



AUSTRALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION – GOLD COAST DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Hello Members and Friends

After having just completed our celebration in the month of May the Commemoration Service of the 77th Battle of the Coral Sea and the relevance that came to me on the relationship we have between Australia and the United States of America. So, now as we have just completed the first week of June and there being massive media coverage of the 75th D-Day celebration it, brings to mind the relativity of our continued liaison with our best ally in the world the USA.

With these major events having just been completed to me and maybe yourselves as members and friends, how poignant it is as Aussies and ex-pats to have such an organization like the Australian American Association here on the Gold Coast as a means to bring these nations together through our united body of our two nations and be able to continue and strengthen that bond today.

A Meet and Greet was held at our normal venue in May even though it was a cool evening. Thanks to those who made it on that occasion as it is always great to catch up with fellow members and friends.

For your information as President along with the Committee a decision was made to postpone the road trip to Springbrook in June until further notice. It will be considered again in a warmer month during Spring.

A Committee meeting held on 3rd June where a decision and full approval after much time without a website the Committee are pleased to announce we will have one of the latest forms of communication for the Australian American Association Gold Coast Division is back with a functioning website!

Many hours have gone into this and one can finally see the fruits of our labour coming to fruition. The Committee want to thank committee member Fred Hamblen Jr for his work on this project and an announcement will be made with full details on how to find us in coming weeks, so watch this space.

By the way a booking has been made for our Meet and Greet which will be held this month on 26th June from 5:30pm at SYC so hope to see you at that time,

Final plans are in the works for our AAA-GCD 4th July Independence Day Celebration which will be held at the Gold Coast Historical Society & Museum on Saturday 6th July 2019 to accommodate those of you who are still working during the week.

President Faye and Treasurer Howard have done a site visit and a joint effort with new members Lis and Stephen Weinstein (who incidentally volunteer at this Museum) have made AAA-GCD aware of this hidden gem here on the coast.

Do come along and I feel you will certainly not be disappointed to find this is a perfect location for our Independence Day Celebration. The grounds are inviting with lots to see and do, from old family cottages, farm machinery as it was originally a sugar cane property, old memorabilia and even an original cemetery where some of the local families are buried. Lis and Stephen will be offering up a hosted tour around the premises where I am sure you will not be bored. A flyer with pertinent information is attached with this June Newsletter.

In closing might I just add that a big thanks must go to the Cutajar family who are longstanding members of AAA-GCD who monitored and updated the website for many, many years and their efforts were much appreciated. Thank you again from all of us.

Look forward to your continued support and seeing you at the June Meet & Greet but more specifically our Independence Day Celebration on 6th July.

Faye Brutlag, President AAAGCD

Photos take from previous functions.



Our past secretary Robin Wolff, Wanda and Raelene at a Meet & Greet.



Billie Jo, Kirstin Yelland & Brian Wilson at a Meet & Greet.



Billie Jo, Rodney and President Faye at Kampung Malay restaurant in February.

COMING EVENTS
Meet & Greet Dates
SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB 4TH
WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
5.30 - 7.00 PM

June 26th 2019,
July 24th 2019.
August 28th 2019. AGM as well 6.00 pm

Independence Day Celebration - July 6th,
2019 Gold Coast Historical Society and
Museum 8 Elliott Street (off Bundall Road)
Surfers Paradise. See flyer.



Elaine Campbell with Georgia, a past President at a Meet & Greet.



Rodney as President then introduces Gold Coast Bulletin Editor as a guest Speaker in 2016.

Hope you can make one of functions in the future.
Membership Renewals have been sent out recently.