



Rotary International  
District 9640 Ltd



# Broadbeach Broadsheet



District Governor's Newsletter - Sep 2011

## District Governor's Message

At the time of writing this article, Marion and I are 8 weeks into our visits and we have been to the four G extremities of the District: Grafton, Gold Coast, Goondiwindi and Glen Innes. During that time we have been warmly welcomed by 35 clubs in the District and it is really special to see the marvellous projects that are being undertaken by clubs both in their local communities and overseas. Rotarians make things happen!

We have also caught up on our Rotary history during these visits. Some of the special highlights include the Standing Stones in Glen Innes, the Centenary Pillars in Goondiwindi, the Yamba Rotary walking track and benches, the Maclean hospital helipad, and the medical emergency heart defibrillator in Ballina. I have been privileged to be involved in the induction of new members and an honorary member at the Rotary Clubs of Boonah, Maclean, and Ballina on Richmond and, in the recognition of new Paul Harris Fellows or Sapphires at the Rotary Clubs of Glen Innes, Casino, and Tweed Heads South.

September is New Generations month and there has been a flurry of exciting activities with the younger members of our

Rotary family. District Governor Elect Sandra and Sam, District Governor Nominee Tony and Dianne, and Marion and I attended the 6th Youth Exchange Alumni Dinner in Warwick and I had the pleasure of welcoming our "inbounders" for 2011-2012. During the visit to my own club, it was a real joy to be involved in the chartering of the new Rotaract Club of Southport. I also had the pleasure of inducting the President and Secretary of the new Maclean High School Interact Club at Yamba and meeting the President of the new Aquinas College Interact Club while at Surfers Sunrise. There are further Interact Clubs on the go and it is really pleasing to see all of these young people being fostered by Rotary. Supporting their wealth of energy and enthusiasm will guarantee the future of Rotary.

My continuing thanks to clubs for their support to the "Horn of Africa" through Disaster Aid Australia. The appeal has reached \$21,000. A great effort that will make a difference where it is most needed.

DG Graham



• Remembering an esteemed friend and a great Rotarian



• Inducting two new members at Maclean



• Rotaract Club of Southport—all chartered and ready for action.

## Marion's Column

I am very grateful to the clubs that have so far donated to Learn Grow, the project I would like you to support with me. Our total stands at over \$5,000.

Learn\*Grow offers one solution to world hunger and malnutrition by encouraging people in developing countries to grow local plants that are nutritionally far superior to 'Western' food crops because they are naturally adapted to local conditions.

For those who are interested in learning more, I suggest you try a Food for Thought event in your club. This involves showing an audiovisual presentation followed by a very basic one course meal. You can charge a full price for the meal and give the profits to Learn\*Grow. All the information is in a kit which you can have sent free to you. Email [info@learngrow.org](mailto:info@learngrow.org) or call (03) 6334 3990 to find out more.

Cheques are payable to Rotary Club of Devonport North, P.O. Box 363, Devonport, Tasmania 7310. For direct payment to Bendigo Bank BSB 633000 and Account No. 131934937

If you would like to know more, go to [learngrow.org](http://learngrow.org)



• Walking the track Yamba



If you have a 'smartphone' with QR you can scan this code and it will take you straight through to our website.

### Assemblies for 2012: DGE Sandra Doumany

Sunday, May 20th - The Scots PGC College, Warwick

Sunday, May 27th - Trinity Lutheran College, Ashmore, Gold Coast.

Please send articles for the NEWSLETTER to DG Graham at [graham.a.g.jones@gmail.com](mailto:graham.a.g.jones@gmail.com)

The deadline is the END of the MONTH BEFORE. October Newsletter articles need to reach me by Friday, Sept 30th



# Club Notes

## GROUP 7 – AG NEIL JONES

Group 7 has a new look for 2011/2012 following the merger of Gold Coast Central and Surfers Paradise Central clubs to form Rotary Club of Gold Coast which was chartered 1 July. Nerang has also been added to the cluster keeping our number of clubs steady at six.

Change-over dinners were all very successful events and incoming presidents and boards have benefited from their early planning and are already very active with a number of major events already completed or well underway. Club highlights include:

### Broadbeach



- Gold Coast Police Officer of the Year Awards
- Recognising Detective Senior Constable Damien Leeding



Membership is currently 49 with a year end target of 55.

The club's major vocational activity, the Gold Coast Police Officer of the Year Award was expanded this year to include 2 additional awards, the Gold Coast Police Station of the Year and the Gold Coast Administrative Officer of the Year. All three awards were presented on 6 August at the Gold Coast Police Charity Ball run in conjunction with the Broadbeach Police and Citizens Youth Club with the proceeds being shared by both clubs for the benefit of their respective youth programs. The event, held at the Gold Coast Convention Centre was attended by 270 including the Minister for Police and Commissioner of Police as well as DG Graham and Marion. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a special Rotary Club of Broadbeach citation recognising the ultimate sacrifice made by the late Detective Senior Constable Damian Leeding to his widow, Sonja Leeding.

For many years Broadbeach has been providing motorised scooters to needy disabled persons for an annual rental of \$1 and its fleet has now reached 50 which the club considers the maximum number that it can effectively manage, maintain and progressively update. With an ever increasing demand on the Gold Coast, the club would welcome other clubs participation in this important and highly valued community service initiative. Any club interested in exploring this opportunity further should contact President Harold Busch.

### Gold Coast

Membership currently 58 with a year end target of 62

The Club's major fund raising event, the "McDonalds Bulls on the Beach" rodeo was conducted on the Southport Spit on 23 July. With the support of its major sponsor McDonalds and many others as well as some 200 volunteers the event was again very

successful with a profit of \$85k and significant levels of positive publicity for Rotary through TV, radio and the written press. Part of the proceeds will be used to sponsor a 7 month old baby boy from Nauru being brought to Australia by ROMAC for lifesaving surgery.



ROMAC will further benefit from the Proceeds of a Food and Wine Trivia Night being conducted in conjunction with the Gold Coast Arts Centre on Thursday 8 September.

### Mermaid Beach

Continuing its focus on fellowship and fun, Mermaid Beach has commenced the year with a flurry of social activities including a Broadwater boat outing and a BBQ function.

In search of a new major fundraising activity, the club has commenced planning for a Gold Coast Technology Fair.

### Nerang

Membership currently 17 with a year end target of 19

With its successful Hinze Dam fishing competition no longer possible the club is also searching for a new major fundraising activity.

Plans this Rotary year focus on the local community with major events involving Pride of Workmanship and School Student awards leading the list of activities which also includes an upcoming Barefoot Bowls day. Initial discussions are also underway with Nerang PCYC to incorporate a "Mens Shed" in proposed expansion plans currently being developed.

### Surfers Paradise

Membership currently 23 with a year end target of 33

2011/2012 has been dedicated as the year of youth with the club placing emphasis on participation in all Rotary youth projects as well as assisting the Gold Coast Arts Centre with its youth programs.

The annual Mockridge Memorial Race Day was held on 16 July with 300 attendees and fundraising in excess of \$12k making it most successful.

Supported the Surfers Paradise Alliance with provision of a sausage sizzle at a recent event and now exploring other avenues of working together.

Plans in place to Sister Club, Bangkok South to join in that club's 50th anniversary celebrations in October as well as working with them on a joint water purification project in a Thai village.

### Surfers Sunrise

Membership currently 40 with a year end target of 5

Suffered an early loss of six members adding substantially to the year end membership target.

Longstanding Wheelchair initiative continues as the club's major ongoing project while a key project for this year is establishing a school or orphanage in East Timor or Samoa and for which funding commitments are already in place.

The club recently established an Interact Club at Aquinas College, continues to strongly support RYDA and has a Polio fundraising activity planned for late August.

*Achievements by clubs in Group 7 for this Rotary year are already significant and with the plans in place much more will be contributed to our local and international communities by the individual clubs and the cluster jointly as the year progresses*

# Murwillumbah Central celebrates its success in the Tweed Banana Festival

Emma Marks was the Festival Queen candidate for the Rotary Club of Murwillumbah Central in the Tweed Banana Festival. She was crowned Miss Charity at the Banana Festival Ball on August 19. Hard work by members of Murwillumbah Central, Emma and her family, resulted in \$5730 being raised for her chosen charity, Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.



• *The Burger Palace float*



• *Emma crowned as Miss Charity*

In her acceptance speech Emma thanked Murwillumbah Central Rotarians for their support, her mother and sister for their help selling raffle tickets, and all her friends for buying tickets and attending functions. Emma received over \$500 in prizes for her efforts.

In addition to the Miss Charity crown, Murwillumbah Central won the Best Float in the Festival Theme "Musicals" with their float based on the movie Grease. The club recreated the milk bar scene from the movie with the "Burger Palace" serving milkshakes and burgers to a crowd of teenagers, and even a Harley Davidson outside.

The Tweed Banana Festival is the second oldest community festival in Australia having been in existence for 56 years. A huge crowd watched the floats parade through Murwillumbah on Saturday August 20 and enjoyed the free activities in Knox Park in the afternoon. In total the Tweed Banana Festival raised over \$25000 for local charities.

## Muna National 2011 At Canberra

The Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) 2011 was conducted at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre on 17th March this year. Some 28 teams debated 6 resolutions during the day. Team B from A B Paterson College was successful on the day and two members, Brock Lowrey and Calum Thatcher, of that team were selected to represent District 9640 at MUNA National in Canberra from 19th to 21st August.

A total of 30 Teams from the Canberra area and other Rotary Districts were in attendance.

The debate during the two days was intense but the delegates enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the 6 resolutions debated.

Both Brock and Calum, who represented France, acquitted themselves very well during the opportunities they had in participating in the debates by attaining 3rd place in the competition. Apparently the scores between 1st and 3rd were very close.

The weekend saw some very confident and well-researched speakers. The team representing Russia won the debating competition with South Africa being in second position.

Both Brock and Calum had an incredible experience at MUNA National and they both wish to thank Rotary District 9640 for the opportunity to participate.

Our next MUNA will be held at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre on 17th March, 2012 and information pertaining to this competition will be forwarded to both schools and Clubs in the District mid-October.

The Committee is keen for other interested Rotarians to be involved in the up-coming MUNA on 17th March, 2012.



• *Brock and Calum representing France at MUNA National*

### Our Newest Paul Harris Fellows

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

Jim Arnold- Sapphire- Ballina / 50 yrs of Membership	Shirley Stanford- Coomera Valley
John Balding- Broadbeach	Peter Tate- Mermaid Beach
Penny Hill-Broadbeach	Richard Tomkinson- Mermaid Beach
Ken Wilkes- Casino	Max Byrne- Mudgeeraba
Tony Small-Coomera Valley	

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

MUNA is an exciting program for students in Years 11 and 12. MUNA is held mid-March each year at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre. The current Chairman, Graham Howie, is seeking participation from interested Rotarians to be involved in the MUNA 2012 Committee with a view of assuming responsibility of the MUNA 2013 program.

If you are keen to be involved in this very worthwhile youth program, please contact DGE Sandra Doumany. Further enquiries can be made to Graham Howie, MUNA 2012 Chairman by phoning 02 66280624 or email to [muna@rotary9640.org](mailto:muna@rotary9640.org).

### NEW MEMBERS

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

Chris Summers- Boonah	Allan Lena- Kirra Currumbin
Maureen Wilson- Boonah	Ross Smith- Lismore West (relocated from Mullumbimby)
Samantha Fuller- Glen Innes	Arnie Bebb- Maclean
Glenda Best- Kirra Currumbin	Rebecca Pitson- Maclean
Cindy Cogill- Kirra Currumbin	



# District 9640 Rotary

## Foundation News

### Annual Giving

Former RI President Glenn E. Estess Snr once stated, "The Rotary Foundation belongs to us all. It is our greatest resource for doing good in the world, and it is our responsibility to maintain its strength."

It now appears Rotarians around the world are responding more than ever to his statement. The Annual Programs Fund in 2010/11 achieved contributions of more than US\$100 million for the fourth time in its history. In fact, last year's amount of nearly US\$108 million was its second highest response ever.

Here in Australia, which has 22 Districts in Zone 8, Rotarians contributed a massive US\$3.8 million, up 39.6% over the previous year. There were 16 Districts that achieved more than US\$100 per member, with a national average of US\$116.33.

Our District, which achieved a record of US\$109 per member, was ranked 9th overall despite being slightly below the national average. This was a magnificent effort, especially when one considers our District does not have a capital city within its boundaries.

All in all, Rotarians world-wide are now embracing The Rotary Foundation and its programs more strongly than ever, which is extremely pleasing when we take into account, the uncertain economic times and the many disastrous climatic and geographical events that happened throughout last year.

We again remind clubs and members, that DG Graham is requesting that contributions in this 2011/12 year be made, where possible, prior to the end of this calendar year. As November is the month of The Rotary Foundation, it would seem most appropriate then, especially with the current strength of the Australian Dollar. Please send all contributions to the Rotary Foundation through PDG John Randel (PO Box 184 Mullumbimby 2482 Fax: 02 6684 4971).

### GSE Team Interviews

Congratulations to both PP Lois Robinson of the Grafton Midday and PP David Baguley of the Gold Coast clubs, who have been selected to lead the GSE Outbound Teams to Arizona (District 5510) and Wisconsin/Minnesota (District 6250), respectively next year.

We had 23 applicants to become team members of these two GSE teams, which is a marvellous result and we thank those clubs that have put forward these candidates. The GSE committee no doubt faced a difficult task with their selections.

Congratulations also to those clubs that will be home-hosting the GSE team members from Wisconsin/Minnesota next year.

### TRF Quiz

As stated above, November is The Rotary Foundation month, when it is expected that clubs put aside one meeting devoted to the Foundation. To assist in this regard, I have produced a 20 question quiz based on well-known TRF facts, especially those highlighted through the TRF News columns over the past months.

The AG's in the coming weeks will be in contact with each club in their group to formalise a meeting date in November for the quiz to be held. Please bring a pen with you on the selected date so you can record your answers. The questions are not expected to be too hard but are designed to further extend your TRF knowledge if you are unsure of the answers. Above all, we want it to be a good fellowship meeting.

Doug Brown  
DRFCC

## CHANGES TO THE DIRECTORY

Bruce Rogers Secretary RC Mermaid Beach  
New address: brucer@westnet.com.au

Margaret Grummitt Secretary RC Parkwood  
New address mgrummitt@qld.gov.au

## 9640 Membership & Attendance: June 2011

ROTARY CLUB	THIS MONTH		YEAR TO DATE		START	PRESENT	CHANGE
	%	RANK	%	RANK			
Allora	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	16	16	-
Alstonville	81.25	=13	81.25	=13	24	23	-1
Ashmore	92.00	6	92.00	6	41	41	-
Ballina	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	37	37	-
Ballina-on-Richmond	81.00	=13	81.00	=13	21	18	-3
Beaudesert	90.00	=8	90.00	=8	23	23	-
Boonah	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	39	39	-
Broadbeach	70.18	=22	70.18	=22	49	48	-1
Broadwater-Southport	73.44	19	73.44	19	42	40	-2
Burleigh Heads	63.00	27	63.00	27	25	24	-1
Byron Bay	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	11	11	-
Casino	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	10	10	-
CoolangattaTweed Heads	63.73	26	63.73	26	26	26	-
Coomera River Midday	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	19	19	-
Coomera Valley	90.60	7	90.60	7	24	24	-
Fassifern Valley	64.25	25	64.25	25	21	21	-
Glen Innes	70.00	=22	70.00	=22	40	40	-
Gold Coast Central	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	17	17	-
Goondiwindi	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	34	34	-
Goonellabah	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	24	24	-
Grafton	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	22	22	-
Grafton Midday	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	23	23	-
Hope Island	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	41	41	-
Iluka	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	14	14	-
Jimboomba	100.00	1	100.0	1	22	22	-
Kingscliff	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	9	9	-
Kirra Currumbin	69.00	24	69.00	24	13	16	+3
Kyogle	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	12	12	-
Lismore	61.00	28	61.00	28	11	10	-1
Lismore Central	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	14	14	-
Lismore West	96.43	4	96.43	4	38	39	+1
Maclean	81.92	12	81.92	12	38	38	-
Mermaid Beach	96.43	3	96.43	3	28	28	-
Mt Warning AM (Murw'bah)	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	33	33	-
Mudgeeraba	99.00	2	99.00	2	25	23	-2
Mullumbimby	76.32	17	76.32	17	19	18	-1
Murwillumbah	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	32	32	-
Murwillumbah Central	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	16	16	-
Nerang	94.25	5	94.25	5	18	18	-
Palm Beach	47.50	31	47.50	31	17	17	-
Parkwood	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	18	18	-
Robina	90.00	=8	90.00	=8	21	17	-4
Runaway Bay	70.24	21	70.24	21	25	25	-
Southport	49.00	30	49.00	30	47	42	-5
Southport North	85.70	11	85.70	11	17	17	-
Stanthorpe	72.30	20	72.30	20	41	42	+1
Summerland Sunrise	57.70	29	57.70	29	13	13	-
Surfers Paradise	80.43	16	80.43	16	23	23	-
Surfers Paradise Central	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	47	47	-
Surfers Sunrise	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	44	44	-
Tenterfield	88.40	10	88.40	10	28	28	-
Tweed Coast	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	18	18	-
Tweed Heads South	74.00	18	74.00	18	17	17	-
Warwick	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	15	15	-
Warwick Sunrise	0.00	=32	0.00	=32	20	20	-
Yamba	80.75	15	80.75	15	25	25	-
<b>Totals</b>					<b>1407</b>	<b>1391</b>	<b>-16</b>

