

AUSTRALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION GOLD COAST DIVISION NEWSLETTER



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4TH OF JULY 2021 – SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021
12PM

Presidents Report

BATTLE OF CORAL SEA MAY 2021

We were very lucky to have secured such wonderful representatives of all parties despite the limited knowledge as to how to accomplish this! Thank goodness for the excellent advice from Billie-Jo McCann! Invites sent out from me included: PM Scott Morrison, Michael Goldman, Charges D’Affaires, (in light of Mr Culverhouse’s leaving the post in January 2021), and US Consul-General, Sharon Hutton-Dean, Tom & Ruth Tate, Donna Gates, John-Paul Langbroek, Angie Bell, Rob Moelholk, Bob La Castra and Ryan Bayldon-Lumsden. Thanks to political attaché, Russell Comeau for representing the US Consul-General, and Ian Whitehouse, Naval Military Attaché for attending! And to our local Councillors, Bob La Castra, Ryan Bayldon-Lumsden and all the RSL and other groups so well represented. Faye and Keith worked so hard to sort the seating (and so much else!) on the day. Site approval came through at the last moment after many reiterations of the application. This is difficult application process for volunteer groups. Parking permits applications are detailed and difficult as well. A final special thanks to our MC, Dr Stephen Weinstein and special guest speaker Dr Philip Morris, AM for delivering the Prime Minister’s address.

We look forward to the 80th Anniversary Celebration in 2022. Save the date notices will be sent out In September 2021 with invites to go out in early December. Tentative date to be confirmed by the GCCC (and after conferring with our Brisbane AAA): Saturday, May 7 or Sunday, May 8, 2022. Stay tuned for further details.

In light of the conflict with the Gold Coast Marathon “running” on the same day, it was decided to choose and alternate venue for our July 4th Celebrations this year – the newly refurbished and fabulous Commercial Hotel in Nerang. \$30 per person for a traditional July 4th buffet lunch. Games, prizes, trivia and raffle. Book by July 1, 2021 direct Deposit to AAAGCD NAB account. Invite & details attached.

Our President Carole with Councillors Bob La Castra and Ryan Bayldon-Lumsden



AGM AUGUST 25th 2021

Faye and Keith advised location to be Southport Community Centre. We have been very fortunate in engaging some potential new Committee members: Linda De Salvo, Deborah Che, Ian MacKelden and Richard Williams 😊! Always room for more volunteers!

Political attaché, Russell Comeau representing the US Consul-General lays wreath.



Mark Your Calendar Events:

June– December 2021.

**June 23 Meet & Greet 5.30 -7pm
Southport Yacht Club**

**July 4 Celebration 12pm
Commercial Hotel Nerang**

**July 28 Meet & Greet 5.30 -7pm at Southport
Yacht Club**

**August 25 AGM Southport Community Centre
6.00 pm**

September 22 Meet & Greet 5.30 -7.00pm SYC

October 22-24 Fed Conference on Gold Coast

October 24 Octoberfest German Club 12pm

**October 27 Meet & Greet 5.30 -7.00pm at
Southport Yacht Club**

**November 25 Thanksgiving Dinner
Mercure Carrara *No Meet & Greet***

**December 12: Members Only Christmas Party -
Afternoon Tea**

***More Photos of the Battle of Coral Sea
Commemoration Service.***



Gold Coast Brass Band who performed and provided the music for the service.



Richard Williams and Faye Brutlag read the prayer for the service.

Dr Stephen Weinstein, our BOCS MC



Dr P Morris AM delivers Prime Minister's Message.



President Carole and Federal President Noel Milner go forward to lay wreath for the AAAs.

