

Rotary District 9570 Central Queensland



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District 9570



BE THE
INSPIRATION



December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month



Rotary Monthly Theme

Each month of the calendar year is celebrated in Rotary with a different theme with the exception of May.

Each club throughout the Rotary world is encouraged to concentrate on programs to promote each of these months.

Rotary focuses on Community Service and promotes International Peace and Understanding. By celebrating each month and using these themes as a guide, Rotarians can ensure that all of the various programs of Rotary are administered throughout the entire year.

DG News

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month.



Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the December Newsletter.

I feel privileged to have travelled the world and visited many countries as a result of my work. Many of these countries that I have worked in have severe health problems such as malaria, tuberculosis, malnutrition. In some cases, the result of landmines has had a severe impact on communities as amputees search for artificial arms and legs.

During my work I saw first hand the impact of all these diseases had on communities and that is why I joined Rotary – to make a difference, I saw Rotary with its diverse range of programs as a vehicle that could directly assist people in need.

And it does - through programs such as Rotarians Against Malaria, through the Rotary Foundation, and our flagship health program to eliminate polio from the world and through club projects that assist developing countries in preventing and treating a range of health programs. I thank you all for your assistance in disease prevention and treatment.

As we enter the midpoint of the 2018-2019 Rotary year, we have made tremendous strides towards achieving our vision of educating clubs about the Rotary programs. Our focus on areas of education supported by three Rotary Leadership Institutes has expanded the knowledge base. The new structure of the District is improving communication along with the appointment of Mark Lean as the District Resource Manager. I look forward to

celebrating our progress and achievements with you at our District Conference on April 5-7 at Biloela.

Regarding the conference, we are planning a tremendous celebration. Registration for the conference is open. Please go on-line to the district website and register as soon as possible. This will be a fun and memorable celebration/party in honour of District. We have a phenomenal group of speakers . Additional information will be shared in the weeks to come.

I wish each of you and your families a safe, Christmas and all the best during the New Year and beyond. I will continue to update you on the drought and fires as more information becomes available.

My hope is that we will finish strong as we maintain our focus on “Be the Inspiration” during the remainder of this Rotary year.

Regards,

Rod Medew



Calendar of Events...



DECEMBER 2018 – DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

- Early December 5 day TASTE program for school leavers - Emerald & Longreach
- 2 December Bundaberg West Rotary – Seniors Christmas Lunch
- 2 December Gladstone Sth - Rio Tinto Kids Christmas Party
- 4 December Visit to Longreach School of the Air Musical and RC – anyone interested can tag along. Ph 4658 4222 to book tickets for show
- 8 December Walkerston Rotary Christmas Carols Evening
- 15 December First registration deadline for RI Convention in Hamburg 2019
- 17 December RYLA applications close
- 22 December Ensure membership is up to date on Club Central
- 26 December Calliope Rotary - Calliope Boxing Day Races
- 27 December Calliope Rotary clean up breakfast
- 31 December Deadline for clubs to hold their AGM

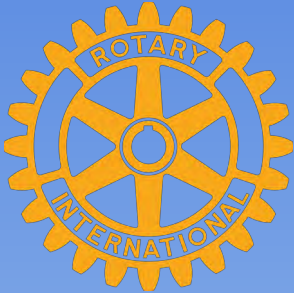
JANUARY 2019 – VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

- Early January Club Secretaries update Official Directory info on My Rotary
- Mid January RI emails half yearly club invoices to officers/current secretaries
- Mid January District emails half yearly invoices to clubs
- Mid January RI Presidential theme for 2019/20 year announced in San Diego
- 19 January YEP Debrief – Athelstane House



CQ Rotary Roundup

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Meet A District Officer

Tim Sayre

District 9570 District Newsletter
Editor for 2018-2019



How long have you been a member of Rotary?

I have been a member of the Rotary Club of Bundaberg Sunrise for 5 years, joining in late November 2013

What positions have you held in Rotary?

I have been the newsletter editor for my club for 3 years now, but this is the first District position I've held.

How long have you been District Newsletter Editor?

I have been the District Editor since July.

Why did you decide to accept this position?

Initially I didn't realise I had a choice!



The truth is it was an honour to be asked and if I can help people understand what we do, all the better.

What benefits do you see from this Program?

The District Newsletter is an essential tool in ensuring that the District is able to effectively communicate with Rotary members across the vast area that is District 9570.

Each month that I put the magazine together, I find it really interesting the different activities that Rotary clubs are involved in, and hopefully, others find it interesting as well.

Favourite movie?

I have been a huge Queen fan for years, so at the moment "Bohemian Rhapsody" would be at the top of the list. One movie that I can watch over and over again is a John Cusack and Kate Beckinsale movie "Serendipity."

A place you would like to visit?

Over the years I have worked out that I prefer the cold to the heat, so for me it would be either Canada or Scotland, both in the Winter.

From the District Governor Elect

Hi

With the recent outbreak of fires, I hope everyone is safe and preparing for Christmas.

I have been preparing for the District Officer Training in Rockhampton on the 15th and 16th of February 2019 and PETS on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of March 2019.

As part of this process, could I please ask Club Secretaries to update their member's details and put in their incoming club officers? Just go to My Rotary click on "Manage" then click on "Club Administration" and under "Club and Member Data" select "Add Edit Remove Members" or "Add Edit Remove Club Officers". It very important for the district training that this information is up to date.

Everything we do as a district is based on our strategic plan for your information I have attached below our updated district strategic plan for 2019-2021.

Regards,

DGE Michael Buckeridge



Rotary District 9570 Strategic Plan 2019–2021





APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award retreat, RYLA for short, is a Rotary sponsored peer-on-peer leadership development program held at The Capricorn Caves, from 16-22 February 2019. It targets youth aged 18-28 years.

The facilitating team consists of a senior facilitator, four facilitators, camp mum and dad (both Rotarians) and the chairperson.

Over the week, participants are supported along a journey of self-discovery.

The program is unlike any other; where participants are exposed to adventure offered by The Caves, there's a long line of guest speakers who are experts in their field and participants are able to develop and fine-tune skills to benefit them personally and professionally.

Every session in the program is designed to test participants physically, mentally or emotionally. The facilitating team constantly strives to offer participants a professional, positive and effective learning experience.

Overall, RYLA is not just about aiding young people in developing their potential as a dynamic leader; it will energize and motivate them to discover their power to influence and their ability to contribute to the community and world.

If this sounds like an opportunity for you or someone you know, contact us now to find out more.

If you're a club seeking a participant, let us know and we can connect you.

Follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/RYLA9570/
or
contact Stevie 0427486950, 1819ryla@rotary9570.org

Please follow the link below to Google Drive where you will find the Application Form and RYLA Flyer.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yC-Q5H7iHfgmGgpfPzVxb_ez4kaQmll0

Applications close Monday, 17 December 2018.

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PEACE AND
CONFLICT
PREVENTION/
RESOLUTION



MATERNAL
AND
CHILD
HEALTH



DISEASE
PREVENTION
AND
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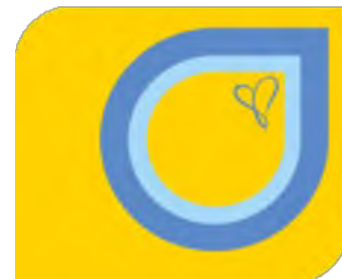


For more information visit www.rotary.org

Rotary Action Group for Diabetes

<http://ragdiabetes.org/>

Rotarian Action Group for Diabetes (RAG Diabetes) charter president PDC C. Wayne Edwards is pleased to announce the formation of a Rotary organization to provide the opportunity of Service to attack the problems caused by diabetes. "Our RAG Diabetes will be a positive force in increasing the awareness of diabetes, coordinating treatment and education of diabetes patients, and providing diabetic supplies. Thank you for your interest in the RAG Diabetes, and please join us in the Rotarian effort to manage and reduce this worldwide epidemic."



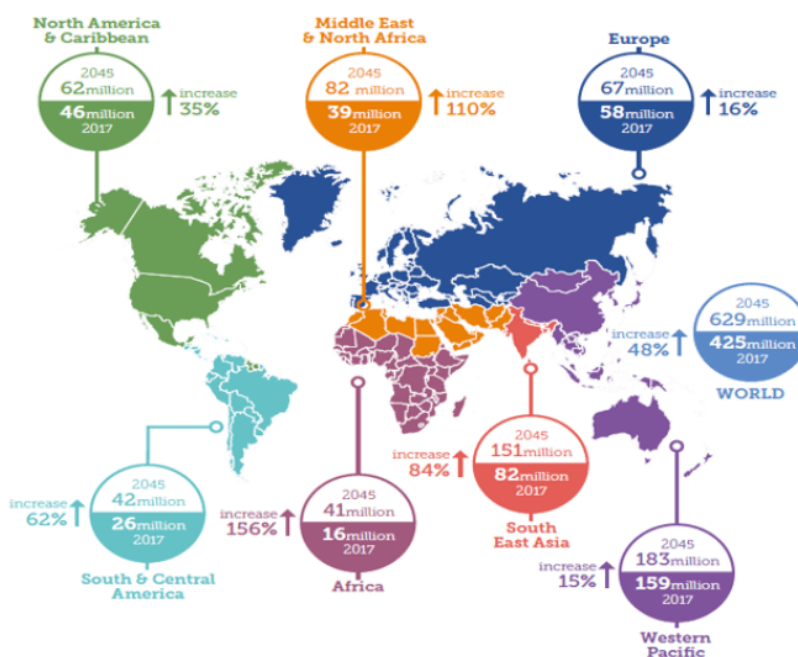
To be successful in our efforts to combat the worldwide diabetes epidemic, we must build a structure. Your membership is essential to the success of the RAGDiabetes. Joining together we can be a major force for Rotary Service in diabetes related programs.

About Us

The purpose is to publicize to the Rotary world our concerns as to the spreading epidemic of this worldwide disease and how our Rotary Districts/Clubs can mobilize to provide another service to help mankind through a strong commitment to the education, identification, and treatment of diabetes, especially among children in developing countries.

Connections to the Worldwide Diabetes Community

Rotarians and the Rotarian Action Group for diabetes need to engage the worldwide diabetes community. The organization that serves the worldwide diabetes community is the International Diabetes Federation. The website is IDF.org. More importantly IDF is composed of member associations in most countries. The website has a page: [IDF Members](#) where one can look for every member association.



Rotarians and RAGdiabetes members need to engage with their local diabetes association. Here projects can be created and with the vision and power of Rotary the project can be implemented. Rotarians with an affinity/interest in diabetes need to engage. These links should provide a beginning to reach out to your local diabetes community to connect to Rotary. We need individual Rotarians to become the Rotary spokesperson for diabetes. Reach out to us and we can list your name. Contact Us!

Who should join RAGDiabetes.org

1. If you are a health care professional in any field and have an affinity/interest in diabetes, we need you. There are exciting opportunities for individuals to help/consult in the 49 countries where we have affiliations. We can also help you educate your club and district about the diabetes epidemic and become leaders in district and global projects.
2. If you have diabetes or have diabetes in your family or a friend with diabetes, RAG Diabetes can help provide access to the latest information about diabetes. Additionally, we need dedicated individuals to provide leadership for district and global projects. Actually given the demographic of Rotary and the epidemic of diabetes, several hundred thousand of our 1.2 million members would qualify for this category. Join us and help us change the future of diabetes.

As a member of the RAGDiabetes, the following membership benefits will be available to you:

- Awareness of the availability of funds for diabetes projects;
- Notification of worldwide diabetes projects
- Opportunities of service with diabetes projects;
- and a Periodic RAGDiabetes newsletter.

How Clubs and Individuals can help

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Clubs—and individuals—can make monetary donations through the District Working Account,
BSB 633000 Acct 154883797, with the annotation “Trachoma”.

STAMPS



Collect Used stamps (that will be sold to stamp dealers).
For more information, contact Cathy Zanella (romed1@ozemail.com.au) or
Russell Cooper (rus24@westnet.com.au)

BADGES

Clubs and individuals can purchase badges for \$2 for resale.
Contact Cathy Zanella to order (romed1@ozemail.com.au)



SPONSOR

<https://www.endtrachoma2020.org.au/projects> for more information

\$20 will provide 5 children with a quality chamois to ensure *Clean Faces, Strong Eyes* (in partnership with [SeaToSummit](#)).

\$45 will provide mirrors for three homes to support self pride and cleanliness (Thanks to the RC Seaford and their partnership with Bunnings). Tip: 3 people donating just \$15 each could partner together

\$100 will supply a manual washing machine in a remote community

WINE

<https://www.thewateryard.com/> for more information

Turn Wine into water with The Wateryard, and end trachoma one glass at a time!

\$50 - \$100 from every dozen will be donated to help EndTrachoma
Fine wines from First Creek Wines in the Hunter Valley, NSW, Flametree Wines, WA and Head Wines, SA.

REGISTRATION

Before November 30th

\$150 (\$75 with MultiDistrict Conference registration)

After November 30th \$200



www.rotaryconference.org.au

Peace

Through Service

the road to harmony

Rotary 

2019 Victorian
Multi-District
Conference

**Don't miss this opportunity to join leaders
at the Rotary Peacebuilding Summit.**

Melbourne Convention Centre
Friday February 15th 2019



A central goal of Rotary International is the advancement of international understanding harmony, good will and peace. Paul Harris saw "Rotary as a microcosm of the world of peace" and for more than a century Rotarians have strived to attain this goal.

During the 2017-18 Rotary year, RI President Ian Riseley convened six very successful Presidential Conferences in cities around the world.

They brought together academics, political leaders, businesses, community leaders and peace activists to explore building peace and how Rotary can work with others to prevent and resolve conflict from international and local perspectives.

The Melbourne *Peace Through Service Summit* will do the same, building on the outcomes of those conferences. It will look at the underlying causes of conflict including poverty, disease, hunger, lack of water and the lack of education.

The Conference will also highlight the areas in which Rotary does its most significant work. The connections between Peace and Rotary's Areas of Focus are not well understood. No area of focus stands alone. By looking at Peace through our six Areas of Focus participants will gain new insights into how to best leverage our service.

We have planned an outstanding program of inspirational speakers, panel discussions and networking opportunities to recommit our efforts to address some of the most pressing concerns of modern times.

We'll discuss how collaborative approaches and sound community development through our Areas of Focus projects can create peace and mitigate conflict. You will leave the conference motivated to expand existing efforts and to initiate new ones locally and abroad.

I look forward to seeing you at the Melbourne Conference and Exhibition Centre on Friday 15 February 2019.



PDG Murray Verso

Chair 2019 Peace through Service Summit



MC Brittany Arthur

- MC of the 2018 Rotary International Convention, Toronto.
- Member of the Rotary International Joint Committee for Young Leaders and Alumni Engagement.
- Former Ambassadorial Scholar from District 9810 to Germany.
- Past President of Rotaract Club of Berlin, currently a member of the Rotary Club of Berlin International.
- International business development consultant in Germany, Japan & Australia .



Ian H.S. Riseley OAM
President Rotary International
2017 – 2018



Steve Killelea AM,
Founder & Executive
Chairman
Institute for Economics and
Peace (IEP)



Bryn Styles
Chair Rotary Peace Centres
Committee, Chair, Rotary
Cadre of Technical Advisers
2018-19, Past RI Director,
Past Rotary Foundation
Trustee



Dr Edna Adan Ismail
Humanitarian / Former
politician in Somaliland.
Activist against female genital
mutilation.
Director and founder of the
Edna Adan Maternity Hospital



Tony Stuart
Chief Executive Officer of
UNICEF Australia will be
involved in the Rotary Australia
Centenary Project involving
immunising children in the
South Pacific.



A/Prof Tilman Ruff AM
Founder of International
Campaign to Abolish Nuclear
Weapons
Nobel Peace Prize winner

***Further outstanding speakers and innovative program highlights will be
announced over the weeks ahead***

December is

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

The work of Rotary begins in the community, and every community has its own unique needs and concerns. While we serve in countless ways, through The Rotary Foundation we've focused our efforts in six key areas to maximize our impact. These areas encompass some of the world's most critical and widespread humanitarian needs, and we have a proven record of success in addressing them. One of them is Disease Prevention and Treatment.

Rotary's top priority is the eradication of polio, but our members take on far greater responsibilities to fight disease. We set up health camps and training facilities in undeveloped countries and in communities struggling with HIV/AIDS and Malaria. We design and build the infrastructure for doctors, nurses, governments, and partners to reach the one in six people in the world who can't afford to pay for health care.



Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, from supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and the sanitation infrastructure. The world relies on Rotary to tackle these global challenges, and to set an example for others to follow.

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Here are some suggestions on how Rotary clubs, Districts and our service partners can address these needs both locally and internationally:

- Support health education programs that explain how diseases are spread and promote ways to reduce the risk of transmission.
- Help immunize people against infectious diseases.
- Support continuing education and training for health workers through scholarships, and public recognition.
- Improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in underserved areas.
- Improve sanitation facilities by providing toilets and latrines that flush into a sewer or safe enclosure.
- Promote good hygiene habits through education. Proper hand washing with soap and water can reduce diarrhea cases by up to 35 percent.
- Develop or support programs that provide immunizations and antibiotics. Measles, malaria, pneumonia, AIDS, and diarrheal diseases are the leading causes of death in children under five.

Nominations for District Governor 2021-22

Who will be the First District Governor for Rotary District 9560 (formally Districts 9550 and 9570)?



Will it be a member of your Club?

Will it be someone you know?

Will it be you?

Rotary District D9550 and D9570 are now accepting nominations for District Governor 2021-22.

Nominations require the support of the Rotary Club by Board Resolution.

Additional information is below.

Questions and nominations forms are to be directed to DG's Greg Marlow and Rod Medew.

We are asking you to consider nominating for our District Governor for the 2021-22 Rotary year. This position is critical to the success of our new District and to RI.

The individual serving in this capacity certainly will have some demands and challenges, but they will also receive incredible training, travel to some great destinations and make life-long friends from across the country and the world.

To qualify for this role an individual must have completed a term as a club president and be a paid financial member of Rotary. Additionally, some sort of involvement at the District level is helpful but not necessary.

To be a valid nominee, a club needs generate a board resolution placing the person's name in contention. The nomination form then needs to be completed and signed by the club secretary and president.

We would ask that all forms be forwarded to Greg Marlow and Rod Medew by email so that we can present them to the Nominating Committee.

The deadline for submitting nominations will be the 14th of February 2019 with the Committee conducting interviews on 2 March 2019.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions about the process

Thanks in advance for your assistance in this process that is so critical to our long-term success.

Contact: Greg Marlow D9550 greg@marlowcanete.com.au 0419 033 637
Rod Medew D9570 romed22@iinet.net.au 0432 583 972

Greg & Rod

District Governor's 9550 and 9570

Download the Nomination Form here: <https://rotary9570.org/district-governor-nomination/>

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE
APRIL 5-7, 2019**

Biloela



Join us in the centre of D9570 for knowledge,
inspiration, fun and lots of fellowship!



The Power of Rotary
Possibilities and Opportunities



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District 9570



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*News From Around
the District*



Calliope RotaKids

Some of our members attended the Rotary Club of Calliope who hosted the end of year for their Rotakids. 194 people consisted of family, friends and students, together with 30 Rotarians from Calliope, South, Gladstone & Boyne/Tannum. DG Rod and his partner Cathy, AG Rob Gibb and DG Nom Adele Hughes (Hope I haven't left anyone out) 48 students spoke briefly about their experience and what they enjoy, what they contribute and what they get out of being in Rotakids and also what they contribute to the Community and

Internationally!! To hear these young children speak from grade 3 to 6 was overwhelming and also very rewarding. They will aspire to be the next generation of Rotarians once they've continued their journey to Interact at High school, then Rotaract or even straight into Rotary!! The Club, School and the parents must be extremely proud of these young children and the future of the world.



NYSF Mackay West

Seven students from the Mackay region who have been selected to participate in the Forum in January 2019 attended an Orientation Dinner at North Mackay Bowls club. This was the first time they had met as a group. They each received a certificate congratulating them on their selection and were provided with background information about what to expect during their two weeks in Canberra. They will be there with many other students from around Australia plus a few from overseas.

Each of the students gave a brief presentation and showed that they are a remarkable group –

academically astute but also deeply involved in other cultural activities. Our club's student, Nicola Grobler, performs in Whitsunday Anglican School's jazz band. It was also pleasing that Ann Abraham, one of the students that Mackay West Rotary sponsored to the NYSF in January this year, had been selected to become a "Staffie". Ann, like other staffies, has volunteered to participate in next year's NYSF in a student leadership role. It is quite a complement to be selected.



Nicola Grobler and Ann Abraham

Frenchville School's Rotakids difference

THE Frenchville State School has backed up its commitment to developing community responsibility and leadership in its overall educational experience for its young students with the establishment of Rotakids for Year 4 students this year.

"It is never too early to support our local community values by backing our parents in their efforts to give their children the best educational experience we can," Frenchville State School principal Leisa Neaton said.

"Experience nationally and internationally shows that engaging younger learners to

“ ROTAKIDS IS A GREAT WAY OF INTRODUCING KIDS TO HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

nurture inclusive community values increases their happiness and also builds community resilience.

"During my six-week Rotary Vocational Training Team Exchange (VTT) last year to the United Kingdom, I saw the real value of the Rotakids approach in enhancing educational prospects for primary schoolchildren," she said.

"Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbours, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves," she said.

Mrs Neaton, who is also the incoming president of the Rockhampton Rotary Club, regards the Rotakids Club as a step to building local leaders and supporting young people to grow and take action on sustainable projects.

"Rotakids is a great way of introducing kids to how to make a difference in the community, whilst having fun and working collaboratively with fellow students and adults," she said.

"Frenchville Rotakids conduct meetings every Tuesday in their lunch and play time, with the club consisting of Year 4 students only. The club has



INSPIRATION: Frenchville State School Rotakids with an Amber Countryman-inspired mural created to support their single-use plastics project. Photo: Contributed

about 20 active members who have really taken to the Rotakids structure and there are more students interested in joining each week," Rachel Samson, an experienced senior teacher at Frenchville School who is also the president of the South Rockhampton Rotary Club, said.

"The students run the meetings, establish projects, plan out the steps to work towards their goals and build general awareness about how the student population can take local action.

"Rotakids are also building confidence through speaking on the school assemblies to

promote projects.

"One of the current projects promoted by the Frenchville School Rotakids is an active campaign to reduce the incidence of single-use plastics. The group visited the Rockhampton landfill site late last term and members were astounded at the amount of waste going into the landfill site, despite significant recycling campaigns," she said.

After an informative presentation by the team onsite, Rotakids launched into action at Frenchville State School, educating the student body about how they could reduce single-use plastics in lunch-

boxes.

They then invited environmental artist Amber Countryman to be a guest speaker at their weekly meeting.

The Rotakids were so inspired by Amber's presentation they instigated a mural for the school which utilised plastic bottle tops. All students were invited to collect the plastic tops over six weeks and the result, a mural, *We All Belong*, now hangs in the school as a reminder about how we can together create change.

Any other schools interested in establishing a Rotakids Club can contact Frenchville State School for more details.

Pioneer Valley Rotary
Making a difference
 Ron Poulsen, PH - 0427 157 499
 E-Mail - rpoulsen@outlook.com

Bank Details

- Bendigo Bank
- BSB 633-108
- A/c Number 15479098
- A/c Name Rotary Club

Ron Poulsen Visits Mackay West

In May 2014 the drought in Longreach had begun to have a significant impact on the community. The Rotary clubs of Longreach, Moranbah and Pioneer Valley decided to implement a practical program to help the communities. The three Clubs worked together to implement an ambitious project. Because of the distance between the clubs many hours were spent on the telephone organising

the movement of hay and other products.

Since May 2014 5320 x 1.2m round bales or 3000 tones of hay to grazers in the Longreach District has been provided. A total of \$875,000.00 to date. We must thank Rotary Clubs and private persons for this very generous donation.

The Queensland Government also provided the project with freight assistance. All of the hay was donated by propriety owners in and around Mackay. Kev Russell who harvested, baled and loaded the road trains carried out this task at a very reasonable rate.

Dog and cat food (4 pallets) has also been donated. This was donated by people in Mackay. Over the past three Christmas the members from the Longreach club have delivered in excess of 700 legs of hams which were all purchased locally. This takes four weekends to deliver all of the hams. A big thanks must go to Damian Arthur for his efforts from the beginning and still is my right man in Longreach.

Gladstone Midday

Motor Traders Golf Day proceeds are handed over to the Gladstone Hospital Ladies Auxiliary by Gladstone Midday Rotary Club— from left Deborah Cleary, Jenny McLeod, Margaret Pope, Cheryl Bensted, Kerry Rose, Charlie Prizeman, Jeff Faulkner, David Manttan.

Proceeds from the 41st Motor traders Golf day were donated to the Gladstone Hospital Ladies Auxiliary in a small ceremony at the Gladstone Hospital last Thursday. Organised and run by the Gladstone Midday Rotary Club, the Annual Motor Traders Golf Day has supported the Ladies Auxiliary to provide

extra facilities and comforts for patients of the Gladstone Hospital.

Long-time supporter Charlie Prizeman said, “the Golf Day combines networking and sport for local business connected to the automotive industry with fund raising for a worthy local group supporting our hospital. We are really proud of the work done by the Ladies Auxiliary and look forward to supporting them each year.”

Gladstone Midday Rotary’s organiser Jeff Faulkner compliments the local automotive industry on their long term and continuing support for the event. Jeff said, “The 2019 event planning is well underway and will be held at the Gladstone Golf Club on Wednesday 15 May, 2019”.



SEVEN WOMEN

Rockhampton South hosted DGN Adele Hughes and Rotarians from Mt Morgan, Rocky Fitzroy and Gladstone tonight at the Seven Women presentation by Dist Secretary Sue Gammon. The raffle raised a mighty \$400 for Seven Women Literacy Scholarships so well done everyone!.

STUDENTS DONATE WHEELCHAIRS TO SUNRISE ROTARY

Published: 01 November 2018 CQ University

CQUniversity students attending the 2018 Student Leadership Conference (SLC) in Gladstone today donated 20 custom-built wheelchairs to The Rotary Club of Gladstone Sunrise.

CQUniversity Student Mentor Program Officer Tanya Rutherford said the donation was a first for CQUni.

“These wheelchairs were put together by students attending the SLC who participated in the Rotary guided wheelchair-making workshops on Tuesday and yesterday,” Ms Rutherford said.

“The wheelchairs are ingeniously designed to be constructed from everyday items – unwanted bicycles are used for the frames and wheels, old style school chairs are used for the seats, and a plywood platform for the seat and base is locally decorated by school children. It is such a fantastic example of how a significant impact on the lives of others can come about through rethinking everyday items with an open and creative mindset,” Ms Rutherford explained.

Blackwoods have donated more than \$2,000 in equipment for the project which will also be donated to Rotary.

“The tools including drills, clamps and spanners were donated to CQUni by Blackwoods and were used during the SLC workshops. They were then donated to Rotary along with some additional tools from CQUni, which will go a long way in their continued use for B2W Project wheelchairs,” Ms Rutherford said.

While not created to any recognised assessed standard, the wheelchairs are in huge demand in developing countries and the Rotary Club of Gladstone Sunrise President Richard Furness was thrilled to accept the donations.

“The Sunrise Rotary Club’s Bikes to Wheelchairs (B2W) Project was a concept that originally came from Des La Rance of Surfers Sunrise 20 years ago and over 8,000 chairs have since been created and donated,” Mr Furness said.

“Today’s donation by CQUniversity is very welcomed - these chairs will go a long way in assisting someone in need and the tools will allow us to continue making wheelchairs into the future.”



CQUni Vice-Chancellor Professor Scott Bowman in one of the wheelchairs created by CQUni students that were presented to Sunrise Rotary. Prof Bowman is joined by Rotary Sunrise Gladstone's Linda Warne, Graeme Bartlett, Bevan Rose and Gloria Holmes.



Giving a future to refugees

The Girl Up High Tea aims to raise funds

THE Interact Club of St Ursula's College, Yeppoon, hosted over 140 people at its Girl Up High Tea event on Saturday afternoon.

Supported by club facilitators Mrs Arianna Greinke and Mrs Samantha Meager and organised in conjunction with St Ursula's College Parents and Friends Association, the Interact Club members were thrilled with the outcome of Saturday's High Tea.

Sergeant at arms and publicity director of St Ursula's Interact Club, Year 11 student Michaela Armstrong, said she was very pleased the community supported the event with their attendance.

"Tickets to the High Tea were sold out a week before the event, and we extended the capacity to accommodate as many people as possible," Michaela said.

Interact's secretary, Bella Weinert, and treasurer, Amy Marshall, said they were hopeful the club had exceeded its fundraising goal.

"Our goal for the High Tea was to raise enough money to fund education for 40 refugee girls for one year (\$25 per girl x 40 = \$1000), to celebrate each

of our 40 years in operation at St Ursula's College," Amy said.

Guest speaker at the Girl Up High Tea, Ms Tracey King, emphasised the importance of education when she addressed the audience. "It doesn't matter what age you are, don't set limitations on what you can achieve," Ms King said.

A licensed pilot, Ms King is highly knowledgeable in the agricultural field, and is currently studying a Bachelor of Medical Science through CQUniversity Australia.

"Education gives you opportunities; education gives you a choice," Ms King said.

Interact president in 2018, Yasmin Craggs, said their chosen charity, the Girl Up Foundation, was partnered with the United Nations and assisted adolescent girls with equal opportunities for education in Uganda, Guatemala, Liberia, Ethiopia, Malawi and India. "St Ursula's Interact Club has worked throughout the past 40 years to contribute to better outcomes for people all around the world," Yasmin said.

The Girl Up High Tea was attended by local Rotarians



HIGH TIMES: Yasmin Craggs, Amy Marshall, Tracey King, Michaela Armstrong and Bella Weinert at the Girl Up High Tea. Photo: Contributed

and Rotary Anns, Presentation Associates, past and present staff and students, and members of the Capricorn Coast

community. One of the oldest Rotary Ann members in Australia, and local Yeppoon Rotary Ann,

Mrs Joan Giles, 102, was present at the Girl Up High Tea, and said it was a delightful afternoon.

"I'm happy to support the students' fundraising efforts; it's a lovely event," Mrs Giles said.

Program enriches teenagers

ROTARY Youth Program of Enrichment aims to increase the resilience of young adolescents who have yet to be recognised.

The 2018 three-day RYPEN camp was co-ordinated by Capricorn Coast Rotarian Carol Gorton at the Tanyalla Conference Centre in Gladstone earlier this month.

This camp was attended by 46 Central Queensland teenagers.

It provided a weekend residential experience for youth aged 15-17 years designed to develop skills to assist them in the transition to adulthood.

Participants were involved in workshops and team-based activities designed to improve personal development, self-confidence, communication skills, capacity to meet challenges, ability to build useful friendships and develop life resilience skills.

"Rotary sponsors the program, which is free, and seeks out average young teenagers who would benefit from being able to develop their personal qualities and skills," incoming Rotary district governor for 2020-21 Adele Hughes said.

"Specifically, it targets teenagers who have shown qualities of decency, courage, persistence, sincerity and application in everyday life, which deserve further development."

"RYPEN program uses the

common bonds of learning, co-operation and friendship to design activities which facilitate trust and self-esteem.

Co-ordinator Ms Gorton said the camp sought to expand young minds.

"It seeks to broaden each participant's horizons culturally, socially and academically, providing the inner foundations for a strong future," she said.

"We are keen to ensure that the program has real meaning for the participants and hence we select older teenagers and young adults as program leaders and presenters for each of the five workshops.

"For this camp we ran sessions on Who Am I, Bullying, Coping and Resilience, Realistic Goal Setting and Attitudes for Sustaining a Job.

"Teenagers, especially those not at the high levels of academic achievement, and especially young girls face a lot of pressure these days.

"The constant pressure, which is often exacerbated by social media, the high costs of being a teenager and the time pressures on parents often place many teenagers in lonely and uncertain places.

"Our children are our future and every one of them counts and we need to provide the support and guidance that was once provided by elders and extended families in much simpler times.



YOUTH: Brooke Assman, Jessie Meyer, Sid Stuart, Oliver Kirk, Hector Caneda, Ryan Partington, Kayla Shields, Connie Li and Karla Denduck.

"We in Rotary see that supporting our youth is a key issue for us and we have numerous programs that operate the 220

countries we operate in. "It was very obvious that the young people got a lot out of the RYPEN camp.

"The messages I and the group leaders have received from many of the participants following the camp have been

simply heart-warming and clear evidence that the RYPEN program is valuable, is needed and works."

Rotary Adventure in Citizenship (RAIC) is a program of the Rotary Clubs of Canberra and Woden.

Rotary Adventure in Citizenship (RAIC) is an intensive and fun filled week-long program to help prepare young adults for full participation as citizens of Australia.

Each year around 35 Year 11 students (the delegates) are sent by their local Rotary clubs to Canberra. They are taken out of their comfort zones into new places, set amongst new faces and asked to do new things. For a week, RAIC puts the delegates "inside" Canberra.

Run in partnership with the Parliamentary Education Office the delegates are immersed behind the scenes in Parliament House. They view Parliament in action, including the Budget speech and Question Time, meet their Federal member of parliament and Press Gallery journalists. Through role play, delegates participate in law-making debates and explore the functions of the Parliament.

One of the highlights is having morning tea with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

And most importantly, they meet and make friends with young people from all over Australia. Delegates from previous years have said this is one of the highlights of the RAIC program.

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The 2019 Rotary Adventure in Citizenship program will be held from Saturday 11 May to Saturday 18 May 2019, subject to the Parliamentary Calendar. Applications open on Monday 28 January 2019 and close on Friday 12 April 2019, or earlier if all places have been filled.



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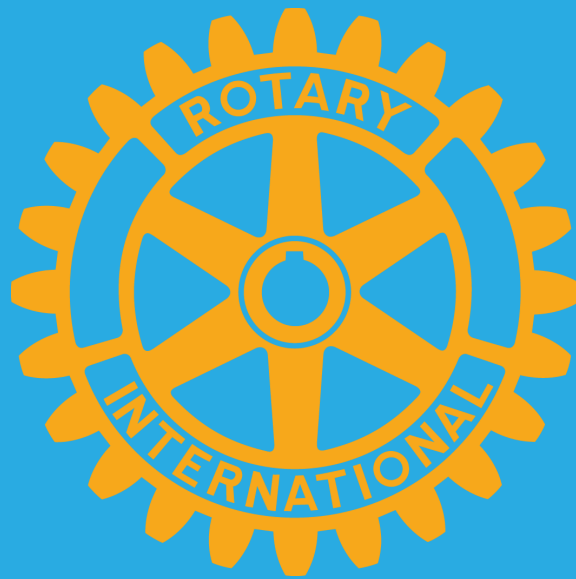
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