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**District Governors
Newsletter**

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DG'S JOTTINGS

OCTOBER IS VOCATION MONTH

Most of us are inclined to downgrade our own vocations as we do not think others will be interested. In reality, this could not be further from the truth. I have often been asked about my time working in TV studios and some of the things that took place seem insignificant, but to others, are an insight into an area that they are curious about or have little knowledge.

Pharmacists, newsagents, plumbers and all walks of life have funny anecdotes about their vocation, which would lighten up, what otherwise may prove to be a ordinary presentation. So I urge you to consider your own members for Vocational talks, you just do not know what gems you may uncover.

When deciding on a Vocational visit, think about having your meal somewhere different to your usual meeting venue, as this too can provide an interesting change for members (and guests) Don't forget to invite young people to join you if you consider the vocational visit may be of interest to them.

DG John

DISTRICT 9640 ROTARY FOUNDATION NEWS

▪ The Permanent Fund

Back in 1997, I was introduced to an elderly lady to look after her investments. She had recently returned to Australia after living in the U.K. for about 40 years. I soon realised she needed an accountant and I arranged for my fellow Rotary Club member, the late PDG Paul Gillett to take up this role.

Together, over the years we handled the lady's financial affairs. She knew we were both Rotarians and we would tell her about Rotary in general about the good work of The Rotary Foundation, which she obviously appreciated. The lady passed away late last year and her estate nominated The Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund as a beneficiary with a major gift of A\$75,000.

Along with this gift and the A\$500,000 donated through District 9600, that I wrote about last month, it again illustrates that the Permanent Fund is an ideal lasting legacy for Rotary. As at 30th June 2009, there were 709 named gifts of US\$25,000 or more in the Permanent Fund including 79 endowed Ambassadorial Scholarships, 38 endowments supporting Rotary Centre for Peace Fellows and 221 endowed funds to benefit the World Funds. It is possible, therefore, for Clubs to donate to the Permanent Fund and have a named or endowed fund established, similar as for individuals.

▪ The Fund's Purpose

The Permanent Fund was established in 1982 to ensure a strong future for the Foundation by providing a continuing stream of income to meet the increasing demand by Rotary Clubs and Districts for Foundation programs. Contributing to the Permanent Fund enables Rotarians to fulfil their local and global philanthropic goals and secures the Foundation's future by providing long-term stability to its programs. The current goal is to enable Rotarians to fulfil their philanthropic objectives and build the Permanent Fund to US\$1 billion by 2025.

As at 30th June 2009, the net assets of the Permanent Fund were US\$168

million, down some US\$50 million from its peak, due to the asset value declines in the previous two years, caused by the Global Financial Crisis. The Rotary Foundation also tracks expectancies, which are advised commitments provided in a person's will or other estate plan that names the Foundation's Permanent Fund as a beneficiary. The fund's net assets plus expectancies totalled US\$579.4 million as at 30th June 2009.

▪ Recognition

Rotarians, who inform The Rotary Foundation in writing of a provision in their will or estate plan naming the Permanent Fund as a beneficiary, or anyone who makes an outright gift of US\$1000 or more, are recognized as a Benefactor. As at 30th June 2009, The Rotary Foundation had recognized:-

- 80,673 Benefactors (175 in District 9640)
- 6,623 Bequest Society Members (US\$10,000 or more)
- 11,416 Major Donors (Gifts of US\$25,000 or more)
- 238 Arch Klump Society Members (Gifts of US\$250,000 or more)

▪ Becoming a Benefactor

It has been described that being a Benefactor enables Rotarians to continue participating in the Foundation's programs, even though they are no longer attending meetings. To become a Benefactor, you need to change an existing will with a codicil or create a new will, and name The Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund as a beneficiary of at least US\$1000. You also need to fill out and sign the Benefactor Commitment Form and send this to the Foundation in Parramatta, in order to receive your certificate and "wings".

An example of a codicil and its application instruction along with the Commitment Form are available on the District's website.

Also, you can check out the updated Rotary Foundation page on our website, which now provides more complete information of the Foundation and its programs.

Submitted by Doug Brown – DRFCC- RC of Surfers Paradise

GROUP 2 – AG GREG HJLEMSTROM

Most clubs agreed to support the Youth programmes and follow the Rotary ideals

Summerland Sunrise:

- 13 members having lost 2 last year.
- AG attended a great change over in July.
- Club plans to support District youth programs as in previous years.
- Club has offered to host incoming GSE team/s
- Club plans to hold a monthly business breakfast to raise Rotary's profile and attract new members.
- Plans are under way to hold another Pink Ribbon breakfast this year at the University with seating for 200 attendees.

Lismore Club:

- 13 members.
- Club reported a successful but tiring Opera at the Channon with 5 Rotary Clubs, 1 Inner Wheel and Lismore Rotaracters helping out.

- Supported “Wrap with Love” project again this year
- Successfully completed and unveiled the Sandakan Memorial with the help of the Governor General.

Lismore Central:

- 14 members.
- Helped with Opera at the Channon.
- Haiti disaster was supported with a Shelter/ Disaster Australia box recently with plans for more support discussed.
- The club has 2 money spinners operating in local shopping centres and report good public support.

Casino:

- 15 members.
- DG John and Sue made their club visit on 13th September and were impressed with member and partner turnout and enjoyed an entertaining evening
- Club has its major fundraiser coming up with Beef Week and support Kyogle club with equipment and bodies from time to time.
- Members support meals on wheels on a weekly basis.
- Last year the club supported Shelter Box and plan to support Disaster Aid Australia this year.

Kyogle:

- 12 members with a large % increase last year.
- Planning a Pride of Workmanship evening again this year after last year’s very successful evening.
- Members have few weekends off from activities with 4 motocross events to cater for this current year and a World Rally championship event to be held. Last year a Gold Coast pitched in and helped Kyogle. We could say ahead of their time by “bridging states” by 2 district clubs, great fellowship by all accounts.
- The club supported a GSE candidate for Missouri.

Alstonville:

- 24 members.
- The club will support youth programs again this year. The local high school is supported with funds donated for public speaking and a Year 12 and Year 10 scholarship to honour a past member, Ivan Eichorn.
- Last year’s Antiques Fair will be eclipsed this year with all sites rebooked and deposits offered 10 months ahead of the planned event.
- The annual Science and Engineering challenge is in planning stages with hopes of running a 2nd challenge in the Grafton/ Coffs Harbour area.

Submitted by AG Greg Hjelmstrom – RC of Alstonville

WHEELCHAIRS FOR SAMOA

18 members from Surfers Sunrise have just returned from Western Samoa where they built a school and a toilet block for the village of Matafaa which was devastated by the Tsunami.

The Australian High Commissioner, Matt Anderson, and Marco the Swiss Ambassador for the South Pacific, expressed their concern over a tourist drowning due to the lack of lifesaving equipment.

Hopefully before Xmas, Surfers Sunrise would like to send a 20’ container to Apia with 80 (value \$8,000.00) of their rough terrain wheelchairs urgently needed in three villages, with Heather Yarker also sending School books and thongs, and some rescue tubes and rescue boards from Queensland Surf Lifesaving.

All of this will fit into a 20’ container and what is needed is the \$5,000.00 freight to send the container to Apia. It would be wonderful if the District’s clubs could each donate a little to make this worthwhile project a reality ! Any Takers ?

Donations can be sent to The Rotary Club of Surfers Sunrise, PO Box 1289, Surfers Paradise Qld., 4217 or ring Keith Lutz on 07 55729384 with a pledge.

Submitted by Keith Lutz -Trustee –RC of Surfers Sunrise Wheelchair Trust

NEED A DISTRICT DIRECTORY?

All you need to do is to go to the 9640 District Directory website (www.rotary9640.org) and locate the Directory under member access. There are two actions that need to be taken:

- Register
- Log In

Follow the steps to do each of these and if you have already registered slip straight into the log-in process.

TO REGISTER:

1. Go onto the District website using the address (URL) above or Google
2. In the very top tool bar, which is black, hit Register which is at the right-hand end.
3. A menu will be presented. You only need to fill in the first six lines marked with a red asterisk.
4. For a password, I suggest 8 characters with at least one letter and number. However, it can be simpler if you wish.
5. The line with Name on your posts simply means the name you would use if writing an article or putting a message on the District website. eg: Graham A Jones
6. Fill in any other lines you wish and click the Register button.
7. You will receive an e-mail confirmation within 24 hours. Click on it and you are ready to go. Remember your user name and password

TO LOG IN AND GO INTO MEMBER ACCESS

1. Go to the District website using the www.rotary9640.org address.
2. Go to the very top tool bar in black.
3. Click the log in and insert your user name and password.
4. The site will inform you that “You are logged in”. Click the link: rotary9640.org and you will go back to the main website screen.
5. For member access, go to the pink tool bar under the Rotary emblem and theme. Click Members Only and then District Directory and you are “home free”.
6. You probably WON’T have to log in the next time you go to the website as it WILL REMEMBER YOUR COMPUTER and you will already be logged in.

If you have difficulty send me an e-mail: graham.a.g.jones@gmail.com. There is also additional help on www.rotary9640.org/help/register.php.

Bulletin editors: Please feel free to use this in your club bulletin

Submitted by DGE Graham Jones- RC of Southport

GOODWILL MISSION TO NEPAL 2-19 NOV 2010

After listening to AG Brenda from Mt. Warning AM Club speak about humanitarian works carried out in Pokhara, Nepal, four Rotarians from the Coolangatta Tweed Heads Club decided to fund their own trip to Nepal to help with projects and to collect and carry clothing and supplies for local schools and orphanages.

Since May this year the group has held 3 garage sales and 2 “Mummy’s Markets” to fundraise for educational supplies and a building programme at the Shree Pokhara Viewpoint Primary School. They have undertaken to paint the Life for New Ray Orphanage in Pokhara, before they leave for the highlands.

Local knitting groups have come on board and have presented the Rotarians with almost 100 hand knitted children’s jumpers and beanies. A Tugun Dental Surgery has donated 85 toothbrushes for the children. Children’s warm clothing and toys will be distributed at an impoverished school in Marpha, in the foothills, together with books printed in the Nepali language.

The group will fly to Kathmandu on 2 November and then proceed 200 km to Pokhara with the local bus service.

The group has been delighted with the support they have received, not

only from their President and Club members, but from Rotarians from other clubs: Robina, South Tweed, Tweed Central Coast, RAWCS and others.

Any donations can be forwarded to Garage Sale Convenor, Michelle Mitchell Tel: 0402 456 972

Submitted by Diana Traversi – RC of Coolangatta Tweed

RFE TO DISTRICT 1070 UNITED KINGDOM

During May this year six couples (7 Rotarians and partners) enjoyed a fantastic two week Rotary Friendship Exchange with D1070 located in the Eastern Midlands area of the UK. At one stage it appeared that we might not be able to make the exchange due to the volcanic ash, but we made it. This visit was the return leg following the D1070 Rotarians who visited our District in October last year, hosted by Coolangatta Tweed Heads, Tweed Heads South, Glen Innes, Stanthorpe and Broadbeach clubs.

Rotarians from Broadbeach, Coolangatta Tweed Heads, Stanthorpe and Tweed Heads South clubs represented D9640. We were hosted through four different clubs and made formal presentations at Rushden, Blaby and The Soar Valley, Northampton and Peterborough. As well as the formal presentations, great hospitality was extended and enjoyed and some special sightseeing was included as a bonus.

Being able to enjoy the home cooking and the hospitality of each host family was a great experience and some of the vocational visits that we undertook, from a men's shoe factory to a tour of Northampton University which included their tannery were enjoyed by all. We also participated in two formal civic welcomes presided over by the respective Mayor's of the two Council areas.

This exchange was not only a great way of seeing behind the tourist areas of the Eastern Midlands, but also a great way of getting to know our hosts as well as the fellow participants on the exchange. As a group we had a total of five meetings leading up to the visit from the D1070 Rotarians and prior to our visit to the UK. We probably did not require as many meetings but it was a good way of socialising and getting to know each other before we spent two weeks together as a group. There has been a "reunion" meeting since our return and we have enjoyed each others company so much that four of the couples are heading off on a cruise in January 2011(not related to Rotary).

The Rotarians and their partners had a great time and can recommend Rotary Friendship Exchanges to any Rotarian who wants to share their local environment for a short time and then enjoy a great deal more hospitality in return.

If you require any information on Rotary Friendship Exchange please contact Tony Heading of Stanthorpe Club or any of the smiling Rotarians in the photos.

Submitted by Neil Baldwin –RC of Broadbeach



OUR GSE TEAM IN MISSOURI



After a long flight and two nights in Los Angeles, and some well deserved sleep, they hit the ground running.

Apart from enjoying their host families and clubs they have given their presentation to the Sedalia Club, Harrisonville Club, Butler Club and Clinton Club. One of the highlights being a visit to Whiteman Air Force Base. They were able to get up close and personal with the USAF's B2 stealth bombers and A10 Warthog fighters. Team Leader Gary Scudemore (Stanthorpe Club) reports that the team and presentations are being well received and the hospitality is unbelievable.

Submitted via Wendy Scarlett GSE Chair & DG John

PAKISTAN FLOOD DISASTER

The Rotary Clubs of Ballina-on-Richmond, Ballina and Alstonville combined on the weekend of 11/09/10 to hold a fundraiser for the Pakistan Flood Disaster.

The clubs set up the Disaster Shelters at Alstonville Boulevard and Ballina Central Shopping centre and conducted a BBQ at both these locations. Both venues were well supported and takings including donations amounted to \$4000.00, which equates to eight Disaster Relief Shelter Packs.

This money has been forwarded to the Disaster Aid Chairman Sam Doumany.

Submitted by AG Col Lee Group 3 – RC of Ballina on Richmond

D9640 SUCCESS AT MUNA NATIONAL

MUNA National was hosted by the Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise on 13th to 15th August this year. Six resolutions were discussed by representatives from 26 countries in the Legislative Assembly of the Old Parliament House.

Tiaré Broadhead from Ballina High School and Brock Gunthorpe from AB Paterson College, Arundel represented Russia as the D9640 spokesmen. They were the only team where the members came from different schools and different states.

There was spirited debate during the course of the two days and as usual the team representing the USA received a considerable amount of attention. Voting on the resolutions was taken after each country was given the opportunity to raise pertinent points. Never in the history of MUNA National at Canberra has the voting on resolutions ever been tied, this year, however, two resolutions were tied.

Both Tiaré and Brock acquitted themselves very well and were awarded with the third place in the overall debating competition. This was a very credible result for two talented young people who represented our District. The team representing North Korea was first and Afghanistan was second. The John Tregurtha Encouragement Award was presented

to the team from China.

Our congratulations are extended to Tiaré and Brock and we wish them well in their future endeavours.

MUNA will be held in D9640 in 19th March, 2011 at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre.

Submitted by Graham Howie – MUNA Chair – RC of Alstonville



*D9710 DG Bill Seelis and Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise
President Ainslie Sowden*

OUR NEWEST PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Congratulations to all recipients named below & the sponsor clubs for the continued support & commitment to the Rotary Foundation

Alan Guignon - Surfers Paradise

Jeff Bignell - Surfers Paradise

Tony Wunsch – Goonellabah

WELCOME – NEW MEMBERS

Dominique Corbello – Broadwater Southport

David Bellairs - Broadwater Southport

David Pringuer - Broadwater Southport (formerly PNG)

Melanie Fuller – Glen Innes

CHANGES TO DISTRICT DIRECTORY

P5 & 94 Graham Howie email now reads: thehowies2@bigpond.com

Change of Venue – Kirra Currumbin effective 11th October will meet at the Palm Beach Currumbin Sports Club, Thrower Drive, Palm Beach

CONGRATULATIONS

to PRIT Brian Knowles on 50 Years in Rotary



*PRIT Brian Knowles receiving his Certificate for 50 years in Rotary,
along with a special letter sent from RI President Ray Klingensmith*

Rotary District 9640 - Membership & Attendance: August 2010

Rotary Club	Attendance				Membership		
	This Month		Year to Date		Start of Year	Present	Change
	%	Rank	%	Rank			
Allora	0.00	=38	0.00	=49	11	11	-
Alstonville	72.06	25	73.53	26	24	24	-
Ashmore	77.00	=16	76.60	19	37	34	-3
Ballina	67.10	29	67.60	30	36	36	-
Ballina-on-Richmond	82.75	13	78.48	15	25	22	-3
Beaudesert	85.00	=8	85.50	8	21	22	1
Boonah	75.90	20	76.50	20	42	41	-1
Broadbeach	62.60	33	69.00	29	50	51	1
Broadwater-Southport	83.71	11	83.18	11	39	42	3
Burleigh Heads	0.00	=38	36.00	=43	23	23	-
Byron Bay	0.00	=38	0.00	=49	11	11	-
Casino	0.00	=38	41.50	39	15	15	-
Coolangatta Tweed Heads	66.35	30	76.13	21	28	29	1
Coomera River Middy	73.90	23	73.90	25	23	23	-
Coomera Valley	85.22	=8	81.74	12	26	23	-3
Glen Innes	74.00	22	70.71	27	38	39	1
Gold Coast Central	52.00	35	62.00	34	17	17	-
Goondiwindi	49.00	36	53.50	35	34	34	-
Goonellabah	0.00	=38	50.00	=36	19	18	-1
Grafton	0.00	=38	0.00	=49	19	19	-
Grafton Middy	0.00	=38	34.75	45	23	23	-
Hope Island	76.47	19	75.29	24	39	37	-2
Iluka	72.50	24	76.95	17	13	13	-
Jimboomba	100.00	=1	100.00	1	23	22	-1
Kingscliff	63.32	32	62.91	33	10	10	-
Kirra Currumbin	93.80	5	96.90	3	13	13	-
Kyogle	0.00	=38	0.00	=49	12	12	-
Lismore	83.33	12	76.03	22	13	13	-
Lismore Central	0.00	=38	0.00	=49	14	14	-
Lismore West	91.67	6	93.11	5	39	38	-1
Maclean	88.36	7	85.58	7	41	41	-
Mermaid Beach	93.80	4	91.65	6	26	26	-
Mt Warning AM (Mur'bah)	0.00	=38	50.00	=36	32	33	1
Mudgeeraba	100.00	=1	99.38	2	26	26	-
Mullumbimby	0.00	=38	32.93	46	21	21	-
Murwillumbah	96.60	3	93.97	4	34	33	-1
Murwillumbah Central	0.00	=38	0.00	=49	22	22	-
Nerang	0.00	=38	40.63	40	16	16	-
Palm Beach	60.03	34	64.72	32	25	23	-2
Parkwood	0.00	=38	36.25	=43	20	20	-
Robina	0.00	=38	49.00	38	22	21	-1
Runaway Bay	70.53	26	76.71	18	23	23	-
Southport	0.00	=38	29.35	47	46	45	-1
Southport North	75.44	21	77.57	16	18	18	-
Stanthorpe	63.80	31	66.45	31	42	41	-1
Summerland Sunrise	77.00	=16	38.50	42	12	12	-
Surfers Paradise	85.00	=8	83.98	9	23	21	-2
Surfers Paradise Central	4.00	37	2.00	48	47	47	-
Surfers Sunrise	69.80	27	70.66	28	48	47	-1
Tenterfield	82.70	14	83.70	10	26	27	1
Tweed Coast	76.92	18	80.77	13	15	17	2
Tweed Heads South	69.60	28	75.30	23	24	23	-1
Warwick	0.00	=38	0.00	=49	19	19	-
Warwick Sunrise	0.00	=38	39.00	41	22	19	-3
Yamba	81.25	15	79.69	14	22	22	-
Totals					1409	1392	-17