

Rotary Club of Parkwood

Changeover Dinner

25th June 2010

2009-2010

District Governor – Peter Robinson

President – John Tunnicliff



2010-2011

District Governor – John Randel

President – Paul O'Neill



PRESIDENTS REPORT

JOHN TUNNICLIFF

When I commenced this year as president, I looked forward with mixed feelings. I wondered how I could compare with people in our Club such as PIT Brian Knowles, PDG Ken Smith, and our many Past Presidents. But I also looked forward to how I could contribute to the wonderful word of Rotary through our small but strong Club.

Although I felt my knowledge of Rotary was inadequate for the year ahead, I quickly realised that if I needed any help, I only had to ask, and the willingness, wealth of knowledge and experience within our Club would be forthcoming. That is the strength of the Rotary Club of Parkwood.

This year we were able to welcome Hilli Reaburn as a new member and the return of Mark Twyford to our ranks. Unfortunately we lost Klaus Gross, Bob Menzies, and one of our foundation members, David Rolle, due to pressure of business. We have also missed the company of Doug Thomas and Ron Wilson who have been away for some time due to illness.

As membership growth is a problem for us as it is for most Rotary Clubs, I have proposed changing our Club to a breakfast Club. I believe that if we are to attract business people, we must have our meetings at times they can attend. It has been a trend for some years now for business people to have their training and conference meetings in the mornings before rather than in the evenings, when many either work late or simply want to get home to family. This proposal has been widely accepted by our members and we are actively seeking a suitable venue.

We have been fortunate to have the use of premises at Runaway village for the last year, and the services of Exclusive Catering for our meals. This has worked well, but rising costs and low attendances have brought the catering cost per head to an unacceptable level. This has also prompted the proposal to change our meeting time and venue.

Whilst all our members have contributed to the Club, there are several who deserve special mention. Our four BBQ events, two at Parklands and two at Bunning's could not have happened without the efforts of Ken Bonython.

Although some of us, myself included, have wondered if the huge effort is worthwhile, at the end of this year these four events have raised over \$8000 after expenses. Our contributions to the many projects we support would not have been possible without you. Congratulations Ken.

Another huge effort I must mention is the organisation of our inaugural Bald & Beautiful day by Mark Kent, who would be the first to admit that without his wife Jan assisting, it could not have happened. The day was a great success, and all our guests left with smiles on their faces. I am sure we can look forward to the day being bigger and better next year.

Congratulations and thanks to all our board members:-

Secretary, Margaret Grummitt.
Treasurer, David Rolle and John Tunnickliff.
Past President, Allen Richards.
Club Administration, Ron Wilson and Charmaine White.
Service projects, Ken Bonython.
Rotary Foundation, Harry Grace.
Youth, Paul O'Neill.
Public Relations, Teresa Dawson.

Congratulations and special thanks would not be complete with mentioning our webmaster. Bill Pavey is recognised throughout the Rotary world as the supreme webmaster. He has also been a great help to me personally. If I need to know anything to do with Rotary, an email to Bill will produce the required information, and usually within minutes. Bill, we are so lucky to have you as a member.

This year we have been able to make a small, but I hope significant difference to the lives of people here and overseas through our donations. These are detailed in the Treasures report. I am proud to have been able to serve this Club in the capacity of President for the last 12 months.

I welcome Paul O'Neill as President of The Rotary Club of Parkwood for 2010 – 2011 and I am sure that Maria will be able to assist you as Anne has assisted me for 2009 – 2010. Have a great year Paul!

**John Tunnickliff,
President, Parkwood Rotary Club 2009-2010**

ROLL OF HONOUR

PAST PRESIDENTS

Fr John Broughton	1993-1994
Debra Harris	1994-1995
Jim Fairweather	1995-1996
Ken Nelson	1996-1997
Peter Richards	1997-1998
Lyn Nelson	1998-1999
Elsie Cummins	1999-2000
Peter Richards	2000-2001
David Rolle	2001-2002
Margaret Grummitt	2002-2003
Mike Bottomley	2003-2004
Klaus Mikschi	2004-2005
John Smith	2005-2006
Mark Kent	2006-2007
Karyn Joyner	2007-2008
Allen Richards	2008-2009
John Tunnicliff	2009-2010

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

As of June 30 2009

Ken Bonython	+1	Rotarian
Gary Cummins		Rotarian
Margaret Grummitt	+1	Past President
Mark Kent		Past President
Brian Knowles (AM)	+3	Member order of Australia Past RI Director/Treasurer Member of Parkwood
Nancy Knowles	+5	
Bill Pavey	+2	Web Master
David Rolle		Charter Member Past President
Ken Smith	+3	Past District Governor
Jan Kent		
John Smith		Past President
<i>For an explanation on Paul Harris Fellows go to: http://www.rotary.org (enter Paul Harris Fellow Recognition in search box)</i>		
NB. Paul Harris Fellow +1 = one sapphire/ Paul Harris Fellow +2= two sapphires, etc.		

HONORARY MEMBERS

Peter Richards	Past President Paul Harris fellow
Elsie Cummins	Past President Paul Harris fellow
Ingrid Nielson	Past Youth Exchange
Kelly Stallman	Past Youth Exchange

Treasurer's Report

This year started with a 'steady as we go' policy after we made a substantial donation at the end of last year to Sailability for a new sailing craft.

We also had our commitment to the Bald and Beautiful day in mind and curtailed spending until the costs of that were known. Mark and Jan Kent did a fantastic job with Bald and Beautiful, and the net cost was only \$2269, helped by a donation of \$1000 from the Rotary Club of Ballina.

Our BBQ's were also a winner. The boat show was better than last year, raising about \$3450. The 'Indy' BBQ raised about \$2400 and two Bunning's days contributed another \$2500 between them. This result would not be possible without the dedication and enthusiasm of Ken Bonython, who organised each one and also did nearly every shift.

Other funds were raised during the course of our weekly meetings, with contributions from the dinner fee, the Sergeants sessions, the mug, the raffle and wine donations. Our regular 'Guess who's coming to Dinner' days raised \$900 which helped us to make our annual commitment of \$100 per member to the Rotary Foundation.

The Income and Expenditure table is from 1st July 2009 to 11th June 2010. There will be another regular meeting and the changeover which will add a little to these figures, and audited accounts for the full financial year will be available at the AGM later this year.

Funds at bank as at 11th June, after allowing for uncleared cheques were:-

Administration Account	\$ 747
Community Account	\$ 5,346
Term Deposit	\$10,000
Total	\$16,093

I wish to acknowledge the efforts of David Rolle, who took on and performed the Treasures job for most of this year. He was forced to resign because of business commitments, and will be greatly missed by all.

John Tunnicliff
President/Treasurer 2009-2010

Income item	Income	Expense Item	Expense
Subscriptions	\$3,900.00	District Dues	\$2,834.00
Meetings and meals	\$19,625.00	Meetings and meals	\$15,418.00
2009 Changeover	\$2,544.00	2009 Changeover	\$2,167.00
Goods for Resale	\$1,270.00	Goods for Resale	\$865.00
Wine sales at meetings	\$3,030.00	Wine purchases	\$1,441.00
Raffle tickets sold	\$2,726.00	Raffle prizes	\$1,349.00
BBQ income	\$10,395.00	BBQ Expenses	\$2,023.00
Bald & Beautiful income	\$1,480.00	Bald & Beautiful Expenses	\$3,749.00
Polio Plus Collection	\$1,006.00	Polio Plus Expended	\$1,006.00
Leukemia Foundation Donations	\$5,050.00	Leukemia Foundation Expended	\$5,050.00
Guess Who's coming to dinner	\$900.00	R I Dues	\$1,258.00
Sergeants Fines	\$1,180.00	Rotary Downunder & Internet	\$1,304.00
ARHF mug coin collection	\$408.00	Club Supplies (Badges etc.)	\$311.00
QBE Insurance	\$247.00	Misc. Admin, Training, Conferences	\$792.00
GCCC laptop & projector donation	\$1,335.00	Purchase Laptop & Projector	\$1,318.00
Miscellaneous Donations	\$490.00	Surfers Wheelchair project	\$500.00
Bank Interest	\$353.00	Children's Variety event	\$480.00
		Labrador School shelter	\$800.00
		Teenage Adventure Camp	\$400.00
		Shelterbox	\$1,200.00
		School of St Jude (sponsored 2 Teachers)	\$1,320.00
		Sails donation (youth at risk)	\$1,000.00
		Blue light	\$250.00
		Drug arm	\$400.00
		Movember	\$100.00
		PCYC	\$300.00
		St Stephens Ataxia Research	\$250.00
		ROMAC	\$1,000.00
		NYSF	\$1,000.00
		RYLA	\$460.00
		RYTS	\$420.00
		RAWCS	\$410.00
		ARHF	\$500.00
		Rotary Foundation	\$2,100.00
	\$55,939.00		\$53,775.00

Community Service Report

How often do we hear someone saying, "Where does time go"? For those of us moving into our senior years, we ask why time is racing by faster than in the past. What we do know is we have certainly moved into the fast lane whether it is an extremely busy competitive working life or if retired, perhaps involved in full time volunteer service. This may explain why some Rotarians are reluctant to dedicate as much time on Rotary commitments as in the past. All this to justify, why we may not have achieved as much this Rotary year as previous years.

Our BBQ's for instance are down to four. Two at Bunning's (always successful) and two at the showgrounds, one good and one not so. During the four day Boat Show at Sanctuary Cove in May we can always expect good crowds lining up in the bus queue but the shambles replacing the previous Indy 300 certainly dampened our spirit in October.

Events that our Club have had representation in include:

MEALS ON WHEELS

Delivering meals one day a week plus sitting on the Board with meetings held alternate months.

PROSTATE CANCER

Helping to organize public meetings held once a month in the Seniors Community hall at Broadbeach as well as attending committee meetings.

BOWEL SCAN WEEK

Linking up with Peter Davidson from the Coomera Valley Club, we were represented at the committee meetings in February leading to the 2 of us delivering advertising material and the actual kits for sale to various chemists in our region. A number of our Club members put in time up at the Helensvale shopping Centre selling the kits during the week of the promotion. Finally returning to the Chemists to collect unsold kits proved the staff of some shops hadn't taken the event seriously.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM Yes it is still running and still as popular as ever. The excitement evident on their faces and in their voices as they race through the door is proof enough. My thanks to Ken Smith for his time and generous donations while the Schools appreciation is shown at the end of each year with certificates presented to us both in the Function Hall in December.

BALD + BEAUTIFUL DAY

An event in May organised by Mark and Jan Kent, for those unfortunates suffering with cancer. This special day held at the Sharks Football Club was one of excellent entertainment, good food and lots of pampering. By all accounts the limited number attending had a wonderful day and Mark + Jan are to be commended for the time and effort put in to making it such a success with the help of their willing committee.

VOLUNTEER DRIVING FOR G.C.C HOSPITAL

Patients suffering kidney failure are picked up of a morning on the alternate days from as far as Boronia Heights (North West of Logan City) and surrounding areas and brought down to the Gold Coast and Robina Hospitals for their treatment in the Renal Ward on Dialysis machines for 4 to 5 hour treatments before being returned home that night. The remaining 3 days are spent down South taking patients to, and from, the John Flynn Hospital and the Tweed Hospital across the border. Witnessing what these unfortunates have to endure for the remainder of their lives (unless fortunate to have transplant) is enough to remind us to take every care with the health of our kidneys.

AUSTRALIA BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Each year we offer the use of marquee, folding tables and our support for this very important function in conjunction with the Lions Club held at the Paradise Point Uniting Church on the lawn under the enormous Poinciana tree. All we need is a fine day and success is assured. The final result from the 256 attendees was an amount of \$4782 to be forward to the Queensland Appeal for Cancer Research.

These were some of the events worthy of note in this Rotary year and before signing off; all those willing volunteers should be acknowledged with special thanks to Allen Richards, Mark Twyford, Gary Cummins, Nerine and President John who put in that extra effort and extra time at our sausage sizzles.

Thanking you all

Yours in Rotary

Ken Bonython

Director Community Services 2009-2010

Club Service Report

The bulletin was prepared by Bill Pavey and I again this year with the help of others whilst I was away on University holidays. I take the notes and Bill turns these notes into an internet savvy publication worth referring to and reading. Photographs are also taken at every meeting and added by Bill to the publications. All publications are available for viewing on our club website as well as emailed every week to all members.

This year the speakers were varied and all had interesting and moving stories to tell. We had two former youth exchange students from 1994/5 and it was encouraging to see where their lives are now and what they have achieved after so many years. Emma is a Psychologist with her own practice in Southport and Ingrid finished her University degree and is applying for a diplomatic role in Canberra. Bridget a Rotary exchange student for this year gave us an insight into her hopes and aspirations on going to France. Will Pavey (Bill Pavey's Grandson) talked about his RYLA week; it is always great to get feedback on Rotary events. Jasmine Mikschi Queensland's World Vision Youth Ambassador for 2010 (Susan Tyrell's daughter) spoke to us about her trip to Nepal visiting World Vision centers and the issues of Aids/HIV and how it has changed her life. Adam Grace (Harry's son) a highly skilled and well respected model and prop maker spoke about his work on some of the largest films produced in Australia. Ambassadorial Scholar Alexandra Erickson from Canada told us all about her hometown.

Stuart Robert MP, gave a memorable talk about his time in Afghanistan. The Bald and Beautiful program was presented by President Julie Midson a highlight on the guest speaking program and what a great success the Gold Coast event was which was held in May, organized and managed by Mark Kent and his team.

Our Rotarians and their partners are always a great resource as speakers such as Ken Smith about the changing Dairy industry in Queensland, Brian Knowles kept us informed about Polio and John Tunnicliff had a few fabulous photos of his trip away. Harry Grace presented a world tour and was very entertaining. Noel Grummitt and our President John spoke about life in Cambodia. David Rolle and his daughter Belinda talked about their invention the Rimco Rotator. Later in the year David's other delightful daughter Kym spoke about Art for Aid. Kym has embarked on an amazing mission to raise money for Aid projects by encouraging and empowering the local people to tell their stories and life experiences through art. Tanya Twyford gave an excellent outline of the complex needs assessment panels on the Gold Coast of the 'Youth at Risk Alliance' of the Wesley Mission.

Speakers spoke about Macular Degeneration, aging and the effect of retiring baby boomers on the economy, post polio syndrome, the ambulance service, education and all sorts of health issues such as a

debilitating disease called Freidreich Ataxia affecting a dear friend of William Pavey's.

Hearing about the things done by others in the local community is always inspiring like the drivers for the Kidney association (Ken Bonython generously assists as a driver) and the Rotary wheel chair makers from the Rotary club of Surfers Sunrise. We had a visit from several retired Rotarians and they all spoke about their lives and contributions as Rotarians.

We also had several visits to workplaces which are always informative and enjoyable, this year we visited Paul O'Neill's supply warehouse for the South East Queensland Hospitals and Teresa Dawson's company called Execugifts.

A couple of local authors come along to talk about their published books. Teddy Fekadu from Africa and his biography called No Ones Son about his life's struggle to survive in the war zones of Ethiopia and Etiard as an unwanted child. On a lighter note Joan Lewis (Teresa Dawson's Mum) spoke about her life and what drove her to publish a murder mystery at the age of 80.

We endeavour to get a variety of speakers each year of which I believe we have successfully achieved to help keep our meetings interesting, enjoyable and informative for our members. Thank you to all those members who contributed and/or assisted with obtaining speakers.

Charmaine White Club Service Assistant 2009-2010.



David, Kim & Will Rolle



John Tunnicliff, Margaret Grummitt
& Stuart Robert



Past Rotary Exchange students



Jasmine Mikschi, Will Pavey & Alexandra Erikson

Youth Report

The future growth and development of Rotary rests with our young people and so Rotary has a commitment to the continued fostering of youth programs.

In support, of this goal the Rotary Club of Parkwood has focused on Youth programs. The Board identified youth as an area for fresh beginnings. Direct involvement with younger Australians offers Rotarians a different perspective and increases their understanding of the issues facing youth.

Support was offered for a continuance of a program whereby local underprivileged youth at Musgrave State School have access to a healthy breakfast every Tuesday. Rotarians Ken Bonython and Ken Smith are responsible for the coordination and delivery of this very rewarding program.

An application was received for a local student to participate in the Science Olympiad held in Azerbaijani in December 2009. Owing to other commitments and a request for support totaling \$4500 this application was not approved.

The club continued its support by way of a donation in the amount of \$400 to the Rotary club of Broadwater allowing the purchase of tickets for Circus Quirkus for underprivileged children.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is Rotary's leadership training program for young people. RYLA participants can be ages 14-30, but most clubs and districts choose to focus on a narrower age range, such as 14-18 or 19-30. This year the club supported a worthy candidate in Will Pavey to attend the RYLA program. Will visited the club on many occasions to report on his experiences and how they have provided him with a different perspective on his future aspirations and directions.

Rotary Youth program Enrichment (RYPEN) aims to provide young people aged 14 to 16 years with the opportunity to develop their leadership potential, alongside their peers in a supportive environment. RYPEN encourages awardees to explore their ideas in problem solving, team and group activities, and gain experiences that will assist them in forming their own values and moral standards. As a part of this, RYPEN is about building confidence and developing skills to cope in a range of situations. The club did receive a late application for this program and the applicant advised to resubmit an application prior to the closing date in 2011.

Regional Youth Transition is an initiative of Rotary District 9640 and is now in its 25th year. The RYTS program serves to inspire our young folk to believe in themselves and their own ability, and to understand that they have a place in the world. Whilst the club did not specifically nominate a local student a donation of \$420 was made to support a nomination from another club.

NYSF is the only program in Australia that offers students currently in Year 11 the chance to test-drive a wide range of universities and careers in the sciences. An application to attend the National Youth Science Forum to be held in Canberra in 2011, has been received from Master Danniell Trye. Danniell is a student of Coomera Anglican College and has demonstrated great capacity within the science stream. Danniell will be progressing with support from the Rotary Club of Parkwood to the District evaluation phase.

Youth Exchange is an official program of Rotary International and allows around 8000 students to exchange annually to around 60 different countries. It has been a number of years since Parkwood participated in this program however after strong support from members for the program; the Board has accepted applications and looks forward to the experiences and cultural exchanges this program will deliver. Bridgett Judd a Southport High School student will be sponsored as our outbound student heading to France in January 2011 for twelve month duration. Gull Britt Hansen from Denmark arrives in July and will be hosted by members of the club. AB Patterson College at Arundel has kindly offered a scholarship allowing Gull Britt to complete her studies whilst in Australia. Rotarian Margaret Grummitt must be acknowledged for her continued support of this program in particular within her capacity as Councillor to the students within the Exchange Program.

My role this year has been made easier by the mentoring and support offered by Rotarian Ron Wilson.

I would like to congratulate Mark Kent as Service Director and his committee who will coordinate the youth programs during the 2010/2011 Rotary year.

Paul O'Neill
Youth Director 2009-2010

Bald and Beautiful Day



Rotary Foundation Report.

The Club continued its support for the activities of Rotary's own charity – the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International – during this Rotary year. During the year two rounds of the Guess Who's Coming to Dinner functions were held, and thanks go to those members who generously hosted these functions. As a result, \$900 was raised with the Rotary Foundation the beneficiary. With a decline in membership numbers, it becomes more difficult to hold more functions, without asking some members to host on more than one occasion. The board agreed to support the Foundation with a donation of \$2100.

Rotary's wonderful PolioPlus program was again strongly supported in 2009/10. During the week of Rotary's birthday – 23rd February – members again manned a collection point at Helensvale Railway Station, and raised \$1006, which was contributed to the ongoing \$200 million challenge. This challenge was the result of a most generous offer from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, who have committed US\$355 million to the campaign provided Rotary raises this further US\$200 million. Nearing the half way mark of this effort, Rotary is well on the way to matching its target. The Club also strongly supported the initiative of the District Committee with the basketball game at the Gold Coast Convention Centre in January, where PolioPlus was the named beneficiary.

The Club was fortunate to have Jenny Horton as a speaker at a joint meeting with Southport North in July. Jenny is one of Rotary's outstanding volunteers. A Rotarian from Brisbane and a qualified nurse, Jenny has worked with the World Health Organisation in some of the world's most inhospitable countries to help reach the ultimate goal of a polio free world. In March the Club was also pleased to welcome Alexandra Erickson, a Rotary Foundation ambassadorial scholar as its guest speaker.

Your Club Rotary Foundation Committee has been pleased to have been able to support this outstanding foundation in its work.

**Brian Knowles,
Rotary Foundation Committee 2009-2010**



Public Relations Report

This year the Rotary Club of Parkwood Club did a great deal to raise public awareness of Rotary to the local community. The Bald and the Beautiful and the Sanctuary Cove Boat Show BBQ were two of the main events which successfully promoted Rotary on the Gold Coast.

The Gold Coast City Inaugural Bald & Beautiful Day held at Southport Sharks Function Centre on Wednesday 5th May, 2010 was a successful event well organised by Mark Kent, his wife and a committee of dedicated volunteers.

'The inaugural Bald & Beautiful Day on the Gold Coast was a great success - huge thanks to all involved! Looking forward to next year!'

www.facebook.com/pages/Bald-Beautiful.../105015606206869

Facebook, flickr, pamphlets, The Gold Coast Bulletin, local radio stations and our club website promoted the event, Rotary and our club.

Thanks to all sponsors and those members and partners who went to such great lengths to make this event so successful.

The annual Gold Coast Boat Show held at Sanctuary Cove promoted Rotary to the wider community. Over 400 exhibitors were on display and more than 39,000 **people visited** the show over the four days. The most funds a total of \$4,442.50 were raised this year, an excellent result. Thanks to all members who assisted over this period and special thanks to Ken and Allen.

Other public relations methods we utilised this year: a portable billboard advertising Rotary and the eradication of polio from the world which we displayed at fund raising events, such as the 'gold coin donation' collection days at Helensvale station.

All our Rotary publications, Rotary International and Rotary Down Under magazines are donated back to the club by our members. Stickers have been designed "Take me Home I'm yours" and are placed on the magazines and distributed to medical waiting rooms to help increase awareness of Rotary.



President John and I attended a cluster meeting at Hope Island organised by Assistant Governor for Group 6 of District 9640, Sandra Doumany where we were advised a budget has been allocated for Public Relations and what measures could be taken to promote Rotary.

Rotary International has produced an excellent video explaining what Rotary is all about and a great resource for prospective members. Another suggestion was for members to put "member of Parkwood Rotary Club" and a link to the club website on their email signatures.

Thanks to our diligent bulletin editor Charmaine, who takes all the notes every week and keeps our newsletter interesting and available every week.

Our club website is an enormous resource for communicating events to our members and prospective new members with a gallery of photos which can be viewed on the website promoting club activities. Our bulletin is published every week and emailed to club members and available for viewing on the website. Other points of interest as they come to hand are also emailed to members and can be viewed on the website.

A huge thanks to our ever resourceful and incredible webmaster Bill Pavey

In the coming year we are hosting a Rotary exchange student from Denmark another excellent source of assisting with Rotary awareness in the younger generation.

A future public relations opportunity and fundraising event is the Bike Ride being organised by Mark Twyford in September and will be promoted by T-shirts, radio, flyers, newspaper, facebook, flickr and possibly television.

Overall I feel our impact on the general public has been greatly enhanced under the leadership of our President John Tunnicliff for such a small club with only 21 members and as a result, more locals are aware of what Rotary does and The Rotary club of Parkwood.

I'm looking forward to another busy year under our incoming President Paul 'O'Neill. Thank you President John, members and their partners for the assistance given to me over the past Rotary year.

"In the promotion of understanding, it is important to reach large numbers, non-Rotarians as well as Rotarians, and you cannot reach large numbers privately." - Paul Harris

Teresa Dawson
Public Relations Director 2009-2010.

BRAVEHEARTS OFFICE



Thank you for attending the
Changeover Dinner
of
The Rotary Club of Parkwood
and
Welcoming the 2010-2011

President

Paul O'Neill



It was through the leadership and dedication of David Rolle that the construction of the new Head Office became a reality.
Jo Briffa 23 March 2009 Bravehearts