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As we tackle the ever present challenge of retaining and growing our membership, we might do worse than to think of Rotary's work in creating world understanding, for some direction. Our initiative of the Peace Scholar programs, the Ambassadorial scholar programs not to mention GSE and YEP and RAWCS, project Volunteers, and friendship exchanges all contribute to our goal of world understanding.

Rotary's role in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative has united volunteers from every Rotary country on behalf of the world's children. Even club-level projects and fundraisers contribute to the effort, based on the premise that such volunteerism helps ease — one individual, one family at a time — the inequities and hardships that can lead to desperation and violence.

And many individual Rotarians naturally gravitate toward opportunities to break down barriers that separate people of different cultures and backgrounds.

Australia ranks as a world leader in successful multiculturalism, yet there is always the opportunity to do more. Rotarians and Rotary Clubs might do well to tap into our country's ethnic diversity and approach leaders from the many ethnic groups in our communities to share in the joy of being a Rotarian.

In this way we will not only swell the ranks of Rotarians but we will also create opportunities to interact on a

more personal level with persons of different ethnic origins and learn their customs and thereby contribute to our goal of world peace through understanding.

D.G. MAX.

CONGRATULATIONS CITIZENS OF THE YEAR!

Rotarian Bob Robertson has been named as Tweed Shire's Citizen of the Year for 2004.

A 22 strong committee made up of representatives from Burringbar, Uki, Pottsville Cabarita, Murwillumbah, Tyalgum, Chillingham and Kingscliff arrived at the decision. Bob is a member of Murwillumbah Central Rotary Club.

*In this year when the Rotary family is being emphasised, **Margaret Freeman**, Wife of PP Ralph Freeman received the Boonah shire "Citizen of the Year" award. Mentioned in her voluntary work pursuits was that she has been treasurer of the Boonah Rotaryannes group for a number of years. Ralph is current Club Bulletin Editor.*

Bring your Mum to
The Conference!!!

Where the country meets the sea

Rotary District 9640
2004 Conference

Sharks AFL Club, Southport 7-9 May 2004

A SCHOOL FOR KOKI!!

A FAIM team from Kingscliff Club has just completed a difficult and challenging project in a poor and deprived sector of Port Moresby. The Koki/Badili area is home to some 100,000 people, the majority of whom live in abject poverty with little or no income or employment prospects. They eke out a precarious existence trading in staples such as coconuts, kaukau, taro and betel nut. Crime, violence and ill health are endemic.

Lady Carol Kidu, the local member in the National Parliament (and PNG's first lady member), sees craft training and literacy as key elements in alleviating some of the social and economic problems. Education is not free in PNG – it is beyond the means of most people in this fragile, declining economy.

The late Brenda Hall-Taylor, a lecturer at Southern Cross University, generously bequested AUD\$20,000 approximately 'to assist in the provision of an educational facility in an emerging nation, to service people for whom such a facility would not otherwise exist'. She had been impressed with the work done by Kingscliff Rotarians on the first team to start work on Gemma Rice's school in Tanzania. After discussion with then PP Margaret Hayes, Brenda entrusted the project to Kingscliff Rotary Club.

Lady Carol managed to find a suitable basic building and a site near her office in the newly developed Koki Markets. The first use of the bequest was to pay for the removal, erection and modification of the building at the new site. Once erected, the team could start work.



Three Kingscliff Rotarians, Les Hold (Plumber), Richard Player (Plumber and electrical fitter), Peter Madden (TA and gofer) and Tony Hayes from Murwillubah Central Rotary Club (Team Leader and political negotiator), traveled to the site in January. With help from Port Moresby Rotary Club members they were able to install sewerage and water plumbing and electrical wiring and power point and light fittings. They also laid the toilet slab and the first course of blocks to outline the toilet building. Five local men were paid to assist the team and will complete the work left to do afterwards.

*The funding has allowed the building to be fully lined, the underneath area to be concreted for use as an assembly and meeting area, and the toilet building to be completed. Grafton Rotary Club has now joined in with Kingscliff to assist with the project. There is still scope for more work for FAIM Project volunteers in the future. **Interested?? Contact DGE Margaret Hayes.***

QBE REBATE OFFER TO CLUBS

COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY INSURANCE:

- This is a reminder that QBE Insurance is still offering a “painless” way to raise money for the Club through a “rebate” of the **Compulsory Third Party Insurance** that we all **MUST** pay on our cars each year.
- In the first year that you change to QBE Insurance, **your Club receives \$22.50 PER VEHICLE;** thereafter \$12.50 per vehicle/year.
- The vehicles can be anyone's, not just Rotarians— friends, family, workmates etc
- The rates are governed by legislation, so are comparable through all companies.
- You also receive **free** “Driver Serious Injury” cover, not normally covered by these policies.
- It is **NOT** necessary to wait until your renewal is due—the form can be put in at any time and will effect when the renewal becomes due.

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

I am pleased to share a brief overview of my understanding of **ethics and integrity**. Please spare a few moments to consider these observations.

Section 1. Introduction

- a) In our world today, business leaders tend to be more concerned with the short term financial bottom line than with business ethics. They often display little regard for moral standards and fair play. They often express little kind consideration for their staff. That is, for their most valuable asset.
- b) In this age of throw away consumer products, many employers tend to treat their staff no better than a disposable nappy.
- c) Where is our loyalty to our employees and as well to our employers?
- d) Where is our pride?
- e) The lack of loyalty and lack of pride surely leads to lack of enthusiasm!
- f) Because our business leaders or community leaders often adopt questionable business and personal principles, then these doubtful qualities of those persons may be readily transferred to their family life and to the community.
- g) It is interesting to note that many ill-led organisations ultimately fail, or become take-over targets with little net worth. Generally, their assets have been sold and their debt gearings are so high that they are unable to weather any more than a slight downturn in their business operating cycle.
- h) We also reflect on our world leaders and just wonder of their standards of ethics and of their integrity. We read of many, that value-add their own pockets to the detriment to their companies or their nation.

For example: We hear that Saddam Hussein **is/was** the second wealthiest person on this planet

There is probably no better placed group of people than Rotarians to lead the world by example in all areas of business and personal ethical conduct. As well, we should lead the world in exemplary standards of integrity.

The second part of the **Object of Rotary:**

**“To encourage and foster high ethical standards in business and professions;
the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations
and the dignifying of each Rotarians’ occupations as an opportunity to serve society.”**

This is the cornerstone of our Rotary culture.

PDG. Graham Goodfellow

WHAT THE CLUBS ARE DOING

I thought at this stage of our year it might be interesting to let the rest of the district know what the various clubs are doing or have done. Each club has been asked to contribute. What follows is a summary of what has been submitted. I know that many clubs have wonderful projects in the pipeline and perhaps they will give me this information for next month's issue of the "Dreamtimes".

TENTERFIELD

21 March 2004 - University of Southern Qld Big Band concert at Tenterfield. Great music, great entertainment.

28 & 29 May 2004 Rotary National Tug-A-War Championships, Big weekend teams from all over Australia.

WARWICK SUNRISE

We are planning to hold a dinner meeting hosted by the Faulty Tower's Group one evening. Funds to go DG's wish re Interplast. Our centennial committee have come up with numerous ideas for our participation in the Centenary celebrations. They just have to decide on one.

We have provided \$55 per capita to the rotary foundation with a further \$55 per capita to be given shortly, meeting another of the DG's Goals. Literacy Kits are being collected and sent again this second half of the year. Participating in a joint raffle with Rotary clubs of Allora and Warwick. Proceeds to the Flying Doctor and Rotary Charities. The club is assisting the Warwick Club with Bowel Scan.

THE LISMORE CENTRAL ROTARY CLUB.

Has developed a project to Re-recognize your existing Paul Harris Fellows with an outstanding memorial crystal. It is perfect for home or office this memorial laser cut crystal will sit pride of place with all Paul Harris Fellows. It is for existing or forthcoming Paul Harris Fellows. Beautifully packaged it will make the perfect gift for those outstanding members. The cost is only \$65 with \$10 from every sale donated to The Rotary Foundation. For information call 02 66213334 or 0266215988 email: allan@lis.net.au

THE ROTARY CLUB OF LISMORE WEST:

Under the guidance of President Elect Rod Fayle the Rotary Club of Lismore West is developing a project in Timor Leste to rejuvenate the coffee industry. The project concept stems from a visit by the Timor Leste Consul General Abel Guterres to the Lismore area to examine the coffee industry. The village of Same has been selected for a pilot study. The club will finance an experienced Lismore coffee grower and a club member to

visit the area to determine the viability of rejuvenating the coffee owned by the village. The visit will involve some training of local people and assistance with the work. The visit is planned after the wet season in April/May 2004. The second phase of the project will examine the processing of the crop, using our experience to improve the production and processing. The concept is that if the coffee industry could be rejuvenated it would provide immediate work followed by a period of tending the orchards and then provide an income for the local people. This worthwhile International Service project has the potential to provide great benefit to the people of Timor Leste.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF CASINO:

It is almost four years since The Rotary Club of Casino started the Aquabox project. This project is ongoing and is now a national project for Rotary. Strong interest has been forthcoming from District 9650 and the club has been invited to have a stand at that District Conference this year. The support from District 9640 clubs has been instrumental in the success of this project with recent sponsors being Ashmore, Yamba, Kingscliffe, Summerland Sunrise. At this time people from the village of Al Rut Bah in Iraq are benefiting from the support given to this project by Rotary Clubs from District 9640, by having safe drinking water and humanitarian aids, particularly clothing to help in their time of need. For as little as \$100 your club can be added to the list of Aquabox supporters for this International Service project.

ROTARY CLUB OF STANTHORPE:

Our Rotary activities in the near future include the YEP camp at Storm King Dam on the weekend of 13-15 Feb closely followed by the Apple & Grape Harvest Festival the 1st weekend in March. We have sponsored a young lady (Sonia Maggiolo) in the Festival Ambassador quest and Rotary will have a bar-b-que stall in the park for the weekend. Last weekend we ran a barbie stall in the park for Aust Day so our trailer is getting a few outings.

We've volunteered to host a GSE team. we have a Stanthorpe lady (Yvette Gianake) in the outgoing team to Carolina. Of course we have our Opera in the Vineyard on the Sunday of the May long weekend. Hal Lyons is working on getting together a FAIM team for Fiji during the winter. We are currently promoting YEP in the local High Schools to get an exchange student for next year with the help of Emma Goddard, who has just returned from Denmark and Axel Francois our inbounder from Belgium. We have 4 students (Ryan Ree and Tom Battle are sons of >Rotarians and Ella Bington and Jon Staples are the other 2) involved in the SME programme with NZ (a very high % of the total involvement of our district) and the New Zealanders arrive round Easter. Fran Hodgson (last year's secretary) has just returned from 6 months as a volunteer worker for a Catholic organisation trying to help AIDS victims and their families in South Africa, and as a result of her involvement with the Rotary Club of Tzaneen while in SA, we are providing funds for a matched grant to get books printed for a numeracy programme to be instigated in 17 schools in the area.

COOLANGATTA TWEED HEADS:

Malfunction " a world championship Surfboard competition" sponsored by Malibu boards on the Gold Coast catering by the Rotary Club of Coolangatta-Tweed Heads has an estimate profit of \$1000.

A night at the Theatre held in conjunction with the Tugun Theatre Company is expected to net \$1500. A combined dinner is planned to celebrate the 99th year of Rotary with the Rotary club of Tweed Heads South club on the 23rd of February.

MURWILLUMBAH:

Plans are in hand for; March; a Rotary Sponsored Golf Day. April; Assisting Camp Quality co-coordinators to hold a camp for young people with cancer at Midginbil Hill. May; Club members will be involved with collection for The Red Shield appeal. June; Pride of Workmanship.

MURWILLUMBAH CENTRAL:

Monster Garage sale, which entails months of physical effort held annually in March expected to net approximately \$18,000.00. New Guinea Water Tank project still in progress 20 km out of Rabaul on Duke of York Island.

MT. WARNING A.M.

Fundraising for a Hydro Therapy Pool is in full swing with a La-Dee- Dah Ball planned for June. Formal dress a top class band.

A social team-bonding trip to Stanthorpe 2nd until 4th of April all seats on the bus sold. Vocational seminar being planned addressing both youth suicide and careers advice.

PALM BEACH:

After making a donation of \$10,000 to the Currumbin Voluntary Marine Rescue the Palm Beach Rotary club received naming rights to the boat, which will be christened the "Spirit of Rotary" at a dedication ceremony on the 22nd of February.

ROBINA:

The Rotary Club of Robina is staging a charity dinner aimed at winning corporate sponsorship for their "Hear and Say" project helping to build a center to aid profoundly deaf children at Varsity Lakes on the Gold Coast. The club also has an Art show planned for May.

TWEED HEADS SOUTH:

Tweed Heads South plans a multi-club "Peace Dinner" with Coolangatta-Tweed and Mt Warning AM clubs at Tweed Heads Bowls Club 23 February to celebrate Rotary's 99th anniversary. Media figure, George Negus, has been invited as guest speaker. Next community service activities are Bowel Scan Week early March and the Tweed Heads Home Improvement Expo 26 to 28 March. Project being considered with our twin club, Apia

ROTARY CLUB OF COOMERA:

Oxenford And Coomera Community Youth Centre' Our major project. Stage 1 construction to be commenced in January 2004. Currently over 1.3m of funds have been raised for the local government, business and the community. Stage 1 consists of the community centre halls, offices, outdoor areas, fit out and sufficient funds to run the centre for 12 months A wonderful model of Rotary and the Community at work. **Anzac Day March** celebration for Oxenford and Coomera Area. A March and community gathering held annually as part of the Anzac Day program. Regular Turnout of in excess of 2500 people enjoy the march. Participation of services, returned service and women,

Benefactors 2003-04

District Goal 165!

Pres Graeme Hargreaves

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Ron Lubow

A.G.Terry Brown

John Crooks
Pres. Frank Karam

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Coolangatta

Tweed Heads

Coolangatta

Tweed Heads

Alstonville

Summerland

Sunrise

Lismore West

3. The Family of Rotary continues to be active within GRC with continued regular family orientated meetings and weekend activities.

4. A recent sale of unwanted household goods from GRC members through The Tender Centre has achieved funds - hopefully enough to be devoted to Interplast

INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE CHOSEN

The successful recipient of the Rotary Scholarship for an Aboriginal Student to study nursing at the Southern Cross University commencing February 2004 is a young lady from Banora Point named Emma Kneebone. Emma obtained her HSC from Tweed Heads High School and is an extremely talented, enthusiastic and committed young lady who is looking forward to life at university and is anxious to work in rural areas once she has obtained her nursing degree. She will be a regular visitor and guest speaker at the five Rotary Clubs in Lismore who sponsored the residential scholarship to a value of \$4140. Representation to the NSW Minister for Health, Morris Iemma, by Lismore MLA, Thomas George, on behalf of the Rotary Committee resulted in a further grant of \$4048 from the NSW Health Department which will pay Emma's HECS fees.

We hope that other clubs in District 9640 might be interested in combining with our committee which will enable us to continue to support Emma's progress but could also possibly create a second scholarship next year. Inquiries can be directed to Kerrie Ellis or myself.

service clubs, Schools attract an even increasing cross section of the country's fastest growing community.

'Golf Day at Hope Island' - Feb 2. Clubs annual major fundraiser. This year held at the Hope Island course for the first time. Hope Island have been extremely supportive of the Rotary Club of Coomera Valley with our youth centre and our golf day.

Innovation Festival Golf Day

Our first go at arranging the golf day that is part of the GCCC innovation festival that attracts business participants from throughout Australia.

Goonellabah

1. Kadina Youth Park continues to dominate Goonellabah Rotary Club (GRC) activities. We continue to lobby at all political levels for continuing and further funding and through our involvement at the committee level with Lismore City Council plan for ongoing and further building efforts - this also involves hands on efforts

2. Membership - A new member is to be inducted in the next 2 weeks after being approved at Board Level last week. The high hopes continue for another new member and return of a previous member over the next six months.



Emma is pictured in the black shirt, with President Elect of Summerland Sunrise Club, Kerrie Ellis in white.

KINGSCLIFF ON THE MARCH!

The Club held its first Rotary Duck Race on Sunday 4th January, 2004. The day was a great success. Flocks of duck owners gathered on the banks of Cudgen Creek to watch their duck float downstream in what was a very colourful display of ducks attempting to cross the final line in first place. There were plenty of activities organized on the day with Ron George (PHF),

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2004

Rotary Club of	Attendance				Membership		
	This Month %'age	Rank	Year to Date %'age	Rank	Start of Year	Present	Change
Allora	81.00	10	68.00	31	13	11	-2
Alstonville	58.80	39	76.76	15	24	30	6
Ashmore	No report	45	12.19	53	36	34	-2
Ballina	73.50	23	74.36	19	33	32	-1
Ballina-on-Richmond	82.50	9	69.84	28	25	24	-1
Beaudesert	92.00	3	86.43	4	31	29	-2
Boonah	96.43	1	77.00	14	40	35	-5
Broadbeach	63.60	34	70.22	27	63	61	-2
Broadwater Southport	74.11	22	81.29	7	27	28	1
Burleigh Heads	77.70	17	80.02	9	20	23	3
Byron Bay	75.85	18	45.19	47	11	11	-
Casino	70.00	29	70.61	26	24	24	-
Coolangatta Tweed Heads	61.00	35	61.13	38	31	31	-
Coomera Valley	No report	45	21.00	52	29	29	-
Glen Innes	66.05	32	74.32	20	33	35	2
Goondiwindi	60.71	37	71.10	24	31	35	4
Goonellabah	No report	45	49.00	44	25	25	-
Grafton	75.30	20	79.33	11	33	32	-1
Grafton Midday	72.41	24	75.46	16	26	25	-1
Hope Island	No report	45	44.57	48	32	37	5
Iluka	No report	45	52.91	42	16	16	-
Jimboomba	51.75	43	66.81	32	23	23	-
Kingscliff	60.60	38	78.88	12	18	16	-2
Kirra Currumbin	78.00	16	54.54	41	14	15	1
Kyogle	72.00	25	46.40	46	14	12	-2
Lismore	54.00	41	87.91	2	24	24	-
Lismore Central	65.00	33	54.57	40	20	19	-1
Lismore West	89.47	5	95.05	1	44	41	-3
Maclea	79.72	13	78.76	13	43	40	-3
Mermaid Beach	89.60	4	86.59	3	21	21	-
Mt Warning AM (M'bah)	No report	45	62.14	36	26	26	-
Mudgeeraba	78.32	15	68.76	30	24		
Mullumbimby	82.80	8	83.82	5	29	29	-
Murwillumbah	72.00	25	72.14	22	34	39	5
Murwillumbah Central	No report	45	58.22	39	48	43	-5
Nerang	89.13	6	74.73	18	24	23	-1
Palm Beach	78.96	14	74.89	17	26	28	2
Parkwood	52.67	42	61.90	37	30	29	-1
Robina	61.00	35	66.14	34	14	13	-1
Runaway Bay	71.10	28	49.73	43	43	42	-1
South Grafton	68.77	30	48.58	45	11	9	-2
Southport	No report	45	11.34	54	47	45	-2
Southport North	No report	45	10.25	55	20	20	-
Stanthorpe	80.74	12	73.33	21	52	45	-7
Summerland Sunrise	71.50	27	81.67	6	25	21	-4
Surfers Paradise	74.68	21	71.11	23	47	46	-1
Surfers Paradise Central	47.85	44	39.56	50	50	53	3
Surfers Paradise West	81.00	10	70.71	25	32	36	4
Surfers Sunrise	No report	45	39.49	51	37	37	-
Tamborine Mountain	93.93	2	66.35	33	11	11	-
Tenterfield	67.50	31	80.37	8	27	24	-3
Tweed Heads South	57.50	40	79.56	10	18	20	2
Warwick	75.56	19	69.69	29	22	19	-3
Warwick Sunrise	85.00	7	63.59	35	21	18	-3
Yamba	No report	45	42.71	49	27	26	-1
					1569	1545	-24

directing a game of cricket, President Fay Wright and Secretary Peter Madden organizing the days events, Loraine Holt and Adele Barrett serving sausage sandwiches and cold drinks, Les Holt (PHF), Tony Hayes (PHF) and son-in-law Gary Graetz all had fun cooking the BBQ. Keith Prichard (PHF) donated and cooked the corn and Margaret Hayes (PHF) and Carmel Bradnam sold ducks to the eager purchasers on the day.

All in all it was a great day with egg and spoon races, three legged races and other games for the children. Plenty of prizes were given and plenty of fun was had! Hopefully we can make this Family Fun Day an annual event.

Well done to the ticket sellers – Fay, Peter, Michelle and Margaret and many thanks too to Idwal Richards. It was very successful financially too!

Fay Wright
President

An Accident Free Day

“Can we do it?” will be the theme for a road safety initiative by the Rotary Club of Kirra-Currumbin.

The club has registered its project for a “National Accident Free Day” to be its Rotary Centenary project in 2005.

As they say it is a tall order and it will need lots of publicity. On the other hand to qualify as a Rotary Club Centennial project, one of the criteria “Involves the active participation of Rotarians” was listed and no doubt they will be knocking on your door for input and participation.

Currently they are sowing the seeds and have advised their local Council, members of State and Federal government and are in the process of getting together with Transport, Police and other departments involved with road safety.

The 2003/04 holiday road toll with 81 lives lost and quoted to be the worst for seven years shows that punitive measures have little or no impact, so hopefully a positive approach, such as everyone contributing to just one day of dedicated safe driving might work.

The club wants to hear from people that have specific ideas to make it happen, from people in the media and anyone that is in a position to give the project massive coverage as we approach our Rotary Centenary.

AMENDMENTS TO DISTRICT DIRECTORY

Rotary Club of Boonah new email address:
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Vale



Cedric James,

**Rotary Club
of Maclean**

Welcome New Members

Peter Grayburn

Broadbeach