



Celebrating our anniversary

**The Rotary Club of Caloundra Inc
chartered 1954**

we are now 63!





Presidents and RI theme for past years

- 2017/18
PETER DAVIES
Making a Difference
- 2016/17
ANNA WHEILDON
Rotary Serving Humanity
- 2015/16
JUDY CLARK
Be a gift to the World

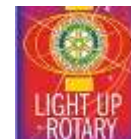
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Presidents and RI theme for past years

- 2014/15
DEBORAH TAYLOR PHF
Light Up Rotary
- 2013/14
DEBORAH TAYLOR
Engage Rotary – Change Lives
- 2012/13
ROGER TODD PHF
Peace through Service
- 2011/12
PAM SNYMAN PHF
Reach Within to Embrace Humanity
- 2010/11
HELEN FOX PHF sapphire
Building Communities-Bridging Continents





Presidents and RI theme for past years

- 2009/10

JIM ADAM called to Higher Service
17 Oct. 2011 on active service in Gizo

The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands



- 2008/9

ALAN BETHUNE
Make Dreams Real

PHF sapphire



- 2007/8

RON STRONG
Rotary Shares

PHF



- 2006/7

PAUL FERNYHOUGH
Lead the Way

PHF



- 2005/6

JULIANNA NEILL
Service Above Self

PHF





Presidents and RI theme for past years

▪ 2004/5

ANN RATTLE

PHF

Celebrate Rotary



▪ 2003/4

MARK WARD

PHF sapphire+4

Lend a Hand



▪ 2002/3

PAUL DUTTON

Sow the Seeds of Love



▪ 2001/2

LYN GAHAN

PHF

Mankind is our Business



▪ 2000/1

DAVID CONBOY

Create Awareness Take Action





Presidents and RI theme for past years

- 1999/00

ALF MULLER PHF sapphire+3

**Act with Consistency Credibility
Continuity**



- 1998/9

ALF MULLER

Follow your Rotary Dream



- 1997/8

MARTIN HEATH

PHF

Show Rotary Cares



- 1996/7

STEVE MARRINER

Build the Future with Action Vision



- 1995/6

PETER WOODROW

Integrity Serve with Love Work for Peace





Presidents and RI theme for past years

- 1994/5
PETER WOODROW
Be A Friend
- 1993/4
MERV PADDISON PHF sapphire
Believe – Do What you Believe In
- 1992/3
GREG BRITTAIN
Real Happiness is Helping Others
- 1991/2
JOHN EDWARDS
Look Beyond Yourself
- 1990/1
GEORGE GOOBANKO
Honour Rotary with Faith & Enthusiasm





Presidents and RI theme for past years

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| ▪ 1989/90 | HAROLD GRAUF | Enjoy Rotary! |
| ▪ 1988/9 | ROY HARVEY | Put Life Into Rotary – Your Life |
| ▪ 1987/8 | JOHN EDWARDS | United in Service–Dedicated to Peace |
| ▪ 1986/7 | GEOFF DARRACOTT | Rotary Brings Hope |
| ▪ 1985/6 | DICK KELLY | You Are the Key |
| ▪ 1984/5 | HARRY WEEGAN | Discover a New World of Service |
| ▪ 1983/4 | IVO ROOKE | Share Rotary – Serve People |
| ▪ 1982/3 | NEV MILLS | Mankind is One |
| ▪ 1981/2 | STAN JANSEN | World Understanding and Peace |
| ▪ 1980/1 | GEORGE REYNOLDS | Take Time to Serve |





Presidents and RI theme for past years

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| ▪ 1979/80 | KEN RAMSAY | Let Service Light the Way |
| ▪ 1978/9 | RON FLEMING | Reach Out |
| ▪ 1977/8 | KEITH ROLL | Serve to Unite Mankind |
| ▪ 1976/7 | HANK ACHTEBERG & MAX BICE | I Believe in Rotary |
| ▪ 1975/6 | GRAEME TEAKLE | To Dignify the Human Being |
| ▪ 1974/5 | MIKE ELFIS | Renew the Spirit of Rotary |
| ▪ 1973/4 | ROD ROBINSON | A Time for Action |
| ▪ 1972/3 | JOHN NEIL | Let's Take a New Look and Act |
| ▪ 1971/2 | GEORGE STURGESS | Good Will Begins with You |
| ▪ 1970/1 | DAVID BARKER | Bridge the Gaps |
| ▪ 1969/70 | KEN HUGHES | Review and Renew |





Presidents and RI theme for past years

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| ▪ 1968/9
BARRIE TESCH | Participate! |
| ▪ 1967/8
LEN DeVENE | Make Rotary Membership Effective |
| ▪ 1966/7
EMANUEL COMINO | A Better World Through Rotary |
| ▪ 1965/6
RON BAKER | Action, Consolidation and Continuity |
| ▪ 1964/5
TED TYTHERLEIGH | Live Rotary |
| ▪ 1963/4
JIM EVANS | Meet Rotary's Challenge in the Space Age |
| ▪ 1962/3
BEN BENNETT PDG | Kindle the Spirit Within |
| ▪ 1961/2
HAROLD SIMPSON | ACT-Action, Communication, Testing |
| ▪ 1960/1
BILL DYKE | Live It, Express It, Expand It |
| ▪ 1959/60
LEN DeVENE | Visualise, Personalise, Build Bridges |





Presidents and RI theme for past years

- 1958/9
JACK MAYES
Help Shape the Future
- 1957/8
DOUG MCLEAN
Enlist, Extend, Explore - Serve
- 1956/7
BEVAN HENZELL
Three Targets
- 1955/6
RAY LIEKEFETT
Develop our Resources
- **1954/5 Charter President**
BEN BENNETT PDG
Vitalize! Personalize! Build Bridges Of Friendship





Ben Bennett Park Nov 2004



**Provided a picnic shelter in honour of our charter president
Completed for clubs 50th anniversary**





Ben Bennett Park Nov 2004

About Ben Bennett

(1912 - 1987)



His Family Life

Ben Bennett was born in Nambour in 1912. His father worked for the ESA bank (Now ANZ). The family moved to Brisbane in 1918, but returned to the Sunshine Coast in 1928 after his parents purchased the Hotel Francis in Caloundra. Ben remained in Brisbane where he attended Brisbane Boys College. On the completion of his secondary schooling, Ben moved to Sydney to work for the

ESA Bank, but soon transferred back to Brisbane, then to Landsborough (1933) and then to Maleny (1934). It was here that he met his wife Millie, the daughter of a Maleny dairy farmer. The couple would eventually have three children Ian, Janet and Peter.

At the beginning of WWII, the couple purchased the Strand Theatre in Caloundra. Soon after, Ben signed up as a reinforcement for the Second Tenth Artillery and was posted to Cape York to man anti-aircraft artillery after the fall of Malaya. On his return to Caloundra, he and Millie continued run the theatre until 1970 when they retired. Ben continued to work in the community until his death in 1987, aged 75 years.



Rotary Club
of Caloundra



His Public Life

Ben became actively involved in the Caloundra Community on his return from service in WWII. His major contributions were as follows:

- ✍ He was charter president for the Rotary Club of Caloundra when it was formed in 1954.
- ✍ He served two terms each as President and District Governor during his service with Rotary Club of Caloundra.
- ✍ In 1986, he was honoured for his 32 years of service to the Rotary Foundation with a 'Citation for Meritorious Service'.
- ✍ He was Chairman of the Caloundra Ambulance Committee for over 30 years and was Zonal Representative on the State Council of the QATB for 13 years.
- ✍ He served as a Landsborough Shire Councillor from 1964 - 1970, during which time he actively promoted native tree planting and recommended the preservation of present day Ben Bennett Botanical Park.
- ✍ After his time in Council he became the Chairman of Caloundra's first tourist committee.
- ✍ He was made Chairman of the Gardens in the Sun Committee and continued to promote native plants on the Sunshine Coast.
- ✍ He was a life member of Metropolitan Caloundra Surf Club.

This park was named in honour of Ben Bennett, the person primarily responsible for its preservation, and it is a testament to the many valuable contributions that he made to the Caloundra community. Rotary has a proud history of improving the facilities of public parks in Caloundra. In recognition of the Clubs 50th anniversary a shelter has been sponsored in honour of Ben Bennett.



Ben Bennett memorial





Ben Bennett Park Nov 2004



**Opened by past RI president, Sir Clem Renouf, RC of Nambour
(our Mother club)**







Ben Bennett Park Nov 2004



IPP Mark & PP Win



IPP Mark & PDG Mike

Representatives from our Daughter clubs

PDG Mike Greory, RC Maleny

PP Win Fowles, RC CalPac





Ben Bennett Park Nov 2004



ROTARY CLUB of CALOUNDRA

50th Anniversary celebration

Opening of Ben Bennett park project

Program

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| 6.45 | Breakfast commences |
| 7.00 | Welcome by President Ann Rattle |
| 7.05 | Breakfast continues, mingle and enjoy the park |
| 7.25 | One or two words from:
Deputy Mayor Councillor Don Smith
Councillor Tim Dwyer
Past Rotary International President Clem Renouf |
| 7.45 | Unveiling of the sign by Mark Ward |
| 7.50 | Tree planting by rep's from "related" clubs |
| 7.55 | Group photo |



Lend a Hand

9 November 2004



The run sheet



Ben Bennett Park Nov 2004



Group Pic with 2004/5 President Anne holding our sign





Ben Bennett Park Nov 2004



**The officials: Cr Tim Dyer, Cr Don Smith, PRIP Clem Renouf
and not so official: IPP Mark**





Ben Bennett Park memories



Memories of past meetings at BB.....we miss you Jim





Ben Bennett challenge



Can you find this tree?





The best little club on the Sunny Coast

has so many ACTIVE Past Presidents





and an honourable mention to *our long serving members*



Member since 1997



Member since 1989



Member since 1987





and lets not forget
our current officers



President Peter Davies



President Elect Bernie Strong

