

# AUSTRALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION – GOLD COAST NEWSLETTER



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## Office Bearers 2009-2010.

Congratulations to our new office bearers that were elected at the AGM in the boardroom of the Southport SLSC in July.

Vice Presidents: Mr. Howard Campbell and Mr. Gino Moro

Secretary: Ms. Faye Stephenson

Treasurer: Unfilled. Howard is acting Treasurer.

Membership Secretary: Mrs. Billie Jo McCann

Public Relations: Mr. John Clark. (Resigned since because of poor health.)

Functions Coordinator: Ms. Jacqui Clarke  
Committee:

Immediate Past President: Ms. Georgia Cook

President: Unfilled at this Meeting. However - while attending the AAA National Conference in late August in Brisbane, Keith Shackley indicated a willingness to accept nomination for President. At the Committee meeting in September he was nominated and elected to the position. Jacqui Clarke took over PR from John.



David Stoba, S.A. National President, chatting with Keith and Don at the McArthur Museum where the Official Welcome was held.

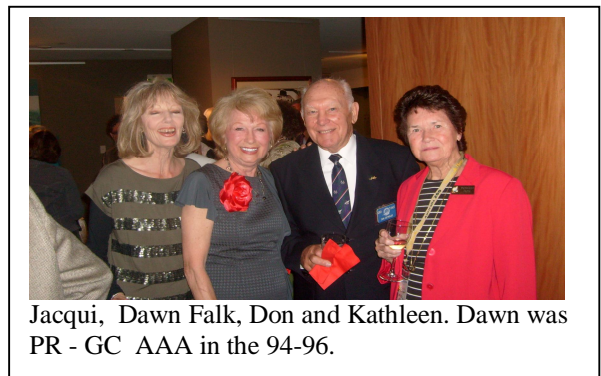
AAA National Conference was an outstanding event. Brisbane AAA did an excellent job in planning and conducting it. Their IP President Marylou Badeaux and the committee are to be congratulated. Representatives and observers from all associations except NSW and NT attended. Your G.C. AAA was represented by Billie Jo McCann, Jackie Clarke and Keith.

Don and Anne Reynolds, charter members, attended as observers for the entire Conference as did Kathleen (Kit) Frith. John Clark and Pamela Rex attended as observers on the Saturday.

On the Sunday there was a post conference visit to the Steve Irwin Australia Zoo. This was an excellent place to spend a day.



Lunch at the Customs House. LR Pamela Rex, John Clark, Jacqui Clarke and Billie Jo McCann.



Jacqui, Dawn Falk, Don and Kathleen. Dawn was PR - GC AAA in the 94-96.

**Coming Events;** Expanded on page 2.

October 10: A visit to Dukes Brewery.

November 27: Thanksgiving Dinner at the Colonial Golf Club Robina.

December 13 Our Christmas Function.

Venue needed and to be advised.

**Meet and Greets** will be held in September and October on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Thursday at the Southport Yacht Club from 5.30 to 7.00 pm.

A special Meet and Greet for potential members is being organized on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at the Twin Towns Services Club to attract potential members from the lower Gold Coast and Tweed.

**COME AND JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON AT THE BURLEIGH BREWING COMPANY**

Date: October 10

Event: Private tour of Burleigh Brewing Company Pty Ltd

Time: 1pm

Cost: \$15 for members: \$20 for non-members

Price includes four beers, a full tour of the brewery facilities, information on brewing and a logo'd glass to take home. In addition, the Gold Coast Branch of the Australia-American Association will provide small sandwiches, cheese and crackers, dry snacks, pretzels and nuts.

Guests who join the Branch as new members and pay on the day will be charged the members' price for the event.

**Thanksgiving Dinner:**

**Date:** Friday, November 27, 2009

**Event:** Celebration of Thanksgiving

**Location:** Colonial Golf Club, 57 Paradise Springs Avenue, Robina

**Time:** 6 p.m. cocktails, 7.00 p.m. dinner

**Cost:** \$43 for members: \$55 for non-members

**Price includes:** 3 course traditional Thanksgiving dinner including tea and coffee  
Mail cheques to: P.O. 1334 Robina, DC, QLD 4226 or Direct deposit to: NAB 084917 Acc:537232696

**RSVP to Jacqui Clarke on 0429499739 or Faye Stephenson on 0755798080**

Unfortunately, President Keith has travel planned for 7 weeks over the next 12 weeks and will miss Thanksgiving and the Meet & Greet at the SYC. He will curtail his cruises in 2010. He will be back for the Christmas function.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

September	8 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Hour at Southport Yacht Club, 5.30 – 7.00 pm
October	10 <sup>th</sup>	Visit to the Burleigh Brewery, 1.00 pm.
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Happy Hour at the Southport Yacht Club, 5.30.- 7pm
November	10 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Dinner
December	7 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Members only Christmas appetizers and drinks

**More photographs from National Conference.**



Conference members on steps of Government House prior to the Governor's Reception.



Kit and Anne found the McArthur Museum very interesting over drinks.

Please use the booking sheet on the last page for the next two major functions.

**Safe travelling and return, to Faye and Rod, as they journey to the US to catch up with children and grandchildren!**

Kind regards & God bless,  
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