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Regional Achievers Award

Rotarian, David Woodrow was awarded one of Queensland Regional Achievers Awards for 2005. The Award was presented on 3 December at a gala function in Cairns, which he attended with his wife Leonie. The following list of activities will give some reason why he won the award.

David is not just a joiner of voluntary organisations but is an innovator who sees a need, achieves results and then hands over to someone else to continue the work.

He was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 1987 for "service to the community, particularly education" but he has not rested on his past laurels.

David has been a member of Rotary for many years. He was a charter member of the new Alexandra Headland club and is a past president. As Community Services Director he started a project to support the Sunshine Coast Energex Helicopter Rescue Service. As a result of presentations to service organisations, he has raised some \$42,000 to keep the service functional. He is also active with the District Rotary Youth Leadership Award. This year he was recognised with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

David retired from the Maroochy Shire SES Controller's position in August last year after thirty years in the SES and seven years as Controller. He continues to serve on as project officer and presents Disaster Awareness lectures to service groups and schools. He is also involved with producing Evacuation plans for Retirement Villages.

In his working life he was a secondary science teacher for 35 years and a Principal of Concordia College in Toowoomba for five years.

He was a member of the Army Reserve for 31 years rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and spent a short time in South Vietnam.

He also received an Australia Day recognition award in 2000, a Senior Award in 2001 and was Maroochy Shire Citizen of the Year in 2002.



DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANT 2005/06 Recipients of DSG funding announced

At the closing date for applications for funding from the Grant for 2005/06, there were submissions from six Clubs in the District.

The District TRF Grants Sub-Committee appointed a selection sub-committee of P.P. Chris Ellis (Chair), PDG Boyd Fay and P.P. Harold Sutcliffe, which met and discussed all submissions at length. They acknowledged the high standard of the submissions and the enthusiasm with which they were prepared.

The following three projects were selected by the sub-committee to share in the funding from the Grant of AUD\$7,920 this Rotary year.

▪ **From R.C. of Ashgrove / The Gap:**

"To print and distribute a novel, user-friendly 'Flipper Card' that will provide students of secondary schools with positive messages and information about available health services, based on research indicating the high incidences of youth anxiety, depression and suicide".

▪ **From R.C. of Nambour:**

"To provide books and toys essential in the teaching of hearing impaired youngsters at the Nambour Hear and Say Centre".

▪ **From R.C. of Kenmore:**

"To purchase a riding pony and associated feed and equipment for the McIntyre Centre, Pony Riding for the Disabled".

Congratulations to the three successful Clubs and sincere thanks to all six Clubs for their comprehensive submissions.

Some Clubs missed the opportunity to be involved this year in spite of a number of communications to Clubs about the District Simplified Grant. We will be making application to The Foundation for a Grant for 2006/07 so please be sure to respond to the invitation that will go out early in the new Rotary year for submissions for funding from this Grant.

PDG Russ O'Malley,
District Rotary Foundation Chairman



to all readers, we hope
2006 is successful



DGE's Diary

Do they know you're there and that you care?

Our public image is very important in gaining partners and funding for our projects, and in recruiting and retaining Rotarians. A Club Brochure is a very useful way to inform our community of what we are and what we do and should be readily available to the public.

If you have not produced your own, there are excellent generic versions that can be adapted to local use – ask a PR Committee member. There is also funding available from RI for any PR initiative, be it an insert in the local paper, press release to radio or TV, billboard, banner etc – again speak to a PR Committee members. During late October, I participated in the RACE Exhibition at the Caloundra Civic Centre which was another excellent means of spreading Rotary awareness to the community.

The Paul Harris Seminar hosted by the University of Queensland, where the graduating Peace Fellows made presentations of their work, proved to be a most enjoyable and informative day. A mixture of drama, role-play, speeches and workshops made sure that all those present left with the feeling of a day well spent. If you have yet to have one of these Fellows make a presentation to your Club, consider inviting one of them soon – particularly if you are planning a special occasion.

In November we held the second training day for incoming AG's, and Sherryl and I attended the Zone Institute (the annual gathering of Governors – past, present and future) at Penrith. The first two days I spent at the Governor-Elect Training Seminar, while Sherryl attended part of that and the District Trainer workshop, then it was the Institute proper – AGM's of our five companies ARHRF, RDU, RAWCS, ARCAP, and ROMAC – keynote speakers, Rotary information, open discussion forums, workshops, and first class entertainment (including convict theme night – see photo). One of the most valuable outcomes is the opportunity to meet with the 22 DGE's from the other Australian Districts and exchange ideas and fellowship. The highlight for most of us were the three speeches made by RI President-elect Bill Boyd – he talked about the image of Rotary, how that is all tied up with ethics, and the family of Rotary which is worldwide – truly inspirational. Make sure you don't miss his visit to our District on 26 August 2006! Later that month the 2007 Conference Committee held their third meeting, allocating responsibilities, discussion the program and various entertainment options. We would welcome constructive input and are particularly looking for someone with marketing expertise to join the committee.

The third AG Training Day was held on 3 December. We are now putting together the agendas for DTTS, Leadership Seminar, PEPS, PETS, and Assembly and doing our best to ensure that there is no duplication and that your valuable time is well spent. Committee Chairmen should understand that it is impossible to fit everyone in and they should therefore liaise closely with Sherryl and I to achieve the best possible outcome. It is also time to prepare the draft Budget for 2006-07 and already it is bursting at the seams with requests for funding so we are going to have to make some difficult decisions. Major new items include the increased cost of training, funding the extra scope of the youth protection insurance, and costs associated with District incorporation. Consequently some current projects may not be funded – Committee Chairmen should inform me of their budget requirements as soon as possible.

DGE Michael Gregory

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At Noosa Bi-Centennial Hall - Sunshine Beach

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- Home Hardware – Peregian beach

Or ring hotline **5473 5825** for pick up.

Rotary World Peace Fellows – Changing the world.

The University of Queensland's Rotary Centre for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution played host to The Paul Harris Seminar on Saturday 29 October. The unique event held at the UQ Centre offered engaging presentations and interactive workshops developed by the Rotary World Peace Fellows on topics directly related to contemporary issues in international relations and peace and conflict resolution.

The Paul Harris Seminar is an annual event providing an exceptional opportunity to showcase the activities, achievements and research conducted by the Rotary World Peace Fellows.

As part of a two year Master of International Studies program at the School of Political Science and International Studies it enabled the Fellows to present the personal and professional experiences of being a Rotary world Peace Fellow.

Fellows explored topics such as conflict resolution for sustainable development in Australia's desert regions; the international criminal court and its troubling implications concerning the United States and Iraq; donor coordination and development in Tanzania; and the use of information technology in peace building in Sri Lanka.

Director of the Rotary Centre for International Studies, Dr Marianne Hanson said, "The Paul Harris Seminar is designed as a way to link UQ more closely with Rotarians and as an opportunity for Rotarians to hear first hand about the special work that the peace fellows have been conducting."

"It is also the University's way of thanking Rotary for its funding of the program and indeed for its enlightened decision to work towards world peace, justice and understanding, values shared by the University and which are reflected in its excellent teaching and research programs in peace and international relations" Dr Hanson said.

The group of potential world and community leaders inspired an audience of over 120 national and international Rotarians with their commitment and passion to peace and justice in the world.

For further information please contact:

School of Political Science and International Studies
The University of Queensland
3346 9544 or email pols@uq.edu.au

RI switches 2007 and 2011 convention host cities

The RI Board of Directors has chosen Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, as the site for 2007 RI Convention, slated for the state-of-the-art Salt Palace Convention Center, from 17-20 June. The 3 November decision by the Board essentially switches New Orleans, now designated to host the convention in 2011, with Salt Lake City.

In August, Hurricane Katrina not only destroyed much of the New Orleans infrastructure, but also jeopardised the ability of local Rotary clubs to organise and host such a large-scale, international meeting. The switch gives New Orleans Rotary members ample time to rebuild their lives and businesses without taking on the formidable task of planning and hosting an international convention.

A Rotary International convention is unique because area Rotary clubs do much of the advance planning and organising, beginning at least four years out. Local Rotarians volunteer their time to organise events and raise a significant amount of funds to offset the costs of hosting this major event. In addition, the event takes on an added degree of complexity as the local Rotary clubs host Rotarians from more than 100 countries. All these factors contributed to the Board's decision to switch the dates.

"This was not an easy decision for the board, but one that had to be made for the benefit of the entire organisation," said RI president-elect William B. Boyd, who will set the agenda for the 2007 convention. "As much as New Orleans Rotarians wanted to host the convention in 2007, we could not expect them to commit to such a demanding task during a time when they are rebuilding their business and communities."

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Greetings From The Governor.

Hello my Rotary Friends. Welcome to 2006!!

January is Rotary Awareness month. Clubs and District Committees are undertaking a wide range of highly visible community activities. Some of these activities

include:

The Youth Exchange Committee organising the arrival of our incoming Exchange students and the return of our students from last Rotary year.

Clubs are preparing for their involvement in the traditional Citizenship Ceremony on Australia day which are always successful and help to promote Rotary to the community.

The Friends of Rotary Committee will conduct their inaugural Fund Raiser and associated Rotary awareness function on 25 January at the Buderim War Memorial Hall. Anyone wishing to attend could contact Brent Torrance (Committee Chair).

Our district's involvement in the tsunami appeal, providing help with a school project in Sri Lanka is well advanced. I'll have more on that project in next month's District Newsletter.

The NYSF Forum in Canberra is in full flight with record attendance from our District.

Elsewhere in Australia other Rotary Districts are asking for the opportunity to work with D9600 on international service projects in PNG and SI. Making it possible to undertake bigger projects, faster.

Our humanitarian work in these two developing countries is highly regarded by many other districts and like minded organisations. Requests for possible participation are on the increase.

Rosemary and I wish you and yours a successful, healthy and happy year. We trust you have had a pleasant Festive Season with family and friends.

We are looking forward to re-visiting as many clubs as possible in the next few months.

Thanks to all for your ongoing commitment to your communities with Service Above Self.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Charles and Rosemary.

RI switches 2007 and 2011 convention host cities – continued

Boyd praised the New Orleans clubs for their hard work in preparation for the convention prior to the hurricane disaster. He went on to say that Utah's 40 Rotary clubs are working enthusiastically to plan for the switch.

"We are very pleased to work with Salt Lake City and Rotary clubs in the region to make this happen," said Boyd.

Salt Lake City last welcomed a Rotary convention in 1919, eight years after the Rotary Club of Salt Lake City was chartered in 1911.

"Salt Lake City has the facilities and the capacity to host this outstanding event," he said, referring to the Salt Palace's 365,000 square feet of exhibit space and the city's 20,000 hotels rooms, most of which are within walking distance of the convention center.



Wilkinson is choice for president

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, of the Rotary Club of Trenton, Ontario, Canada, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2007-08 that convened at RI World Headquarters on 5 December. He will become the president-nominee on 1 January 2006 if there are no challenging candidates.

Wilkinson was a founding partner of Wilkinson & Company, Chartered Accountants. Since retiring in 2001, he has served as executive director of the Quinte Ballet School of Canada and Canadian co-ordinator for the National Association of Forensic Accountants.

A Rotarian since 1962, Wilkinson is currently a PolioPlus national advocacy adviser and a member at large of the PolioPlus Partners Task Force. Previously, he has served RI as district governor, International Assembly group discussion leader, consultative group member, committee member and chair, task force member, Foundation trustee, director, and vice president. Most recently, he was chair of the 2005 Chicago Convention Committee and vice chair of RI's Afghan refugee relief project.



DID YOU KNOW? WOMEN IN ROTARY

Until 1989, the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International stated that Rotary club membership was for males only. In 1978 the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, invited three women to become members.

The RI board withdrew the charter of that club for violation of the RI Constitution. The club brought suit against RI claiming a violation of a state civil rights law which prevents discrimination of any form in business establishments or public accommodations. The appeals court and the California Supreme Court supported the Duarte position that Rotary could not remove the club's charter merely for inducting women into the club. The United States Supreme Court upheld the California court indicating that Rotary clubs do have a "business purpose" and are in some ways public-type organisations.

This action in 1987 allowed woman to become Rotarians in any jurisdiction having similar "public accommodation" statutes. The RI constitutional change was made at the 1989 Council on Legislation, with a vote to eliminate the "male only" provision for all of Rotary.

Rotary District 9600 Conference 2006

31 March – 2 April 2006

Preserve Planet Earth

A conference like no other! Registrations now open!

Find huge 'early bird' discounts on the Conference website at:
www.rotaryclubofbrisbanemidcity.org

Next year's District Conference will feature a diverse, creative mixture of Rotary activities, dynamic entertainment and excellent hospitality. Secure your seat at what will surely be the greatest District 9600 Conference yet!

**Telephone enquiries to Rtn Kathryn Draper
on (07) 3252 9305.**

Don't delay – register today!

Attention

Club Presidents & Club Secretaries

Please remember that the semi-annual dues are payable to RI as at 01 January and need to be received at RI by 31 January.

Remember to also complete and return to RI by 31 January the Semi-annual report documentation (esp. Members List) in the pack supplied by RI so that payments may be reconciled.

Closing date for items will be the **3rd week** of every month. The main part of the Newsletter is put together around the 4th week, then pieces are added. It will be published on the web the 1st week of the following month. (i.e. Items sent in January are for the February Newsletter.

Jeff McMullen to be Keynote Speaker

Jeff McMullen, from Channel 9's *60 Minutes*, will be the keynote speaker at the Rotary District 9600 Conference 2006 to be held at the Hilton Hotel, Brisbane, from 31 March to 2 April.

Brisbane's Lord Mayor, Campbell Newman will open the conference, which includes a range of high profile speakers and an extensive entertainment program.

Jeff McMullen is a prize winning foreign correspondent and documentary maker. He will draw on a career spanning 30 years to relate anecdotes as varied as the White House Watergate scandal, to radiation in Russia to revealing modern medical miracles. Few living storytellers anywhere have travelled as much, or gone to as many amazing extremes in the pursuit of a great story.

Other speakers are: International Consultant on leadership, growth and change Catherine Palin-Brinkworth; columnist Frances Whiting; business leader Deborah Truter. Ian Riseley, who has a long and distinguished record in Rotary, and will officially represent the President of Rotary International at the Conference.

The entertainment program includes: Honey, a seven piece powerhouse of lush vocal harmonies; Sault Poets, an amazing performance linking voice, acrobatics and balance; the fabulous voices and musicians of Strictly Singing, featuring soprano Jennifer Parish and baritone Stewart Cameron; the Ab Fab Girls, a treat for lovers of British comedy; the elegance and grace of aerialist Allie Wilde and favourite songs from yesterday and today performed by The Famous Unknowns.

The Rotary District 9600 Conference 2006 will combine this marvellous light entertainment with thought-provoking insights into social change, literacy and numeracy, sustainable development, resource management and disease control.

A choice of three conference packages is offered and there is still a chance to save 15% by booking before 31 January 2006.

Please visit the Conference website here:
www.rotaryclubofbrisbanemidcity.org

For more information call Paul Sergeant on 0412 09 0412 or Ray Crompton on 0402 466 256.

For Conference registration enquiries, please call Kathryn Draper on (07) 3252 9305.

District 9600 Governor's Newsletter — January 2006

Col's Comments

When the November returns closed on 17 December there were 28 out of the 73 clubs still missing. Not much better, really, than the 30, 30, and 31 recorded for the previous three months. And as of today, 10 January and more than three weeks later, there are still only eight more which have come in. This has resulted in the 20 "No Returns" as listed opposite. Surely we can do better than that! This Newsletter will come out not long before the December returns are due on 17 January, so do please see that your club gets them in and on time this time. See Page 38 of the District Directory for details of what is needed.

Assuming no change in membership for the 20 clubs yet to report for November (a fairly large assumption), and also for the eight clubs yet to report for October, there was no change in net membership for the month of November which remains at 1988, only two below the year's "start" figure (end of June 2005) of 1990.

Disregarding Kavieng & Port Moresby, where the returns are outstanding for two months or more, there are nine clubs which over the first five months of 2005/2006 have registered a net growth of two members or more. These are the Rotary Clubs of Lae (5), Cooroy (4), Murgon (3), and Mount Hagen, Albion, Mitchelton, Boroko, Albany Creek and Brisbane Mid-City (all 2).

Again disregarding Kavieng, the highest percentage growths to date have been achieved by the Rotary Clubs of Lae (55.6%), Murgon (17.6%), Rabaul (16.7%) and Mount Hagen (15.4%).



Welcome to New Members

As of today, 10 January 2006, there have been nine new, rejoined or relocated members advised by clubs since the DG's December Newsletter was prepared on 4 December 2005. Of these, four refer to the current Rotary year 2005/2006, and five to 2004/2005. During the same period there were also nine termination notices received, all for 2005/2006.

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

Bardon:	Ian Exaudi.
Brisbane Planetarium:	David Graetz.
Glass House Mountains:	Pat Green, Ann Ross, Jeff Ross and Peter Scott.
Mitchelton:	Anthony Harrison.
Samford Valley:	John Broadbent.
Toowong Brisbane West:	John Cook.

D9600 Membership and Attendance Report October and November 2005

Club	Club Membership			Attendance Percentages	
	30/6/05	31/10/05	30/11/05	Oct 2005	Nov 2005
Albany Creek	33	35	35	72.73	67.88
Albion	15	18	17	86.11	79.02
Alexandra Headland	24	25	25	87.85	92.39
Ashgrove /The Gap	44	43	41	72.09	75.61
Aspley	42	44	43	52.31	79.07
Bardon	16	16	15	85.00	61.97
Bribie Island	23	24	24	91.25	No Return
Brisbane	69	69	69	51.82	No Return
Brisbane 4069	23	22	23	75.00	91.67
Brisbane High-Rise	46	47	47	70.21	70.74
Brisbane Mid-City	59	61	61	75.00	69.90
Brisbane North	36	36	36	73.86	64.65
Brisbane Planetarium	78	75	78	81.67	81.52
Buderim	24	24	24	84.00	95.00
Caboolture	30	29	28	75.80	79.10
Caloundra	31	31	31	78.23	72.25
Caloundra Pacific	34	35	35	65.18	No Return
Coolum-Peregian	12	9	9	66.67	80.56
Cooroy	31	35	35	100.00	99.26
Deception Bay	11	11	11	72.72	No Return
Fortitude Valley	48	48	49	71.89	80.71
Geebung	15	15	15	84.29	65.71
Glass House Mountains	21	19	19	73.68	No Return
Gympie	54	55	55	78.60	86.34
Gympie-Cooloolaba	47	47	47	72.61	74.44
Hamilton	56	53	53	79.06	68.83
Indooroopilly	17	17	17	71.76	74.12
Karana Downs	22	22	22	74.66	No Return
Kawana Waters	20	14	13	78.56	78.45
Kenmore	49	47	47	79.16	75.17
Kingaroy	27	22	22	66.67	76.66
Kingaroy-Taabinga	17	16	16	65.63	81.25
Kippa Ring	11	12	12	91.67	91.67
Maleny	40	40	40	62.99	No Return
Maroochydore	37	38	38	71.20	68.00
Mitchelton	24	25	26	63.54	71.87
Mooloolaba	52	50	50	78.56	77.96
Mount Coot-tha	16	15	15	91.66	80.00
Murgon	17	20	20	57.50	54.00
Nambour	36	33	34	71.74	63.81
Nambour 76	30	31	31	74.38	No Return
Newstead	20	16	14	76.74	65.79
Noosa	42	42	41	70.59	75.96
Noosa Heads	43	42	41	70.45	76.77
Noosa Heads Daybreak	43	40	40	68.24	65.00
Nundah	22	20	19	94.44	100.00
Paddington/ Red Hill	15	14	14	87.50	73.00
Pine Rivers	19	19	19	84.21	No Return
Pine Rivers Daybreak	18	17	17	60.00	No Return
Redcliffe City	50	47	51	95.09	91.13
Redcliffe Sunrise	19	17	17	No Return	No Return
Samford Valley	36	37	37	88.51	76.76
Sandgate	19	18	18	70.58	81.16
St Lucia	22	20	20	No Return	No Return
Stafford	18	16	19	77.88	75.75
Strathpine	17	17	17	85.36	87.27
Toowong B'ne West	19	16	16	76.38	76.38
Windsor	17	18	18	77.77	83.33
Woombye Sunrise	19	20	20	No Return	No Return
Boroko	26	28	28	76.49	96.21
Bulolo-Wau	4	4	4	62.50	68.75
Goroka	10	10	10	No Return	No Return
Huon Gulf	16	17	17	88.20	58.62
Kavieng	3	13	13	No Return	No Return
Kokopo	5	5	5	No Return	No Return
Lae	9	14	14	75.00	69.64
Madang	14	13	13	76.28	64.07
Mount Hagen	13	15	15	35.00	54.67
Port Moresby	43	49	49	No Return	No Return
Rabaul	6	9	7	88.89	91.30
Wewak	5	5	5	100.00	No Return
Gizo	7	8	8	53.13	No Return
Honiara	34	34	34	No Return	No Return
Totals/Averages	1990	1988	1988	75.64%	76.63%