





THE OFFICIAL WEEKLY BULLETIN OF

### THE ROTARY CLUB OF BROADBEACH INC

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MEETINGS TUESDAYS AT 6:00PM for 6:30PM CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL GOLD COAST HIGHWAY SURFERS PARADISE

## 2014 - 15 LEADERSHIP TEAM



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9640 DIST GOV WENDY SCARLETT



RI PRESIDENT **GARY HUANG** 

## 2013 - 14 BOARD AND OFFICERS

**CLUB PRESIDENT: JOHN MONKS** 

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ROTARLIGHT EDITOR: JOHN MONKS/BILL REX

28th, October 2014 Week 17



### **SPEAKERS**

Date	Speaker	Subject	Speaker Host
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> . Oct	Dr Paul Klaassen	Gold Coast Cardiologist	Denis O'Brien
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> . Nov	no meeting	Have a beer for John	
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> . Nov	Rana Baguley	Gold Coast Botanic Gardens	
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> . Nov	Det Sgnt Renee Garske	GSE Process	Neil Jones
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> . Nov	Dan Turton	Leadership Development	



Date	Attendance 1	Attendance 2	
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> . Oct	Russ Hutchison	Chris Thomsen	
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> . Nov	Klaus Axmann	Rob Domican	
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> . Nov	Klaus Axmann	Rob Domican	
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> . Nov	Klaus Axmann	Rob Domican	

## **CONGRATULATIONS DUE THIS WEEK**

Birthdays	Anniversaries	Inductions
Oct 23rd Peter Sutton		
Oct 25th Bruce Kuhn		
Oct 28th Marie Jordan (Alex)		

### **LAST WEEKS MEETING**

ATTENDANCE		MEETING INCOME
Broadbeach Rotarians	22	Fines \$ 34.00
Guest Speaker (Ray Stevens)	1	Copper Pot \$ 16.95
Honorary Members	2	
(Rob Borbidge & Ian Cowen)		
Members Guests (Agnes Adorjan)	1	
		Sausage Sizzle
		Bunnings Friday 17/10/2014 - \$542.30
		GCCC Library Sat 18/10/2014 - \$340.80
		Carrara Markets Car Boot Sale Sun. 19/10/2014 - \$720.00
TOTAL	26	



It has been another good week in the best Club in District 9640.

We all had a great night on Tuesday and heard from Ray Stevens M.LA., Member for Mermaid Beach who was introduced by Hon. Member Rob Borbidge. The Members were most impressed with Ray's very casual and honest address on the happenings on the Gold Coast and his portfolios in Government.

We also had Hon. Members Ian Cowen and Rob Borbidge with us and Agnes as a guest.

Corporal Kevin, who is off to Hawaii, did his usual great job boosting our ailing general account by \$34.

The meeting also decided that there will be NO MEETING on Melbourne Cup Day 04<sup>th</sup>. November.

The Carrara Car Boot sale is prospering and still growing with 72 cars last weekend and thanks to Harold, the advance rosters are filling up. Harold Busch in conjunction with computer wizard Jim Hawkins has now created an on line roster on ClubRunner for the next events at the Carrara Market Car Boot sale. Members can now register on line to work on this Roster and I encourage you all to do so.

Secretary Tony has advised that our Annual General Meeting will be held on 18 November. President Elect Bill has called for nominations for President Nominee, and Board Elect Positions of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors to be announced at the AGM. Please support President Elect Bill with your nomination for these Board Elect Positions.

Members are reminded that it is World polio Day on 24 October there is a function organised at the Broadbeach Rotary Hub on that night with profits going to the Polio Program.

We now have an official invitation from our New Zealand Sister Club of Tauranga to their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary along with Kasaoka Club in Japan on 14-15 March 2015. It is also the 10<sup>th</sup> year of our 3 sister clubs agreement. Please mark your diaries for this celebration and I thank Bill Rex who has volunteered to organise our trip.

Pauline is organising a Rotary Day in February next year and is seeking ideas for this event. Please talk to Pauline about your ideas.

After a call from a Sydney Journalist and an interview with me, we may get some serious publicity about our Police Officer of the Year and our Club in the National Seniors Newspaper – so stay tuned for the next edition.

Thank you to all members who work tirelessly on our Projects and running of the Club in General.

Thank you also to the sausage sizzlers and the rostered Carrara Markets Boot Sale Members last week for a well done job. We now need to start spending this money raised on our many projects.

Tina will be out of hospital tomorrow with some follow up treatment necessary, so we wish her a speedy recoupment and provide of our thoughts and support throughout her journey to recovery.

Remember next Tuesday's meeting is at the Crown Plaza and our Guest Speaker is Doctor Paul Klaassen, a Gold Coast Cardiologist.

Have a good week.

Hoo Roo

John

# Images from Last meeting









Yes you are right !!! that is the much sought after Joker in Neil's right hand along with the bottle of Red. Well done Neil & thanks for ploughing part of the winnings back into our project a/c





## Scribe

Ray Stevens MP, has been a long term participant in local affairs-

As-- A member of the Albert Shire from 1988--

Then the first Mayor of the newly combined Albert Shire and Gold Coast Councils-in 2006 became the Member for Robina in The State House---

Assistant to the Premier & Leader of the House.

Ray was introduced by his mentor Former State Premier and Hon. Member of our Rotary Club, Rob Borbidge.

Ray's talk commenced with reference to Rob's time in The House, where Rob was recognised as the finest orator, in the house in those times.

As the newly appointed Mayor of the combined councils---Ray made a unique claim to fame--he reduced the rates in the newly combined councils by two and a half percent! He explained his present roll as Asst. Member to the Premier. This is an avenue for providing Government information quickly to the business and public sector, by using e-Govt & information directly in a wide range of topics, from----- "Health matters--Agriculture items--Road Speeds--Fire & Flood Management to the "Social Services Sector." The House usually sits for 14 weeks annually.

The Government is managing a previously over spent budget of 80 billion dollars, which cost the State its Triple "A" rating. In real time, the interest payment attributed to the huge Government debit load amounts to \$475,000 dollars per hour.

Down grading the state's financial rating has increased the costs of borrowings. The Public Service numbers have been pruned. Job generation has been difficult. There is a strong push to make doing business easier in Queensland and to reduced associated cost. Changes to construction requirements, provide an easier environment to grow and develop.

Queensland is presently the leading state with construction in the Commonwealth.

Tourism is at its highest level- assisted by leading local Coast attractions.

Coal exports have declined, which has affected income to Government. Also a large portion of the State continues to be drought stricken, requiring financial relief.

In the two and a half years that the present government has operated, there has been significant progress, including Law and Order. New laws are aimed at criminal gangs. Police intelligence in drug activities are resulting in significant arrests.

Re-arranging the Ambulance Service so preventing wasteful "ramping", outside Hospital Admission centres--shorter times for medical attention and increases in rates of pay for School Teachers and Nurses, are all features of the present Government.

78% of the population has agreed to the lease deal, of major public assets. This should reduce the States` debit by \$25M. & reinstate the triple "A" rating. It will also provide the means to continue expanding infrastructure development.

Question time presented the opportunity to place a wide range of issues, to Ray--His responses were noteworthy to a variety of subjects including---

The saturation of traffic using the multi lane highway from the state boarder to Brisbane, it is likely to be gridlocked in 5 to 10 years time. Efforts are needed now to plan an additional highway------

The location and viability of a self supporting cruise ship terminal, and the issue of sand drift to the North---- No public acceptance of the outright sale of public assets--- A likely time frame for a Heavy Rail extension to the Coolangatta Air Port--- The desalination plant near the Coolangatta Air Port being a \$1.2 Billion white elephant, a legacy from the last State Government. Ray offered it for sale for \$1,000 !!! but Noel ducked for cover. Escalation of water costs----the Hinze Dam and its stage 3----Staff levels of government being too high--- The rout for a Tram running from Pacific Fair to the Brisbane Rail station at Robina, not the Nerang proposal, where there a few public amenities along the way. The new rout should be designed to provide transport needs for the maximum number of local residents and also travelling Tourists---the Robina rout would provide service for a number of high usage locations, including---the Casino-- major shopping centres, 2 High Schools, sporting stadium [ presently experiencing huge parking issues ], golf links, rail station, Hospital [ and linking the 2 major Gold Coast Hospitals ]--- a growing health precinct-- A direct link to the largest regional shopping centre.

Ray's host Rob, presented the Club's gift to Ray, for his interesting after dinner talk on local affairs.

Ian Cowen

## Rotary Fellowship Holiday



Our New Zealand Club at Tauranga is celebrating their 70th Anniversary along with Kasaoka Club of Japan on 14-15 March 2015. All Rotarians and partners interested in attending this trip please advise trip Co-Ordinator/Travel Consultant Extroadinaire - Mr Bill Rex on 0418 796 302 so that suitable forwarding planning can be arranged.

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The following have agreed to carry out these tasks at our Polio event on Friday 24th:

Front desk – Brian Pearson & Bill Waller

BBQ Chefs – Noel Hodges & Harold Busch

Raffle ticket sales – Vicky Nichol & Judy Restom

Bar - Bill Rex & John Curr

Food service and supply of desserts will be under the supervision of Pat Curr.

Thank you all for volunteering, I am sure it will be a most successful and enjoyable evening for all.

Best wishes,

Brian.



# FRIDAY FUNNIES - HA HA HA

From Diane

A Guy stuck his head into a barbershop and asked, 'How long before I can get a haircut? The barber looked around the shop full of customers and said, 'About 2 hours.'

The guy left.

A few days later, the same guy stuck his head in the door and asked, 'How long before I can get a haircut?'

The barber looked around at the shop and said, 'About 3 hours.'

The guy left.

A week later, the same guy stuck his head in the shop and asked, 'How long before I can get a haircut?'

The barber looked around the shop and said, 'About an hour and a half' .

The guy left.

The barber turned to his friend and said, 'Hey, Bob, do me a favour, follow him and see where he goes. He keeps asking how long he has to wait for a haircut, but he never comes back'

A little while later, Bob returned to the shop, laughing hysterically.

The barber asked, 'So, where does he go when he leaves?'

Bob looked up, wiped the tears from his eyes and said....

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Peter makes some interesting points... Hi Shayne,

I hear what you're saying but, with all due respect, it's not exactly rocket science. Basically, at the end of the day, the fact of the matter is you have to be able to tick all the boxes. It's not the end of the world, but, to be perfectly honest with you, when push comes to shove, you don't want to be literally stuck between a rock and a hard place. Going forward we need to be singing from the same song sheet, but you can't see the wood from the trees. Naturally hindsight is 20/20 vision and you have to take the rough with the smooth before proceeding onwards and upwards. The bottom line is, wear your heart on your sleeve and, when all is said and done, this is all part and parcel of the ongoing bigger picture.

C'est la vie (if you know what I mean).

At a rent-a-boat company, the caller said into the microphone: "Boat 99, your hour is up, please head in."
An employee walks up to him and says: "We only have 75 boats, there is no boat 99, sir."
The caller then said into the microphone: "Boat 66, are you in trouble?"
Basic Math is the subject I teach at a small community college in western North Carolina. I call one part of the curriculum Practical Applications for Living in the Real World. The day after I presented a lesson on simple and compound interest, one of my older students approached me in the hallway.
"You really taught me a great deal about my life yesterday," he said. "I realized I've been struggling with a lack of interest, compounded daily, for thirty years."
From Diane
During her physical examination, a doctor asked a retired woman about her physical activity level. The woman said she spent 3 days a week, every week in the outdoors.  "Well, yesterday afternoon was typical; I took a five hour walk about 7 miles through some pretty rough terrain. I waded along the edge of a lake. I pushed my way through 2 miles of brambles. I got sand in my shoes and my eyes. I barely avoided stepping on a snake. I climbed several rocky hills. I went to the bathroom behind some big trees. I ran away from an irate mother bear and then ran away from one angry bull Elk. The mental stress of it all left me shattered. At the end of it all I drank a scotch and three glasses of wine.
Amazed by the story, the doctor said, "You must be one hell of an outdoor woman!"
"No." the woman replied. "I'm just a really, really had golfer".

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One of my favourite jokes...

A Mafia Godfather finds out that his bookkeeper, Guido, has cheated him out of \$10,000,000.00.

His bookkeeper is deaf. That was the reason he got the job in the first place. It was assumed that Guido would hear nothing and would therefore never have to testify in court.

When the Godfather goes to confront Guido about the missing \$10 million, he takes along his lawyer, who knows sign language. The Godfather tells the lawyer, "Ask him where the money is."

The lawyer, using sign language, asks Guido, Where's the money?

Guido signs back, "I don't know what you are talking about." The lawyer tells the Godfather, "He says he doesn't know what you are talking about."

The Godfather pulls out a pistol, puts it to Guido's head and says, "Ask him again or I'll kill him!" The lawyer signs to Guido, "He'll kill you if you don't tell him." Guido trembles and signs back, "OK! You win! The money is in a brown briefcase, buried behind the shed at my cousin Bruno's house.." The Godfather asks the lawyer, "What did he say?" The lawyer replies, "He says you don't have the b\*lls to pull the trigger." \_\_\_\_\_ From Derick My boss phoned me today. He said, "Is everything OK at the office?" I said, "It's all under control. It's been a very busy day. I haven't stopped to take a break all day." "Can you do me a favour?" he asked. I said "Of course, What is it?" "Pick up the pace a little. I'm in the group behind you." Q: Why did the boy put candy under his pillow? A: Because he wanted sweet dreams. Q: What's the best parting gift? A: A comb. Q: What kind of underwear to reporters wear? A: News briefs. Q: What did the one penny say to the other penny? A: We make perfect cents. Q: Why was the boy sitting on his watch? A: Because he wanted to be on time.

Q: What did the teddy bear say when it was offered dessert?

A: No thanks, I'm stuffed.