



NEWSLETTER



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Michael's Message....

How can you hesitate? Risk! Risk anything! Care no more for the opinion of others, for those voices. Do the hardest thing on earth for you. Act for yourself. Face the truth. – Katherine Mansfield

It's May already! Unbelievable! I am sure that you share my feeling that there is still so much to do and so little time to do it. However, the hour has come when we must sort out our priorities and challenge ourselves to finish what we can. We aimed high last July, we wanted to accomplish so much, and we developed action plans and strategies to Lead The Way to a better world through continuity, sustainability and co-operation with like-minded organisations. We planned to go into our communities and put life into our volunteer programs, inspire our young people, improve education, fight illiteracy – in a word – to do things better by addressing real needs. We developed strategies to energise our World Community Service projects and seek out international volunteer opportunities. We set high, but realistic Club goals in the areas of organisation (CLP), membership, programs, and fellowship, and we agreed to recognise Club members who truly epitomised service above self with the Four Avenues of Service Award. We also aimed to be real participants in the programs of The Rotary Foundation, personally and financially, and to continue our support for PolioPlus through the Partners program. Our District objectives can

be summarised as “more Rotarians, more informed, more involved” – please revisit your Directory, page 56 for details.

In 1989, RI President Royce Abbey presented us with his 12-point challenge which is still just as relevant today – how has your Club measured up?

- Create opportunities for every member to participate in projects.
- Update the format and content of meetings.
- Conduct information meetings once a quarter.
- Set a target of 10% membership growth.
- Recruit younger members.
- Commence and complete a major project using the entire Club membership.
- Set an attendance goal of 25% of Club membership at the District Conference.
- Promote participation in the programs of The Rotary Foundation.
- Help increase the number of Foundation Benefactors by establishing an endowment committee.
- Develop a community youth activities program and revitalise Rotaract.
- Review Club activities every four months and adjust your plans to overcome weaknesses.
- Develop a leadership program to encourage Rotarians to accept offices and service opportunities in the Club and District.

So during these remaining days of our Rotary year, let us take courage from what we have achieved, but let us also put on that last minute burst of speed and complete as many of our goals as we possibly can – we can still make a difference.

April started disastrously for our friends in the Solomon Islands and the next two weeks were taken up with marshalling our resources to address the urgent needs and putting in place the fundraising necessary to finance rebuilding projects in the future. Once again ShelterBox were quick to come to our aid with 200 shipped into the Western Province where their Response

team supervised their distribution. Offers of assistance poured in from other Australian Districts and around the world and we send our heartfelt thanks to the Rotary world – it makes us so proud to be Rotarians! Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Mitchelton who celebrated their 40th Anniversary on 10 April in fine style – a most enjoyable evening of fun and fellowship involving many past members. Then it was on to our **World of Opportunity** Conference – the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and we thank Conference Chairman Graham Jenkins, his Team, the host Clubs, and the local community for making it happen. It was certainly a weekend to remember for the 460+ registrants – and I notice that many of Robyn Moore's quotes are appearing in Club Bulletins – laughter gives you access to the seconds of life and ... to BEING human. On Monday 16 April, I bade farewell to the GSE Team from D3300, Malaysia, at a barbeque hosted by Brisbane Mid-City and attended by many of their hosts. This Team has endeared themselves to all who had the good fortune to get to know them and were a credit to their District and Country. They opened our eyes to the beauty and economic opportunities of their Country and I feel certain that they will be receiving many visitors in the months and years ahead as a result. Hopefully we can arrange a Rotary Friendship Exchange soon so that we can expand on the good relations created by the two Teams.

Only in growth, reform and change,
paradoxically enough,
Is true security to be found.
(Anne Lindbergh)
Lead The Way.

Michael Governor D9600



Photos from Conference



Some of Mooloolaba



Tom Henderson – ShelterBoxes also below – looking at peanuts



The House of Friendship

above – Computers 4 Kits
below – Aboriginal Art & Emu Carving



Awards – at Conference

At the District Conference, I, with the assistance of PRIP Clem Renouf, had the honour of announcing that THREE D9600 Rotarians have received Rotary's highest Award this year. Jenny Horton of the Rotary Club of Kenmore will receive her award for her work with the polio eradication campaign from RI President Bill Boyd at the Salt Lake City Convention in June. I had the honour of presenting the other two Awards, to Ron Seddon of the Rotary Club of Port Moresby for his initiatives and service in the prevention of malaria, and to Dr Nathan Kere of the Rotary Club of Honiara for his research work, treatment of malaria patients and preventative measures to reduce the incidence of the disease.

Michael Gregory
Governor D9600

Rotary International Service Above Self Award

Summary

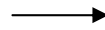
The RI Board of Directors created this award to recognise those Rotarians who truly embody Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self." The purpose of this award is to recognise individual Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, in any form and at any level, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary. **This is Rotary International's highest honour for individual Rotarians.** A maximum of 150 recipients may be selected each year.

Eligible nominees

Rotarians in good standing may be nominated, except the following: District Governors, immediate past District Governors, District Governors-elect, Foundation Trustees, Foundation Trustee-designate, past Foundation Trustee (within two years of having held that position), RI Directors, past RI Directors (within two years of having held that position), and RI Directors-elect. An individual may not nominate him/herself for the award and an individual may only receive the award once. Nominees' service rendered through Rotary must have been on a continuing basis.

Selection process

Only current and immediate past District Governors, and current and past RI Directors are eligible to nominate candidates for this award. The RI Board of Directors will review all nominations. Nominations must be received on the official nomination form.



District Diary

May 2007:

- 4-6 - PNG and SI Forum (note changed from Directory)
- 6-24 - YEP Walkabout Tour
- 15 - International Day of Families
- 18 - 4-WAY Test Youth Speaking Competition Preliminary Finals, Caboolture
- 19-20 - Youth Exchange Selection Weekend
- 21 - World day for Cultural Diversity
- 27 - Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal Day

June 2007:

- 1 - Closing date for implementation of PR Grant.
- 3 - District Assembly: training session for 2007/08 club officers and directors, and for all interested Rotarians. St Columban's College, McKean St. Caboolture.
- 15 - Nominations from clubs for places at the 2008 National Youth Science Forum close with District NYSF Committee.
- 17-20 June - RI Convention in Salt Lake City USA
- 30 - DG's Changeover Dinner - Kedron Wavell Services Club, Chermside.

Please send articles to
dgnewseditor@rotary9600.org
Deadline for articles - The last
week of the previous
month.



Previous recipients in D9600

1996/7 – Robert B Rogers	Kenmore
1998/9 – David Anderson Conn	Boroko
1999/0 – Richard Knox	Port Moresby
2001/2 – Henry Bodman	Mt. Coot-Tha
2001/2 – Clement Renouf	Nambour
2001/2 – William Waterfield	Kenmore
2004/5 – Judy Magub	Planetarium
2005/6 – John Lawrence	Planetarium



Western Provinces, Solomon Island Tsunami appeal

Currently SI, NZ and Aus NGO's are working together to undertake cleanup and care to the injured. The most urgent needs are shelter, sanitation, clean water and cooking utensils.

Food is also being provided from as far away as China.

D9600 has undertaken the role of co-ordinating the Australian Rotary effort including transport of equipment to the Western Provinces area.

To date we have received in Brisbane 200 ShelterBoxes, 400 Aqua boxes, 30 Solar Water Purifiers, and 50 Camp ovens.

The ShelterBoxes are on site being delivered to needy remote communities by canoe. Two ShelterBox personnel are on site co-ordinating that effort.

A further 200 ShelterBoxes are on the way to Brisbane. We are waiting on advice from the field on the need for these Boxes on site or whether they should go into stock for the next need. The Aqua boxes, water purifiers and cooking equipment are in containers ready for shipment using our DIK resources.

In the event that your club wishes to help, funding for the Boxes can be sent to the following:

Name of account –

Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium Community and International Fund

Bank: CBA Spring Hill Branch

BSB: 064012

A/C: 10141642

Once the reconstruction phase in underway, we will need substantial funds and human resources for that longer term effort. As District WCS Chair, I have been asked to co-ordinate the Australian input.

Charles Guesdon

Chairman, District 9600 WCS Committee

ROMAC patients into Northern Region April-June 2007

We currently have **K'Chin** (nearly 18 years old) returning Vietnamese boy for further procedures at Royal Children's Hospital. After nearly 3 1/2 years he went home to Vietnam last February. He is being looked after in D9600, host club Hamilton.

Baby **Armando Soares**, from Timor Leste, 11 week old boy suffering a life threatening Diaphragmatic Hernia, arrived after extensive logistical support from many Rotary/ROMAC personnel and medical people in Timor, Darwin and Brisbane via Mater Private Children's Hospital, UN and QANTAS – 19th April. His mother Francisca and he are being looked after in D9600, host club Aspley.

On Friday 27th April we had 9 year old **Phuong Bui**, arrive from Vietnam with her mother Dong. She will receive a further procedure to her nasal cleft at Mater Private Children's Hospital and will be looked after in D9640, host club Gold Coast West.

On Saturday 28th April we received the 2 **Rasmiddin sisters** from Banda Aceh, Indonesia along with their mother and father. These two girls have severe burns scars on their hands, feet and face. They will be looked after by Assoc. Prof Roy Kimble at the Royal Children's Hospital Burns Unit. District 9600 is once again looking after these patients with host club, Brisbane Mid-City.

We still have several more children to arrive during this Rotary year both into our Region as well as others. Our final number for the year will be close to 13 in the Region and in excess of 40 for all Regions, including New Zealand.

It is at this time that we seek support of Clubs in your District, when they are considering distribution of Project Funds prior to year end, by assisting this great programme of all Rotary Districts in Australia and New Zealand ROMAC. When you can, would you please assist by mentioning ROMAC?

David J Bonifant

Rotary Club Surfers Paradise Central

ROMAC Board

Director Northern Region

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or www.romac.org.au



K'Chin at District Conference, with carers - Noel & Elaine Morgan.

POMONA STATE SCHOOL LEADS THE WAY

Pomona State School is one of the first schools in Australia to complete the first stage of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund's **KidsMatter** programme.

Cooroy Rotary Club President Carol Johnston presented the ARHRF KidsMatter Plaque to the school's student leaders Abby Vartan and Jason Dodwell at the school's assembly on April 23.

KidsMatter is a primary school mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention initiative developed in collaboration with the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, *beyondblue: the national depression initiative*, the Australian Psychological Society, the Australian Principals Associations

Growth of the ARHRF



Thanks to the hard work and generosity of Rotarians Australia-wide, the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund is expanding the number of carefully selected projects and scholarships it funds at an outstanding pace.

The ARHRF Funding Partners program is becoming increasingly popular and to meet demand the Board has more than doubled the amount of money available for these projects. Under this program, Rotary Clubs or individuals have the opportunity to facilitate research into an area that is of special concern to them and ARHRF will match the funds donated by the club or individual. In 2007, ARHRF has allocated \$915,000 for scholarships and research into areas as diverse as Multiple Sclerosis, Prostate Cancer, Motor Neurone Disease, Childhood Bullying, Dementia, Parkinson's Disease, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Cardiac Disease, Alzheimer's Disease and Brain Tumours, to name a few.

ARHRF is continuing its focus on mental illness and has committed \$1,039,562 to 21 research projects and a further \$475,000 for 10 projects, specifically to evaluate existing mental health services.

In addition, ARHRF is making substantial contributions aimed at improving health outcomes in indigenous and rural communities through a large number of scholarships.

ARHRF is Rotary's largest national Rotary community service programme and it is the biggest independent health research fund in the country.

Supporting ARHRF enables Rotarians to enhance the health of the Australian community as a whole as well as assisting those who are most in need. Research projects aim to support the development of practical strategies that Rotary Clubs can then apply in their own communities.

Your Club's, or your personal donation to the ARHRF will ensure our continued success.

Professional Development Council, and supported by the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund.

The **KidsMatter** initiative aims to:

- Improve the mental health and well-being of primary school students
- Reduce mental health problems among students (eg., anxiety, depression and behavioural problems)
- Achieve greater support and assistance for students at risk or experiencing mental health problems.

The school's head of curriculum, Craig Reid, told Rotarians present that three teachers from the school had attended an initial training seminar in Adelaide. After returning, they had completed the training of other teachers at the school, as well as the Parents Support Group.

The initiative has strengthened links between Cooroy Rotary Club and Pomona State School. The formation of an EarlyAct Club within the school is now under consideration.



President Carol Johnston with Student Leaders Abby Vartan and Jason Dodwell.

Kate Del Mar Update:

It is an Easter tradition in Switzerland to paste small flowers and leaves onto egg shells with egg yolk and boil the eggs in natural colours (onion skin makes a nice yellow) for Easter breakfast. And, it goes almost without saying, the day wouldn't be complete without consuming some very good chocolate! The chocolatiers (chocolate shops) have some beautiful examples of their work in their windows this time of year: elaborate ducks, and bunnies with enormous white chocolate teeth. Almost too good to eat (almost...)! The weather has been spectacular over the long weekend. Lots of families gather around café tables outside to enjoy a long lunch under the big blue skies.

I attended the Rotary District 1990 General Assembly in Geneva last Saturday. It was a half-day event starting with coffee and croissants in the morning, followed by presentations on the annual budget, an interesting talk about the correlations between some of Voltair's work and the aims of Rotary, and ending with a long lunch and classical music concert in the Hotel du Rhone. Like the District 1990 Conference, it was again interesting to see how the event was organised bilingually, with the current District Governor – Franz Gilleron – and the incoming District Governor – Pierre Charlut – interchanging effortlessly between Swiss German and French.



My studies have also been going very well. I achieved the highest score in three of my winter semester exams, and I was invited by one of my professors to begin a PhD in international law in Neuchatel (Switzerland) under his supervision. My class-mates and I also attended a very interesting one-day course run by the International Committee of the Red Cross ("ICRC") last Tuesday at the ICRC Headquarters. The focus of the course was on issues relating to detention of individuals (both in times of armed conflict, and in peacetimes); one of the major tasks undertaken by the ICRC is to visit detainees. The course involved a simulated 'role-play' held in the basement of the ICRC HQ where there is a mock prison. Half of the group of students played detainees, and the other half Red Cross delegates, with the supervisors playing the role of the guards. It felt very real and quite terrifying. It was fantastic to see how the law I have studied plays out in 'mock' real life.

I have also been chosen to represent the University of Geneva in a four-student team in an international 'moot' competition on international criminal law which will be held in Mexico City in August this year. We have to prepare written memorials for both the Prosecution and Defence sides, as we will be randomly assigned to represent both sides at various stages of the oral rounds in Mexico. The facts are based on some of the recent events in Africa and the law Court. The facts are complicated, and lots of very interesting issues are raised. The competition will be run entirely in Spanish, so I have a great opportunity to work in that language as well as the research I will do in French and English.

Two weekends ago, I visited fellow classmate Lisa, who lives in Berne (the capital of Switzerland in the German-speaking part), and who invited a group of us to stay the night in her apartment and learn to cook some traditional Swiss dishes. We made two main dishes for dinner: a "Roesti" (a large potato cake) and "Pizokel" which consists of dumplings cooked with a cabbage and spinach accompaniment: very tasty! We also enjoyed a lavish Swiss Sunday breakfast consisting of fresh homemade bread ("Zopf") with jams, Bircher muesli, yogurt, orange juice and coffee. I have attached a photo from the evening.

Kate De Mar
2006/07 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar



"A World of Opportunity" in the year of Lead The Way

There was movement at the high school, for the word had passed around That the 9600 Conference, was bringing country fun around DG Mike coined "A World of Opportunity", in the year of *Lead The Way* And asked Chairman Graham of Kingaroy, to set to and lead the fray.

All the tried and noted highlights, of conferences past
Were considered for their delights, to make the time a blast
Find every room and every bed, B & B and even a shed
The poets and the musos, all the wine and cheese and bread.

While Rob looked after food, searching far and wide
Darryl sourced the speakers, remember our country pride
Mark kept track of finances, and Geoff the bed and breakfasts
Ray was there to advise and host, and Brian to guide and multi-task.

With sadness John was lost too soon, and Murgon was in mourning
Secretary Eric kept things on track, and Geoff found every awning
The House of Friendship was his job, and Lloyd's to print and publish
The registrations trundled in, to Mike and Cheryl Ivess.

With Bill Boyd's Rep Sandra, from up north of Auckland way
At the Pioneer the Governor's lunch, got things cheerily underway
Followed by a bus trip, round Kingaroy and beyond
With peanut farms and wine and cheese, and Jo's grave over yon.

The conference then started, the school all hurly burly
Youth programs were the focus, the hitches came on early
We stamped and clapped to line dancers, and Dean Perrett and his band
Unfortunately the Cherbourg guys, failed to make a stand.

Saturday was full and fun, with speakers and ballads aplenty
The food was great, the coffee hot, and everybody friendly
Mayor Roger Nunn shared his town, and Sandra shared her wisdom
And Tom Henderson with ShelterBox, came from the United Kingdom.

Michelle Hanton told of outriggers, in her pink and frilly fashion
 PDG Russ told of dreams and teams, showing his Foundation passion
 Ted Latta told of ROMAC, with special friend, K'Chin
 It was then left for Ron & Wayne from far away, to fully fill us in.

We heard the latest from the Solomon's, please help rebuild their lives
 We watched the sights from Gizo, and fear for the men, children and wives
 Good news from PNG re malaria control, bed nets are the way to go
 The success of "Adopt a village", is better health for all to show.

We had Chris with ARHRF, and Brian Knowles with Rotary knowledge
 And Elizabeth from Nundah, who thanked Tarong for computer baggage
 We saved up the best for Robyn Moore, and her voices five and twenty
 She made us laugh, Blinky Bill and all, and gave advice aplenty.

Then wine and cheese and peanuts – buy up and support the west
 The Emu carver came and went, and some just had a rest
 If you thought the day was full, there was still lots more to come
 The conference dinner proper, was to be heaps and heaps of fun.

There was Sandy Thorne, a lady with country words in style
 She had us rolling in the aisles, and left us with a smile
 Then there were special awards to Ron, and Nathan and Jenny
 With much loved Clem to hand them out, a favourite of many.

District awards then happened, with many cheering on
 And sadness as we remembered, our Rotarian friend, our John
 And then we got to kick our heels, as the music got real loud
 MAYA had them dancing up and down, and around and around the crowd.

The three amigos from Maleny – Michael, Chris and Rick
 Did a sterling job we think, and solved every little hitch
 They ran an auction for the plants, peanut shells and all
 And even flogged a box of naught, hands up with that last call.

Sunday came and all were tired, and our backsides were getting numb
 But there was more to fill our day, we soon woke up to some
 More good food and fellowship, and speakers from far and wide
 The GSE teams – Malaysia, filled us with more Rotary and pride.

The resolutions went their way, and workshops followed later
 Dean Clifford told us of his trials, and how he triumphed over
 Next years team showed their stuff, and their conference venue
 The time had come to say goodbye, and thank host clubs, and all adieu.

DG Mike was a tad emotional, how do you thank those who worked so hard
 To make the conference such a success, from every scone to every bard
 Our hopes and dreams had been surpassed, Graham must take the bow
 We thank his team, and all who helped, the show is over now.

We said goodbye to Sandra and Eddie, our good wishes to NZ
 We packed the car and wondered hard, if everything had been said
 To ice the cake Murray's school sign read: *Rotary – a World of Opportunity*
 we reminisced all way home from Kingaroy, to the green hills of Maleny.

PS: I went to school on Monday, and thought "was it really real?"
 Was the conference really over, and was it such a deal
 When the students said "Mrs Gregory, has all our work been marked?"
 I said "if you really knew, you wouldn't have even asked!!"

** Apologies to Banjo Patterson and all serious poets – I guess I have broken every rule in the poet's manual!!

by Sherryl Gregory



DIVIDENDS ON ROTARY INVESTMENT

There is great potential for handsome dividends on the Rotary investment in ANZSE.

- Goodwill and friendship between sponsoring clubs in Australia and New Zealand
- Potential Rotarians from student's family and enduring friendships
- High Rotary profile and good public relations with participating high schools
- Opportunity to instil Rotary ethos and principles in exchange students – potential Rotarians of the future!
- Interaction with delightful young Australian and New Zealand students
- Seeing these young people develop and mature as confident young citizens and ambassadors for their country
- Seeing students adapt as a member of a new family in a new country
- Seeing them taking personal responsibility for many aspects of their lives, including budgeting
- Seeing them develop independence and interdependence with Rotarians and host family
- Knowing that there is little or no disruption to their schooling which is, in fact, enhanced by the exchange.

WHAT IS ANZSE?

The exchange runs between families in Australia and New Zealand. A student in one country is matched with a student from the other country, based on similarities of family background, personality, achievements and interests. Each student spends one school term living in the other's home and attending

DIVERSIFY YOUR CLUB'S INVESTMENT IN YOUTH

There is now a unique opportunity within D9600 for your Rotary Club to diversify its investment portfolio through the **Australia - New Zealand Student Exchange (formerly Matched Twin) program**. Because young people represent the future of our community, our country and our planet, Rotary supports a veritable smorgasbord of excellent programs ranging from Earlyact, Interact, Rotaract, RYPEN, RYLA, vocational experiences such as the NYSF, Siemen's Science Experience, Storm the Stage and Youth Exchange to inspire our young people to embrace Rotary principles and encourage them to achieve their potential for a more prosperous and harmonious world. Student exchanges such as YEP and ANZSE contribute to world understanding, peace and friendship through the numerous human interactions they facilitate. these programs also result in per-

sonal growth and character development of students under the positive influence of sponsoring and hosting Rotarians.

WHY ANZSE?

ANZSE has most of the benefits of YEP for both Rotary and students but is not as demanding on host Rotary Clubs because the students are hosted by the twin family, not by Rotarians! Apart from a contribution of \$250 towards the students blazer and program administration, the main, and vital, role of the Rotary Club is to provide Counsellor to encourage, guide and assist the outbound student, the New Zealand student while he/she is in the District, and the host family to ensure that the exchange runs smoothly. The matched students spend six months together, three months in each others country, and develop an enduring friendship during this time.

their school. In 2008 the New Zealand students will live in Australia in School Term 2, and in Term 3 the students from Australia will live in New Zealand. The ANZSE program is available to students aged between 13 1/2 and 16 years on the 1st January 2008 (a Date of Birth between 1 January 1992 and 1 July 1994). Each student is sponsored by a Rotary club and the student's School must agree to support the Exchange. The exchange is only confirmed after a successful match has been made. Unfortunately, up to 30 New Zealand students have missed out on the exchange in recent years because of an imbalance in applicants. It is a wonderful program of service to youth!

ANZSE TIMETABLE

Expression of Interest Forms Due from students to Rotary Club – 30 June 2007
 Full Application Forms Due to District Committee – 30 July 2007
 NZ Students travel to Australia – 12 Apr 08
 Both students return to NZ - 28 Jun 08
 Australian Students return home – 20 Sep 08

HOW TO TAKE PART

All 90 high schools within the Australian part of D9600 have received information on the program and a call for applications. Youth Service directors should visit their local high school and discuss their Clubs involvement with the year 9 Student Co-ordinator and encourage suitable students to apply through the expressions of Interest (EOI) brochure (also available on: www.rotaryanzstudentexchange.com) When the club receives an expression of interest, they should arrange interviews of the student and their family (who must be screened as for YEP as suitable host parents). Interview guidelines are provided.

If the Club agrees to sponsor the student, the student must then fill out a comprehensive full Application form and, after endorsement by the sponsoring Rotary Club, send it to the District Committee who will arrange district interviews and orientation. All Australian and New Zealand Chairs then meet together and students matches are negotiated, after computer generated potential matches are generated.

COSTS

The sponsoring Rotary Club is asked to contribute \$250 towards the cost of a jacket/blazer and administration of the program. All other costs are kept to a minimum and are met by the student's parents (approximately \$3,000).

MORE DETAILS

Go to: www.rotaryanzstudentexchange.com
 or contact: Russ Stephenson
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This year we had 39 Awardees and 6 junior leaders (2006 Rylarians) and 3 senior leaders (2004 Rylarians) sponsored and complete RYLA 2007. Together with your help, some excellent professional speakers, facilitators and a hard working RYLA Committee, RYLA 2007 finished on Friday 13 April.

We are always striving to have a Training Seminar that is beneficial and relevant to our young people, our future leaders aged 18-26years. Our first Chairman Elizabeth (from Business Builders Australia) costed this seminar (in the corporate world) at \$3,500. The cost to you the Rotary Clubs this year was \$415 per participant, cheaper if you co-sponsored with an employer/company.

Now is the time to invite an awardee and/or leader to come and be a **Guest Speaker** at one of your meetings. Let them share with you what *THEY* got out of RYLA 2007. If your Club hasn't had the opportunity to sponsor a participant or leader and are interested to hear what this new revamped RYLA Seminar is all about; please contact one of the RYLA Committee members to organise for a participant, leader and/or Committee member to be a Guest Speaker at one of your meetings.

In keeping with what the new committee wanted to see happen with the future of D9600 RYLA, all 2007 Rylarians were asked to complete an evaluation sheet and let them tell us how our presenters, facilitators, guest speakers went, what they thought of the overall content of the program, venue and food etc. A summary of this has been put together and on 23rd June the committee together with the current leaders and leaders/reserves for 2008 will sit down together for a debrief meeting. What was good and what can we do better. If you or your Club has any comments you would like to share with us we would most welcome them.

Please contact our Chairman: Tom Gorman – 0403 580 507 or tgorman@bc.wbs.net.au
 Together we can help our young people, our future leaders **Uncover their True Potential.**

On behalf of D9600 we would like to give a special thankyou and farewell to some of the committee members that started on RYLA 4 years ago.

Elizabeth Craig-Holmes – Chairman 2004-06 & Program Director 2004-07;
 Dave Woodrow – Club Promotions 2004-07; Russell Thompson – Secretary 2004-05; Rick Thornton – Secretary 2006-07; Col Dash – Treasurer 2004-07; Colleen Caruana – Club & Participant Promotions 2004-06.

We welcome onto the new board last/this year Tom Gorman – Chairman 2007-current; Bernard Van Den Bergen – Program Director, esdevpty@powerup.com.au;
 Les Pedler – Logistics, les@ctstrathpine.com.au; Julie Ferguson – Participant info, ausgirl@bigpond.net.au;
 and Colleen Caruana – Corporate promotions and grants 2008, c.caruana@optusnet.com.au

We look forward to your continued support of RYLA and helping our future leaders of our community.

www.rotary9600.org/ryla.htm

D9600 Committee



ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD
Congratulations and Thank You...

Since we revamped our District RYLA Seminar, for the past 4 years (including 2007), we all have helped 196 participants (Rylarians) and leaders (past Rylarians) **Uncover their True Potential.**

Keeping you informed ... RDU's final restructure plans underway ... ORDER CHANGEOVER SUPPLIES EARLY!

Rotary Down Under's current restructure process is moving towards finality and we will be very grateful for close co-operation and support from our valued subscribers and client base during the last two months of the current Rotary year.

The first stage of the restructure plan has been completed with the successful establishment of RDU's New Zealand Editorial and Promotion Office in the Manakau office of public relations firm Crabtree Associates Ltd.

The former NZ Vincent Street office in Auckland has been closed and the property sold. All Rotary supplies for the 29 Rotary Districts based on New Zealand and Australia are now sourced from Australia.

The RDU organisation has recently advertised the Supplies business for sale and negotiations are underway with several interested parties.

RDU staff will close trading of RDU Supplies in Parramatta, NSW, for the year on Friday, June 22, to allow the new franchise owners to commence business on July 1 – the first day of the new Rotary year.

We are very mindful of the needs of Rotary clubs and districts at this busy changeover period and will do everything possible to service orders and special requests between now and June 22.

However, we do need all Rotarians, Clubs and Districts to plan early and forward end of Rotary year orders to RDU Supplies as soon as possible.

We guarantee every effort will be made to fill all orders before that handover period commences.

Normal operation and administration of RDU will continue under some difficulty for the month of July as Rotary Down Under House in Hunter Street, Parramatta, NSW, undergoes its first major refit in 14 years.

Our plan is to move Rotary Down Under offices to the third (top) floor and base the magazine offices alongside a quality meeting facility for use of all tenants in the building.

The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund and the Probus Centre South Pacific will share a new office plan on the second floor.

The end result will create an improved work environment for RDU's valued staff and major Rotary tenants – and allow for even more efficient service to our 29 clubs and districts.

of the audited financial statements for the District for the year ended 30th June 2006. John spoke to the financial statements which were incorporated into the resolutions booklet. The resolution was passed unanimously.

Resolution 2/2007 – Disassociation by D9600 with ARCAP

This resolution proposing that D9600 take no further part in the ARCAP (corporate alliance) programme was proposed by DG Michael Gregory and seconded by the Kingaroy RC delegate.

PDG Mike outlined a series of occurrences including a finding by RI that the programme was not operating in accordance with RI policy requirements and that it had failed to regularise its affairs as required by RI.

The resolution drew spirited debate and discussion. Whilst there was very little support for continuing the programme, there was a real concern that by distancing the district from the program, the opportunity to oversee its winding up may be lost. A further concern was that a precipitous winding up of the company which operated the programme may bring further bad publicity to Rotary. Ultimately the resolution was passed by a large majority.

Resolution 3/2007 – To amend the Bonne Tenkate Memorial Fund

The purpose of this fund is to provide financial assistance to disadvantaged YEP aspirants. The existing rules did not work well and the existence and purpose of the fund was not well known throughout the district. Proposed by AG Russ Stephenson and strongly supported by the Nambour Club Delegate the resolution proposed amendments to the fund standing procedures to ensure better publicity and more effective operation of the fund in achieving its objectives. The resolution was passed unanimously.

Resolution 4/2007 – Authority for D9600 Incorporation Committee to make minor changes to draft constitution

This resolution (a new motion authorised for consideration by DG Michael) proposed by Reg Collard (RC Toowong) and seconded by PDG John Ker (RC Brisbane High-Rise) sought to authorise the District Incorporation Committee to make minor amendments to the draft district constitution to correct typographic, compliance, consistency or similar issues in the process of finalising the process.

The purpose was to permit the committee to correct some typographical errors already discovered in the draft and also to address any RI or ASIC requirements which arise during the incorporation process. The resolution was passed unanimously.

RI District 9600 Trophies presented at the Kingaroy District Conference

Six D9600 Trophies were presented at the Kingaroy Conference during the DG's Banquet on the Saturday evening.

The Errol Richardson Membership Development Shield is presented to the Club "with the greatest absolute growth in numbers" and/or "the net percentage growth in the event of a tie". Good performances with net increases of 4 members each were the R/C's of

Woombye Sunrise and Aspley, a 5 member increase was recorded by RC Brisbane High-Rise, and both Nambour 76 and Kippa Ring Rotary Clubs attained a net increase of 6. On a percentage win with an increase from 11 to 17, the Rotary Club of Kippa Ring took the Shield.

The District Membership Retention Trophy (previously the Plug the Drain Trophy) was also awarded to the Rotary Club of Kippa Ring with an increase of 54.5% with Woombye Sunrise achieving 21.1%, for this competition for "the greatest percentage growth" in Club Membership.

The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund Perpetual Achievement Trophy is based on support for ARHRF, including the level of per capita club contributions, innovative projects, effective administrative activity and public relations. There was good work by 16 District Clubs but this year the ARHRF award went to the Rotary Club of Maroochydore in recognition of the excellent work done by their Member, Dr. Denis Campbell with his efforts with the Bowelscan Project.

The Ben Bennett Trophy is based on support for The Rotary Foundation, including the level of per capita club contributions during the calendar year. Outstanding performers were the Rotary Clubs of Cooroy, Ashgrove/The Gap, Nambour, Noosa Heads Daybreak, Nundah, Toowong, Aspley and the runner-up Club of Kenmore. The clear winner this year was the Rotary Club of Paddington/Red Hill.

The Jim Trotter Memorial Trophy is for "The best display in the Conference House of Friendship" which Chairman Boyd Fay commented that the Trophies and Awards Committee found the standard so high that it was difficult to award. Special commendation was to The Rotary Foundation Display and The Dragons Abreast Display with many other efforts fully appreciated. The winner with their "Computers 4 Kids" presentation was the Rotary Club of Nundah.

The Jack Nicholson Trophy is for Conference attendance and the Host Clubs of Kingaroy, 63% of members, Kingaroy-Taabinga, 56% and Murgon 47% showed the way to us all, but, of course they were not eligible in terms of the rules for this trophy. The Rotary Club of Toowong with 41% was the runner-up and Coolumbereperiang, Albion, Maleny and Bribie Island all achieved in the mid-thirties with special mention of Honiara with 17%. The winner in 2006, and again this year, the Rotary Club of Kippa Ring with 43.8% attendance.

Chairman Boyd also reminded all Clubs that the 2nd June is the closing date for the remaining five Trophies and Awards requiring a specific application. These and an additional five awards will be presented at the District Changeover on 30th June. Please refer to page 35 of the District Directory.

presented by PDG Boyd Fay

District 9600 Conference – Resolutions Session:

The resolutions session at the Kingaroy conference chaired by District Legislation and Resolutions Committee Chair, RIDN John Lawrence, was well attended. Four resolutions were proposed and all were passed.

Club delegates were provided with an updated booklet setting out the relevant resolutions and supporting and other relevant material relating to the subject matter of the various resolutions.

A summary of the resolutions and their outcomes is detailed below in the order in which they appear in the resolutions booklet although they were, as a matter of convenience, dealt with in a different order during the session.

Resolution 1/2007 – Adoption of the 2005/06 Financial Accounts

Proposed by District Finance Committee Chair, John Oates, and seconded by IPDG Charles Guesdon the first resolution sought the adoption

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Col's Comments

Good news at last, with a net increase of 19 members during the month of March, from 1860 to 1879. A very definite change in direction of the membership curve! Still 50 members below the year's start figure of 1929, but there are still two months to go and three months yet to be recorded. Alors, allons-y!

For the first nine months of 2007/08, 23 of our clubs have shown a positive growth in net membership, 14 clubs have shown no overall net change, and 32 clubs have had a net membership loss.

On the subject of "net" membership growth, it is important to remember that even to stand still (on paper) one has to move forward. Losses can and do occur through no fault of the club (death, relocation, and other unrelated reasons), and these have to be compensated for before any net growth is recorded. The following clubs, with net nine-month increases of three or more members (I have excluded from this list any whose March return has not yet been received), are to be especially commended:

Caloundra 5 members, 18.5%.
Kawana Waters 4 members, 33.3%.
Indooroopilly 4 members, 22.2%.
Boroko 4 members, 13.8%.
Brisbane 4 members, 6.0%.
Pine Rivers Daybreak 3 members, 20.0%.
Mooloolaba 3 members, 5.9%.

This time, by the closing date of 17 April there were 20 missing (not too bad, there were 26 last month and it is usually in the high twenties), and for this report (see the "No Return" entries in the table opposite) 10 of them are still missing. No "chasing" was done this time round (we've been away for a bit of a holiday), so by and large this is quite a good result.



Welcome to New Members

As of today, 4 May 2007, there have been 21 new, rejoined or relocated members advised by clubs since the DG's April Newsletter was prepared on 4/4/07. All of these refer to the current Rotary year 2006/07. During the same period there were seven termination notices received, again all for 2006/07.

A big welcome, then, to the following new, rejoined or relocated members:

Brisbane North: Bob Newbold.
Brisbane Planetarium: Anthony Wetmore.
Caloundra: Norm Bourguignon,
Rory Connolly, Lyn Gahan, Lesley Godwin,
John Ragonesi and Laura Ragonesi.
Coolum-Peregian: Chris McDonald.
Gympie-Cooloola: Linda Roach.
Huon Gulf: Bill Shepherd.
Kenmore: John Smith.
Mitchelton: Paul Blaney.
Noosa: Richard Kirkham and Jo May.
Noosa Heads Daybreak: Julie Hemingway.
Redcliffe City: Ray Aukett, Susan Aukett,
Vince Foard and Janet Hamilton.
Redcliffe Sunrise: Lynn Davies.

D9600 Membership and Attendance Report February and March 2007

Club	Club Membership			Attendance Percentages	
	30/6/06	28/2/07	31/3/07	Feb 2007	Mar 2007
Albany Creek	36	34	35	81.67	70.16
Albion	15	14	13	80.77	90.39
Alexandra Headland	24	25	25	72.92	71.67
Ashgrove / The Gap	42	41	41	75.20	82.32
Aspley	46	50	48	71.27	71.82
Bribie Island	26	18	17	73.68	70.00
Brisbane	67	68	71	51.96	48.64
Brisbane High-Rise	51	51	52	78.79	78.09
Brisbane Mid-City	62	54	56	71.86	67.89
Brisbane North	33	33	35	68.48	51.06
Brisbane Planetarium	71	71	71	82.95	83.04
Buderim	25	25	25	75.00	79.20
Caboolture	31	30	31	80.58	83.04
Caloundra	27	30	32	83.33	72.65
Caloundra Pacific	35	33	35	78.70	83.57
Coolum-Peregian	12	9	7	75.00	93.75
Cooroy	29	26	26	70.87	84.58
Fortitude Valley	50	50	51	70.31	63.67
Geebung	12	13	13	97.73	90.91
Gympie	54	54	54	77.23	84.67
Gympie-Cooloola	45	45	46	68.89	74.94
Hamilton	50	47	48	71.20	77.56
Indooroopilly	18	21	22	71.43	58.02
Karana Downs	21	22	22	77.24	67.04
Kawana Waters	12	16	16	72.08	65.64
Kenmore	48	44	45	70.83	75.00
Kingaroy	21	18	19	72.22	76.32
Kingaroy-Taabinga	15	16	16	62.50	68.75
Kippa Ring	17	16	16	95.31	No Return
Maleny	37	34	35	75.96	79.06
Maroochydore	38	38	37	68.96	70.66
Mitchelton	25	26	27	73.15	77.96
Mooloolaba	51	53	54	74.35	76.67
Murgon	20	16	16	71.42	67.86
Nambour	29	30	31	73.91	72.01
Nambour 76	36	33	32	64.81	70.19
Noosa	39	36	35	69.06	78.34
Noosa Heads	43	39	38	73.72	62.83
Noosa Heads Daybreak	32	29	30	66.37	78.67
Nundah	18	17	16	83.33	78.85
Paddington/ Red Hill	13	6	5	91.67	88.23
Pine Rivers	19	19	19	67.11	No Return
Pine Rivers Daybreak	15	18	18	66.67	68.05
Redcliffe City	50	48	50	77.41	84.06
Redcliffe Sunrise	17	16	17	88.33	85.94
Samford Valley	37	33	33	84.85	90.75
Sandgate	18	17	17	70.77	75.00
St Lucia	18	17	17	70.59	62.75
Stafford	18	18	18	76.38	77.78
Strathpine	16	13	13	62.50	No Return
The Glass House Mtns	19	16	16	95.24	87.14
Toowong	36	30	31	63.04	87.29
West B'ne Daybreak	25	19	18	77.63	79.16
Windsor	19	18	20	77.77	80.41
Woombye Sunrise	23	17	17	90.62	81.25
Boroko	29	32	33	78.91	82.29
Bulolo-Wau	4	4	4	56.25	70.00
Goroka	8	6	6	45.83	45.83
Huon Gulf	21	20	21	50.00	59.65
Kavieng	8	8	8	58.33	No Return
Kokopo	11	11	11	72.73	No Return
Lae	20	18	18	No Return	No Return
Madang	12	10	9	54.29	71.43
Mount Hagen	13	10	10	30.00	45.00
Port Moresby	41	45	45	59.43	No Return
Rabaul	7	7	7	82.14	No Return
Wewak	8	10	10	76.92	76.92
Gizo	7	8	8	81.25	No Return
Honiara	34	41	41	70.47	No Return
Totals/Averages	1929	1860	1879	72.83%	74.52%