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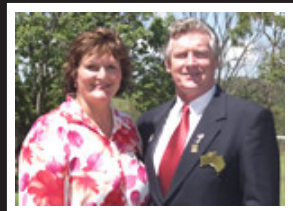
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.....and when did your Rotary club last have a contribution published in ROTARY DOWN UNDER ... ?

April is the special month each Rotary year when our focus is directed towards communication, and particularly our Rotary regional magazine Rotary Down Under.

The Rotary World Magazine Press comprises some 30 Rotary magazines in 22 languages distributed throughout 127 countries. Rotary International's Board of Directors sees the Magazine network as the most vital communication "link" in our organisation. The magazines are the ONLY means of DIRECT communication between the R.I. Board and each individual member within all Rotary clubs! Therefore, we need to prevail upon our members to make maximum use of Rotary Down Under. It is the single most valuable resource and education "tool" available to Rotarians in the ANZO region!

The right time to emphasise this fact is during the induction ceremony for every new member of a Rotary club. A copy of Rotary Down Under should be taken from the New Member's Induction Kit and handed to the new member as the person conducting the induction states ... "and here is the most valuable education and information resource available to you in Rotary your Rotary regional magazine Rotary Down Under"!

Prior to Magazine Month each year, EVERY Rotary club in the ANZO area receives a Magazine Month Kit which contains a wealth of magazine information * Suggested programs and speakers for your club during Magazine Month.

* Brief background and history of your Rotary Down Under organisation.

* Projects for Club Magazine Committees.

* A step by step "how to contribute to RDU" guide for Rotary clubs.

The "how to contribute" guide is of vital importance to RDU as ALL material published in YOUR magazine comes from clubs and Rotarians.

It is important that clubs understand that editorial space in RDU is limited and the magazine requires details of only UNIQUE Rotary projects and achievements.

Many of the everyday Rotary club projects and achievements are best suited to local newspapers and radio in club areas. In this computer age, it is relatively simple to send an item to Rotary Down Under.

The email address is editorial@rotarydownunder.com.au. It is vital that all emails contain complete identification and contact details of the author or source of information, ie: name, address, Rotary club and District, telephone, email and fax.

Stories can be submitted type written, saved on computer disc, or sent by email. Emphasise human interest or some unusual/unique aspect of the story, ie: a cheque presentation is NOT a interesting story, but a story of the money being utilised to stock a cattle farm in Bolivia IS certainly of interest!

Remember, there is more chance of publication if the contribution is well written, accurate, tells WHAT happened and answers the essential HOW, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, and WHO questions.

It should be contained to one A4 page and be accompanied by one or two QUALITY photographs - taken at close range and filling the WHOLE frame of the camera!

If photographs are being sent electronically, Rotary Down Under MUST have high resolution scans of at least 300 or more dots per inch (dpi).

Quality colour prints are still very acceptable but please don't write on the back of the print. Use a separate sheet of paper for information such as names descriptions and photo credits.

Please understand that line ups of Rotarians at long range are boring, as are cheque/banner/flag presentations, people at podiums and microphones, and crowds of people in rooms or at tables!

Remember, staff and resources at RDU are limited and you have a better chance of prompt publication if your story arrives in "ready to publish" format.

Contributions may be forwarded to the RDU offices in Parramatta, Australia, or Auckland, New Zealand. Full address/contact details are featured on page one of the magazine each month.

Have a Safe trip Doug and Don't Forget Your Passport.

This is what Grafton president Greg Yates (on the left) seems to be saying to AG and GSE team leader Doug Barnier before the team departed for South Carolina. Unfortunately Doug was concentrating more on his smile than Greg's words because when time came to go through Customs, Doug discovered that his wife, Denise's passport was all in order, but it wasn't enough to get Doug out of the country.

(In his excitement to lead his team into the wilds of South Carolina Doug had grabbed the wrong passport on the way to the airport.)

Several dozen phone calls and 24 hours later our intrepid leader, Doug, finally caught up with his charges who were waiting for him in Los Angeles ready to have Doug explain to them the pitfalls of International travel. The team is doing well and having the time of their lives.



WHAT THE CLUBS ARE DOING

The Rotary Club of Lismore Central Inc. is holding an International Gala Ball to celebrate the vibrant variety of culture in the Lismore area on 22nd May 2004 at the Lismore and District Workers Club. We are inviting Rotary members and their friends to support this ball and dinner. Tickets will cost \$35 per person.

Please Lend a Hand by working together in Rotary Service, to encourage each other and continue to build hope for the future, both in ourselves and in the families and communities that benefit from our efforts.

HELP finance the FINAL ASSAULT on POLIO as this could be the most important investment you make for our future generations.

Proceeds from this night of fun and happiness will benefit the POLIO PLUS campaign and CAMP QUALITY.

Our members are looking forward to meeting and greeting fellow Rotarians at the ball. For information and bookings telephone (02) 66219349 Bus. (02) 66284265 A/H

Ethics and Integrity in our Workplace, In our Community and in our Life

Moral Muteness

Morality is a live topic for many individual managers – but it is often not considered by managers when in a group. It is so convenient to take the easy way out

Therefore many managers choose the path of Moral Muteness.

a) Causes of Moral Muteness

• **Threat to Harmony.** Moral talk may require some interpersonal confrontation, which managers may wish to avoid.

• **Threat to Efficiency.** Many managers may wish to avoid moral expressions, because moral action may interfere with workforce efficiency.

• **Threat to the Image of Power and Efficiency.** Ambitious managers seek to present themselves as powerful and effective. They usually avoid moral talk and moral arguments as these appear to be too utopian in today's world. Many managers neither know nor feel comfortable with the language of logic and moral philosophy.

The Effects of Moral Muteness. Frederick J Bird and James A Walker identified five dangerous consequences of moral muteness among managers.

• **The Creation of Moral Amnesia,** for the avoidance of moral talk can reinforce the idea of management living in a morals vacuum.

• **Inappropriate Narrowness** in conceptions of morality because managers are reluctant to debate moral consequences of their actions.

• **Moral Stress for Individual Managers** caused by the absence of frequent moral talks in the workplace.

• **Neglect of Moral Accountability** because organisational silence on moral issues makes it more difficult for employees to raise moral questions.

• **Decreased Authority of Moral Standards** because there are none of the articulation of moral ideas, which is necessary for them to gain compelling authority.

Andrew Turnbull of the Burns Philp Company said in 1990: 'Corporate morality is not just being honest and open. It is taking into account the effects that your actions will have on your staff, your customers and the community at large.'

ROTARY CLUBS AND POLITICS

"Our typical Rotary club is dedicated to the Rotary motto "Service Above Self". We encourage members to take an active interest in politics and community causes for without this how can we hope to achieve goals such as the eradication of Polio?. Rotary International has established guidelines, which this club follows. We are non-partisan . The following guidelines apply:

1. Members are encouraged to develop programs designed to educate and inform the membership about issues and candidates. In the event a political program is planned, it must be scheduled with the program chairperson. The Rotary floor may not be used by an individual candidate to express his or her views without an opportunity for an expression of opposing viewpoints.

2. Rotary encourages elected officials who embrace the concept of "Service Above Self" to become active club members.

3. Club members may circulate nomination papers and wear campaign buttons.

4. When politicians are invited guests of a member, they are encouraged to visit and openly enjoy the fellowship. Obvious campaigning is discouraged. The Rotary host will introduce his or her guest and avoid any obvious reference to their guest's politics.

5. Fundraising, campaigning and recruitment of volunteers is not permitted at a club meeting.

6. Rotary may, from time to time, sponsor formal and informal debates in an effort to educate the membership. A debate or discussion only may occur if all sides of the issue are represented.

Rotary International rules do not permit a club to take an official position or make any announcements supporting any candidate, party or issue. Members are asked to be sensitive to the fact that we live in a diverse society with many views and perspectives. "

**YOUR DISTRICT CONFERENCE 7 -9TH MAY
AT SOUTHPORT SHARKS
HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET ???**



Max Walker



Bernard Salt



Paul Martell



Geraldine Cox



Jenny Horton



Neil Cole



Noelle DePape



RID John Thorne

ALSO

THE INDIAN GSE TEAM
FUN
YEP
ARHRF
THE ITALIAN GSE TEAM
ROTARACT
FUN
REBOUND GSE TEAM FROM INDIA
FELLOWSHIP
ROMAC
FABULOUS TRIPS FOR ATTENDANCE

FELLOWSHIP
CLUB DISPLAYS
ACAP
PROBUS
REBOUND GSE TEAM FROM ITALY
AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS
INNER WHEEL
GOOD NEWS STORIES
CLUB PROJECTS
FUN
RYLA

Check the Conference web site:
www.rotary9640.org and click the "conference" tab

A letter from Sheila Barbero, an Exchange Student in Japan

I can't believe I've only been here for two months!!!...well in a way it feels like a long time, but for the most part it has just flown! I know it was supposed to be busy at the start but I feel as if my feet are only just touching the ground! (plus the school year's just finished, and I'm gonna change to my third host family in a couple of weeks!!)

But so far everything has been absolutely amazing – just experiencing and living such a different lifestyle... it's so hard to describe! At one of our briefing camps before the exchange we were told this quote:

"Nothing is any better in Australia, nor is it any worse – but it is DIFFERENT – and is it this difference that makes the exchange interesting and exciting."

So "different" lifestyle is probably the best way to describe it, and the lifestyle really is just so different – the traditional events, the different habits, the people (so nice!), the food (sooo yum!), the everyday routine (so tiring...) – but indeed interesting and exciting. I always look forward to everyday (after I manage to drag myself out of my warm bed in the early mornings...but now it's Spring and not only getting warmer but the bare landscape is starting to show signs of life! The flowers are heaps pretty; I can't wait for the flower viewing season!!!)

I'm staying in a city called Yokkaichi, about half an hour from Nagoya. Pretty big city, but although it's got a mass commerce and industry portion with the chemical plants and crowded city centre it's also semi-rural with heaps of random fields between the typical Japanese houses and the mazes of incredibly tiny roads. Heaps nice place, everything seems the same but so different at the same time! The people are all verry nice! Lucky me, I had such nice girls in my class (I go to an all-girls school) who

befriended me almost straight away; we always have so much fun together! And my first host family was so wonderful, they took such good care of me and really helped me settle into the Japanese lifestyle so easily! The Rotarians are all pretty nice too! But it hasn't all been smooth sailing I guess, for example my current host family... well let's just say I don't think they're too keen on hosting students (here, if you send someone overseas for a year, you have to host inbound student for a duration of 12 months), it's like they're only doing their job of hosting me (just) and nothing else. I guess it's alright though, at least they're looking after me. You learn heaps even from things like this, it's all part of the experience! You just gotta put up with the bad times and enjoy the good (he he sounds like something my parents and the Rotarians would say!)

But for the most part I'm really enjoying my time here (what am I gonna do when it's time to go back?!). My Japanese has improved heaps, just from constant exposure everywhere (and help from my electronic dictionary taped to my wrist!). Getting used to the daily routine, going here and there on foot, by bus or train, the whole slipping on/off of shoes/slippers, the Japanese toilets (which I guess are ok... just really stink! eww...), the bizarre (and expensive) fashion and trends, the exaggerated everythings... I think I'm turning Japanese! ^_^

I really want to thank Rotary for giving me the opportunity to go on such a journey – I've already learnt and gained so much from this incredible experience!! I really can't thank you enough...

Take care, I hope everything's all good down under! I'm missing it!!! (where's the heat? And where are those Tim-Tams?!)

Sheila Barbero (sponsored by Broadwater Southport Rotary Club)

The Rotary Foundation

Monthly Contribution Report

(In US Dollars)

From 1 Jul 2003 to 29 Feb 2004

Top 3 Clubs Ranked by Annual Giving Per Capita

<i>Surfers Paradise Central,</i>	<i>\$145.49</i>
<i>Ashmore, Qld.,</i>	<i>\$105.26</i>
<i>Summerland Sunrise, N.S.W.,</i>	<i>\$89.60</i>

Top 3 Clubs Ranked by Total Annual Giving

<i>Surfers Paradise Central, Qld.,</i>	<i>\$7,274.44</i>
<i>Ashmore, Qld.,</i>	<i>\$3,684.15</i>
<i>Grafton, N.S.W.,</i>	<i>\$2,592.86</i>

FROM THE DESK OF RI PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION

“This is Rotary” Now Available

The newly revised and colorful “This is Rotary” brochure is a great piece to distribute to journalists and the general public. Order a pack and display them at your office or distribute them to local business leaders or potential members.

Click below to order “This is Rotary” today! The brochure comes in lots of 10 for US\$4 dollars and is available in all Rotary languages.

http://shop.rotary.org/catalog/product_info.php?cPath=&products_id=38

Centennial Community Project Update

Kudos to clubs on the great job they are doing with their Centennial Community Projects. By now clubs should be well into their projects and considering ways to promote them to the public.

The Rotary Club of Toronto has formed a partnership with Habitat for Humanity to develop 10 townhouses on “Rotary Drive” for those living in poor conditions. The projects will house over 30 children and their parents in the inner city of Toronto. The club will hold fundraising drives special events and a dedication ceremony. To find out more about the project, visit the Rotary Club of Toronto’s Web Site at <http://www.rotarytoronto.com>. For ideas on promoting your club’s project visit the Centennial Web site by clicking below.

<http://www.rotary.org/centennial/index.html>

***NEW “Rotary and the UN” Video Now Available**

Rotary International’s relationship with the United Nations dates back to 1945, during the UN’s founding. Today Rotary holds the highest nongovernmental organization (NGO) consultative status with the United Nations’ Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

To learn more about this remarkable relationship, order the new eight-minute video highlighting Rotary, the United Nations, and the international community. Viewers will discover best-practice examples of connecting local partnerships with the global community. Click below to order a copy.

http://shop.rotary.org/catalog/product_info.php?cPath=&products_id=349

International Earth Day is 22 April!

Jump on board this Earth Day with a club project or event for environmental awareness. Earth Day works because of the great response at the grassroots level. Get you club involved - and let the local press hear about what your club is doing. Click on the link below for ideas on how to get involved with Earth Day in your community.

<http://www.earthday.net/>

PROBUS CLUB OF LISMORE HEIGHTS

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Secretary *Rhonda Hayes*

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Mr Max Wortman District Governor Rotary District 9640

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Dear Max

On behalf of the newly formed Probus Club of Lismore Heights we wish to place on record our appreciation to Rotary PP Barry Slocum, Chairman District 9640 Probus, for his attendance at our meeting on 9 March 2004.

This was our foundation meeting and Barry delivered an informative address giving details of the history, role and purpose of Probus clubs. Our club is also indebted to the Lismore West Rotary Club who acknowledged the need for a new club to be sponsored. To date we have 66 foundation members and our first official “standalone” meeting will be held on 6 April 2004.

Yours sincerely



Rhonda Hayes Honorary Secretary

R.I.P. SOUTH GRAFTON SUNRISE

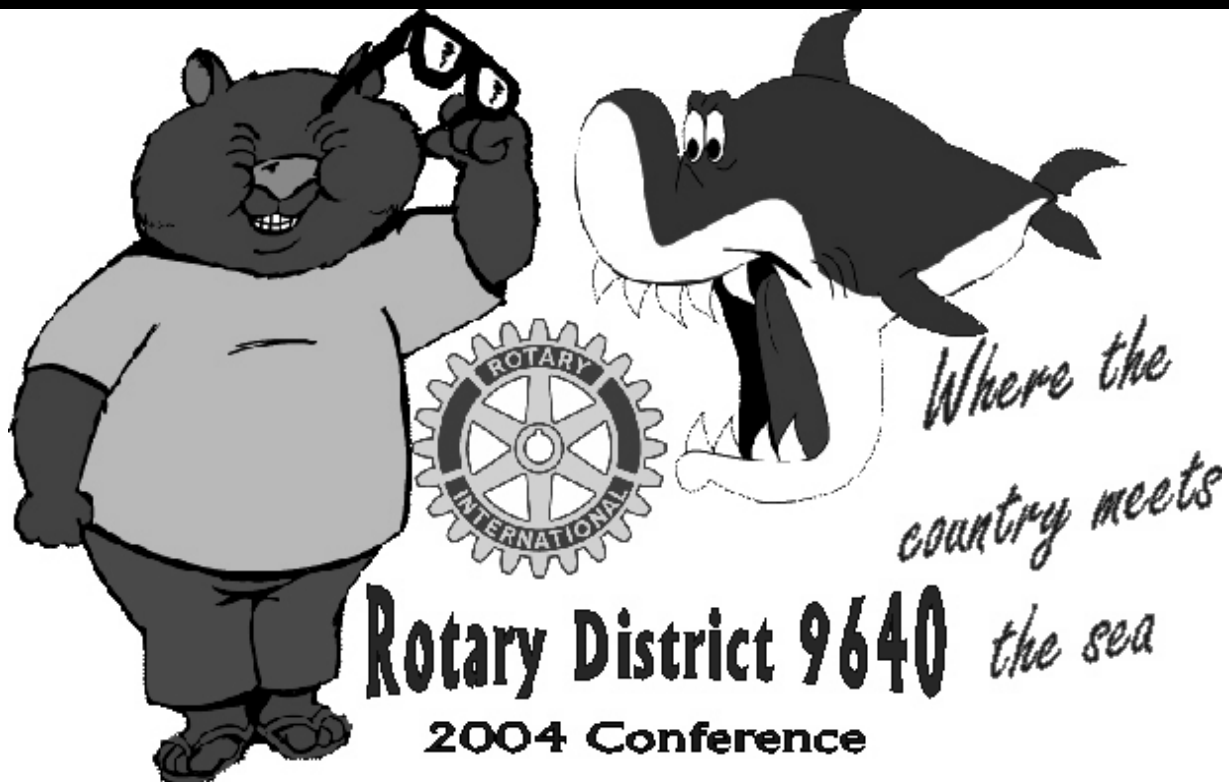
After many years of wrestling with a dwindling membership, the members of the Rotary Club of South Grafton Sunrise have decided to call it a day and surrender their charter on 30th June this year. Chartered in 1950 by the Rotary Club of Grafton, the club has finally fallen victim to the critical mass syndrome. Although many clubs continue their struggle for years and still make a tremendous contribution to their community and the world, in spite of dwindling numbers, eventually members become worn out, without the regenerative effects that new vibrant members can bring.

Such is the Case with South Grafton and I would like to pay tribute to the Club's many wonderful contributions over the years and I hope that its current members will choose to join one of the other Rotary Clubs in Grafton so that their talents and enthusiasm will not be lost to Rotary.

DG MAX

BEAUDESERT RACE DAY RE-VISITED

The Rotary Foundation race day previously washed out and now to be held on Sat 1st May needs the help of every available Rotarian, their friends, family etc. There have been some substantial expenses and a large drop off of people who would have been able to attend on the previous date but now can't. All we need is for you to come and enjoy this value packed afternoon & evening at Beaudesert Race Club. A \$20 Punters Pack gets you Admission, Race book, Your first beer /wine, huge burger, betting voucher, raffle ticket. A similar chicken lunch package is available. After the "last" enjoy Italian lasagne & the singing waiter. Fashion parade, live music, Fashion on the field prizes. Great, great value!! We'd love to hear from groups, Please help us enjoy and support the foundation. Ph 55410800 MIKE MORGAN. Gates open mid day.



Sharks AFL Club, Southport 7-9 May 2004

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR MARCH 2004

Rotary Club of	Attendance				Membership		
	This Month %'age	Rank	Year to Date %'age	Rank	Start of Year	Present	Change
Allora	No report	36	59.78	38	13	10	-3
Alstonville	66.40	28	76.32	12	24	27	3
Ashmore	86.00	8	19.03	52	36	34	-2
Ballina	No report	36	67.35	27	33	32	-1
Ballina-on-Richmond	71.59	24	70.33	24	25	24	-1
Beaudesert	96.80	3	87.81	3	31	30	-1
Boonah	96.43	4	81.32	5	40	35	-5
Broadbeach	56.00	33	68.28	25	63	63	-
Broadwater Southport	81.25	13	72.25	18	27	28	1
Burleigh Heads	80.95	14	80.46	6	20	21	1
Byron Bay	No report	36	35.15	50	11	11	-
Casino	83.46	9	72.92	17	24	24	-
Coolangatta Tweed Heads	64.30	30	62.14	36	31	28	-3
Coomera Valley	No report	36	16.33	53	29	29	-
Glen Innes	80.06	15	75.43	13	33	35	2
Goondiwindi	75.43	17	70.75	23	31	35	4
Goonellabah	No report	36	38.11	49	25	25	-
Grafton	No report	36	71.18	22	33	32	-1
Grafton Midday	No report	36	67.32	29	26	25	-1
Hope Island	52.76	35	46.23	46	32	37	5
Iluka	No report	36	48.44	45	16	16	-
Jimboomba	64.80	29	66.44	30	23	23	-
Kingscliff	67.32	27	78.15	10	18	17	-1
Kirra Currumbin	No report	36	51.20	44	14	15	1
Kyogle	72.50	23	52.51	42	14	9	-5
Lismore	100.00	1	90.37	2	24	25	1
Lismore Central	No report	36	52.00	43	20	19	-1
Lismore West	98.73	2	95.86	1	44	43	-1
Macleay	82.92	12	79.14	8	43	41	-2
Mermaid Beach	No report	36	67.34	28	21	21	-
Mt Warning AM (Murwillumbah)	94.00	5	67.78		26	26	25
Mudgeeraba	83.46	9	72.19	19	24	25	1
Mullumbimby	74.35	19	83.13	4	29	29	-
Murwillumbah	73.00	22	72.00	20	34	34	-
Murwillumbah Central	No report	36	53.34	41	48	40	-8
Nerang	86.96	7	76.36	11	24	23	-1
Palm Beach	61.00	32	72.92	16	26	28	2
Parkwood	69.40	26	61.93	37	30	28	-2
Robina	62.00	31	65.00	31	14	14	-
Runaway Bay	73.76	21	54.51	40	43	40	-3
South Grafton	No report	36	44.45	47	11	9	-2
Southport	No report	36	8.82	54	47	45	-2
Southport North	No report	36	7.97	55	20	20	-
Stanthorpe	74.63	18	74.47	14	52	46	-6
Summerland Sunrise	No report	36	63.52	33	25	21	-4
Surfers Paradise	No report	36	62.51	35	47	47	-
Surfers Paradise Central	No report	36	30.77	51	50	53	3
Surfers Paradise West	83.00	11	74.22	15	32	34	2
Surfers Sunrise	53.00	34	44.05	48	37	37	-
Tamborine Mountain	89.09	6	71.61	21	11	11	-
Tenterfield	79.00	16	80.43	7	27	24	-3
Tweed Heads South	74.00	20	79.10	9	18	20	2
Warwick	No report	36	62.72	34	22	19	-3
Warwick Sunrise	70.25	25	64.85	32	21	21	-
Yamba	No report	36	55.50	39	27	23	-4

Benefactors 2003-04 District Goal 165!

Pres Graeme Hargreaves	Lismore West
Pres. Karl Sprogis	Lismore
Ron Lubow	Lismore
A.G.Terry Brown	Casino
John Crooks	Casino
Pres. Frank Karam	Casino
David Fairs	Nerang
Phil Connolly	Nerang
Geoff Palmer	Nerang
A.G.Judy Aitken	Kingscliff
Ian Aitken	Rotarian Partner
Pres. Darren Bray	Warwick
Pres. Joan McDermott-Haviland	Surfers Central
Kate Kimmorley	Surfers Central
Diana Todd-Banks (M)	Surfers Central
Pres. Ron Munn	Jimboomba
Des Madgwick	Jimboomba
Bill Meiers	Jimboomba
Stan Pickering	Coolangatta Tweed Heads
Pres. Bev Pickering	Coolangatta Tweed Heads
A.G. Harry Pampel	Alstonville
Fay Hopf	Summerland Sunrise
Trevor Hopf	Lismore West

Rotary District 9640
2004 Conference

Where the country meets the sea

Sharks AFL Club, Southport 7-9 May 2004

*A Warm Welcome to the
Following New Rotarians*

Greville Easte	Runaway Bay
Michael Murtagh	Coomera
John Phare	Coomera
Ben Carroll	Lismore
Virginia Morris	Palm Beach
Sandy Brill.	Palm Beach
Frank Flanagan	South Grafton
Eric Hocking	Lismore West
Stephen Moulden	Warwick Sunrise
Rosemary Moulden	Warwick Sunrise
Jeffrey Borthwick	Kingscliff