Toowoomba Meeting 29/07/2019

Members Present  25
Apologies         11
Absent            3
Raffle          Wendy Byron

Sergeant Alan Twiddle

Meeting opened at 6.00pm with The Four-Way Test – Read by Sergeant and members toast to “Rotary International”.

Welcome by President David Snow.
Welcome Guest Speaker Professor John Grant-Thomson.

Past President Chris Clark: Peter Snow Award for 2018-19 Year
Presented to Clive Armitage for his outstanding support of the Toowoomba community.
President Notices:
- Salem Nursing home – potential for club to build raised garden bed for residents. Joint meeting with Chris Clark this Thursday.
- Anglicare sensory experience to some people living with Dementia – Originated with Rotary in WA – David to raise with other local club – potential joint club sponsorship $1,000 each.

Directors Reports:
- Mark Norman – Ride the Range 2 Saturday September 7 – Three events 25km, 36km & 73km. Entry fee plus option to purchase cycling shirt. Hoping to raise upwards of $100,000 for local charities. Keep morning available – expect that start maybe around 7.00am.

Secretary’s announcements:
- Next week’s meeting at Glennie school - Glennie Debate- Team coach Sandra Searston
  - BBQ cost $20
  - Team David Snow, Calum Brown & Tim Davis
- Duty roster for next meeting: No roster
- Pittsworth change over 31 July – apology sent
- Potential for used playground equipment project – to be investigated
- Request from interstate PHF recipient for assistance with Yazidi refugee settlement in Toowoomba.
  - Email with detail circulated with response by Friday 2 August.

Sergeant’s Session:
Reminder for everyone to share positive/success stories of our members to the sergeants.

Guest Speaker:
Professor John Grant-Thomson
Subject: Cooby Creek Nasa Tracking station.
Established 1966 to 1970 – Played major role in testing communications/TV for the moon landing.
World leading technology shipped from California to Daring Downs.
Direct link to stationary satellite 23,000 miles above Equator. Fully controlled from Cooby Creek station.
Later used for first world wide TV simulcast by the BBC.
Greatly supported by the local Toowoomba community.
Employed over 150 directly and supported community by using local suppliers.
Memorial recently established with help of Win TV & USQ.

Have attached recent news report for additional detail.
ABC News report July 2019 legend of Cooby Creek Nasa tracking station

Chairman Mark Norman thanks John for his outstanding presentation of local history.

President closed meeting at 7.35pm with singing of the National Anthem.