



Rotary International District 9640  
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Rotary International  
[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)  
  
District 9640  
<http://rotary9640.org>  
  
Rotary Down Under  
<http://rotarnet.com.au>  
  
Brisbane Convention  
[www.rotary2003.org](http://www.rotary2003.org)

## From the Governor's Desk

The Rotary Club of Lismore hosted the 2003 District Assembly today at the Richmond River High School.

Clubs from as far away as Goondiwindi and Allora were in attendance.

The District Assembly is a training day for incoming club officers which provides information, discussion skilling and motivation for our club leaders.



## Lend a Hand

Rotary consists of our clubs as the members of the organization – strong and effective clubs make Rotary exactly that.

District Governor Elect, Max Wortman, shared RIPE Jonathan Majiyagbe's theme for the coming year, shown above, as focus for future planning. I believe it to be a very "Aussie" approach to life and our work.

The two hands in the logo challenged all present to consider their significance to them – adult/child, or male/female, or possibly, parent/child. I am sure we will visit this many times in the future.

*Ross Smith*

## Rotary Polio Eradication Campaign 2002/2003 District Progress Report

Shown below is the Status Report recorded at RI as at 11 April 2003. These are the amounts recorded against District 9640 Clubs as donations for this specific purpose.

Rotary Club of:	\$US
Ashmore	\$ 3311.11
Ballina	\$ 277.78
Broadbeach	\$ 61.11
Byron Bay	\$ 135.55
Casino	\$ 146.69
Coolangatta-Tweed Heads	\$ 413.33
Coomera Valley	\$ 3445.69
Kingscliff	\$ 1194.82
Kirra-Currumbin	\$ 1257.29
Lismore	\$ 1019.46
Maclean	\$ 833.33
Mermaid Beach	\$ 1999.92
Mt Warning AM (M'bah)	\$ 135.54
Mullumbimby	\$ 1688.81
Murwillumbah Central	\$ 245.99
Murwillumbah	\$ 11.24
Nerang	\$ 3086.77
Parkwood	\$ 618.89
Robina	\$ 2222.20
Runaway Bay	\$ 1111.11
Southport North	\$ 137.22
Southport	\$ 550.00
Surfers Paradise	\$ 3600.00
Tenterfield	\$ 1111.11
Tweed Heads South	\$ 135.54

**All other clubs are shown as a zero contribution.**

Some of these contributions are outstanding.  
However, I report this with mixed emotions.

This does NOT PROVIDE OUR TARGET of \$US80M. Nor does it allow RI President Bhichai to announce at the International Convention in Brisbane our commitment to the children of the world to free them from one of the major scourges in their lives – the wild polio virus - through attaining our financial goal.

To meet our goal, each member in the District must find (on average) approx \$Aus130 this financial year. I believe this is only a timing issue and that all clubs will fulfill their commitment by the end of the financial year. That is certainly my advice from our Presidents.

**Forward Donations to:**  
Rotary International  
Southwest Pacific and Philipnes Office  
PO Box 1415  
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124  
**For advice on this, contact:**  
PDG Dugald Graydon  
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## RI Convention Corporate Sponsorship

McDonald's have generously agreed to display Welcome Posters to Rotarians attending the Rotary International Convention, Brisbane 1-4 June 2003 on the community boards at their Restaurants in Brisbane and surrounding areas including the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast.

McDonald's and Ronald McDonald House Charities, together with other Rotary Australian Corporate Alliance Program (ACAP) Alliance Partners will have booths in the House of Friendship, at the Rotary International Brisbane Convention 1-4 June 2003.

The Alliance Partners and Supporters sponsoring booths at the Rotary International Convention Brisbane are:

**ACAP / Solutions  
Concepts and  
Marketing / Royal  
Pines  
Associated  
Planners  
CGU Insurance  
The Cruising Club  
Global Plus / House  
of Golf  
Harvey Norman  
Harvey World  
Travel  
McDonald's /  
Ronald McDonald  
House Charities  
National Australian  
Bank  
Servcorp  
Shop-A-Docket**

## Rotary Down Under Supplies

Rotary Down Under is our magazine – owned by us and directed by a Board of Elected Rotarians. As such, I am always prepared to assist our organisation.

RDU is keen to liquidate some quality stock at prices that are advantageous to members. Consequently, RDU will be approaching clubs around the nation with this proposal.

I understand that the stock includes quality silk ties with Rotary emblems – sorry, no scarves. I would ask that clubs kindly assist in whatever way they see fit.

## The Rotary ROMAC Celebration! Dinner Dance

Over 300 Rotarians and friends attended the Official Queensland Launch of Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) on Saturday 10 May, and what a fun night out it turned out to be.

Providing the entertainment was the hilarious, inter-active Faulty Towers Theatre, whilst the Gold Coast Rockers donated their time with an impressive dance routine display that got everyone up on the dance floor to the good ol' rock 'n roll music of the Chevrolets.

Right after ROMAC National Medical Dr Director Darrell Price's excellent ROMAC

presentation showing heart breaking 'before' photos followed by heart warming 'after' photos, a very special surprise guest arrived. It was someone who touched all our hearts - 12 year old Kchin from Vietnam who was brought to Queensland last November with multiple leg fractures.

## GSE Applications District 3290 India

We are planning to send a Group Study Exchange Team to India in January 2004.

Interested potential team Leaders and Members are asked to visit the District Web Site for information and Application Forms.

Close of Applications:

**30 May 2003**

Further assistance:  
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Kchin was laughing so much at the antics of Basil, Sybil and Manuel, one wonders what stories he will be telling his friends when he gets home and tells them of the crazy waiters that Australia has!

Not only can Kchin now walk on crutches, but he was also dancing the night away with several attractive Rotarians and wives; truly another ROMAC success story, and one which we can all be proud to support!

Most of the national ROMAC Directors from all over Australia had flown up especially for this important event.

The event was a huge success, raising close to **\$35,000**, including a \$10,000 donation from the GK Financial Group/AMP Foundation.

On behalf of the people of the Gold Coast, Mayor Gary Baildon, himself an honorary Rotarian, was proud to present a cheque to ROMAC National Chairman Terry Grant for the funds raised.

At the time of writing the finances were being finalised, and as promised each Rotary Club that was there will be notified of the credit their club will be given for the funds raised.

This was the first time that so many caring Rotary Clubs on the Gold Coast had worked together to organise such a major social event, and credit must go to all those clubs who got behind this District event with prizes, working bees and, importantly, just by being there to show their support.

Event Chairman Phil Rosenberg, who had previously organised multi-club events with his series of successful International Nights, believes that in the true spirit of Rotary this would encourage a lot more interaction between local Rotary clubs.

## New Members

A warm welcome to;  
**Alan Graham**

RC of Ashmore

**Warwick Herbert**

RC of Goonellabah

**David Hudson**

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