Toowoomba Meeting 23/09/2019

Members Present 23
Apologies 10
Absent 6
Raffle Winner Mark Norman

Sergeant Bill Armagnacq

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

Welcome by President David Snow.

President Notices:
Ernie Potts apology tonight – Has broken Foot – club to send get well soon card.
Farewell to Suresh & Nicky – Heading off to Darwin. Thanked for contribution to club and best wishes for the future.

Protea Place Sponsorship $1,500 in conjunction with Harvey Norman assistance has provided full fit out of new building. Opening will be attended by Bill Armagnacq on behalf of Rotary.
Secretary’s announcements:
No meeting Monday 7 October- Public holiday.
Polo event Saturday – catering for competitors and volunteers (helping Jo Cap RTR association)
Greg James & Steve Wilson volunteered to assist.
Duty roster for next meeting:
   Chair Person: Guy Adamson   Charity Box: Jeff Young
   Attendance: Sandra Searston  Raffle: Trevor Burstow

Next meeting Monday 30 September Burke & Wills

Sergeant’s Session:

Directors Reports:
Ride the Range 2 – Mark Norman
   • New Chairperson – Suzie Gibson – keen cyclist and husband past Rotarian.
   • RTR2 Presentation night at Life Flight base Monday 28 October 2019.
Tony Mullen – Toowoomba Community Care Transport - (TCCT)
   • Acknowledged the great contribution this body has provided to the community and the many members who has assisted.
   • A 34% drop of clients & 40% drop in trips since 2016 due to increased competition with further declines evident. Other services now available that have benefit of Government support and unable to compete.
   • Vote taken and TBC at AGM in November 2019 to wind up TCCT by Christmas 2019.
   • Number of members spoke in support of the decision and the great community service provided by this entity when no other options were available in the community.

Guest Speaker – Elizabeth Hill: Organ & Tissue Donation.
Elizabeth is an ICU Intensive care nurse with 20 years experience. Of 160,000 deaths each year only 1,600 met the eligibility requirements for donation in 2018. Of those only 554 consented to donations.
She has discussions with potential donor families and has witnessed impacts of people dying waiting for organs to become available.
Time of distress for families and important that discussions are held so that families are aware of individuals wishes. For young people deaths are sudden and takes people by surprise.
Age limits are a guide – dependant on general health and differ depending upon organs being donated. General guide is 1 to 80 years – however hearts maximum of 60 years.
Eligibility requires donor to pass in hospital on ventilation so organs can be maintained while strict testing for disease is carried out – this can take up to 6 hours.
Everyone is encouraged to register for Tissue and Organ donation via the “Australian Organ Donor Register” and importantly have the conversation with family around your wishes.

President closed meeting at 7.30pm with singing of the National Anthem.

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Statistics

- 1500 Australians on average are currently waiting for life saving organ transplants. Since 1965 more than 45000 Australians have had a life saving transplant of organs or tissue.
- Fifty of those waiting are children.
- In Australia more than 1 person will die each week waiting for a transplant.

- 2018 there were 554 organ donors Australia wide.
- 94 Queenslanders became organ donors in 2018.
- Australian organ donors now 20.8 per million population.
- Over 6 million Australians are registered on the AODR.