

FRIDAY 13 APRIL

10:30 College of Governors Meeting, Coomera Valley Youth Centre.

11:00 Pre-conference Golf at Emerald Lakes, Carrara.

2:00 Registration Desk opens.

4:00 District Meeting, Broadbeach 1 & 11 rooms at Conrad Jupiters.

6:00 Minimal Speeches Cocktail Party, Poolside. Enjoy the very first Rotary cocktail party with a written guarantee of minimal speeches! Catch up with all the latest gossip from old friends, make a few new ones and experience the first of a series of entertaining surprises that we've instigated throughout the conference.

7:00 Registration Desk closes.

7:30 Friday Night With Friends. Relax and enjoy a series of informal dinners hosted by the friendliest Gold Coast Rotary Clubs at a variety of venues on the Gold Coast.

SATURDAY 14 APRIL

7:00 Registration Desk opens.

Opening Session

7:55 Call to order and introduction of Official Party.

8:05 Flag Ceremony and acknowledgements.

8:25 District conference opening, introduction of DG Douglas Geekie, remembering Rotarians gone to Higher Service, lighting of Memorial Candle etc.

8:50 Surprise!

Plenary Session One

9:00 Announcement of Early Bird winners, first prize draw.

9:05 District Roll Call, recognition of Presidents, President Elects, New Members, First Timers, International Visitors, etc.

9:15 RI President's Representative PDG Katina Jones, Rotary International's theme, *Lead the Way*.

9:40 Beach to Bush and back again...water - every drop counts, Rotary Club of Surfers Paradise Central.

9:55 Spotlight on Clubs. Presentations from a selection of the following Rotary clubs: Grafton, Grafton Midday, Iluka, Yamba, Maclean, Glen Innes, Mullumbimby, Burleigh Heads, Palm Beach, Kirra Currumbin, Tweed Heads South, Coolangatta-Tweed Heads, Mt Warning AM, Murwillumbah Central, Kingscliff, Broadbeach, Robina Varsity Lakes and Mermaid Beach.

10:15 Morning Tea in the foyer and garden.

Plenary Session Two

10:45 Group Study Exchange Atlanta; introduction of Outbound Team, presentation from the Inbound Team.

11:15 Nastassia Bondarenko-Edwards: A Youth Exchange Experience.

11:45 Surprise!

11:55 Presentation by Peace Fellow Mayumi Futamura

12:25 Spotlight on Clubs. Presentations from a selection of the following Rotary clubs: Lismore, Lismore Central, Summerland Sunrise, Casino, Kyogle, Goonellabah, Alstonville, Byron Bay, Ballina, Ballina-on-Richmond, Lismore West, Murwillumbah, Southport North, Parkwood, Runaway Bay, Hope Island, Broadwater Southport and Surfers Sunrise.

12:45 Lunch. Salad buffet and sandwich selections in the foyer and the garden

Plenary Session Three

1:40 Second prize draw.

1:45 Chris Nunn, former head of the Australian Institute of Sport and recipient of the Paralympics Coach of the Year (1998), is an inspiring speaker who knows how to motivate everyday

people into becoming what they want to be in sport, in business and in life. Listening to Chris speak you'll quickly realise the passion he has for excellence, and you'll understand the methods he uses to teach athletes not only how to deal with stress, but also to look forward to performing under pressure. Importantly, Chris will help you ensure that you get the best out of yourself.

2.20 Glenn Wilson, 'University of Cape Town, Fish Ears and Rotary International.'

2:40 Professor Ian Frazer, 2006 Australian of the Year and,

according to The Australian's 'Weekend' magazine, *Gods Gift To Women* thanks to his cervical cancer research. Dr Frazer trained as a renal physician and clinical immunologist in Edinburgh, Scotland before emigrating to Australia where he is now head of the Centre for Immunology and Cancer Research of the University of Queensland. Co inventor of the technology that led to a vaccine that prevents cervical cancer, he will reflect on the challenges and opportunities throughout his career in research and will include the lighter moments of being Australian of the Year.

3.25 Afternoon Tea in the foyer and garden.

3.55 First Breakout Sessions. 30 minute sessions involving simultaneous presentations in four breakout rooms. Choose from The Rotary Foundation, *Presented by Heather Yarker and Marrkus Granlund*; RYLA, *Leonie Laarhoven*; ROMAC and Operation Cleft, *Jill Ellis and Bob Pitts respectively*, and Rotary Public Relations, *Bob Aitken*. Additional information on *all breakout sessions* in your Welcome Bag.

4.30 Second Breakout Sessions. Repeat sessions from Operation Cleft, ROMAC and Rotary Public Relations, plus new ones by MUNA, *Sue Randel* and The Fred Hollows Foundation, *Sue Larsen and Nick Di Candillo*

5.00 Conference closes.

6:30 for 7:00 It's the Big Bash on Saturday night. The most entertaining, most fun and most enjoyable Saturday night with our MC the hip swivelling Elvis Presley in the guise of world champion (and Honorary Rotarian) Dean Vegas. Loaded Dice will perform all your favourite music from the 60's to the 80's featuring the music of Abba and Cher, so be sure to wear your dancing shoes. Minimal formalities, minimal speeches, maximum fun and surprises throughout the evening!

SUNDAY 15 APRIL

7:15 for 7:30 The Sporting Champions Breakfast at The Marquee. This lively breakfast will appeal even to those who normally don't follow sports. Our moderator, TV and radio personality **Ken Hose**, has hand picked the following panellists: **Neil Brooks** Olympic swimmer, gold medallist and award winning commentator at six Olympic games; **Karla Gilbert** started her award-winning career winning 1990's first ever professional iron woman race in Australia, and has won 15 Australian championships. **Cheyne Horan** was known as the radical surfer who developed the winged keel surfboard, and was reputed to be the 'fastest surfer alive'. He now runs a surf school on the Gold Coast.

Plenary Session Four

8:45 Reflections, announcements and third prize draw.

9:00 Group Study Exchange West Virginia rebound.

9:20 PDG Katina Jones: report on the state of Rotary worldwide.

9:35 ShelterBox. Tom Henderson created this phenomenally successful programme 'to provide on a worldwide basis humanitarian aid that provides shelter, warmth and comfort to people displaced by natural and other disasters.' Since 2001 the ShelterBox project has been a hands on Rotary "Club" project housing over 500,000 needy people worldwide.

10.05 Surprise!

10.15 Family of Rotary: Inner Wheel In Action, Pat Burton: Interact, DG Douglas Geekie, and Interplast, PDG Ross Forgione.

10.45 Morning Tea in the foyer and garden.

Plenary Session Five

11:10 Group Study Exchange Hawaii; introduction of Outbound Team, presentation from the

Inbound Team

11:40 Spotlight on Clubs. Presentations from a selection of the following Rotary clubs: Surfers Paradise Central, Surfers Paradise, Gold Coast Central, Southport, Ashmore, Beaudesert, Boonah, Coomera Valley, Tamborine Mountain, Jimboomba, Nerang, Mudgeeraba, Stanthorpe, Goondiwindi, Allora, Tenterfield, Warwick and Warwick Sunrise.

12:00 Fourth Prize Draw.

12:05 Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our Youth Exchange Program. Rotary's exchange students are very, very special people, and on stage they will show you just how special they are. This multi-talented group will perform one of the most memorable and certainly the most entertaining shows ever put on by our youth exchange students.

12:30 Introduction of District Governor Elect Brian Wheatley,

Introduction of District Governor Nominee Tony Hayes and on to conference 2008.

12:45 RI President's representative PDG Katina Jones; conference summation.

12:55 District Governor Douglas Geekie's closing remarks.

1:00 Close. Please return your lanyards to the registration desk.

1:30 Informal post-conference gathering at Q1 for a relaxed drink and snack, to enjoy friendship and to admire the incredibly impressive views!