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**District Governors
Newsletter**

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DG'S JOTTINGS

NOVEMBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH

A time to think about What is the Foundation and what does it do ? Foundation means different things to different people, for some it is the enjoyment of hosting a GSE team, sponsoring a Peace Scholar, knowing we are so close to completely eradicating Polio, being part of a matching grant with others and so the list goes on. Whilst it is admirable that we as Rotarians support many other organisations, we should be aware and responsive to our (Rotary's) needs and commitments. So I urge you all to donate and support YOUR FOUNDATION and make it your charity of choice.

DG John

DISTRICT 9640 ROTARY FOUNDATION NEWS ROTARY FOUNDATION FINANCES

Unaudited figures for the fiscal year ending 30th June 2010 indicate that the world-wide Annual Programs Fund contributions amounted to US\$100.4 million, being US\$1.1 million higher than the previous corresponding period.

Contributions towards the PolioPlus program were US\$41.5 million, being US\$12.1 million more than 2008-09. This means that PolioPlus has now received over US\$145 million, so that contributions are about 75% towards the goal of US\$200 million in order to match the Bill and Melinda Gates pledge to provide US\$355 million.

These two funds have continued to reflect the generosity of Rotarians around the world and again prove we have confidence in the Foundation and its power to do good in the world.

Investment returns improved during 2009/10, amounting to US\$54.3 million, which has helped to recoup about a third of its unrealised losses in the previous years. Fortunately, no investments have needed to be sold at a loss in these past two years. This has now enabled the Trustees to increase funding for Matching Grants in this current year.

In this regard, our District put aside US\$7000 towards Matching Grants this year, which has already been allocated and matched by the Foundation.

The District provided US\$5500 towards providing 750 sitting benches for children aging between 6 and 14years in poor schools in Karimnagar, a city in India that has a number of slums. This was in response to the magnificent effort of 43 clubs in our District, which provided US\$5000 for the project. In conjunction with the host Rotary Club of Karimnagar and TRF matching, the project was worth US\$27,717.

The other US\$1500 was provided to support the provision of clean drinking water purification systems to 15 rural schools in Central Thailand. This project was also supported by clubs and Districts in Holland and Bangkok and with TRF matching, had a project cost of US\$38,640.

November is Foundation Month

Club Presidents and Club Foundation Chairs are reminded that at least one meeting this month should be put aside for the Foundation. This can include a talk or discussion by a member or members (the rotary.org website has a wealth of information that can be accessed). Alternatively, organize a TRF quiz night.

The club could also organise to invite an Alumni member to talk about their experiences since their return from abroad and how the TRF has changed their lives.

Don't forget this month is about OUR Foundation, so spread the word about its great work, especially to your newer members.

Diarize the Date

Our District has again been invited by the management of the Gold Coast Blaze Basketball Team to showcase Rotary and raise funds for PolioPlus at a dedicated game amongst its patrons. You will recall last year more than 400 Rotarians, family and friends from 15 clubs supported this great family night to raise more than \$5000 for our No.1 priority.



This year, the Blaze will host the Adelaide 36er's, so please note in your diary now the below date and venue. We will have more information to follow in the coming months.

SATURDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2011

GOLD COAST CONVENTION CENTRE

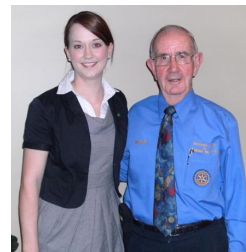
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Submitted by Doug Brown DRFCC – RC of Surfers Paradise

Lismore West – Looking out for Future Health

District Ambassadorial Scholar 2011 – 2012

Hannah Wills, a medical student from Alstonville studying at the University of New South Wales, has been selected as our Rotary District 9640 applicant for the 2011 – 2012 Rotary Foundation Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarship. She plans to do a



Masters' Degree in Women's Health (Endometriosis) at Oxford University, England. After six years of study, Hannah will graduate at the end of 2010 with a double Degree of Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS). Hannah is being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lismore West and Secretary Norm Robinson is Hannah's Rotary Counsellor.

Submitted by Norm Robinson – RC of Lismore West

GROUP 3 – AG COL LEE

Visits August through September

The start of the month saw the three Ballina Shire Rotary Clubs of Ballina, Ballina-on-Richmond and Alstonville get together and organise street barbeques to fundraise for the Pakistan Flood Disaster Aid project. Around \$5000 was raised over the weekend.

It was great to see all three clubs work in conjunction for one common appeal.

Ballina:

- Has two new members joining; Past YEP student from France Philippe Duploux who is in Australia for another ten months on a work visa and Kate Brady will be joining soon.
- The club is planning the annual Duck Race fundraiser next month. This is the biggest fundraising event the club holds and the sale of corporate ducks has been a record for the club.

Lismore West:

- A final tally from the BBQ at the Lismore Caravan and Camping Show netted the club \$17231.00. Ian Mulligan was thanked for organising the great fundraiser. The club has been approached by the Lismore Show to help assist on the gate.
- The club has a nomination for a new member to join.

Ballina-on-Richmond:

- Appreciation night for stall holders and sponsors for the Ballina Fine Food and wine Festival. This was a very well attended night with over eighty people present at the Ballina Jockey Club. All restaurants and the majority of sponsors were present to be thanked for being part of the festival. The evening also was the launch of next year's event, to be held on the 29th of May 2011. A prospective member came out of the evenings proceedings due to his involvement with the set up of the event. Ballina Council has allocated \$12000.00 sponsorship for the day due to the success of this year.

Mullumbimby:

- Has changed its meeting time and location. Meetings are now held at the Sandbar Restaurant at Brunswick Heads at 6.45 am. for 7.00am. This new time seems to suit the majority of members. The club has lost one member but gained a new member.
- A presentation of curtains made by members and their partners was made to John Bailey who looks after an orphanage in East Timor. The curtains will be used at the orphanage to brighten up the building. John and his wife spend a lot of their time at East Timor. Mullumbimby has been very supportive of that project.

The club acknowledged members who are agreeable to host the GSE team from Missouri USA Next year

Submitted by AG Col Lee – RC of Ballina-on-Richmond

INTERPLAST – Angels of mercy

By Geraldine Panapasa - Wed Oct 06, 2010 - Suva



Interplast team from Australia and New Zealand with local surgeons at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital in Suva. **Picture: JONACANI LALAKOBAU**

INTERPLAST Australia and New Zealand medical team held a special meeting with staff from the Ministry of Health and Colonial War Memorial Hospital yesterday to commemorate the team's 100th visit to Fiji.

Interplast has carried out 7634 consultations and 4234 life

changing operations in Fiji since it started coming to our shores. Interplast Australia and New Zealand general manager Marion Wright said for this visit, they planned to operate on 60-70 cleft lips, cleft palates, burns scar contractures, hand injuries and tumours.

“All operations are free of charge and allow the patient to live their life free from disability,” she said. “Medical teams from Australia will volunteer their time and expertise to provide free surgery to local patients who would otherwise not receive the treatment they require due to poverty or isolation.

“For our program, we have budgeted a figure of \$40,000 that provides treatment to about 60-70 patients. “The cost for one patient would be about \$500-\$600. If that was to be costed in Australian terms, you'd be looking at around \$10,000. For the team, they get far more out of it than they actually give.” Ms Wright said the program was funded by Melbourne-based Rotary District 9800.

She said all Interplast volunteers were fully qualified in their field of expertise.

“While our teams are here, it is always important they work with local doctors and nurses,” she said. “They use the opportunity to help train and pass on their knowledge in whatever area of expertise.

“We are looking at helping train doctors that are going through their training at the moment and organise short periods in Australia,” Ms Wright said. The team will be in Fiji until October 15.

Further information and Donations can be made via D9640 Chairman PDG Max Wortman on 0418726870

Submitted by PDG Max Wortman RC of Nerang

PDG KEITH AND THELMA ROBSON 65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A Marriage that almost didn't occur!

On the 19th of November, Keith and Thelma celebrate 65 years of marriage. They met in August 1944 at Thelma's 21st birthday party. Keith was based at Waddington RAF base, and Thelma was a nurse in nearby Lincoln. In December 1944, Keith a navigator in the RAAF 467 Lancaster Squadron was involved in a mid-air collision over Munich which ripped two metres off the starboard wing. The crew bailed out over Felcourt in France and narrowly missed colliding with their plane which continued circling until it crashed. Felcourt had been liberated by the allies, and Keith and his crew were returned to England. Keith remembers Thelma's comments when he saw her after his eventual return from France-“where have you been?” not having an inkling of his lucky escape. Keith completed 24 bombing missions and was awarded the DFC.

After a long courtship, Keith and Thelma married when it became apparent that Keith would be ordered back to Australia, which occurred 7 days after their marriage.

They arrived in Sydney in June 1946 and Thelma did not see her family again until 1964. Keith returned to the Commonwealth Bank, and in 1950 began building a house which took two years due to the shortage of building materials. They moved in in 1952, just prior to the birth of their son Christopher, followed by daughter Carol in 1954.

1966 saw Keith accept a transfer to Brisbane, and he joined the Rotary Club of Nundah in 1970. From 1972-1985 Keith and



Thelma then led a nomadic bank life, during which time, Keith was a member of the Rotary Clubs of Lae, Bathurst, Tamworth North, Gosford, and since 1985 he has been a member of Southport Rotary Club. In 2000 Southport Rtn Jim Scotte arranged for Keith and Thelma to visit Felcourt where he visited the site of his crashed bomber, and Keith was treated to a reception by the Mayor in appreciation of the contribution of Australians to the war in Europe.

Keith was District Governor in 1992-1993, and Keith and Thelma are both Paul Harris Fellows. Looking back on an eventful life, Keith and Thelma value their time in Rotary. Keith particularly appreciates how through fellowship, Rotary helps so many people in the world, and he is still passionate about Rotary education programmes. Thelma also values her many Rotary friendships, and fondly remembers social functions in Lae which usually necessitated flying, because of their isolation. Keith and Thelma continue to enjoy fellowship at Southport Rotary Club.



CONGRATULATIONS KEITH & THELMA from all your Rotary friends in D9640

Submitted by Michael Irving RC of Burleigh Heads

BIRTHING KITS UPDATE

Child mortality figures that DG Eric Wood is quoting following his visit to PNG show that PNG and the Solomon's cannot receive too many birthing kits.

Lesley Johnston and Jan, from Inner Wheel Sunshine Coast, visited Freeman Road to see what was entailed and to meet the ladies who have been handling this project for the past seven years. There is a chance that they will play a big part in the assembly of Birthing Kits on the Sunshine Coast. We now await the good news. But then..... there is nothing to stop any other team assembling kits.

Contact Bill Waterfield if you think you can help on tel: 07 3201 0741 or email: billnann@bigpond.net.au

Submitted by PDG Tony Hayes RC of Murwillumbah Central

VALE

PP Jeremy King of Nerang was called to higher service on October 14th 2010. Our loving thoughts are with Lois and the family.

Jeremy was a Charter Member, Past President and Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Club of Nerang and has served as a very proud Rotarian of our Club since the Club's Charter in 1975. Jeremy made an enormous contribution to our Club over such a long period that it is very difficult to imagine Rotary without him now. In recent times evening meetings have challenged Jeremy but he continued to attend sausage sizzles and helped where he could, often with Lois by his side.

Jeremy was our last active Charter Member and with his passing that last very tangible link with our Club's foundation is broken. Jeremy's strength of character, service and sage advice has provided a true example of a Rotarian to so many of us. He will be fondly remembered in so many ways.

Submitted by Secretary Carol Randall RC of Nerang

**** Please note, the District AGM has been brought forward to Sunday November 21st held at the Ocean Shores Country Club commencing at 11.00am****

VALE

Commander John Douglas Foster (Ret) OAM PHF, Past President of Murwillumbah Central Rotary Club.

John passed away on Sunday October 10 in Cairns, he was 74 years of age. John had a career of 30 years with the Australian Navy, rising to Commander, and captaining several ships including HMAS Sydney and HMAS Melbourne, his last ship prior to retirement. John's sense of humour will long be remembered, and some of his navy exploits may be best forgotten.

The love of John's life, apart from his wife Elizabeth, and travelling the world, was his search for Australia's first submarine, AE1, lost in the First World War in the Coral Sea in New Guinea waters. He spent his time since retirement researching the AE1, and was instrumental in having a search made by the Australian Navy using the latest side scan sonar equipment, which located a likely object on the seabed off New Britain. A team of enthusiasts continues John's work in this area.

John is survived by Elizabeth and five children.

Submitted by Denis Hallworth RC of Murwillumbah Central

VALE

Long serving former Rotarian Jack Kavanagh passed away late October. Jack was a director in the local Coolangatta taxi company.

During WW2 Jack served as a B24 Liberator bomber pilot and saw much active service.

He is survived by his widow Kath.

Submitted by Jim Steele RC of Coolangatta Tweed

LITERACY PROJECT, USBORNE DICTIONARY

Status Report to date.

Eighteen Clubs participated and 1071 Dictionaries were gifted to children at their local Primary schools. Total cost per book was \$10.00. Usbornes(Publishers) and Harper and Collins(Australian Agents) have agreed to continue to support the project at the present cost per book, and using the now established commercial format which worked so well this last year. It is obvious that at the \$10 price GST and delivery inclusive, they are picking up much of the cost. It is indeed a fortunate partnership for Rotary. We urge those Clubs who have not been part of the initial successful project to consider joining in this next year.

There will be another print run in February 2011, for delivery to Clubs in June. Orders must be in by mid January 2011.

This is an ongoing project as the cohort of children entering primary grades 5 and 6 changes each year, and the Dictionaries are used on into High school.

By participating, Clubs have an ongoing opportunity to showcase their Rotary Club to their local community, every year.

Further information can be obtained from District 9640 Literacy Coordinator Roger Bailey. Contacts Tel 07 55321031, E-mail rog.anne@bigpond.com

Submitted by Roger Bailey RC of Surfers Paradise

DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

please send details to Sue Randel
on email: suecoo@westnet.com.au

please see P107 of directory

Jacaranda Festival – Grafton – YEP Inbounders

Beardies Festival – Glen Innes

Legends in the Lavender – see below

Legends In The Lavender

When: Saturday 27th November 2010

Where: Aloomba Lavender 5425 Mt. Lindsay Road, Liston via Stanthorpe - (20km east of Stanthorpe) Featuring James Blundell and many others

Time: 11am until late – bring chair/blanket & shade

Contact: Peter & Tere Bonner 07 4686 1191 or email: tere@aloomba.com

Mental Health First Aid Workshop

RC of Tweed Heads South are hosting a 12 hour Mental Health First Aid Workshop at Tweed Sports Club, Tweed Heads. It is being held over two days between 9am – 4pm Thurs 11th & Fri 12th November. Bookings are essential to Val Harwood on 07 5513 1411 before 5th November

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Congratulations to the recipient named below
DG John Randel - Sapphire - Mullumbimby

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Vanessa Sutch – Murwillumbah Central

Stephen Pagram - Mermaid Beach

Barry Mason – Lismore West

Mick Galvin – Coolangatta Tweed Heads

Ros Byrne – Broadbeach

Maggie Barnewall - Maclean

Philippe Dupleix – Ballina

Kate Coupe – Ballina

CHANGES TO DISTRICT DIRECTORY

Change of Venue: Effective Monday 4/10/10 Coomera Valley meets at The Lost City Hotel, Reserve Rd, Upper Coomera (The Red Lantern Room). All other details remain the same

Change of Time & Venue: Effective immediately Mullumbimby has changed to a Breakfast Club. Meeting at the Sandbar Restaurant at Brunswick Heads at 6.45 am. for 7.00am.

P 34 New Pres for Robina: Dave McGrath

Email: dave@investtrend.com.au

Mob: 0410 600 087

Delete Kamal Coutinho on P90 as prior President

P 28 David Reynolds – email now reads david@thereynolds.id.au

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

APRIL 1st, 2nd & 3rd 2011, YAMBA

Theme “Bringing the Country to the Coast”

The CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM is enclosed with this issue of the Newsletter and is also available as a writable download version on the Rotary D9640 website.

Calling all lonely and missing lanyards & plastic sleeves – **WHERE ARE YOU?** Does anyone have a lanyard & plastic sleeve tucked away in a drawer ? if you do please return it to either Conference Chair Alan Weston at 54 Stanley St, Maclean or if you see the DG around, please give them to him and he will make sure they make their way back to the Conference committee.

Rotary District 9640 - Membership & Attendance: September 2010

Rotary Club	Attendance				Membership		
	This Month		Year to Date		Start of Year	Present	Change
	%	Rank	%	Rank			
Allora	0.00	=39	0.00	=50	11	11	-
Alstonville	74.63	19	73.90	20	24	23	-1
Ashmore	79.00	13	77.40	16	37	34	-3
Ballina	73.45	21	69.55	27	36	37	1
Ballina-on-Richmond	92.00	7	82.98	10	25	22	-3
Beaudesert	87.00	8	86.00	8	21	22	1
Boonah	76.40	17	76.47	17	42	41	-1
Broadbeach	65.30	=32	67.77	28	50	51	1
Broadwater-Southport	77.61	16	81.32	11	39	42	3
Burleigh Heads	64.00	35	45.33	42	23	25	2
Byron Bay	0.00	=39	0.00	=50	11	11	-
Casino	0.00	=39	27.67	47	15	15	-
Coolangatta Tweed Heads	64.62	34	72.29	=21	28	30	2
Coomera River Middy	68.20	28	72.00	=21	23	22	-1
Coomera Valley	76.13	18	79.87	14	26	23	-3
Glen Innes	74.17	20	71.86	23	38	39	1
Gold Coast Central	0.00	=39	41.33	44	17	17	-
Goondiwindi	78.00	=14	61.67	32	34	35	1
Goonellabah	0.00	=39	33.33	45	19	18	-1
Grafton	0.00	=39	0.00	=50	19	19	-
Grafton Middy	0.00	=39	23.17	=48	23	23	-
Hope Island	58.69	37	69.75	26	39	35	-4
Iluka	0.00	=39	51.30	38	13	13	-
Jimboomba	100.00	=1	100.00	1	23	22	-1
Kingscliff	70.82	24	65.55	31	10	10	-
Kirra Currumbin	96.10	4	96.63	4	13	13	-
Kyogle	69.00	=26	23.00	=48	12	10	-2
Lismore	58.98	36	70.35	24	13	13	-
Lismore Central	0.00	=39	0.00	=50	14	14	-
Lismore West	94.55	5	93.59	6	39	38	-1
Maclean	78.21	=14	83.12	9	41	42	1
Mermaid Beach	83.60	10	88.97	7	26	27	1
Mt Warning AM (Mur'bah)	93.33	6	97.02	3	32	33	1
Mudgeeraba	99.00	3	99.25	2	26	26	-
Mullumbimby	0.00	=39	46.95	41	21	21	-
Murwillumbah	100.00	=1	95.98	5	34	33	-1
Murwillumbah Central	66.67	31	74.16	19	20	20	-
Nerang	81.25	12	54.17	37	16	16	-
Palm Beach	52.94	38	60.79	33	25	24	-1
Parkwood	65.00	=32	67.50	30	20	20	-
Robina	0.00	=39	32.67	46	22	21	-1
Runaway Bay	0.00	=39	51.14	39	23	23	-
Southport	66.95	30	41.88	43	46	45	-1
Southport North	86.50	9	80.55	13	18	18	-
Stanthorpe	70.40	25	67.77	29	42	40	-2
Summerland Sunrise	67.00	29	48.00	40	12	12	-
Surfers Paradise	0.00	=39	55.98	34	23	21	-2
Surfers Paradise Central	0.00	=39	0.00	=50	47	47	-
Surfers Sunrise	69.36	=26	70.23	25	48	47	-1
Tenterfield	0.00	=39	55.80	35	26	27	1
Tweed Coast	82.35	11	81.30	12	15	18	3
Tweed Heads South	72.00	23	74.20	18	24	23	-1
Warwick	0.00	=39	0.00	=50	19	19	-
Warwick Sunrise	0.00	=39	54.33	36	22	19	-3
Yamba	73.40	22	77.59	15	22	22	-
Totals					1407	1392	-15