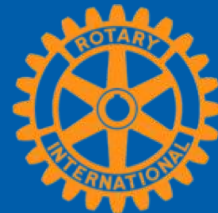


The Hope Soap

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Presidents Address! – Prue Berry

Welcome to another edition of Hope Soap

It's been a busy few weeks with the club members rolling out the new BBQ tent to see if it could withstand all the wind and rain the Gold Coast could throw at it, some great club meetings and some outstanding guest speakers. Last week we acknowledged World Polio Day and Priscilla the Polio Pig is getting dangerously close to her first \$1,000 in member and guest donations.

This week is our fifth Wednesday so remember, **NO CLUB MEETING**. Instead we have a fabulous dinner planned by Jo-Anne down at Frigg, in Labrador. If you haven't confirmed and paid with Jo-Anne, you still have time to get in on the action. This Sunday, Sandy, Martin and I are attending a District Membership Seminar. We have kicked off our membership strategy with a great information evening last week, and the seminar this weekend will provide some more new ideas for us to try as a club.

Wayne and the Buggy Parade Committee have kicked off planning and opened the registrations for the Xmas Buggy Parade on 20 December. I spent Sunday afternoon with some friends who are already well into their planning, determined to win this year! If their enthusiasm is any indicator, the judges panel will be in for a fun night, along with the Hope Island families and wider community.

Have a great week and see you Thursday night at Frigg for some fun and fellowship.

Until next time I am Yours in Rotary Service,

Meeting Details

Weekly on Wednesday Morning
6:45 am – 8:15 am

Sanctuary Cove Golf Club

The Parkway Sanctuary Cove QLD 4212
(Please call Sandra Doumany
0418 150 240 to arrange gate access)



Upcoming. Guest Speakers

- 1 Nov- Social Evening at the Frigg in Labrador
- 7 Nov PDG Tony Heading _ Rotary Foundatio
- 14 Nov Club Assembly
- 21 Nov PDG Brian Heaton – Mental Illness

Major Events.

- 1 Dec Christmas Party
- 12 Dec AGM
- 20 December- SC Christmas Buggy Parade
- 23&24 February 19-PETS Training
- 29-31 March 19-District Conference

Club Assembly Meeting 10/10/18

By Wayne Kirby

Today is Mental health Day. To remind people of the day Benji attended in his Eeyore Onesie. Eeyore is a patron for people suffering from depression.



International Toast. Clive presented the toast. Today he selected the club of Portsmouth Virginia USA.

Youth Gareth Hunt spoke about upcoming Rotary Youth Programs. Right now we are looking for year 12 students or year 11 students that have shown maturity, to attend the **RYTS (Rotary Transition Youth Seminar)**. The event is on 3-9 December but we need to nominate candidates early to allow for the selection process. If you know someone or know parents of year 12 students then please ask them if they are interested.

<https://rotary9640.org/sitepage/ryts>

Also the **RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award)** program will be happening again early next year. Young adults between 19 and 28 are eligible. Our club will sponsor students for both programs so the costs are minimal for the candidates and their parents. Both programs offer real change to the participants and it is inspiring to hear them come and speak to the club after they have participated.

<http://www.ryla9640.org>

Scooter Programme. Christiane Vee Advised that the club has signed the papers to take on the project. John Hunt from Burleigh is assisting in the transition. Christiane has met with a number of our existing participants and they have told her how essential the scooters are to them, as it allows them the freedom to leave home and meet up with friends and access to shops and cafes. Our club has 5 participants and the plan is to increase that number substantially. Burleigh has 47, and Broadbeach have 50 people on their lists.

Golf Day Results. President Prue announced that the profit for the day is just over \$16,000. It was a great success. She thanked Clint Ford and Brian Fulcher for their tireless efforts in bringing the day together.

Prue advised that the AGM date is set for 12 December.

Membership. PDG Sandy Doumany discussed tomorrow evening's membership evening and requested members to bring a guest and come along to make the night a success.

Sandy also advised that due to work commitments our beloved Sargent has advised that he is resigning. Bryan Fulcher has had many years with the club and contributed greatly to the camaraderie and to the fundraising activities. He will still remain a friend of Rotary and will still be part of the Golf Day team next year. We wish Bryan all the best with his work endeavours and his efforts going forward. Many will miss his jokes.

Armistice Memorial. We will be having a ground breaking day for the Memorial on 11 November. It will occur at 10 am and David Crisafulli will be attending. Roger will be in charge of fundraising an additional \$50k to help fund seating and features for the memorial. The site will have a 6m high Obelisk and 3 flag poles including one that is 9m tall.

Brisbane to Gold Coast Bike Ride.

By Wayne Kirby

The heavens opened and almost everything fell out on the day, however the tried and true BBQ squad was prepared. It was wet and windy but we still provided a great service to the sodden and bedraggled riders that rode from Brisbane to the Gold coast. The last 15 km of which was directly into a strong headwind.

They enjoyed a hot meal for their efforts. The event originally had 4000 riders signed up but the conditions reduced that to 2,600 riders. They were definitely the diehards.

One rider rode the whole way on a uni-cycle and the another on a penny farthing. These were fit athletes.



At times there were 4 of us holding onto the frame of the tent to keep it on the ground. At one stage the organiser dropped by and said be prepared for even stronger winds as the BOM forecasted a heavy storm cell to be heading our way. Luckily this was not as bad as predicted.

We had a pesky Ibis trying to take off with a whole bag of burger buns and lots of seagulls making their way into the tent. We also had as many a tired rider seeking shelter under our marque.

Thanks to all who attended on a very average day.

Well done to Gareth Hunt and Amy Ford for arranging the day and organising all the deliveries.



We did make some money. I am sure that Gareth will fill us in on the profits once all the costs have come in.



Sharyn Watson's Job Talk

Club Meeting: 17 Oct 2018

By Wayne Kirby

Our Guest speaker was our own **Sharyn Watson**. She presented her Job Talk so that we can get to know her and her business a little better.

Sharyn is one of three female electrical contractors in Queensland.

She advised that if you get someone to do electrical work for your house they need to have an electrical contractor's license otherwise your house may not be insured if the workmanship is faulty.

Sharyn was not always in the electrical game although she has always been self employed. Her first business was a corporate training business. This business grew to 16 staff and they put through 250 trainees. A successful business.

After 10 years Sharyn and her husband Bernie were having a discussion at the kitchen table. Bernie was in the earth moving business but was actually a qualified electrician. Sharyn floated the idea of becoming an electrical contractor. Bernie advised her that women can't start electrical businesses and thought that was that. Sharyn who doesn't like being told she can't do anything took it as a challenge and in the background did all the training and achieved her electrical contractors license. So 6 months later at a pub Sharyn announced that she was now an electrical contractor and Bernie was to be their first employee. Bernie was a little surprised. Despite this, Bernie immediately took up the beer coaster and drew what he would like to be the logo of the business. This is what they still use today for Watmar Electrical.

So on Gumtree they advertised and their first client was a family up in Wynnum. Bernie and Sharyn, the "TA" drove from the Gold Coast to Wynnum not knowing what to expect but excited by their first job. The owner of the house let slip that he was the franchisee of the Good Guys on the Gold Coast and then indicated that he was looking for electricians to do the electrical work on new kitchen fit outs. So while Bernie was slaving away in the hot ceiling Sharyn negotiated and signed the contracts for what was to become many years work. And it was all meant to be.

The company believe in training young people. Their goal is to train 100 apprentices and they currently have 5 apprentices. 2 have already completed their training through Watmar and now work as qualified electricians for Watmar.



The company now also does Air-conditioning. They have 17 staff which includes 5 teams on the road. Each team has their own fitted out vehicle and consists of 2 people because the company believes that the risk in the industry necessitates having a second person on the job in case something goes wrong.

They also employ contract staff when things get busy.

The company does residential as well as commercial works. Lots of renovation work for houses as well.

<https://www.watmar.net.au>



Sam's Wine Raffle

Phil Fairweather: Chair for the day

Member's Information Night

17/10/18

By Wayne Kirby

The membership committee organised a great evening at the SC Country club.

We had 11 prospective new members and there was great energy in the room. President Prue welcomed all with a lively description of our club and our goals.

Our prospective members were from a wide range of ages and stages, we had a relocated couple from Tasmania, some Cove residents, some people from Oyster Cove, Arundel and Coomera Waters, a lady from the same street as Linda, Trevor and Clive and some professionals from the banking and medical industry. A real mix of interest and attendees.

Phil Fairweather, one of our longest serving members, was able to shed light on the history of the club and its achievements. I can tell you that I learnt quite a few new things about our history. It was very informative.

Terri Gentle and Nigel Sanderson spoke about their experiences as new members of the club. They spoke from the heart and their passion for the club shone through.

There were many breaks to allow members to engage with the guests to answer their questions and talk about the club.

Well done to our membership committee Martin, Sandy, Nigel and Janet. It was a well run evening with a great buzz about it.

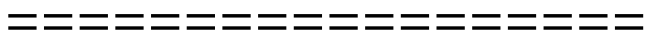
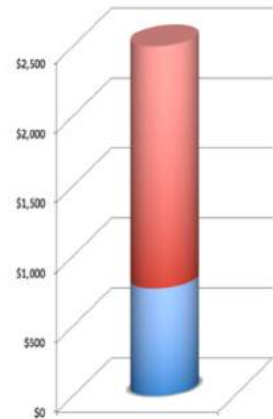


Priscilla - Polio Barometer.

Priscilla has been busy, we have now reached \$769 of our target of \$2,500.

Please generously support the mega raffle which will happen at Frigg Restaurant this week. Jo-Anne is still looking for items to go into the raffle.

We have almost beaten Polio. Lets make sure all the good work is completed.



Professor Michael Good AO

Club Meeting: 24 Oct 2018

By Wayne Kirby

Our club was honoured to have Prof Michael Good AO as a guest speaker last Thursday.

The room was packed with over 60 people to hear one of the worlds leading researchers in Malaria and infectious diseases.



Dr Good began by relating a story about how deadly malaria is in non-immune communities. In 1866 in the far north Queensland community of Bourketown a community of 76 people was cut off by flood. In that time they had an outbreak of malaria. Of the 76 people 50 people died. It is a very potent disease. These days we can treat the infection to ensure there is a high survival rate but there is no long term vaccine available for the population.

There are over 200 million cases of malaria in the world, of these 400,000 people die each year. 90% of those deaths are in Africa. Most of the deaths are in children under 5 years old. Pregnant women are also highly susceptible to the disease as they can lose their immunity while pregnant.

Malaria is a constantly changing parasite. Previous vaccines targeted a particular protein of a particular stage of the malaria cycle. Malaria however has many strains and changes frequently so vaccines have proved difficult to develop. Dr Good's team has developed a potential vaccine that can be effective against all strains of Malaria.

The new vaccine attacks the parasite when it is in the red blood cells of the victim. Trials on mice have shown that the vaccine can be very effective and now, thanks in part to rotary raising over \$500,000, the vaccine is in human clinical trials.

They have three volunteers at present and are looking for another 9 candidates to complete the first trial. They will be using three doses over three months. The strength of the does will be varied to help determine the best value dose to allow for a commercialization of an effective vaccine.

Dr Good thanked Rotary for their continued support and said that the project would not have advanced this quickly without their support.

PDG Graham Jones announced that Rotary is continuing fund raising to raise another \$500k to provide seed funding for the next set of clinical trials.



PDG Graeme Jones. Chair of the Rotary Vaccine Committee



Cathy Ferdinand and Uschi Melamed

Club Matters

Christmas Parade:

Bookings are now open for the Golf Cart Christmas Parade. Our Gold sponsor is Cart 'n' Parts. They are kindly donating \$2000 to the event. Mulpha is also contributing. Please pass the word around the Hope island and Sanctuary Cove communities

Polio Fundraiser:

Our next Polio fundraiser will be on 1/11/18 this Thursday:

Frigg Cafe Southport

10A Frank St Southport (just near Cav's Steak House)

\$45ph, Mediterranean feast (GF & vegans catered for), Full bar & barista. Monster raffle.

Limited numbers of 40 only.

Book now with Jo-Anne Cardosi

Nominations wanted for Rotary year 19/20

Wayne Kirby is getting his team together for the rotary year starting July 2019. If you are interested in taking on a club position please contact him to see what roles are available and how you can help out in the club.



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