



Rotarlight

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President's Report

Dear Fellow Rotarians

Well again a sumptuous meal at our dinner meeting and from the sound in the room to include good chatting and laughter the fellowship was enjoyed by all.

We had the pleasure of two outside Rotarians attending in that of Brian MacDonald from the Rotary Club of Adelaide and of course our good friend Adrian Crowe.

Our guest speaker was another young gun in that of Jane O'Reilly from the O'Reilly fame who spoke on the history of O'Reillys located deep in our National Park. What a great young lady she is and what a wonderful story she told. Our very own young gun Rotarian Renee was the Chairperson for the evening and thank you Renee for a job well done. In the past week fellow Rotarians we have had the pleasure of two young ladies as guest speakers. Absolutely fantastic.

Winners are grinners and this week we had David O'Dwyer winning the Silver Circle, Malcolm winning the heads and tails and Ray the raffle. So good balance all round. Our Sergeant was back in fine form and left no stone unturned in pursuit of the illusive dollar he even attached the foreign capital. Great job David and on behalf of the members thank you for the great joke. It was a good one.

Our sausage sizzles have been again going well with our members attending to two Bunning's sizzles this past week. I was at the sizzle on Thursday and we were so busy and had so much fun. I urge all members to keep being involved in this great endeavour that Bunning's provide as it does meet the four way test and allows us as a Rotary Club to substantially put back into the community.

I attended the Hub on Friday to assist Chris and his team as we are now pricing and sorting each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 12 noon. Well again we had so much fun, Chris had about 10 young ladies from Emanuel College helping plus there was Harold, Helen, Barb's Mum and myself. Rotarian Chris is doing a sterling job on this project and it will leave a legacy for years to come for our club. Again I urge all members, partners, friends to get involved in this project as for sure in this case many hands make light work.

Don't forget this week is the last week of the month and is our away meeting and don't forget the meeting is on Monday not Tuesday. Our very own social coordinator Rotarian Kevin has a cracker of a night lined up for us. In keeping with our promise to look at keeping costs down, this night is absolutely free. We shall be entertained by the Blenders and Coasters at Griffith University auditorium for a 7pm start to be followed by nibbles, pizzas, tasty red wine and frosty cold white wine. Yummy!! Kevin is looking for a good rollup so bring your partners, friends, future members and let your hair down. Please book in in the usual way.

Sadly on Tuesday is the funeral of our much loved Rotarian Tina at the Sacred Heart Church at 50 Fairways Drive Clear Island Waters to commence at 11.30. If members can make it along I think that would be wonderful.

Until next week

Yours in Rotary

Bill Rex



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Directors & Committee Chair Reports



Rotarian Chris Thomson updated us on the sorting and pricing books. You can help out on Mon, Wed & Friday's at The Hub in the coming 2 weeks.



Support social event organiser Kevin's next event on Monday night. Enjoy some singing, wine & pizza at the free event. REMEMBER to print & display the parking permit sent this week on your car windscreen during the event to avoid a parking ticket.

Raffle and Heads & Tails winners:



Noel Hodges confirmed plans for the working bee at "The Hub" on Wednesday the 23rd.



Winner of this weeks \$50 Silver Circle was David O'Dwyer for the 2nd time.



Police Officer of the Year Night

It is requested that those members & partners going to this night, prepay by direct deposit into our project account. Details are: BSB 034 637

Account 201 526

\$ 65 per person

This is the Rotary Club of Broadbeach, Project Account at Westpac Pacific Fair Branch

Programme

Date	Speaker	Subject	Host
Monday 28/9/15		Singing with Blenders & Coasters @ Griffiths Uni.	
06/10/15		Police Officer of the Year Awards	

Attendance

Classification	Number
Members	23
Hon. Members	2
Visiting Rotarians	2 Brian McDon- ald Adrian Crowe
Partners	
Member Guests	
Visitors	
Club Guests	1 Speaker Jane O'Reilly
Total	28

Please confirm your attendance on the club website

Club website: www.broadbeachrotary.org

District website: www.rotary9640.org

Rotary International website: www.rotary.org

Club Income

Thursday Bunnings	NA
Friday Bunnings	\$533.60
Car Boot Sale	NA
Radio Station	NA
Statue	NA
Total	\$ 533.60

Meeting Income

Raffle	\$ 55
Copper Pot	\$15.35
Fines	\$37.30
Total	\$107.65

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Nil	Nil
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Other Events

Please find attached your invitation to the Burleigh Heads Rotary Club 60th Anniversary dinner.

if your interested in registering for the free Peter Gallagher Memorial Glycomics Public Lecture, 5.30pm Tues 13th October, Griffith University please register on (07) 5552 8051 or glycomics@griffith.com.au

Door Roster

Date	1st	2nd
28/9/15	NA	NA

Guest Speaker

Jane O'Reilly

O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat



Last weeks guest Club Speaker, Jane O'Reilly gave us an insight into the conduct and History of her family's business—"O'Reilly's Rain Forrest Retreat."

Jane is a third generation O'Reilly and the eighth child in her family of 10 children. She grew up, "On the mountain". She attended a local school until grade 4. She mentioned that she did not wear shoes!! She was then sent to Boarding School.

In 1911, five O'Reilly brothers and also three cousins were the first to settle in this area. They had to clear the land to farm.

In early times visitors using horse back to reach the remote retreat location had a two day trek from Beaudesert. The road was rough and winding. Visitors sought to "Stay over"--so the logical extension was to build accommodation.

In 1926, the area was gazetted a National Park and the brother Mick was made the Park Ranger. There were efforts to have the O'Reilly's move off the property. In 1930, Mick left the area with his wife Annie.

The Guest House Retreat was established by Tom O'Reilly, and it has been there for almost 90 years. There are 48 self contained units together with 56 hotel units.

The business was Publically Listed in 1948 and later the family bought it back and the family now conducts the Business as a Private Company.

The family conducts bi-annual business meetings. Jane summarised that the family generally resists change, but their progressive business model provides for advancement.

The crash of the Stinson Aeroplane in 1937, on a flight from Archerfield to Lismore is of historical interest. There was no radio communication with the aeroplane. There was suspicion that the plane had gone down in the Hawkesbury River area.

On the 9th., day after the plane had gone missing, Bernard O'Reilly looked at a map of the flight path, and the bushman estimated where the plane might be. The site was 36 klms away in the bush and he found two survivors.

This event put O'Reilly's on the map as a forest Retreat.

"Everyone feeds the birds at O'Reilly's" This is a unique experience not to be replicated. There are "Special Interest Weeks", conducted for interest groups--Photographers, Bird Watchers, Unique Wild Life enthusiasts.

The aerial suspended bridge walkway, is quite a remarkable asset.

Activities with guests participation are conducted. There is also market research conducted and their domestic market, most surprisingly, is drawn from a 200 klms radius of their Retreat.

Guests ride on 2 wheel self balancing "Stand Ons". Promotion activities are showing good results. Their future is assured.

The Company has a vineyard at Canungra. In 1998 the vineyard was flooded. This was a heart breaking event.

Jane`s spoke of her family`s business with enthusiasm.

Our Club sponsored her uncle as a member of the GSE Team to Scotland, in 1992.

As the Club`s Chairman for the evening, Renee thanked Jane for her address and made the Club`s usual memento gift.



Jane receives her memento from Chairman Renee Dillon



A guy was down on Fisherman's Wharf when he saw a seafood restaurant and a sign on the Specials Board which read, "Big Lobster Tales, \$5 each."

Amazed at the great value, he asked the waitress, "\$5 each for lobster tails ... is that correct?"

"Yes," she answered, "It's our special just for today."

"Well," he scoffed, "they must be little lobster tails."

"No," she replied, "It's the really big lobster."

"Are you sure they aren't green lobster tails -- and a little bit tough?"

"No," she said, "it's the really big red lobster."

"Big red lobster tails, \$5 each?" he said, amazed. "They must be old lobster tails!"

"No, they're definitely today's," she told the man.

"Today's big red lobster tails -- for \$5 each?" he repeated, astounded.

"Yes," she insisted.

"Well, here's my five dollars," he finally decided, "I'll take one."

She took the money and led him to a table where she invited him to sit down. She then sat down next to him, put her hand on his shoulder, leaned over close to him and narrated, "Once upon a time there was a really big red lobster ..."

A frustrated husband in front of his laptop:

Dear Google, please do not behave like my wife...

Please allow me to complete my sentence before you start guessing & suggesting.

The best part of being over 40 is that we did most of our stupid stuff before the internet.

"Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example." --Mark Twain

"I'm sick of following my dreams. I'm just going to ask them where they're going and hook up with them later." -Mitch Hedberg

Q: What did the baby light bulb say to his mommy?

A: "I wuv you watts and watts."