



AUSTRALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION - GOLD COAST DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Hello Members and Friends

Our AGM is over once again. Thank you to those members and friends who attended. Only financial members were able to vote. Friends were able to attend and join in the drinks and nibbles after the Meeting. Thank you to those who were nominated and elected. Vice Presidents Billie Jo McCann, Keith Shackley, Treasurer Howard Campbell, Committee Members: Keith Carroll and Fred Hamblen who is also our website manager.

The position of President and a secretary were not filled. No volunteers were available from "the floor" at the time. Our Returning Officer and Honorary Solicitor, Gino Moro, did a top job and once again accepted the position of Honorary Solicitor a position that he has held for almost 20 years. I may stand corrected Thank you, Gino.

Our now Past President Faye Brutlag delivered an excellent President's report of the past 12 month's activities. Faye and Rodney will be in the US until mid-November. Once again our Treasurer Howard Campbell delivered an excellent treasure's report indicating that we are still travelling very well financially.

Fortunately for our committee which held a Management Committee Meeting on September 11 at Keith Carroll's home, a letter was presented from one of our members, Dr Christopher Reynolds, who offered to take on the role of President until the next AGM. Need I say the committee were only too pleased to accept Chris' offer. A motion was moved and seconded and carried that Dr Christopher Reynolds PHD be the President of the Gold Coast Division of the Australian American Association Inc. Congratulations and thank you for stepping forward. We still would like to gain a new secretary. If any member would like to step forward to take on this position,

please contact Billie Jo McCann 0416 290 412 or Keith Shackley 0755907452 until 16 Sept. Prior to the Meeting the Committee held a minute's silence in Remembrance of those who lost their life in the terrorist attack on the Twin Towers New York on September 11, 2001. The next committee meeting is planned for Wednesday 16 October at 10.00 at Keith Carroll's home, in Palm Meadow Drive.

Members and Friends who have not met Christopher will have the opportunity to meet Christopher at the next Meet & Greet on the 4th Wednesday of this month, September 25th at the Southport Yacht club from 5.30 to 7.00pm for drinks and chat. Apologies from Acting secretary Keith (VP) who will be out of the country from 17th September until October 30, doing two cruises with his daughter Terri in Northern Europe and the Mediterranean.

Don't forget the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Sofitel Hotel Broadbeach on November 28th. Arrange a table if you can.

Kind regards,

Keith Shackley (VP)

Acting secretary AAAGCD.

Members of the Committee for 2019-20

Our new President Dr Christopher Reynolds, better known as Chris



Christopher has a B. A., Dip Ed. (Flinders), B. D. (Melbourne), M. A. (Claremont), Ph. D. (Claremont) and has held appointments with both the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. Author of **In the Shadow of the Crown: Some Men think of Constitutions** (2015)

Committee Member Keith Carroll



Billie Jo McCann, Truda and Raelene at our March 17 St. Patties Day Lunch.



Committee Member Fred Hamblen and Past President Rodney Brutlang



Our treasurer Howard and his wife Elaine at the last Thanksgiving Dinner 2018

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

**Sept 25th Meet & Greet
October 11-13th AAA Federal Conference
Venue: Adelaide-
October 23rd Meet & Greet
Thanksgiving 28th Sofitel Hotel Broadbeach
No Meet & Greet because of Thanksgiving.
Hope you can make one of functions in the future.**