



Rotary  
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District 9640 Ltd



**District Governors  
Newsletter**

**September 2010**

## DG'S JOTTINGS

September is New Generations month – which some of you know as Youth. As declared at the 2010 Council on Legislation, New Generations has been mandated as our Fifth Avenue of Service. This allows all our Youth programmes to have a defined and permanent home within the “New Generations” portfolio.

Whilst our youth of today are only 30% of our population, they are 100% of our future and must be encouraged and nurtured.

Our District has a proven history in this area and we must ensure that we continue to support the various programmes that the dedicated Rotarians and their helpers organise on our behalf.

Our programmes of RYPEN, RYTS, RYLA, MUNA and YEP ensure that the “New Generations” in our communities are exposed to Rotary and its ideals, whilst providing them with a different perspective as they move through their stages of life.

I would hope that the experiences they have are memorable and leave a lasting impression as to what being part of Rotary and ultimately being a Rotarian means.

If we as Rotarians, continue to support our New Generations (Youth) we can expand on Building Communities and ultimately Bridge Continents.

*DG John*

## DISTRICT 9640 ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGES

(Enjoy Rotary fellowship as you travel and develop international friendships)

Two Rotary Friendship Team Exchanges are being planned for the forthcoming year. Each RFE will be for approximately 15 days involving 5 clubs, each hosting for 3 nights. Rotarians and their partners are eligible to apply to be in Outbound Teams of up to 12 members. Clubs of outbound team members are expected to host inbound teams.

### 1. District 7960 (North Carolina) – October 2011

The Inbound D7690 Team is planning to visit us in

April-May 2011. Our D9640 Outbound Team will visit North Carolina in October 2011. Earlier this year, we had a very successful Group Study Exchange with this District prompting strong interest in an RFE.



D7690 is in the Piedmont region based on the Triad cities of Greensboro, Winston-Salem and High Point. It is rich in history and culture. These foothills to the Appalachian Mountains are very picturesque during the autumn fall when our team would visit. DGE Terry Titus is hoping that this will also coincide with their Foundation Banquet. See [www.rotary7690.org/](http://www.rotary7690.org/)

### 2. District 7040 (Ontario/Quebec/New York State) – September 2011

Our Outbound Team will visit D7040 in September 2011 to coincide with the magnificent autumn colours.

The District is unique in that it spans two countries and operates in two languages. This is a beautiful area around the St Lawrence River near Lake Ontario, perfect for those interested in nature and the outdoors. It includes Ottawa and Montreal and a bus trip to nearby Toronto and the Niagara Falls is planned.



The timing of the Inbound Team visit to our District has not yet been finalized.

See [www.rotary7040.com/](http://www.rotary7040.com/)

Further information on Rotary Friendship Exchanges can be found in the RFE Handbook at [www.rotary.org/](http://www.rotary.org/)

Expressions of interest by 30 September 2010 should be directed to RFE Chairman Tony Heading 07 4683 7067(H), 0488 769 119 (M),  
e-mail - tonyheading@bigpond.com

*Submitted by RFE Chairman Tony Heading RC of Stanthorpe*

## **GROUP 1 REPORT – AG BRIAN FERRIE**

As it is only just over two months into the Rotary year there have not been many projects completed or even begun. However;

- Group One conducted a very successful RYDA event for the school students of the Clarence valley with all clubs taking part.
- The Rotary Clubs of Maclean and Yamba combined to assist Ian Shawyer (a Quadriplegic himself) to raise funds for Spinal Cord Research and raised \$5,690.00.
- All clubs in Group One are skilful at using local media to promote their projects.
- They all recognise and follow the RI theme and are participating in the District Goals
- The Clubs participate in most if not all of the Youth Programmes of the District

I will be meeting with the Presidents of the clubs of Group One to discuss more ventures the Group can do together.

### **Following is a brief summary of each of the Clubs in Group One:**

- ❖ **RC of Grafton** Has a membership of 20 and has one new member in Dave Owens who transferred from Windsor to Grafton and joined Grafton Club an increase of 1.
  - They are currently hosting YEP student Sammy from Mexico.
  - Their usual community projects include the Rotary Charity Golf Day in August, the Antique Fair in October and they are heavily involved in the Sam Dougherty Golf Day later in the year, amongst many other community works. Grafton Club has always participated in fund raising for TRF, Polio Plus and the Bowel Scan project.
- ❖ **RC of Maclean** has a membership of 41, the same as end of last year.
  - Maclean is currently hosting YEP Student Gustav Dyvling from Sweden. The end of July

saw Rebecca Caster returning to America

- The Club has just completed the extension to the car park at the Maclean Hospital which was the major project for last year and they have many projects planned for the coming year. Some of them include the food kiosk at the Maclean Show, Publicans Booth at the Highland Gathering, Carols by Candlelight, Christmas Ham wheel at Brooms Head, Bowel Scan and Monthly Markets in Maclean and a charity golf day.
- Maclean Club contributes to TRF and Polio Plus each year.
- ❖ **RC of Grafton Midday** has a membership of 28
  - Grafton Midday is hosting exchange student Joanna Hakonsson from Denmark. Joanne has an older brother and sister and speaks Danish, German and English.
  - The Club held a “BBQ and Planning Day” with members and their families to make suggestions for planning a program for the year ahead. They have participated in many community programs in the past including the very successful The Biggest Loser, selling raffle tickets for the Community College, assisting with the Big River Lions Club charity Golf Day, taking part in Bowel Scan program and many other community projects.
  - Funds are raised for TRF and Polio Plus and distributed at year end.
- ❖ **RC of Yamba** has a membership of 22, same as at end of last year
  - Yamba are hosting YEP student Nick Evers from Germany.
  - At this time the Club is planning for the year ahead and will be conducting the usual community projects which will include the Bowel Scan program, the Yamba Festival, Grafton Cup Calcutta, local market days etc.
  - Funds will be raised for TRF and Polio Plus and distributed through the year.
  - Yamba got off to a good start being the coordinators of the Group’s successful RYDA program at Yamba
- ❖ **RC of Iluka** has a name change – they are now **RC of Iluka Woombah**
  - They have a membership of 13, the same as end of last year

- They are a very community driven club by supplying and maintaining a Tractor and Trailer for the Iluka SES for emergency use on the beach, work at the markets on market day, conduct Carols by Candlelight, and a Christmas Chocolate Wheel to name a few.
- Iluka club conducts a “Variety Night with Dinner” and the cast comes from the club members and if you have not yet seen them perform, you are missing a great night of entertainment. They perform over a couple of weeks on Friday and Saturday, so ring the club to make a booking. This is their Major Fund Raiser.
- Iluka is a small club that survives on fellowship and being able to conduct community projects for Iluka and their surrounding area.
- Funds are raised for TRF and Polio Plus

*Submitted by AG Brian Ferrie – Group 1*

### **BILL BONNER AND HIS LOVE ..... (OF) EAST TIMOR**

For the second successive year, the inland clubs of Group 9 are working together on an international project. With AG Bill Bonner coordinating, all seven clubs have contributed towards the cost of a new kitchen at Rufaguia Primary School, high in the desolate mountains of East Timor. Families in this remote area are, often, in famine, as well as extreme poverty, and money for food is provided by a wonderful group of non-Rotarians based at Guyra. A midday meal is cooked at the school in pots on a dirt floor, in a “kitchen” that offers virtually no protection from the elements.

A sequence of events followed after Jane McCowen, the leader of the Guyra group, spoke at a District Convention a few years ago. Bill asked her to find out from the students themselves what they wanted most of all. The answer was school uniforms, which were duly made for them in East Timor, and funded by all Group 9 clubs and a matching District Simplified Grant.

Last August, Jane’s group plus Bill went to East Timor and trekked up an incredibly steep mountain (Bill thought he wouldn’t make it!) to visit Rufaguia and install a 50,000 litre water tank (the area is dry for 90% of the year). Every piece of equipment had to be carried up the incredible mountain track - no roads here! It was wonderful to see the 150 children proudly wearing their new uniforms - in Rotary colours, of course!.

It now seemed logical to follow this up with the new kitchen (which will still be extremely basic by our standards). A group project such as this has to be good for Rotary - clubs working together, cost per club not great, and each club has an international project.

*Submitted by AG Bill Bonner RC of Stanthorpe*

### **WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR USED STAMPS ?**

DIK (donations in kind) HAPPENS

During the last 12 months, \$600 has been raised from the sale of used postage stamps collected by clubs in our District. Once they have been sorted and bagged ready for sale, they are then taken to “Stamp Days” either held in Brisbane or on the Gold Coast where they are auctioned. The auctioneer nominates that they are from Rotary and there is often spirited bidding.

Despite the fact that more communication is being sent via email, Rotarians should be pleased to know that their efforts in saving stamps is greatly appreciated and the money is used to assist with the freight costs of DIK.

The RC of Burleigh Heads has donated \$500 to assist with freight costs and if any other clubs wish to make a monetary donation, they can be confidently assured that the money goes to the right place.

The Burleigh Heads State School had 9 boxes of surplus books from their library and these have been sent to Port Moresby in PNG. Other items sent via DIK include sheets and towels which have proved beneficial to Pacific Island Communities. These were collected by local church members. Further information may be obtained from Russell Thomson on 07 5535 2544

*Submitted by Russell Thomson – RC of Burleigh Heads*

### **ONE OF ROTARY’S GREATEST SUCCESS STORIES... PROBUS**

A Community Service Activity of Rotary clubs - Rotary International and Probus “... Rotary clubs, at no cost to Rotary International, may organize and support PROBUS clubs as a worthwhile community service activity”. RCOP – June 1998 Meeting, Board, Dec. 348

**Q:** What is the setup of the Probus organisation and how is Probus related to Rotary?

**A:** Each accredited Probus club is associated to a Rotary District and each Probus Club is formed by a Rotary Club within that District. The success of Probus is due to the commitment from Rotary and the recognition that Probus is a Community Service Activity of Rotary Clubs. The growth of Probus throughout the years

has been influenced by the enthusiasm and endeavors of the many Rotarians who have served as Rotary District Probus Chairmen and the commitment from Past District Governors

### Want to know more?

The Probus movement had its genesis in two ancestors - both in the U.K. and both established by Rotary clubs. The first club in the South Pacific Region was the Probus Club of Kapiti Coast, New Zealand in 1974 followed by the Probus Club of Hunters Hill, NSW Australia in 1976 and the Probus Club of Lucena, The Philippines in D3820 in 2007.

Today there are 2262 accredited Probus clubs in the region with an estimated membership of 190,000+.

For information on district Probus matters and sponsoring the formation of a new Probus club please contact your Rotary District Probus Chairman - Rotarian PDG Douglas Geekie.

Tel: 07 5510 8033

Email: DGRotary2007@hibusiness.com.au

*Submitted by PDG Douglas Geekie RC Gold Coast Central*

### OUR NEWEST PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Congratulations to the recipient named below & the sponsor Clubs for their continued support & commitment to The Rotary Foundation.

**Neil Bambrook – Ballina**

### DISTRICT HAPPENINGS ... SEE PAGE 107 OF DIRECTORY

- September 10-12 Festival – Speed on Tweed

### CHANGES TO DISTRICT DIRECTORY

P36 & 110 RC of Tweed Coast change of venue, now The Beach Hotel, Pandanus Ave, Cabarita Beach

6-6.30 Wednesday

P5 & 91 Anne Egan change of email now; anne@egansimpson.com.au

P88 Pres. Haydn Bastone RC of Coomera River Middy change of email now: nealeind@bigpond.net.au

Sec. Belinda of Coomera River Middy McClenaghan email now bmcclenaghan@smartchat.net.au

### SOMETHING SPECIAL HAPPENING IN YOUR CLUB?

Email the details to Sue Randel  
suecoo@westnet.com.au

### Rotary District 9640 - Membership & Attendance: July 2010

Rotary Club	Attendance				Membership		
	This Month		Year to Date		Start of Year	Present	Change
	%	Rank	%	Rank			
Allora	0.00	43	0.00	43	11	11	-
Alstonville	75.00	26	75.00	26	24	24	-
Ashmore	76.20	25	76.20	25	37	37	-
Ballina	68.10	36	68.10	36	36	36	-
Ballina-on-Richmond	74.20	28	74.20	28	25	23	-2
Beaudesert	86.00	10	86.00	10	21	21	-
Boonah	77.10	24	77.10	24	42	41	-1
Broadbeach	75.40	26	75.40	26	50	51	1
Broadwater-Southport	82.65	18	82.65	18	39	40	1
Burleigh Heads	72.00	30	72.00	30	23	23	-
Byron Bay	0.00	43	0.00	43	11	11	-
Casino	83.00	14	83.00	14	15	15	-
Coolangatta Tweed Heads	85.91	11	85.91	11	28	29	1
Coomera River Middy	0.00	43	0.00	43	23	23	-
Coomera Valley	78.26	22	78.26	22	26	23	-3
Glen Innes	67.42	37	67.42	37	38	38	-
Gold Coast Central	72.00	30	72.00	30	17	17	-
Goondiwindi	58.00	42	58.00	42	34	34	-
Goonellabah	100.00	1	100.00	1	19	18	-1
Grafton	0.00	43	0.00	43	19	19	-
Grafton Middy	0.00	43	0.00	43	28	28	-
Hope Island	74.10	29	74.10	29	39	37	-2
Iluka Woombah	0.00	43	0.00	43	13	13	-
Jimboomba	100.00	1	100.00	1	23	23	-
Kingscliff	62.50	40	62.50	40	10	10	-
Kirra Currumbin	100.00	1	100.00	1	13	13	-
Kyogle	0.00	43	0.00	43	12	12	-
Lismore	68.73	35	68.73	35	13	13	-
Lismore Central	0.000	43	0.00	43	14	14	-
Lismore West	94.55	7	94.55	7	39	38	-1
Maclean	82.80	17	82.80	17	41	41	-
Mermaid Beach	89.50	9	89.50	9	26	26	-
Mt Warning AM (Mur'bah)	100.00	1	100.00	1	32	33	1
Mudgeeraba	98.75	5	98.75	5	26	26	-
Mullumbimby	65.86	39	65.86	39	21	21	-
Murwillumbah	91.34	8	91.34	8	34	34	-
Murwillumbah Central	0.00	43	0.00	43	22	22	-
Nerang	81.25	19	81.25	19	16	16	-
Palm Beach	69.41	33	69.41	33	25	24	-1
Parkwood	72.50	30	72.50	30	20	20	-
Robina	98.00	6	98.00	6	22	21	-1
Runaway Bay	82.89	16	82.89	16	23	23	-
Southport	58.70	41	58.70	41	46	45	-1
Southport North	79.70	21	79.70	21	18	18	-
Stanthorpe	69.10	34	69.10	34	42	41	-1
Summerland Sunrise	0.00	43	0.00	43	12	12	-
Surfers Paradise	82.95	15	82.95	15	23	23	-
Surfers Paradise Central	0.00	43	0.00	43	47	47	-
Surfers Sunrise	66.67	38	66.67	38	47	48	1
Tenterfield	84.70	12	84.70	12	26	26	-
Tweed Coast	84.62	13	84.62	13	15	16	1
Tweed Heads South	81.00	19	81.00	19	24	23	-1
Warwick	0.00	43	0.00	43	19	19	-
Warwick Sunrise	0.00	43	0.00	43	22	22	-
Yamba	78.12	23	78.12	23	22	22	-
Totals					1413	1404	-9