of Christmas presents to be delivered to St John's Crisis Centre.</p>	
19/12/20		<p><b><a href="#">Christmas Party at the Project Shed</a></b> Our annual festive event where we put up a bit of a spread for our volunteers at the shed.</p>
20/12/20	<p>Final Fundraiser of 2020: <b><a href="#">Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings</a></b></p>	
06/01/2021	<p>Club Assembly. Charles Thomasson reflected on the past 6 months and projected the upcoming 6 months.</p>	
20/01/2021		<p><b><a href="#">Adam Sheppard and Tash Price</a></b>: Rotarians behind the Badge. Adam and Tash are, of course very special: how appropriate for a club whose main project is the building of wheelchairs, to have two wheelchair bound members!</p>

10/02/2021	<p><b><u>Briana Dorrough – National Youth Science Forum</u></b>  Nominated by Surfers Sunrise, Briana attended the NYSF (via Zoom). She presented a summary of her experience to our members.</p>	
17/02/2021		<p><b><u>Social dinner at the Highland Court Chinese Restaurant.</u></b> As last year we were unable to present the awards, Vocational Service coordinator Richard Smith presented the Excellence in Workmanship Awards</p>
03/03/2021	<p><b><u>Glen Wallwork – Marcus Mission – Suicide Prevention</u></b>  The cold statistics are stark and terrible: in 2019 (last official statistics available on ABS.gov.au), over 3300 people in Australia chose to end their own life. Glen gave us an introduction into how Marcus Mission (a division of Wesley Mission Qld) works to train mentors to help men who might be in a vulnerable position.</p>	
17/03/2021		<p><b><u>Jeremy Bishop, SEQ Water: The Realities of Rain</u></b>  Jeremy describes himself as an 'Engagement Advisor'. He provided us with a very professional, concise presentation on the huge organisation which quietly ensures that water will indeed come out of the tap when you turn it on.</p>
31/03/2021	Meeting cancelled due to COVID lockdown	
14/04/2021	<p><b><u>Breakfast with a difference:</u></b> instead of our regular venue at the Surf Club, this week we met at the Project Shed at the Arundel Community Centre. We were joined by members of the Rotary Clubs of Broadbeach and Gold Coast, as well as our local Councillor, Ryan Bayldon.</p>	
28/04/2021		<p><b><u>Angie Bell, Federal Member for Moncrieff</u></b> Our local member to the Federal Parliament visited our club and gave an excellent presentation about her work on the local scene and in Canberra.</p>

12/05/2021	<p><b><u>Vandy S Kamara</u></b> – our World Peace Fellowship candidate. Vandy runs his very own private charity, entirely funded from his own savings, to support a school in his native Sierra Leone.</p>	
26/05/2021		<p><b><u>Kristen 'KJ' Jewson and Sasha Kimber: RYLA KJ</u></b> and Sasha were nominated by our club to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award camp at Bornhoffen in January. They enthusiastically related their experiences.</p>
09/06/2021	<p><b><u>Trent Belling – Rotarian behind the Badge</u></b> – Trent is our newest member. He gave us an excellent insight into his background and his vocation.</p>	
23/06/2021		<p><b><u>Charles Thomasson – The State of the Market</u></b> – Charles, who is a professional stockbroker and licenced financial advisor, outlined the overall status of the local and international stock market.</p>