

# AUSTRALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION - GOLD COAST DIVISION NEWSLETTER



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## 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY CELEBRATION IS NEAR!

Dear Members and Friends, by now you will have received notice of our 4<sup>th</sup> July Celebration BBQ in the Cascade Gardens Broadbeach on Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Don't miss this opportunity to bring along friends to help the Gold Coast Division's Australian American Association Members celebrate Independence Day in a fitting manner. Remember our functions are held in a congenial and friendly atmosphere with fine food, great fellowship and interesting conversation. A number of our members have returned from State side over the last few months. You may care to find out from them, their perception of the condition of the economy.

Unfortunately many of us, from time to time, receive negative emails about the state of affairs. Good news doesn't seem to interest some people.

Thank you to our Senior Vice President Howard Campbell for occupying the chair and doing a fine job while our President was out of Australia for the last six weeks. During that time one of our long time members and a life member from South Australian - AAA, Phyllis Gray OAM and her husband, Gordon, both passed away. Phyllis had been very active in our Association in its early days and attended most of our important functions up until she went into a retirement home a few years ago. Both Phyllis and Gordon were well into their nineties!

**Our sincere sympathies are extended to their family members.**

**Get well wishes** are extended to our fellow member Don Solin who was recently in hospital undergoing medical treatment. Don was an Australian airman attached to the Royal Air Force and fought both in the Battle for Britain and the Middle East before eventually returning to Australia to take part in the Pacific War.

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After talking with Don at one of our recent functions I learned that he had often travelled back to London for his old Squadron reunions but sadly there are no longer enough alive to hold them. They were young in the early part of the WWII, but the survivors are not so now.

This prompts me to say that all of us have a story to tell. Sadly some will never be told. Engaging your fellow members and friends in conversation at our functions will often draw out some really interesting stories from their past experience with which you may be able to relate or to which you may find interesting just listening. We heard some interesting stories at our last Thanksgiving Dinner!

## NEW MEMBERS

**I extend a warm welcome** to the following new members whose applications for membership were approved at the May & June Management Committee Meetings:

**Arthur "Robbie" Robinson, Jackie Menz, Faith Love and John Womersley, Jim Miceli and Marguerite Mark, Boyce and Eileen Patrick, and James Simango** as a Corporate Member.

We trust that they will enjoy the fellowship and support from their membership of the AAAGCD!

Some of you will recognise them from their photos that may have appeared in previous newsletters as guests attending our functions.

Don't forget our June Meet and Greet this Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> at Southport Yacht Club 5:30 – 7:00 pm. I know we have a number of new guests attending. Hope to see you there or if not then at our Independence Day BBQ on July 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Kind regards and God bless, Keith

As indicated in the May Newsletter further **Photographs**.



The surviving veterans from the Battle of the Coral Sea who spoke briefly at our Commemoration Service- John Adams USN, Jack Surman RAN and Lionel Veale MID.



John Adams USN retired, addresses the Commemoration Service Audience, MC Howard Campbell awaits.



Kathleen Frith with our Chaplain for the Service Rev. John Wessell, RFD and wife Beryl, enjoy the luncheon.

**Please be advised.** – The Annual General Meeting of the Australian American Association Gold Coast Division will be held on August 26<sup>th</sup> 2010. You will be notified by mail. Please consider accepting nomination and election to the Executive and the Management Committee for 2010-2011.

No photos were obtained from last month's Meet & Greet. Twenty members and guests attended.



Denise Cutajar chats with a friend.



Barry Thiess with sister Betty, brother Malcolm travelled down from Brisbane to attend our Battle of the Coral Sea Commemoration Service a& Race Day Function



Commander Liz Tracey with two friends enjoying the Race Day function immensely.

Whose Photo will be here in the next month's Newsletter?

Come along to our next major function  
July 4<sup>th</sup> - Independence Day  
Celebrations on July 3rd!

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## Coming Events

- 24 June Meet & Greet - 5:30-7:00pm  
Southport Yacht Club
- 3 July - Fourth of July Celebration  
BBQ Cascade Gardens  
Broadbeach 11:00 – 2:00
- 22 July - Meet & Greet - 5:30-7:00pm  
Southport Yacht Club
- 26 August - Meet & Greet - 5:30-7:30pm  
Southport Yacht Club  
AGM & Elections - 6.00 pm.
- 12 September - Wine/Cheese Trip to the  
Mountains
- 23 September - Meet & Greet  
Southport Yacht Club\*\*\*
- 28 October - Meet & Greet 5:30-7:00pm  
Southport Yacht Club
- 25 November - Thanksgiving Dinner  
(No Meet & Greet this month)
- 12 December - Christmas Party  
(Members only)

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# JULY 4<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION

## AUSTRALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION



Date: Saturday, 3 July 2010 (Yes...3<sup>rd</sup> of July )

Location: **Cascade Gardens**

West side of Gold Coast Highway Broadbeach  
(Just north of Convention Centre )

Look for the Australian American Assoc. Banner



Time: 11 am to 2 pm



**PICNIC - BARBEQUE**

**Hamburgers and Hot Dogs**

with bread, sauces, and condiments provided.

Beverages: B.Y.O.



**Bring salad dishes to share**



Cost: \$10.00 for Members, \$15.00 for Guests

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