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<http://rotarnet.com.au>

Brisbane Convention
www.rotary2003.org

From the Governor's Desk

The **Bali bombing tragedy** has come close to home with one of our District Rotary members injured in the Sari Nightclub blast.

Andrew Csabi, RC of Surfers Paradise Central, is currently in the Royal Darwin Hospital recovering from serious injuries incurred on that terrible evening.

His injuries include the loss of one leg, the loss of his other foot, severe burns and lung problems. He is currently sedated to stabilise him before return to a Brisbane Hospital or the Gold Coast Hospital.

Andrew's long recuperation process will be demanding physically, emotionally and financially.

I wish to appeal to all our clubs in the District to assist the members of the R C of Surfers Paradise Central with their fundraising. They estimate that in excess of \$100,000 will be needed.

President Kevin Stapylton has been touched by clubs who have already offered to help. RC Surfers Paradise has donated \$1000 and RC Parkwood is organising a Calcutta Night the proceeds of which will be dedicated to this fine purpose.

Please help. Contact Lester Budden on
07 5520 1702.

Ross Smith

G S E to District 2110 Sicily and Malta

District Group Study Exchange Chair Tony Cosgrove, last month, led the District GSE Committee in selecting our team to Italy in 2003. I am confident that our team will represent District 9640, RI, Australia and me very well indeed.

District 2110 Governor Carlo Marullo is looking forward to receiving our team to Southern Italy in April/May next year. The team will be launched at the Alumni Breakfast on Sat 7 Dec 2002 in conjunction with our Christmas District Conference.

Team Leader

Bruce Perri
RC Goondiwindi

Reserve
Kerry Lyon
RC Summerland
Sunrise

Team Members

Allison Bartlett
RC Boonah
Science Teacher

Scott Golan
RC Summerland
Sunrise
Banker

Peter Venz
RC Broadbeach
Police Officer

Dean Murphy
RC Jimboomba
School Principal

Reserves
Sue McKean
RC Surfers Paradise
Accountant

Jouwana Habasch
RC Warwick Sunrise
School Principal

2003 Date Claimers

DGE Max Wortman has reserved the following dates for District Planning for 2003/2004. Do note them in your diary.

**District Leaders
16 January 2003
Cedar Lakes**

**PETS 2003
15&16 March 03
Cherrabah**

**ASSEMBLY 2003
18 May 2003
V.T.B.A. Lismore**

**Dist. Changeover
29 June 2003
Heritage Winery
Mt Tamborine**

DGE Max can be contacted on
**07 5578 1674 or
0428 781 674**

GSE South Carolina District 7770

District 7770 Governor Nancy Moody is sending her Group Study Exchange team to visit us this month. We expect them to arrive on 12 Nov. 2002. The Team is comprised of:

Team Leader

Flynn Bowie
RC of Columbia, SC.

Team Members

Amy Duffy
Parks, Recreation & Tourism
Michael Mayers
Fire Captain
Lorraine Mellen
Exercise Specialist
Dawn Sudmeyer
Engineer

We look forward to meeting them.

We will hear from them at our 9640 Christmas District Conference on Saturday 7 December.

September Attendance Top Ten

94% RC Beaudesert
93% RC Boonah
90% RC Nerang
89% RC Lismore
89% RC Tamborine Mountain
87% RC Tenterfield
86% RC Palm Beach
86% RC South Grafton
86% RC Southport North
85% RC Mullumbimby

2003 Brisbane Convention Accommodation

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Ambassadorial Scholars 2003

District Scholar Chair Norm Robinson has led the District Committee in the selection of two outstanding young people to represent the District overseas this coming year.

The Scholar Program is a prominent one of **The Rotary Foundation**. TRF was set up in 1917 as a major strategy to achieve the fourth avenue of Rotary - international understanding, peace and goodwill.

A well-known and influential Past Australian Ambassadorial Scholar

is our immediate past Governor-General Bill Deane.

Academic Scholar (12 months)

Mark Oliver
Sponsor: RC of Coomera Valley

Cultural Scholar (3 months)

Sonia Horvatt
Sponsor: RC of Runaway Bay

Bushfire Update

Mercifully, many areas of the District have had up to 30mm of rain in the past ten days.

Rotarian "Dutchy" te Velde has prepared for me the following notes on the fires in the Glen Innes area.

The month of October has been a busy time for Glen Innes Rotarians. Bush fires have been raging out of control in National Parks around Glen Innes, Inverell and Tenterfield with many encroaching onto farmlands.

With over 160,000 ha burned out and over 300 fire fighters from the Rural Fire Service (RFS), National Parks and Forestry services, the area was a hive of activity with all motels and caravan parks booked out.

The fire fighters received three meals per day at the Fire Control Center. The Salvation Army coordinated this catering. As the "Army" is a very small band of people they called upon Glen Innes community groups to assist.

RC of Glen Innes quickly became involved, as did the other service clubs in town.

The brief was to turn up at 2pm with ten people, prepare lunches for fire fighters in the field for the next day and then prepare the evening meal to be served from 5.30pm until 8.00pm. Then it was clean up time so as to prepare the tables for breakfast the next morning. The weary Rotarians signed off at about 9.30 each evening.

**"He who can abandon himself in the interest of a cause in which he unreservedly believes, is indeed fortunate."
Paul Harris**

As Glen Innes is a rural based community many members are active in the RFS, so they had rosters to fulfil for both Rotary and on the fire front. Many members are also graziers and with the extra burden of drought it is a testing time for "service above self".

However, difficult times seem to bring the best out in people and Rotarians have come to the fore. The tougher times seem to get the more they

volunteer. This is especially so for the partners who in effect doubled the size of the club to meet the crisis.

Heavy rains before the summer period are badly needed by all areas of the district.

Polio "NID" - National Immunisation Day

Team members are being sought for a Sub-National Immunisation day in Thailand.

PDG Heather and PDG Ian Yarker have arranged for a limited number of Rotarians, Partners and Friends to attend the Thai SNID in the Cheing-Rei province of northern Thailand.

It will take place on Tuesday 21 January 2003. It is being organised by the Thai Ministry of Health.

As it is the high tourist and school holiday season flights are already limited.

To become involved in this hands-on, polio eradication project contact Heather on

**07 550 8363 or
0418 786 122.**

New Members

A warm welcome to:
Adele Barrett
RC of Kingscliff
John Chatman
RC of Mermaid Beach
Bernie O'Connor
RC of Surfers Paradise

DG Official Visits

25 Nov RC Coomera Valley

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