



Rotary International District 9640  
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<http://rotary9640.org>

Rotary Down Under  
<http://rotarnet.com.au>

Brisbane Convention  
[www.rotary2003.org](http://www.rotary2003.org)

**From the  
Governor's Desk**

It has been my distinct pleasure to represent the District and RI at a number of outstanding events this past fortnight. Please allow me to share just a few of these with you.

On Monday 10 Feb, President "Macca" of **The Rotaract Club of Nerang** inducted six new members into the club. I was honoured to be involved in the ceremony which recognised a strong future for our youth in the District.

Representatives of a number of Rotaract, Interact and Rotary clubs, especially the Rotary Club of Nerang, supported this clear growth in the organisation.

On Tuesday 18 February I was a guest speaker at the **Rotary Club of Beaudesert's Rotary Community Awareness Raising Evening** conducted at the Beaudesert Golf Club.

A number of speakers highlighted notable aspects of rotary service and outcomes. In addition, I was interviewed by a journalist for the local community radio station. He was interested to hear of the work of Rotary both locally and globally and felt it was eminently suitable for a segment on air.

The work and community contribution of the club, over many years, is obviously treasured by the community having the Mayor, Deputy Mayor

and a number of City Councillors in attendance.

On Friday 14 February, I was invited to attend the luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Surfers Paradise Central as it was to be a celebration of the success of **The Bush to the Beach**. A number of awards were presented to major players in the project including two Paul Harris Fellow recognitions.

President Kevin Stapleton showed the quality, commercial 30 minute documentary. Rtn Don Stalker spoke gratefully and genuinely of the many folk who made up the team - a true team effort.

I said on this occasion, that, to my mind, the project succinctly emphasised three areas of endeavour that Rotarians are really maximising as we enter the twenty first century and into our second Rotary century:

**#1: Logistics and management** - moving, feeding, watering, comfort-stops, entertaining and safely caring for 395 youngsters was a significant success.

**#2: The number of corporate sponsors** who came on board the project was a credit to both the club and the sponsors themselves. In no small way, they made the project not just happen but really zing.

**#3: Media coverage** - television, press and radio coverage locally, statewide and

nationally was positive, well orchestrated and complimentary at all times. A real "feel good" story - for both the media and the participants.

This is a great example of Rotarians actively putting their heads, hearts and hands into "Sowing the Seeds of Love".

Last night, I was honoured to propose the toast to RI at the **Rotary Club of Warwick's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner**.

It was conducted at the Golf Club and featured strong community support including the Mayor, the local member of the Queensland State Parliament, representatives of local service clubs and past and present members of the club and District Clubs and their partners.

PDG Neil Maxwell presented the official history of the club which had been ably prepared by him and his father PP Doug Maxwell.

The club has the rare (if not unique!) distinction of having had three Presidents from three generations of the one family, namely:  
Sam Maxwell 33 -35  
Doug Maxwell 43 - 44  
Neil Maxwell 78 - 79 & 95 -96.

RC of Warwick - a credit to all involved over a period of 70 years. Three generations of service to our world wide community!

*Ross Smith*

## November Attendance -Top Ten-

96% Nerang  
95% Lismore West  
91% Byron Bay  
91% Surfers Paradise Central  
90% Boonah  
89% Kirra Currumbin  
88% Beaudesert  
88% Southport North  
87% Summerland Sunrise  
86% Surfers Paradise West

### PETS

#### (Presidents Elect Training Seminar)

For All incoming Club Presidents and their partners

**Saturday & Sunday  
15/16 March 2003  
Cherrabah, Warwick**

#### District Assembly

For all incoming club and district office bearers and their partners.

**Sunday 18 May 03  
Lismore.**

#### District Changeover

For incoming and outgoing District and Club officers and all Rotarians of the District and partners.

**Sunday 29 June 03  
Heritage Winery,  
Mt Tamborine**

## International RYLA 29 May - 1 June

85 young adults from 18 countries around the world are gearing up for The International Rotary Youth leadership Awards (RYLA) Convention to be held in conjunction with the International RI Convention in Brisbane.

Brisbane, of course, is the birthplace of RYLA.

Seminars and training will take place in the following areas:

- Fundamentals of leadership
- Ethics of positive leadership
- Communication skills in effective leadership
- Problem solving and conflict management
- Rotary's purpose and service to the community
- Building confidence and self esteem
- Elements of community and global leadership.

The following District 9640 personnel have been successful in nominating to attend:

#### RYLAarians

- Bianca Hunter
- Justin Keevers

#### Counsellors

- Roy Hornsby
- Zoe Relf

#### Observer

- Rob McArthur

I believe they will represent us famously and will gain much to bring to future District RYLA experiences.

## RYPEN 2003

Rotary's Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) offers development and leadership opportunities for school aged teenagers to focus and motivate them. It is limited to 72 awardees.

Do nominate an awardee immediately (at least, at this week's meeting). Details:

14 - 16 years old  
28, 29, 30 March 03  
\$170 each approx  
Camp Bornhoffen

Numinbah Valley

**Contact:  
RYPEN District Chair  
Neville Woodforth  
T (H) 07 5463 5822  
T (B) 07 5540 5157**

## Model United Nations Assembly

MUNA advances RI's fourth Object - international understanding, goodwill and peace.

It is for Years 11 and 12 school students (in teams of 3) who represent a country of their choice. Each team must be sponsored by a Rotary club who will forward the application. Schools are welcome to enter more than one team.

This year, MUNA will be conducted at the Tweed Heads Civic Center on Saturday 15 March from 8.30am to 8.00pm (NSW time)

To become involved in this current, engaging youth project, contact:

**MUNA District Chair  
Brian Wheatley  
T/F 02 6688 0153  
[wheatley@ceinternet.com.au](mailto:wheatley@ceinternet.com.au)**

## RI International Convention Promotion Booth

DGN Margaret Hayes has offered to coordinate Clubs who would like to promote their outstanding projects at the International Convention at Southbank on 1 -4 June 2003.

There will be no charge, international exposure and an

opportunity to attend the Convention in a novel manner as we must staff the booth.

District 9640 has a 3m x 3m space for this purpose at no charge.

Displays and/or presentations must have strong visual appeal and might include audio-visual materials, posters and/or 3-D items to attract attention. We may have to rotate the featured clubs if there is considerable interest. Do contact:

**DGN Margaret Hayes  
T 02 6674 1941  
M 0428 114 909**

## St Patrick's Day International Directors' Event



Jig till you are out of breath, battle it out with The Ultimate Irish Joke Contest, dance the night away to the fiddles of The O'Connell Trio, two brothers from Dublin.

This is to be the penultimate ('tis a big word, that) Club International Directors' Event on the Gold Coast this Rotary year.

**Saturday, 15 March  
7.00pm for 7.30pm  
Bayview Restaurant  
Runaway Bay  
\$27**

Bookings to your club's International Director by 13 March or  
**Peter Minck  
07 5538 2936**

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