



Rotary Hervey Bay City Inc.

ABN 16 585 124 899		
	P O Box 460	 Rotary Hervey Bay City
	Hervey Bay QLD 4655	
	Australia	
	www.rotaryherveybay.org.au	
	WEEKLY ROTOR Vol 12	12/10/2016

Meeting held 12th October 2016.

'OH WHAT A NIGHT.....'

The Vernon Room was beautifully decorated with tablecloths [honestly], blue and yellow serviettes, lollies, yum yum and an ice bucket, damn I'm driving. Blue, yellow and white balloons bobbed around overhead. Blue and yellow represented our Rotary colours of course whilst the white presented us with a blank slate to work on as we came together to celebrate the merger of two great Rotary Clubs. Thanks Liz for your thoughtfulness.

This week we were joined by many esteemed guests including DG Craig and Clare, Presidents Joe and Heather from the Hervey Bay and Hervey Bay Sunrise Clubs respectively, guests from other clubs, partners, guest speakers and no doubt I have missed someone..... but we certainly had a very full house.

Our main event was the merger of Hervey Bay City Club with the Hervey Bay Club. Despite a mix up over the Charter, DG Craig presented something in a frame to Presidents Joe and Steve and congratulated us on what he sees as a successful merger. He will be back to present the real thing when it arrives. We have a 100% retention rate and are definitely on the same page when it comes to believing what is right for the community and Rotary. Steve presented the new members with their new badges and officially welcomed them. Joe thanked everyone for their support and we cracked open the bubbly from the now filled ice buckets and drank a toast to the future.

Once Bob sorted out his technical problems Chloe, our exchange student from Switzerland, gave us an enlightening talk on her home country. I am sure that Hervey Bay residents might argue as to whether here or there has the best quality of life, but with several languages, a variety of scenery and a higher population life is definitely good there.

Our second speaker was Evan from Flourish Australia. Hopefully I will get this right! Flourish is a Peer Support Service helping people with mental health issues. It is one of 3 such services in Australia, all Queensland based. They employ a team of people and volunteers all of whom can identify with mental health issues. They are not doctors, counsellors or any form of clinician but compassionate people who can identify with the challenges facing those with issues, know how they feel and make connections that will build trust and help them move forward. The purpose is not to fix problems but enable empowerment, turn fear into hope and enable a recovery process. The organisation is funded by the Qld Health Department of Communities, is run from a house in Hervey Bay and also has a retreat property in Point Vernon. With Queensland having the highest rate of mental health problems in Australia and Bundaberg and Hervey Bay the highest rates within Queensland this is a very needed service. We all had many questions for Evan but with time short on such a busy night it appears that he will need to make a return visit. It is certainly a unique and much needed – and hopefully appreciated – service.

Anticipation built throughout the evening for the scalping, sorry shaving, of our colleagues Lesley and Barbara. Anticipation is another way of hitting the crowd for donations to the Cancer Council through the head shaves and this weekend's Relay for Life. A brilliant \$700+ was raised on the night and the brave ladies emerged with beautiful haircuts. The raffle tickets also sold well. Well done girls and thank you to everyone for your support.

At the business and information points of the evening the following points were raised.

- Last year's chairman of the Living Expo, Ivan from HB Sunrise, presented Presidents Steve and Joe with their clubs' share of the profit. Overall \$30,000 was raised. A great joint club effort. A committee will soon need to be formed for next year's expo. I think there was a hint there guys :]]
- We have hit a stumbling block with our Dan Murphy raffles which raise a welcome \$3,000 annually thanks to the team led by Ray. It is thought that due to some groups abusing the privilege Dan Murphy have stopped all raffles nationwide.

Fortunately, Hervey Bay is not on the naughty list. Liz is communicating with Head Office to see if the Hervey Bay store can reconsider but meanwhile there are no more raffles.

- This has led to another issue. We have 2024 Trifecta tickets for the Melbourne Cup which are usually sold at Dan Murphys and we now have to find a way of selling them.
- Last Friday 7th October Liz and a trusty band of volunteers pulled together at the last minute to hold a BBQ opposite the Beach House following an invitation from our guest speaker Evan. \$471 was raised for Mental Health.
- Several of us noticed the absence of a BBQ at Bunnings last weekend as the organisation booked didn't turn up. Bunnings has subsequently been besieged by Rotary members in an attempt to secure some dates. It seems changes of staff and general confusion at Bunnings haven't helped us get a spot on good trading days but this is now being followed up by guess who..... Liz, and hopefully we can get a handle of their most recent system and if we pester Bailey at Bunnings enough we will get results.
- Liz welcomed our member Ratna who has been absent for a while as he has been working hard. He recently received a National Award for Teaching. Well done Ratna.
- Joe suggested that as our new Club we should approach the Historical Museum with a view to setting up a Rotary Display in return for a much needed donation. There is currently a display of year books at the RSL that could be relocated and 60 years of year books.
- HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY TO BILL DONNELLY. Sorry it missed last week's Rotor but I did apologise as I don't have the new member's details. Same applies this week.....
- 'The Swindle' otherwise known as the numbers board was filled this week. The prize went to Trevor who generously donated \$50 to the Head Shave Girls. Thank you Trevor.
- Heather and Clare have organised a High Tea on 29th October to raise fun for drought affected areas. Longreach is receiving a projector and the money raised will help the town hire movies.

I think we should all join Ian the Intrepid Explorer and gang on his walks. It seems that Trish got attacked by pricks, or was that prickles. There is no end to the excitement, though the drinks at the end sounded like the best part. You should be clearer Steve.

You may have noticed one name pop up time after time after time in this letter. No prizes for guessing who has been hard at work as always pulling everything together for us. But Steve you could have let our Minister for Everything, Liz, sit down for more than 5 seconds at a time.

Please check the calendar below for some events mentioned by various members which need your support. Details have been emailed to all members.

INVOCATION FOR OCTOBER

May we all remember our traditions of the past, have the vision to see where our future lies and the strength to accept any challenges we may have ahead of us.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A smooth sea never made a skillful mariner. -English Proverb

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Gary McKiernan	Oct-05	Ian Waite	13/10/1999 – Anniversary of joining
Patricia Fowler	Oct-10		
Steve Ellis	Oct-16		

Apologies to any Hervey Bay Club members with significant dates this month. I don't have any of your details yet. But feel free to let me know if you wish to be acknowledged :]

CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS – Activities – Projects – Happenings

DATE	DETAILS	CONTACT
18 th October	Glendyne	
19 th October	Club meeting and BOARD MEETING	
20 th October	Special School	
24 th October	Polio Awareness Day	Details on Chamber of Commerce website