



Rotary International
District 9640 Ltd



Broadbeach Broadsheet



District Governor's Newsletter - Jan 2012

District Governor's Message



• *Catching up at the District AGM.*

Welcome back after AGMs, Christmas parties and the holiday break. Marion and I extend very best wishes to all of you for a happy and healthy New Year. Hopefully it will be one in which we will see a de-escalation of wars and a sharp diminution of the natural disasters that beset our world in 2011.

January is Rotary Awareness Month. If we are going to bring awareness of Rotary to others, we need to have a clear and cogent statement of what Rotary is all about. With this in mind I can think of no better statement to share with others than the one that appears in the Rotary International Strategic Plan:

A worldwide network of inspired individuals who translate their passions into relevant social causes to change lives in communities.

This is the core essence of what we stand for and I ask each of you to learn this statement so that you can unhesitatingly give it meaning and make others aware of what Rotary does in the world at home and abroad. As we start a new calendar year, let us hit the "refresh" button on RI President Kalyan Banerjee's theme, "Reach within to embrace Humanity" and let others know about it.

Rotary Awareness is also about image building and I am pleased to inform you that Rotary International has supported our

Marion's Column

Learn Grow benefited by \$6,077 from your generosity. Thank you so much!

In the Dec- Jan issue of Rotary Down Under on page 17, there is a full page article on Learn Grow. You might like to check it out as mention is made of several volunteer opportunities available within the Learn Grow organization: Journalist to prepare media releases; Technical support in agronomy with the Food Plants Solution people; Marketing the fundraising discs Food Plants in Australia and Food Plants in Tasmania; Project manager with a choice of projects; a Facebook manager to increase Learn Grow's exposure; and IT and marketing support to help with presentations. If you are interested to lend your skills, contact the Learn Grow team on info@learngrow.org or phone (03) 6334 3990



• *Christmas and PHFs at Hope Island.*

• *Jim Bullen (Palm Beach) -50 years in Rotary.*



submission for a matching PR grant of over \$6,000. This grant together with some additional funds from the

District will enable us to build Rotary's image through a national campaign (TV and social media) and a district/ clubs campaign. I have especially asked PR Chair David Bonifant to design a plan whereby each club can benefit from the use of this grant and district money. Accordingly you will be hearing from David in the near future.

It is appropriate to conclude this exposé on Rotary Awareness by reminding everyone that February 23 is Rotary Day- a day that will be celebrated by Rotarians all over the world. How can your club proclaim Rotary Day in its own community? Perhaps you can get space in a newspaper or on TV or radio. Perhaps you can do something special in the community to highlight Rotary Day. Perhaps you can drop off some "Humanity in Motion" books that inspire people to join Rotary. I know that, for a number of Clubs, this will be a time when they collect for Polio. What better way to enhance Rotary awareness than through arguably one of the greatest humanitarian programs the world has even seen.

Another of our guest speakers at the District Conference at Jupiters, Broadbeach on 13-15th April this year is Dr Chris Caton. Chris is the Chief Economist at BT Financial Group and advises people in business and industry of economic trends both in Australia and Internationally. He has the rare ability to make economics come alive in an entertaining way. We can do with some good advice on our economy so plan to be there to hear this important presentation.



• *Chris Caton*

We hope to see lots of you at our District Conference where our theme is BUILDING FAMILIES: MAKING WAVES. The Conference website is www.Rotary9640conference2012.org and there is further information on registering for the conference elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Please send articles for the NEWSLETTER to DG Graham at graham.a.g.jones@gmail.com

The deadline is the END of the MONTH BEFORE. February Newsletter articles need to reach me by Tuesday, Jan 31st



Club Notes:

Group 2 - AG Sue Lloyd

Group 2 consists of 6 clubs. While most of them are small in numbers, they are certainly large in the Rotary spirit and the ability to make a difference for people, for communities and for the world in general. I am honoured to represent them on behalf of our District Governor Graham.

The special and significant thing which stands out within Group 2 is their combined activities and willingness to support each other in events to raise funds which benefit and support youth events and those who are not as fortunate.

Some of these Combined Activities include the following:

- Group 2 evening at La Baracca (Lismore) in February to support Australian Rotary Health
- Special evening at New Italy with 5 district clubs
- Opera at the Channon (Lismore, Lismore Central, Lismore West)
- Annual Dinner at Southern Cross University (Goonellabah, Lismore, Lismore Central, Lismore West, Summerland Sunrise)
- Sponsoring a National Youth Science Forum student (Lismore, Lismore Central, Summerland Sunrise)
- Ballina Shire "Our House" project (Alstonville and Ballina clubs)
- Pairing up visits and activities (Casino & Kyogle, Lismore & Kyogle, Lismore & Lismore West, Lismore Central & Summerland Sunrise)

Alstonville is led by President Ross Turvey, current membership of 23. President Ross has introduced the Leadership Plan to the Club and his consistency, fairness and encouragement has meant that the members have supported in general this major adjustment



• Rotary Club of Alstonville celebrating 39 years

to the club management. The club celebrated 39 years of active Rotary Service in October. Activities have included assisting at the opening of the Ballina By Pass, attending Ballina players with profits, supporting Polio Plus, vocational visits within their communities to raise awareness of businesses around us, donating money to Inner Wheel of Alstonville for mastectomy cushions, supporting 2 outbound YEP students in Belgium and France, supporting youth activities within Rotary and at Alstonville High School, Calcutta evening at the Federal Hotel and holding our annual Christmas Raffle.

Casino is led by President Ken Wilkes and has current membership of 10. The members of the Rotary Club of Casino have been actively supporting their community particularly two families who have recently experienced personal loss. They are actively involved within their local community and have raised \$3,500 through a Charity Afternoon for an employment centre for disabled adults, and have also assisted The Men's Shed in a Fun Run & BBQ with Ford Motor Club.

Kyogle is led by President Bill Manning, with current membership 9. This is a small but extremely active club who have contributed to their local community through the school fete, horse endurance ride, dirt bike events, Kyogle Acoustic Music Society Concerts and Kyogle Bazaars. They have also participated in a local Family Fun Day to raise over \$30,000 to assist a family who had recently lost their mother to cancer. They are also supporting Morgan Levy - a Youth Exchange student from South Africa for 6 months. The Club raised \$18,000 for charities with

Rotary and the ABC for Wrap with Love

This year more than 80 Rotary Clubs from all Districts across the State have provided the logistical connection between some 200 drop-off points for community knitting and the Wrap with Love warehouse in Alexandria, Sydney.

In 1992 Sonia Gidley-King created the volunteer organisation Wrap with Love in response to TV broadcasts of devastating civil conflict and human hardship in Mozambique. Sonia's simple idea was to encourage people to create knitted squares which they would join together into warm blankets. Since then, more than 255,000 wraps have been dispatched to needy recipients around the world.

For the past nine years the ABC has organised an annual Knit-In event across Australia to support Wrap with Love by encouraging communities to join together for knitting and conversation.



• Opera in the Channon 2011 cheque presentation

• Lismore Central members attending the combined Lismore Rotary Clubs meeting at Southern Cross University



their annual Bush Turkey Charity Ball, donated \$4,000 to RYLA, and will achieve the goal of \$100 per member towards Polio Plus

Lismore is led by President Carol Wheatley and has a current membership 9 with a prospect of 2 new members in early 2012. Lismore is the first Rotary Club in rural NSW and we need to acknowledge that they commenced Bowelscan which is now a National Awareness Campaign. This is a huge contribution to the ideals of Rotary International as well as saving many Australian lives. This club has supported and donated to Richmond River High School, Lismore South Primary School and Wyrallah Road Public School. They have also donated to Alstonville Inner Wheel for mastectomy cushions. Their annual Garage Sale raised funds for The Rotary Foundation and a new rotunda at Southern Cross University

Lismore Central is led by President Kevin Poole, and currently has 10 members plus 4 honorary members. They have inducted 1 new member since the Rotary year began. Club activities include Richmond Clinic monthly BBQ, Thank-a-paramedic BBQ, sponsoring an outbound Youth Exchange Student to Belgium leaving in January 2012, and sponsoring a RYLA participant. The Club donates \$10 towards Polio Plus in lieu of gifts for Guest Speakers. President Kevin is a relatively new Rotarian who has inspired his Club to take new initiatives in meeting procedures and to locate a new venue.

Summerland Sunrise is led by President Graham Meineke and currently has 13 members. They have inducted 2 new members since the Rotary year began. Club activities have included: sponsoring 3 students to Honeywell Engineering; hosting a Pink Ribbon Breakfast raising over \$2,000 for the local Cancer Council; and organising a Big Breakfast with guest speaker Professor Peter Lee from Southern Cross University that raised \$320 for Polio Plus. This breakfast was attended by several clubs

As Assistant Governor for Group 2, I joined with the local Lismore Clubs (Lismore, Lismore Central, Lismore West, Summerland Sunrise & Goonellabah) for their Southern Cross University Combined Rotary Clubs of Lismore Annual Dinner - an example of five clubs working together, sharing their projects and activities with pride and demonstrating commitment to their Community - locally, nationally & internationally.

Wraps and squares of knitting are delivered to local community venues for collection by Rotary and on 5 August this year, the ABC 702 radio programme hosted by Deborah Cameron broadcast live from the midst of a sea of knitters at ABC studios, Ultimo.

As coordinators of the project we have been asked by the volunteer organisation Wrap with Love to thank all the clubs involved in District 9640 this year: Lismore West, Tweed Heads South, Glenn Innes, Maclean.

Why not look up the Wrap with Love website at; www.artsandcraftsnsw.com.au/Wrap.htm.

For further information please contact Meg Gervay, Secretary Rotary Club of Sydney Cove D9750 on meg.gervay@austartlink.com.au.

District 9640 Rotary Foundation News

Future Vision Plan

RI and TRF are currently conducting a three-year pilot study of its Future Vision Plan, which is now 50% completed. It is expected this new grant model of TRF will be launched on 1st July 2013.

This means the incoming boards of 2012/13 and more importantly 2013/14, as well as all Rotarians, will need to prepare and become more familiar with this change over the next eighteen months.

The Foundation Trustees identified a growing need to focus efforts in order to achieve greater impact, more public recognition and streamline its operations for improved efficiency going forward.

Briefly, under the plan, the Foundation proposes no change to the SHARE arrangement of 50/50 between districts and Foundation and it will offer two types of grants under this arrangement.

District Grants are block grants that enable clubs and districts to address immediate funding needs in their communities. Districts may request up to 50% of their District Designated Funds (DDF), currently it is 20%, for one grant annually. The district will manage and disburse funds under this District Grant, along with the remaining DDF to support activities such as scholarships (both local and/or overseas), vocational training teams (formerly GSE teams) and humanitarian service projects, including polio and Global Grants. All grants are to be in accordance with its six areas of focus.

Global Grants (now known as the World Fund) will offer opportunities to participate in strategically focused, high impact activities with the support from TRF ranging from US\$15,000 to US\$200,000. These grants will fund large international humanitarian projects; specialised vocational training teams and international scholarships, all again related to an area of focus.

The changes will specifically affect scholarships and GSE teams as we know them now. In addition, clubs and districts will be responsible for more stewardship of Foundation funds, particularly for District and Global Grants.

The Trustees are convinced the new grant structure will enable Rotarians to change more people's lives by attracting other leading world organisations to work with us and make the world a better place.

You will no doubt hear more about the Future Vision Plan over the next eighteen months, however, you can better familiarise yourself with the new global model now, through e-learning modules available via www.rotary.org/futurevision

Pin it for Polio

February 23rd is Rotary Day and you and your club can do your bit to increase Rotary awareness and raise important funds for the "End Polio Now" campaign by ordering your "Pin it for Polio" lapel badges.

The pins can be ordered for just \$3.00 each and each pin sold will raise

Regional Youth Transition Seminar:

HI TO ALL CLUBS:

RYTS was a great success thanks to all the great young people you sent us. We had 76 kids this year [56 last year] and I had to turn away 9 young people during the last week before camp. I am really sorry, we just could not fit them in at such late notice. Next year we will make some changes so we can take 48 girls and 36 boys, [we always get more girls than boys]. So if you want to send us some students next year GET IN EARLY or you will miss out. The following comment encapsulates the essence of the week:

The week spent at R.Y.T.S. is by far the best one that I have ever experienced. Filled to bursting with ice-breakers, seminars that are both high in their quality and relevance, and activities to stretch the comfort zones of even the most extroverted of people, it is a camp that kept me guessing until the very end. Not once did I ever regret applying for a sponsorship for this camp, as it has benefited me in more ways than I am able to list. It allowed a positive atmosphere to vent even the deepest emotional problems in my life, and allowed me to be the true person I am without worry of others judging me. I made more (and closer) friends in one week than I ever have in my life. I would definitely



• *Surfers Sunrise launch for Peace Scholar Hayley Linthwaite*
\$1.50 for the Australian Rotary Foundation Trust. The pins come with a card explaining Rotary's role in the worldwide campaign to eradicate polio. They are therefore ideal to sell give away to non-Rotarians.

For details on how to order your pins, see Page 24 of the December edition of Rotary Down Under, or you can order also by email through [www.pinitforpolio@rotarydownunder.com.au](mailto:pinitforpolio@rotarydownunder.com.au)

Rotary Birthday Film Nights

To celebrate Rotary's 107th birthday, RI in Parramatta have organised with 20th Century Fox to have another Australian wide movie premiere, with proceeds going to Polio Plus. It can be shown to Rotarians and guests, between 23rd and 26th of February depending on the cooperation of the theatres, with most screenings being aimed for the 23rd.

This premiere screening will be the British comedy, "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" starring Maggie Smith, Judy Dench and Bill Nighy. It features a group of retirees selling up everything to move to a luxury retirement resort in India, only to discover it is not what they thought they were getting. It will not be released in Australia until mid-March, therefore it offers exclusive family entertainment for Rotary's No.1 priority.

Previously, we have enjoyed good attendances at these film premieres at Harbourtown, the Gold Coast Arts Centre theatre in Surfers Paradise as well as Warwick, but little or no interest from other areas that have a theatre. I have asked the AG's to endeavour to have the movie shown in Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah, Ballina, Lismore and Grafton. So hopefully those theatres will cooperate and if so, the AG's will require a local club to coordinate ticket sales.

At the time of writing, the results of the AG's efforts are not yet known but we will circulate notices of screening times and booking arrangements to all clubs when available.

If we are successful in arranging a screening at a theatre near you, please give your full support to this Australia wide fund raising initiative, by helping to fill the theatre.

Doug Brown - DRFCC



recommend this camp to anyone, no matter their origins or stories. It is one that I can assuredly say I will remember forever.

Ken Barker, Chairman Rotary Youth Transition Seminar

NEW MEMBERS

District Governor Graham extends a warm welcome to our new members:

ALAN BANKS – Grafton (formerly Rotary Club of Orange)
MICHELLE BENNETT – Grafton
JUDY MASON – Murwillumbah Central
LEN MASON – Murwillumbah Central





VALE: PDG GEOFF DUBOIS, PHF [Governor of District 969, 1981-82]

Geoff and Kennie married in 1950 and Geoff joined the Rotary Club of Cabramatta in December 1961 where he became President and later served as District Governor.

He achieved 100% attendance for 44 years and he passed away on September 14, 2011 just a few months short of his 50th anniversary in Rotary on December 21, 2011. The Rotary Club of Burleigh Heads held a special celebration of Geoff's life on that anniversary date.

After moving to Castle Hill in 1989 he joined the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills until moving to the Gold Coast in 1997. He then joined the Rotary Club of Mudgeeraba where he served as secretary and treasurer and was a member of the Rotary Club of Burleigh Heads at the time of his passing. Geoff served in all avenues of Rotary service at club, district and national levels. He was the National and District Chairman of Youth Exchange and was a GSE leader to the first all women's team to The Netherlands.

He also served the community in other ways and was the youngest member to become a steward in the Methodist (now Uniting) church. He served the church as Sunday-school leader, District Knight Commander of the O.Ks, organist, senior steward, and parish treasurer. Geoff joined the Chamber of Commerce at Cabramatta and later became its President. With other service groups he organised Christmas Carols in the park at Cabramatta for many years.

Geoff was involved in the auto-electrical business starting in his in-laws' garage. He later opened branches in Penrith and Richmond and took an active role in preparing apprentices over a 40-year period. Geoff is survived by his wife Kennie, also a PHF, daughters Nyorie Parish and Bronwyn O'Keefe and son Christopher. There are four grandchildren Scott, Amanda, Helen and Greg and two great grandchildren Rachel and Austin.

REGISTERING FOR THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE (APRIL 13-15, 2012)

If you need to register for the 2012 District Conference, please follow the procedure outlined below:

Go to the District website and to the District Conference link just above the photo of DG Graham and Marion. Alternatively use the following website address directly: www.Rotary9640conference2012.org

You can PRINT a REGISTRATION FORM, complete it and pay by credit card or cheque made out to "RD 9640 Conference 2012". Mail, FAX or EMAIL to Michelle Wachter: PO Box 806 Southport, QLD 4215; FAX (07) 5591 8390; EMAIL: rotary9640conference2012@gmail.com

You can REGISTER ONLINE and pay using PAYPAL. If you don't have a computer please have someone PRINT YOU A REGISTRATION FORM. You can also take care of accommodation at Jupiters Hotel on this site.

PLEASE NOTE THE EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION IS EXTENDED UNTIL JANUARY 31

If you have any problem with registration please contact Michelle Wachter: (M) 0400 445 550 OR EMAIL: rotary9640conference2012@gmail.com

PLEASE FEEL FREE to insert this in your Bulletin or Website.

Bowelscan 2012

It is with considerable regret that I inform you that the Bowelscan programme is on hold and we cannot proceed until a number of issues are resolved at the national level. In the near future, Bowelcan Chair, Sue Lloyd will be providing further information to Clubs via District Secretary Brian Pearson. If you need further information immediately please telephone Sue Lloyd (0429 395 336) or Rohan Cooper (0430 197 534).

Our Newest Paul Harris Fellows

Congratulations to all recipients named below and the sponsor Clubs for their continued support of The Rotary Foundation

MIDORI ASHENDEN - PHF and Sapphire--Ashmore
SAM DOUMANY - PHF- Hope Island
KARIN KOLENKO - PHF-Hope Island
BRUCE MAYNARD - PHF-Hope Island
MARIO FAIRLIE - PHF- Surfers Sunrise
FRANZ HUBER - Sapphire- Surfers Sunrise
Dr FRANK MOUSER - Membership to the Paul Harris 711 CLUB- Surfers Sunrise
JOHN ELLEMOR - Membership to the Paul Harris 711 Club- Surfers Sunrise

9640 Membership & Attendance: Nov 2011

ROTARY CLUB	THIS MONTH		YEAR TO DATE		START	PRESENT	CHANGE
	%	RANK	%	RANK			
Allora	0.00	=39	0.00	=48	16	16	-
Alstonville	40.62	38	68.17	32	24	22	-2
Ashmore	95.00	=6	91.40	4	41	42	+1
Ballina	72.10	28	70.58	26	37	34	-3
Ballina-on-Richmond	83.00	14	83.60	10	21	19	-2
Beaudesert	0.00	=39	50.00	44	23	22	-1
Boonah	70.00	32	73.16	23	38	37	-1
Broadbeach	75.70	23	71.33	25	49	50	+1
Broadwater-Southport	65.57	34	68.23	31	42	36	-6
Burleigh Heads	74.50	25	67.10	34	25	25	-
Byron Bay	0.00	=39	0.00	=48	11	11	-
Casino	0.00	=39	68.64	28	10	10	-
CoolangattaTweed Heads	0.00	=39	50.64	43	26	27	+1
Coomera River	0.00	=39	53.92	41	19	17	-2
Coomera Valley	88.54	12	81.02	11	24	24	-
Fassifern Valley	62.30	=36	65.99	37	21	19	-2
Glen Innes	75.86	22	74.14	18	40	41	+1
Gold Coast	0.00	=39	0.00	=48	56	61	+5
Goondiwindi	71.00	=30	31.70	46	34	30	-4
Goonellabah	0.00	=39	0.00	=48	24	24	-
Grafton	75.00	24	70.00	27	22	22	-
Grafton Middy	0.00	=39	0.00	=48	23	23	-
Hope Island	100.00	1	20.00	47	41	43	+2
Iluka - Woombah	0.00	=39	68.54	29	14	17	+3
Jimboomba	99.00	2	99.80	1	22	24	+2
Kingscliff	77.00	18	78.00	=14	9	9	-
Kirra Currumbin	0.00	=39	57.80	39	13	16	+3
Kyogle	0.00	=39	51.90	42	9	9	-
Lismore	92.70	8	74.04	19	11	9	-2
Lismore Central	0.00	=39	0.00	=48	14	14	-
Lismore West	96.67	3	95.88	2	38	40	+2
Maclean	71.78	29	79.26	13	38	40	+2
Mermaid Beach	91.80	9	88.96	7	28	28	-
Mt Warning AM (M'bah)	95.70	5	89.71	6	31	34	+3
Mudgeeraba	96.00	4	94.20	3	25	22	-3
Mullumbimby	73.50	26	73.50	22	19	17	-2
Murwillumbah	90.15	11	79.53	12	32	34	+2
Murwillumbah Central	77.68	17	71.91	24	16	17	+1
Nerang	95.00	=6	87.25	8	18	19	+1
Palm Beach	76.00	20	61.70	38	17	17	-
Parkwood	0.00	=39	0.00	=48	18	18	-
Robina	78.40	16	85.08	9	21	15	-6
Runaway Bay	62.00	=36	66.64	35	25	28	+3
Southport	73.00	27	67.20	33	42	43	+1
Southport North	0.00	=39	66.46	36	17	17	-
Stanthorpe	63.80	35	73.70	21	41	42	+1
Summerland Sunrise	0.00	=39	40.74	45	13	13	-
Surfers Paradise	76.88	19	74.49	17	23	23	-
Surfers Sunrise	75.96	21	75.77	16	44	35	-9
Tenterfield	90.40	10	90.49	5	28	27	-1
Tweed Coast	87.00	13	68.37	30	18	18	-
Tweed Heads South	66.00	33	73.80	20	17	15	-2
Warwick	0.00	=39	0.00	=48	15	15	-
Warwick Sunrise	71.00	=30	57.20	40	20	21	+1
Yamba	78.80	15	78.19	=14	25	28	+3
Totals					1349	1380	+31