



# Rotarlight

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Dear Fellow Rotarians

Well what a great night at our Dinner Meeting. I think we had FEMOS at its best.

We had a good roll up, tasty meal a great speaker and a some stayed for post dinner drinks and fellowship. It was great to see PP John Monks back and Sergeant David put him to work straight away to get him back to the Rotary swing. We also had Attorney William Ting of Taipei attend our dinner meeting who was introduced by letter from Dr E.R. Einhorn of the Rotary Club of Taipei. We happily exchanged club banners. William is on holidays on the GC for the next 3 weeks or so and we might see him again.

A new prospective member Phillip Kreig from the Rotary Club of Redcliffe was also present. Phillip has relocated to the GC and is looking for a club to join so please extend to him our usual warm Broadbeach welcome when he attends next.

Peter Sutton was back after being away for a while and we had happy Michelle Curnow attend with Mum Jill. Graham Sivyer was back as Dennis O'Brien's guest.

Jill gave us an update on Tina as she had just visited her. Thanks Jill.

Various Directors reports were presented and in brief Chair of the Book Sale Committee gave us a terrific update on the progress of this monster. Thanks to all helpers on Saturday who gave up their time and provided equipment to relocate the plethora of books from The Council Library Book Sale to the Hub. Fellow Rotarians the book sale is on in earnest and we now need to work with Chris to bring this all together. It appears we now have approximately 30,000 books. If we finish like we have started this is going to be a cracker of an event for our club.

Rotarian Grahame gave us a membership update. Rotarians this is a big thing for our club this year. We need to keep on investing in bringing fresh new blood into our Club to keep our club vibrant and refreshed so it is in good shape to hand over to incoming President Bruce next year. Please give this matter your on going commitment.

Chair of the Police Officer of the Year is doing a fantastic job with his dedicated team. Nominations are now closed and we have some first class applicants from Coolangatta to Coomera. There is a big job ahead but members we now need to start to put attendance tables together to make this great occasion memorable so that we can put back to the PCYC.

This month is Youth Service month so Alain our Director of Youth Service is very busy seeking nominations for his various projects that are under way. If you can assist Alain with nominations that would be greatly appreciated.

Rotarian Noel was in fine form and won the \$50.00 Silver Circle and the heads and tails. Noel and his team have been very busy with the Hub improvements and will give us an update at this weeks meeting. **Next week was to be the Trivia night but this has now been postponed, please see programme for change details.**

We shall meet at the Crown Plaza on Tuesday, Alain Charles will be in the Chair, where he will introduce well credentialed guest speaker Janie- Marie who is President of UN Youth Queensland. UN Australia is an organisation which aims to engage young people with current, pressing global issues through conferences, competitions, discussion forums for high schools etc. This promises to be a great dinner meeting so book in early !!

Don't forget the following meeting is our away meeting being the last meeting of the month. **This meeting date has been moved from Tuesday the 29th to Monday the 28th September.** Our venue will be at Griffith University where we will join the Blenders and the Coasters and learn how to be opera singers. Should be a fun night thanks to our Social Co-Ordinator Rotarian Kevin. Please book in for this meeting in the usual way and don't forget partners and friends and new prospective members are welcome.

In closing Rotarians please keep you eyes on the rosters on the web site and if you can't make that day please organise a replacement helper.

Until next week,  
Yours in Rotary  
Bill Rex

## Directors and Committee Chair Reports



Scooter Committee Chair Cec McPaul reported that one of our recipients

had unfortunately had a crash with a car—no report of injuries.

Cec reminded all minders that it is a vital part of our service that they contact the recipients that they are responsible for on a monthly basis—even just to say hello, how are you?



Social Chair Kevin reminded members with bicycles, of the fun bike ride organised for

next Sunday 13th September, meeting at Tallebudgera L.S.C. at 10:00am.

Also please register early for attendance at Griffiths Uni on 22nd.



POOTY Chair Ray Milton advised that nomination for these awards has now closed

and we have received 18 nominations for Police Officer, 4 nominations for Station or Unit and 7 nominations for Civilian Support Officer.

Members are requested that if they should receive any enquiries from the media about any of our nominees, they should simply refer the enquirer back to Ray and make no further comment.

Raffle tickets for the award night are now available from Pauline Armstrong, each member will be given a book to sell or buy—many more are available, so let us give our full support to this hard working committee.



Community Service Director Brian Pearson informed members of our participation in

the “Out of the Shadows” walk to highlight the occasion of World Suicide Prevention Day on Saturday 12 September. We will be providing a breakfast of bacon and egg buns and soft drinks to the walkers.



Sergeant David did his best to reduce us all to penury—the really bad news is that

Corporal Uwe is back on duty next week, so please fill your pockets with shrapnel.



Double Heads and Tails winners.

## Programme

Date	Speaker	Subject	Host
15/9/15	Janie-Marie Burgess	UN Youth Queensland	Alain Charles
21/9/15	Jane O'Reilly	History of O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat	Renee Dillon
Monday 28/9/15		<b>Singing with Blenders &amp; Coasters @ Griffiths Uni.</b>	

## Attendance

Classification	Number
Members	31
Hon. Members	0
Visiting Rotarians	1 Philip Kreig— Redcliffe
Partners	
Member Guests	4 Michelle Cur- now, Peter Sutton, Graham Sivyer, William Ting (Taiwan)
Visitors	
Club Guests	1 Nicole
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>

**Please confirm your attendance on the club website**

**Club website:** [www.broadbeachrotary.org](http://www.broadbeachrotary.org)

**District website:** [www.rotary9640.org](http://www.rotary9640.org)

**Rotary International website:** [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## Club Income

Thursday Bunnings	
Friday Bunnings	\$660.95
Car Boot Sale	
Radio Station	
Corporate	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$660.95</b>

## Meeting Income

Raffle	0
Copper Pot	\$16.95
Fines	\$39.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$56.35</b>

## Anniversaries

Kay Hodges	Birthday 14th. Sept.
Peter Gowans	Induction 1995
Chris Thomsen	Birthday 15th. Sept.
Jenny O'Dwyer	Birthday 15th. Sept.
Peter Tomlinson	Induction 2002
Barbara Rex	Birthday 19th. Sept.



**Be a gift  
to the world**

<b>Door Roster</b>		
Date	1st	2nd
15/9/15	John Harding	John Curr
22/9/15	Jim Hawkins	Chris Thomsen

## **Guest Speaker**

**Nicole McPhee**

### **State wide Corporate Training Co-Ordinator Lifeline**



Nicole is no stranger to Rotary, her Mum is District Treasurer and Member of Rotary Club of Hamilton.

Nicole's career with Lifeline has been for the past 6 years and she is familiar with the many different programmes available through Lifeline, which she now trains the volunteers in. In the Broadbeach centre there are 3 crisis lines supported by 98 volunteers. They receive in the order of 1,500 calls per month. The callers come from all sorts of backgrounds and represent all age groups.

The Suicide Bereavement Group recognises many different responses to the loss of a loved one by suicide, these may include: shock, denial, shame, guilt, anger, broken trust, loneliness. Lifeline endeavours to help people suffering from this kind of loss.

Those who are considering, or are on the point of taking their own lives, may have many reasons to do so, often associated with an overwhelming stressful event, or series of events. The responders who receive these calls, may be in any of the many crisis centres in Australia—whoever is next available. They do their best to determine the cause of the problem and talk it through with the caller. At this stage everything is anonymous, based on their training, the responder may decide that a more local approach is necessary and the caller is referred on to an appropriate local specialist. In extreme or imminent cases, direct intervention may be necessary, but this is only in a limited number of cases.

Nicole outlined many different signs that friends and family should be aware of and watch out for. The statistics are concerning, 15 to 24 year olds represent around 30% of suicides and in a survey it was revealed that 256 males to 92 females had taken this final step. More people in Australia die from suicide than from road accidents—a very sobering thought.

**Contact details for Lifeline:**

**13 11 14**

**[Lifeline.org.au](http://Lifeline.org.au) (much information on this website)**

**Experience shows that on-line chat also really works!!**



**Nicole receives her memento from Chairman Chris Thomsen**



A lady is having a bad day at the roulette tables in Vegas. She's down to her last \$50. Exasperated, she exclaims to the whole table, "What rotten luck I've had today! What in the world should I do now?"

A man standing next to her suggests, "I don't know... why don't you play your age?"

He walks away, but moments later, his attention is grabbed by a great commotion at the roulette table. Maybe she won! He rushes back to the table and pushes his way through the crowd. The lady is lying limp on the floor, with the table operator kneeling over her. The man is stunned.

He asks, "What happened? Is she all right?"

The operator replies, "I don't know. She put all her money on 29, and when 36 came up she just fainted!"

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Paddy walks into a bar and says "Bartender, one round for everyone, on me!" The bartender says, "Well, Pauly, seems you're in a really good mood tonight, eh?"

Paddy says, "Oh, you can bet on it! I just got hired by the city to go around and remove all the money from parking meters. I start on Monday!"

The bartender congratulates the man and proceeds to pour the round.

Monday evening arrives. Paddy comes back into the bar and says "Bartender, TWO rounds for everyone, on me!"

The bartender says, "Well now! If you're so happy just over having this new job, I can just imagine how happy you'll be when you get your pay check!"

Paddy looks at the bartender with a confused look on his face, pulls out quite a handful of quarters from his pocket, and says "You mean they'll PAY me on top of it?"

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I couldn't help but over-hear two guys in their mid-twenties while sitting at the bar last night.

One of the guys says to his buddy: "Man you look tired."

His buddy says: "Mate I'm exhausted. My girlfriend and I have s\*x all the time.

She's after me 3 and 4 times a day. She wants s\*x before breakfast, before I go to work, when I come home she's tearing my shirt of as I come through the door.

She's got her hands down my pants after dinner. She even joins me in the shower almost every night. I just don't know what to do."

A fellow in his 70's sitting a couple of stools down, also overheard the conversation.

He looked over at the two young men and with the wisdom of years said, "Marry her. That'll put a stop to all that rubbish!"

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They say that age is all in your mind. The trick is keeping it from creeping down into your body.

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