



Rotary International
District 9640 Ltd



Broadbeach Broadsheet



District Governor's Newsletter - Nov 2011

District Governor's Message

November is Rotary Foundation Month and what wonderful images that conjures up for all Rotarians: Polio Plus, Group Study Exchange, Peace Fellowships, and Ambassadorial Scholarships to name just a few of its Rotary-inspired humanitarian and educational programs. In our society where foundation funds abound, it is hard to imagine how Rotary International existed without an endowment fund for 12 years. Enter Rotary International President Arch Klumph and we see the establishment of an endowment fund that sets the scene for The Rotary Foundation—one of the world's most enduring and successful philanthropic entities.

This year one of my key goals is for clubs in our District to generate, by the end of December, U.S. \$100.00 per member to support the Annual Program Fund of The Rotary Foundation. Clubs will find various and creative ways to do this but I want to say a big thank you in advance to all the Rotarians in our District who will make a donation of U.S. \$100.00 or more through the "Every Rotarian Every Year" program. I know that many of you do this annually and what a wonderfully appropriate gift it is as we draw near the Festive Season.

In urging you all to tackle this goal with enthusiasm over the next two months, I am delighted to say that we are off to a wonderful start. Clubs and individual members have already donated \$30,000 to the Annual

Program Fund since July. Thank you to all those clubs and members; you have made our goal of \$150,000 much more attainable.

Our District has had other noteworthy successes associated with The Rotary Foundation in the last month. William Usher (nominated by the Rotary Club of Broadwater Southport) has been granted an Ambassadorial Scholarship and is expecting to study at Cambridge University in 2012-2013. Hayley Linthwaite (nominated by the Rotary Club of Surfers Sunrise) has been granted a Peace Fellowship for the 3-month program at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok and Jacob Kahemele (nominated by the Rotary Club of Southport) has been successful in obtaining a two-year Peace Fellowship at the International Christian University in Tokyo. This is the first time that 100% of the Peace Fellows nominated by our District have been successful. Congratulations to DRFC Doug Brown, and to chairs Catherine Bonifant and Neil Russell.

Marion and I complete our last two official visits this week. It continues to be a journey of enlightenment and awe at some of the great things our clubs and young people are doing. I have captured some of the moments in the photographs below. If I could make a wish it would be to see a Rotaract Club like Southport move to the full status of a Rotary club within 10 years. I envy my colleague DG Alan Havir (D 5510-Arizona) where such a transformation has become a reality.



• *Inducting new members at Iluka-Woombah*



• *Boonah Interact Changeover*



• *Halloween Trivia Night-Southport Rotaract Club*

Marion's Column

Learn Grow's latest Newsletter mentions the great contributions our clubs have made. Check it out on www.learn-grow.org and click on newsletters.

An interesting article of what has happened next in the Solomon Islands is described in the following extract:

Royce Abbey scholarship recipient visits Tasmania

The first project undertaken by Learn Grow was in the Solomon Islands. Over the last two years, the Learn Grow project team developed and continues to implement a successful program for the people of Solomon Islands in collaboration with ten locally based stakeholder organizations. They include government ministries, education providers, NGOs, women's organizations, community groups, church missions and Rotary. A series of reference texts and field guides were published and are being distributed through stakeholders to communities and villages throughout the country.

As part of the program, Henry Gwao, a teacher from the Solomon Islands School of Natural Resources, is currently visiting Tasmania for a program of study with the Tasmanian Institute of Agricultural Research (TIAR). This has been funded under a Royce Abbey scholarship (named

after a former Australian Rotary International President) and includes mentoring by Bruce French, Honorary Associate of TIAR and author of the food plants database.

Henry will become a key ambassador for the project upon his return to the Solomon Islands.

A little more information on our District Conference. Buz Green, Chairman of LearnGrow will be one of the plenary speakers at the conference at Jupiters (Broadbeach) on the weekend of April 13-15 next year. Our theme is BUILDING FAMILIES/ MAKING WAVES and we encourage families to come as we have some special programmes for young people- Science on the Go from Griffith University and a presentation from the Currumbin Sanctuary.

Cheques for Learn Grow are payable to the Rotary Club of Devonport North, P. O. Box 363, Devonport, Tasmania 7310.

For direct payment to Bendigo Bank BSB 633000 and Account No. 131934937



• *Buz Green, founder of Learn grow*

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. December Newsletter articles need to reach me by Wednesday, Nov 30th



Australian Launch of Healthy Heroes

Wednesday, 26 October 2011, saw the official launch of Healthy Heroes at the Coombabah Primary School, Gold Coast, Australia.

One hundred and fifty Year 7 students were handed their Healthy Heroes Kits by Ian Johnson (CEO of the Paradise Point Branch of the Bendigo Bank) and Rotary District 9640 Assistant Governor Neil Thurlow. Introduced to Australia by the Rotary Club of Runaway Bay, the Healthy Heroes programme has been adapted from Healthy Heroes NZ, developed by the Rotary Club of Wellington North.

Class Captains Tatum Pendlebury and Bianca Louw receive Healthy Heroes Kits from Ian Johnson and Neil Thurlow.

Charter President (1986-87) and Immediate Past President Laurie Buckley and his committee have worked on this project during the past year. Laurie feels he struck a jackpot when the Principals of both Coombabah Primary and High Schools agreed to introduce this programme into their schools. During Laurie's part of the launch, the cooperation of the New Zealand Committee was acknowledged as were the contributions from sponsors, the Bendigo Bank and Accent Press.

Healthy Heroes is a nine week course in which students are challenged to meet five goals – to eat healthy food, to exercise daily, to have a full night's sleep, to stretch their minds and to help their neighbours. Students, with the help of parents, keep a record of their achievements over the nine weeks. Rotary provides incentives and the school monitors progress. At the end of the course successful students achieve Healthy Hero status.



• *Launch at Coombabah Primary School.*

Laurie addressed the students, watched by the School Captains, Principal John Hockings and Deputy Principal Greg Crone.

Coombabah Primary School Principal John Hockings encouraged students and teachers to be proactive about Healthy Heroes, which also aims to develop healthy habits in children, to reduce obesity in children and reduce their risks of contracting Type II Diabetes later in life.

Several members of the Rotary Club of Runaway Bay proudly attended this auspicious occasion.

Rotary revs its engines to raise funds and awareness for Paradise Kids.



• *Were they lost or giving out clues?*

Early on 25th September, 13 cars were revving their engines to take part in the Rotary Club of Coomera Valley's inaugural 'Treasure Hunt On Wheels', organised to raise funds and awareness for Paradise Kids.

The Treasure Hunt is the first of its kind to be run by the club. Teams started their engines at around 8am in the Outback Spectacular car park and were given a number of clues, taking them to various points through the Gold Coast hinterland to the finish line in Maudsland where teams enjoyed a picnic lunch and fellowship whilst eagerly awaiting the points tally and the announcement of the winners.

Participating teams included local V8 personalities Dick and Steve Johnson, and James Moffat. It is anticipated that this will become an annual event and Dick Johnson says that he is keen to continue his support of future hunts, subject to racing commitments.

"We are delighted to see community members getting behind Paradise Kids, which does so much valuable work for children on the Gold Coast," concluded Rod Harmer, Club President. "We [the Club] are committed to supporting the community, and it is events such as this that offer people a chance to raise valuable funds for worthy causes while also having fun in the process."

Paradise Kids is a Gold Coast Children's Charity founded in 1996 to help children learn life-skills to deal with grief through death, loss or illness. Whether the loss is the death or approaching death of a parent, grandparent or sibling, grief through the stress of separation



• *All part of the Treasure Hunt.*

or divorce, or the child's own chronic life-limiting illness, Paradise Kids provides programs to 'help heal the heartache'.

Ride to Cairns



• *Rob Byrne gives Hon. Tony Abbott the good oil*

Rob Byrne, Rotary Club of Grafton, rides into Cairns with Tony Abbott [October 18]

I have arrived in Cairns to complete the first of my End Polio journeys. On the final stage I was accompanied into town by a number of cyclists, including the Leader of the Opposition, the Honourable Tony Abbott -- who turned out to be a very personable sort of bloke. Also in attendance was the local Federal Member, Warren Entsch (what a character!) but not on his Harley unfortunately because

a thunderstorm got in the way! The Seven News coverage of the occasion went to air from Cairns, Townsville, Mackay and other areas in Queensland; also Channel 9 showed the ride in Cairns.



District 9640 ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

Vancouver Island & Washington
State

A 15 day Rotary Friendship Team Exchange (RFE) is being planned to District 5020 for 7-22 June 2012. The district covers Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada and the north western part of Washington State, USA. Five Rotary clubs will host for approximately 3 nights each. See www.Rotary5020.org

Rotarians and their partners are eligible to apply to be in an Outbound Team of up to 12 members. Clubs of outbound team members are expected to host the inbound team visiting us on 25 November-10 December 2012.

The outbound RFE will start in Vancouver, BC and finish in Seattle, WA. An option for team members is to then travel with Rotarians on to the D5020 District Conference in Victoria, BC, 22-24 June. This is a wonderful time to visit this region as it is a great launching pad for an Alaskan cruise, the Rocky Mountains train experience, the Calgary Stampede or for travel south to Oregon and California.

Further information on Rotary Friendship Exchanges can be found in the RFE Handbook at www.rotary.org/Rl/documents/en_pdf/rfe_handbook_en.pdf

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



District 9640 Rotary Foundation News

November is Rotary Foundation Month

It is required that Clubs have put aside at least one meeting this month dedicated to the Foundation or a program. The TRF quiz was designed to meet this occasion so it is hoped your club participated and members were able to gain a better understanding of OUR charity. It is hoped also that the quiz was a bit of fun.

Rotary Peace Fellowship successful candidates

It is with great pleasure to inform you our District submitted two applications this year and both were successful.

Hayley Linthwaite, who has a background in education, corporate and non-profit community development programs will attend Chulalongkorn University in Thailand early next year to complete the three month Certificate Course. Hayley is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Surfers Sunrise.

Jacob Kahemele, a theologian formerly from Tanzania but now living in Australia while his wife completes a PHD at Bond University, was accepted to attend the 18 month Master's Degree course at the International Christian University in Tokyo. Jacob is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Southport.

No doubt we all wish our two candidates every success with their studies and careers in peace and conflict resolution.

The funding for these two fellowships comes from the World Fund. Hayley's cost of approximately US\$20,000 and Jacob's (US\$45,000) means we will have financed a combined US\$65,000 from the World Fund. In addition, with the District Designated Funds of US\$33,250, being the 50% share of total Annual Programs Fund contributions for 2008/9, it means the District will have spent at least US\$100,000 on TRF programs this year. This is some 30% more than that raised three years ago, which illustrates the benefit of using both sources of TRF funding.

Ambassadorial Scholar

It was also very pleasing that our 2012/13 Ambassadorial Scholar candidate was also approved. William Usher, an ex-TSS student and now in his final year studying Engineering at Griffith University, will now be applying to do a Master's Degree in Engineering for Sustainable Development at Cambridge University next July. William is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Broadwater Southport and I'm sure will be a great ambassador for the District.

I must also thank the subcommittee chairpersons, Catherine Bonifant (Peace Fellowship) and Neil Russell (Ambassadorial Scholar), for their meticulous work in ensuring our candidates' applications were of the highest order, to secure success.

Polio Update

It was extremely gratifying to see world leaders at CHOGM recently pledge more than \$100 million in new funds, to help deliver a polio free world.

As we are aware, polio is still endemic in four countries, three of which are in the Commonwealth. In fact, Pakistan and Nigeria are experiencing increased new cases of late, therefore the pledges were timely as the last 1% of cases is proving to be difficult and expensive. India, however, still has only one case this year, which was in January.

Australia will commit \$50 million over four years, Canada and Nigeria will extend their annual giving by \$15 million and \$17 million respectively, whereas the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation increased its support by another \$40 million.

The funds will go to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, a public/private partnership led by Governments and spearheaded by the World Health Organization; the US Centres of Disease Control and Prevention; UNICEF and, of course, Rotary International.

Our thanks go to those Australian Rotarians, whose efforts to place polio on the CHOGM agenda, were rewarded.

Doug Brown DRFCC

District Conference:



April 13-15, 2012 at Jupiters, Gold Coast

Website: www.rotary9640conference2012.org
[Early Bird registration finishes December 30, 2011]

SPEAKERS: Professor Mark von Itzstein (Malaria vaccine); Buz Green (Learn Grow); Dr Chris Caton (Chief Economist, BT); Chris Josceleyne (Rotary e-clubs), Rob Byrne (End Polio Bike Rider)

SATURDAY NIGHT: Outback Spectacular- a new show from December, 2011, so hold off until the Conference

PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: Griffith University "Science on the Go!"; and "Currumbin Sanctuary Show"



• 2012 District Conference Committee.

Our Newest Paul Harris Fellows

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

Arthur Holmes (contributions to Arts Festivals)- Murwillumbah
David Muir- Stanthorpe



VALE

PP Bert Kennett-passed away 22 August 2011, aged 90 years.

Herbert Edward Kennett, known as Bert, was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Nerang and served as the second club president in 1976-77. Bert together with his Rotary-Anne Doris assisted in countless service projects during his time in the Club. Bert also shared his enthusiasm for fellowship as part of the Club's original German Band and his batting skill in inter club cricket matches. Just a few years back Bert was able to attend a Changeover dinner and presented photographs of the Club's project (commenced in Bert's year as president) to rescue, relocate and restore the "Maid of Sker" paddle steamer. This restoration has now become an iconic part of the Nerang community.

Our thoughts are with Bert's children Paula, Michelle, James and their families.

PDG Douglas Geekie
Rotary Club of Nerang

VALE



John Rice, Past President and Paul Harris Fellow

John Rice, a Charter member of Murwillumbah Central Rotary Club, passed away on Thursday October 20 after a short illness.

John was a Past President, serving his year as President in 1993/94. He was named a Paul Harris Fellow in 2000 for his service to Rotary and the community. John served our club in many capacities. As well as President, he was Secretary, Vocational Service Director, and Community Service Director. He was the pivot point in many projects undertaken in the early years of the club, using his expertise as proprietor of Rices Retravision. The original wiring of Murwillumbah Hospital for TV reception is one project that comes to mind. At the time, patients could not have a TV set in their wards, and through the member's efforts antenna connections were made in all wards. John then supplied TV sets to Murwillumbah Hospital Auxiliary who hired the sets as needed.

All Saints Church in Murwillumbah was filled for the funeral, evidence of John's high regard throughout the Tweed community. Friends and business associates from many parts of Australia came together to remember his friendly, helpful manner. John always held the Four Way Test as an important measure and lived his life to benefit all who met him. He will be missed.

Denis Hallworth
Rotary Club of Murwillumbah Central

LATEST ROTARY LINKS ON THE DISTRICT 9640 WEBSITE

Please use the following link to access the latest Rotary Links which include access to the RI website and newsletters, Rotanet, District news items and much more:

http://rotary9640.org/bookmarks/view_group.php?id=136

CORRECTION

President Harold Busch (Broadbeach); email: hbusch@hotmail.com.au

NEW MEMBERS

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

Sylvia Fitch- Iluka--Woombah	Nick Goulaev- Murwillumbah
Rhonda Hase-Iluka--Woombah	Terry Sharplin-Murwillumbah
Shirley Causley-Iluka--Woombah	Mark Ireland- Stanthorpe
Doug Ridley- Lismore West	Duncan Purkiss--Lismore Central
Lionel Cansdale- Murwillumbah	

9640 Membership & Attendance: Oct 2011

ROTARY CLUB	THIS MONTH		YEAR TO DATE		START	PRESENT	CHANGE
	%	RANK	%	RANK			
Allora	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	16	16	-
Allora	0.00	=44	0.00	=45	16	16	-
Alstonville	65.38	=37	77.64	18	24	23	-1
Ashmore	90.00	5	90.00	4	41	42	+1
Ballina	75.00	22	69.87	31	37	33	-4
Ballina-on-Richmond	85.00	=10	83.00	=12	21	17	-4
Beaudesert	80.00	=17	83.33	=12	23	22	-1
Boonah	72.00	=25	73.20	=26	38	38	-
Broadbeach	71.15	30	70.07	29	49	51	+2
Broadwater-Southport	69.00	=34	69.92	30	42	38	-4
Burleigh Heads	72.00	=25	66.67	35	25	25	-
Byron Bay	0.00	=44	0.00	=45	11	11	-
Casino	94.28	=3	89.47	6	10	10	-
CoolangattaTweed Heads	62.00	=41	62.40	39	26	27	+1
Coomera River	63.20	40	65.00	36	19	17	-2
Coomera Valley	83.33	=13	80.37	15	24	24	-
Fassifern Valley	72.00	=25	67.48	33	21	19	-2
Glen Innes	75.52	21	74.60	23	40	41	+1
Gold Coast	0.00	=44	0.00	=45	61	61	-
Goondiwindi	0.00	=44	0.00	=45	34	34	-
Goonellabah	0.00	=44	0.00	=45	24	24	-
Grafton	65.00	=37	68.33	32	22	21	-1
Grafton Middy	0.00	=44	0.00	=45	23	23	-
Hope Island	0.00	=44	0.00	=45	41	41	-
Iluka-Woombah	0.00	=44	0.00	=45	14	14	-
Jimboomba	100.00	1	100.0	1	22	23	+1
Kingscliff	69.00	=34	75.00	22	9	9	-
Kirra Currumbin	72.50	24	71.33	28	13	16	+3
Kyogle	86.00	=8	86.50	11	9	9	-
Lismore	62.50	=41	63.17	=37	11	9	-2
Lismore Central	0.00	=44	0.00	=45	14	14	-
Lismore West	97.02	2	96.03	2	38	39	+1
Maclean	79.23	20	80.33	17	38	40	+2
Mermaid Beach	81.50	15	87.83	10	28	28	-
Mt Warning AM (Mur'bah)	88.00	6	89.32	=7	31	33	+2
Mudgeeraba	94.00	=3	93.67	3	25	22	-3
Mullumbimby	73.30	23	74.40	25	19	18	-1
Murwillumbah	80.00	=17	75.67	21	32	34	+2
Murwillumbah Central	71.60	29	46.37	42	16	16	-
Nerang	83.00	=13	88.42	9	18	18	-
Palm Beach	64.50	39	57.83	40	17	17	-
Parkwood	0.00	=44	0.00	=45	18	18	-
Robina	85.00	=10	89.00	=7	21	15	-6
Runaway Bay	56.40	43	67.29	34	25	27	+2
Southport	70.00	=31	63.00	=37	42	42	-
Southport North	81.10	16	82.63	14	17	17	-
Stanthorpe	70.30	=31	73.00	=26	41	41	-
Summerland Sunrise	0.00	=44	19.23	44	13	13	-
Surfers Paradise	69.66	33	76.41	=19	23	22	-1
Surfers Sunrise	65.71	36	74.42	24	44	35	-9
Tenterfield	87.50	7	89.51	5	28	27	-1
Tweed Coast	83.50	12	53.83	41	18	18	-
Tweed Heads South	86.00	=8	76.00	=19	17	16	-1
Warwick	0.00	=44	0.00	=45	15	15	-
Warwick Sunrise	72.41	=25	46.34	43	20	20	-
Yamba	80.00	=17	80.35	16	25	26	+1
Totals	1372	-24					