

A summary of 2024 – 25 Speakers

Here is a summary of the major events of the year. On the electronic version, listed under **Download Files** on our website **www.rotarysurferssunrise.org**, the **dark blue**, **underscored titles** 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 2023

10/07/2024 President Andy Bell – Back to the future – President Andy outlined his vision for the upcoming year



24/07/2024



Rock O'Keefe – Bhutan Project – Rock outlined his experiences when visiting and liaising with the monks in Bhutan. "I almost died..."

August 2024

07/08/2024

The Science of Kieser - Kane Chisholm & David Adamo outlined the highly successful method of strengthening your body to improve your health.

Several of our members have found the Kieser method to be highly effective.



Lutzy Award Presentation — Louis van Drunen is the winner! In coordination with the Surfers Paradise Surf Life Saving Club, this award in the form of a fully fledged surf ski, is presented to an emerging leader in the Life Saving community. It is in memory of our late member Keith Lutz.

September 2023

04/09/2024 Cindy Donald, Raise Foundation

Cindy briefed us on what her private organisation very effectively is doing about problems with youth: Early Intervention.



18/09/2024



<u>Iain Campbell – what a life journey!</u> Our (then) new member presented his 'Rotarian behind the Badge'. You'd never guess it!

October 2024

02/10/2024 | <u>Jesse Dixon</u> – from RYLA attendee to Bathurst 1000

winner



16/10/2025



Andy Bell – Club Assembly. Club Assembly? Half the members won't turn up. Well, you could be sorely mistaken!

30/10/2024

<u>Kal Glanznig – Ambassador for the Sea</u> Kal's passion is the massive polution of our oceans



November 2023

13/11/2024



Vocational meeting on location at the Kieser Clinic.
The entire building is full of computerised exercise machines, with careful supervision by highly qualified trainers and physiotherapists!

27/11/2024

<u>Paul Seymour's Rotary Friendship Exchange to</u> Pennsylvania

Our President Elect travelled with a group of fellow Rotarians to the USA, visiting local clubs in Pennsylvania



December 2024

Annual General Meeting – Election of club officers for 2025-26 and presentation of formal accounts for the previous year.

18/12/2024

Christmas Breakfast at the Spit Restaurant

A meeting with a difference: breakfast at one of the Gold Coast's most iconic locations



January 2025

15/01/2025

Andy Bell – Forward planning for the second half year

29/01/2025



<u>Bevan Sim – Rotarian behind the Badge</u> Our newest member, freshly after being inducted to our club, gave us a brief insight into his career as an Architect and Builder

February 2025

12/02/2025

<u>Chanelle Morris: Empowerment is the</u>
<u>Answer</u> – Severe sight impairment won't stop Chanelle doing the "everyday" things young people do (and then some!)



26/02/2025



Handover of Gymequipment at the PCYC

Our club sponsored a substantial number of gymnastic equipment to the PCYC for their youth training programs.

This was the "official" handover, with a yummy bacon & egg roll breakfast cooked by the PCYC chief **Sgt Cherie McLean** herself

March 2025

12/03/2025



Angie Bell, Federal Member of Parliament

"Our" Federal Member is a former Rotary Youth Exchange Team member to Denmark. Today, in her capacity as Shadow Minister for Youth (and other things), she is also a big supporter of our club.

26/03/2025

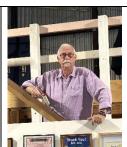
<u>Franz Huber – Bush Poetry</u>

One of our Club Administration Director's passion is Australian Bush Poetry. His presentation included some verses he had written himself.



April 2025

09/04/2025



Breakfast meeting at the Wheelchair Project Shed

President Andy Bell briefly addressed the troops from "the pulpit"

23/04/2025

<u>Chloe Chan – National Youth Science Forum</u>

Sponsored (50/50) by our club, Chloe reported on her experiences of a week's rubbing shoulders with famous scientists, including a link to the CERN installation in Geneva



May 2025

07/05/2025



John Walters - School Mates Program

John is a member of the Rotar Club of Goonellabah in Northern NSW. This club has very successfully introduced a program to provide breakfast for underprivileged children in local schools

21/05/2025

Dianne Kozik - 'A Hand Up'

Dianne Kozik, who is the CEO of St John's Crisis Centre, presented us with a stark alternative: Her outline of our city's homeless and destitute people is quite confronting. Over the last 12 months, St John's provided almost 40,000 meals.



June 2025

04/06/2025



<u>Kath Koch – District 9640 Youth</u> <u>Exchange Program</u>

Kath Koch, our District's YEP Committee Chair, presented a well-prepared outline of the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program (YEP). Since 1975, over 8,100 young students spent a full year abroad.

18/06/2025

<u>Trent Belling – Reflections on the 2025</u> Federal Election

He modestly introduced himself as a "senior member of the LNP". Trent is the Chairman for the Gold Coast Region of the LNP, equivalent to a board position of the party. Of course, he is also our club's Secretary, but what you may not know, he is also a Director of St John's Crisis Centre.

