



RI District 9570 Newsletter



DG Joe Cohen-Cramp and Denise

April 2007

Joe's Jottings...

April is magazine month and in last month's District Newsletter Narelle included a very good article from PDG Bob Aitken, Managing Editor of Rotary Down Under. I know that some of us get a little disappointed when we submit an article to RDU and it is not published in the next edition or the one after or not at all. As Bob said "not all material makes the unique status of RDU", this could be for a number of reasons including the lack of space. RDU, like other publications, are limited to space and usually work a couple of months in advance. Don't despair, follow Bob's advice and you will enhance the chance of being included next time you submit an article.

Bob's advice can be applied to our Club Newsletters. Remember District is always looking for contributions to the District Newsletter. At the beginning of this Rotary year we set about to publish a Newsletter of no more than four pages, this quickly went by the by as we decided we would publish as much as possible in the month it was provided.

In early April I emailed all Clubs, District Officers and Assistant Governors seeking financial assistance for our neighbours of the Solomon Islands. Correspondence from my fellow Governors indicates that the supply of Shelter Boxes is well in hand, boxes are being distributed as they become available. As I said in my email, it has been agreed that we would "channel" funds from Clubs through our District Treasurer PP John Craig and then to RAWCS Northern Region for Chairman Max Wortman and the Committee to disperse to the most needed areas immediately and the future.

Donations can be via cheque or EFT and clearly designated for: Solomon Islands Tsunami Appeal. District Bank details for EFT and address for cheques are:

BSB: 064712
Account Number: 10171562
Treasurer John's address:
24 Prospect Street,
Roslyn 4703

In 2005, District 9570 made a significant donation to the Asian Tsunami Relief Fund. \$20,000.00 was raised

through the Clubs and forwarded to RAWCS Northern Region. It would be appreciated if we were able to donate a similar amount, if not more, to the Solomon Island cause.

Late last month Denise and I had the pleasure of visiting the RYLARIANS in Camp at Hervey Bay, it has been a long time since we have met such an enthusiastic bunch of people. Let me assure you they were most certainly challenged over the six days of the camp. Some of you may know I spent a great deal of my working life in isolated parts of Australia, my accommodation was always a challenge as it was at Hervey Bay for the RYLARIANS. Well done to you all for taking up the challenges presented. To Lawrie and the team, great job keep it up!!! See Lawrie's report elsewhere in this issue.

The GSE Team from D4510 Brasil has arrived and is now travelling through the District. If you have not yet met up with them, they will, together with our Outbound Team, be presenting at Conference, something you will surely not want to miss.

April will also see interviews and selection for a District Rotarian who will govern D9570 in 2009-2010. Four applicants are applying for this role, is most encouraging.

Also in April we will select the Team Leader and Team Members for GSE to D1220 United Kingdom (departing in September) for the Rotary Year 2007-2008. Again the number of applications is heartening.

Conference is now only weeks away, if you have not registered **it is not too late!!!!**

See you in Mackay.

DG Joe

COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION 2007



Rotarians of District 9570 have dispelled a myth by showing a keen interest in the rules and regulations pertaining to how our organization manages itself.

Following PETS, replies to the sample questionnaire of submissions to the Council

Rotary Websites: Rotary International: www.rotary.org
Rotary Down Under: rotanet.com.au

Our district website: www.rotary9570.org

have given me an indication on your thoughts. 34 replies including some from clubs who had discussed the issues at meetings – converted a Club programme into a Rotary information session and passed the democratic results onto me, reflecting the views of probably about 150 Rotarians.

Thank you for taking the time and disseminating your thoughts – this will be most useful for the Council meeting in three weeks time.

- ✓ You will be interested to know the issues you felt strongly about were:
- ✓ When a Rotarian applies to join a club, the reason for previous termination from another club shall be considered;
- ✓ In favour of RI Board considering, selecting and advertising a new project to mobilize Rotarians.
- ✓ The RI Board to publish Board actions;
- ✓ Service to Youth to be added as a fifth object of Rotary;
- ✓ Districts may establish multidistrict activities/functions;
- ✓ The Annual Presidential theme and logo to be retained and
- ✓ Rotaract age limit of 35 to be retained.

With the other proposals there were slight majorities one way or another. Eg : Inner Wheel a Rotary programme ?? Well fellows -- 18 –Yes : 10 - No and 7 wise members Abstained. Coming from an Inner Wheel household I thought this was a most diplomatic stance!

Regards



Gerry Meijer

Salt Lake City Convention 17 to 20 June

Dear District Governors and Rotarians

Lorna and I met yesterday with the Host Committee for the International Convention in June, and I am contacting you in the hope that we can communicate some of our excitement. This will be a great Convention, and all it needs now is for the registrations to pour in. We are already assured of a big attendance, but more Rotarians will mean even greater fellowship.

The House of Friendship will be bigger and better. As you enter, you will see an Indian Village, 150 feet by 35 feet, complete with a stream. The signage will be on totem poles showing languages and directions. There will be comfortable conversation areas, and roving entertainment, and the food area will feed 1,000 people at a time with plenty of choice (and alcohol available). There will be an internet area and connections to the Genealogy Centre. If you want to study your family



even more, there will be tours of the Genealogy Centre. And your gift bag will be very usable!

A new feature will be the Rotary Youth Hub with attractions for Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, Youth Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholars, and any other young attendees plus probably a few other Rotarians. Plans currently include a climbing wall, movies made in Utah shown on a large screen, bean bags, internet, a snack bar, virtual rides and a mechanical bull. The Host Committee wants to encourage our young future Rotarians to attend Conventions!

Lorna and I heard two of the performers from Saturday night's Sensational Entertainment and they were superb. Also appearing will be the Osmond's Second Generation and the Five Browns (piano music on five pianos). Don't miss this one, but then you would not want to miss the rodeo on the Tuesday night, and it will be hard to choose between the Country and Western, home hospitality, or the Evening at the Capitol Theatre on the Monday night. The Evening at the Capitol Theatre will have 214 performers entertaining with songs from opera and musicals (and a Rotarian is significantly sponsoring this to keep the cost to you low).

I haven't covered the Rendezvous in the Park on Sunday, or the business to Business contact sessions being arranged.

I have not told you anything of the Plenary sessions and the Workshops or the special features of the opening and closing, and they can wait till later but Donny Osmond is breaking his tour through the U.S. to entertain us at the opening.

For the golfers, just to get you excited, you will be able to play top courses for under \$50 including green fees and cart.

I hope I have not gone on too long for you but I wanted to convey how convinced Lorna and I are that this will be a memorable Convention.

Please encourage the Rotarians of your district to attend the top Rotary fellowship event of the year.

We send you our warmest regards, and look forward to seeing you at Salt Lake City.

Bill

P.S. I forget to mention that there will be 2,000 volunteers speaking a wide range of languages available to assist you.

District Polo Shirts and Badges

ARHRF Chairman, Mike McNellie, has a stock of District Polo shirts and District badges for sale. Polo shirts in Ladies and Mens cut are \$32.50 each and badges are \$5.00 plus postage and handling.

Mike's contact details:

Telephone: 0407 581 624

Email: arhrf@rotary9570.org



2007 District Conference - BLACK GOLD SWEET SUCCESS:

The organizing committee has prepared an exciting program for your enjoyment. Most of the presentations have been confirmed and we trust you will be enlightened as well as entertained. The programme and entertainment for Saturday night's conference banquet has been finalized and our nationally recognized caterer assures us that we will be more than satisfied with what she will serve us.

A dress code of smart casual has been set for all of the conference sessions and Friday night buffet with a request that males wear a coat and tie to the Saturday Night Conference Banquet.

If you have not already registered, perhaps it is time to Lead the Way and take positive action.

Ken Kelly

Rotarians, Partners & guests attending the District Conference in Mackay are in for a culinary treat. The Friday night welcoming function at Ooralea Racecourse will include an array of tasty local seafood and will be followed on Saturday with a healthy breakfast by the beach at the Mackay Surf Club.

Catering at the Conference Venue will be provided by award-winning hospitality business owner, Sonya Parris, who will serve up delicious morning teas, lunches and a superb dinner on Saturday evening.

Sonya has been delighting diners in Mackay for the past decade and anyone who has enjoyed a meal at her Grinders Cafe or Foodspace restaurant in the Artspace complex will attest to the high standard of cuisine we can expect.

ROTARY DISTRICT 9570 CONFERENCE PROGRAMME SUMMARY (Preliminary)

Friday 4th May, 2007

2:30 pm

Onwards Registrations

Ooralea Racecourse

6:00 pm

Welcoming Function

Ooralea Racecourse

Saturday 5th May, 2007

7:00 am

Breakfasts

Mackay Surf Club

8:30 am

Registrations, Entertainment Centre

9:00 am

Opening Plenary Session

- Official Opening
- Flag Ceremony
- Keynote speaker, Ms. Sallyanne Atkinson

10:15 am

Morning tea

10:40 am

Fr. Chris Riley, Youth off the Streets

11:15 am

Mr. Eddie Westcott, Chairman, Mackay Sugar

11:45 am

ROMAC Presentation

12:15 pm

Mr. Michael Roche, C.E.O. Qld. Resources Council

12:40 pm

Lunch

1:30 pm

Mr. Terry Davies, The Rotary Foundation

2:00 pm

Y.E.P. Presentation.

2:20 pm

Out-going G.S.E. Team Presentation

2:40 pm

Afternoon tea

3:00 pm

Mr. Keith Payne, V.C.; OAM

3:30 pm

Vanuatu Project Presentation

4:00 pm

Close of Session

6:45 pm

Pre-dinner Drinks, Entertainment Centre

7:30 pm

D.G.'s Banquet

Visiting G.S.E. Team Presentation

Entertainment

Sunday, 6th May, 2007

8:30 am

Ecumenical Service

9:00 am

Ms. Pallavi Saran Mathur, Indian Tsunami event

9:40 am

Mrs. Fay Jackson, A.R.H.R.F.

10:10 am

Morning Tea

10:30 am

Mr. Bruce Allen, R.Y.D.A.

11:00 am

Dr. Alan Meares, Interplast.

11:40 am

2008 Conference Presentation

12:00 noon

Closing Session.

1:30 pm

Box Lunch

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District Awards 2006/207 To all Club Presidents and Secretaries

Please remind your Community, International, Vocational and Youth Service directors that it is fast approaching the time for entries to be put together for the district conference in May 2007 at Mackay.

Entries are required for the following awards:

Nick and Vi Verenetikoff (Community Service Project)

Maitland Low (Vocational Service Project)

Joe Joseph (International Service Project)

All must be completed before the conference 2007.

Vince Lester (Youth Service Project)

This must be held and completed this Rotary year.

Please refer to the District 9570 Directory for any information (pages 52, 53). All Clubs were issued with a number of these directories at the beginning of this Rotary year by DG Joe Cohen-Cramp.

All Entries must be sent to the *District Awards Chairman, PP Gordon Findlater, PO Box 5079, CQ Mail Centre 4702.*

Entries close 20th April, 2007.

Gordon Findlater

Telephone: 49221581 Email: findlater1@bigpond.com

Important Dates To Remember:

April	D4510 Brazil GSE Team arrive
May 4-5-6	District Conference Mackay
May 6	D9570 GSE Team depart for D4510 Brazil
June 23	50 th Anniversary of Rotary Club of Mount Morgan
June 30	District Change Over

2006-2007 Training Calendar

April	Magazine month
May	Club Goal Finalisation month for incoming presidents
June	Rotary Fellowship month

Official Exchange Rate, April 2007:

The exchange rate for March remains unchanged at \$1.24. Please use this rate for all payments to RI including The Rotary Foundation during March.

District Goals 2006-07

- A net GAIN of 1.5 - 2% on current Membership of 1219.
- Revitalise ROTARACT in the District. There are **NO** clubs at present.
- Increase Club and student participation in YEP. Down by 58% on 2002 Outbound.
- More Clubs sponsoring Interact Clubs. There are 18 Clubs at present.
- Promote RYPEN participation more vigorously.
- Clubs within Groups to apply collectively for Matching and other Grants.
- Clubs to seek more applicants for Ambassadorial and Ambassadorial Cultural Scholars. One Cultural Scholar Outbound 2006-07.
- To improve Rotary knowledge and participation at Club and District level through regular training.
- To provide support to our smaller and more remote Clubs via joint projects, social/fellowship activities and the help required to ensure they remain active.
- To make Rotary more attractive to younger people and women via promotion and presentation to the community.
- To increase giving to The Rotary Foundation (TRF).
- To foster involvement in Friendship Exchanges.
- Promote and foster Group 'Matching Grant' projects.
- LASTLY, BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST.....

Have Fun in Rotary

ALEACQ/Rotary District 9570 Literacy Conference Report

Despite early fears of poor attendance, the conference was opened by DG Joe who welcomed participants, noting the historic significance of the collaborative planning of the event with the Central Queensland Local Council of the Australian Literacy Educators' Association.

Dr Jan Turbill, President of ALEA's National Council, delivered the Opening Plenary speech, "Literacy and being literate in the 21st Century". Drawing on generational differences in her family, Jan identified the different literacy teaching practices from the 1950s to today, placing each in its cultural context. Concluding, Jan claimed that literacy levels today couldn't be compared with those of the past because literacy practices are embedded in the cultural age in which we live. "What was useful in the past is no longer sufficient," she said.

Participants then broke into three groups for a series of three workshops each. Lex McAulay, President of the RC of Maryborough, spoke on the topic: Barbed Wire and Fog: Researching, Writing and Publishing Military and Aviation History. In a lively session, Lex explored misconceptions about research methods and facilities;

gathering information from personal and official sources; sorting fact from fiction, and writing in various styles. All present were held captive by Lex's anecdotes and personally and research-informed presentation.

Jennifer Doak, a CQU librarian, conducted a well-received computer workshop, demonstrating to attendee's satisfaction, "Information Literacy in Action". The Special Services Co-ordinator of Rockhampton Council's Libraries, Ann-Maree Dyer, inspired participants in her "Storytelling tips and tricks" workshop. Her interactive demonstrations included the use of stuffed toys, books, puppets and a variety of other props, including "the humble tea towel".

Other presentations followed. "Teaching in testing times: A focus on comprehension" was the title of Lee Willett's (Queensland Studies Authority) workshop; Jan Turbill (University of Wollongong) demonstrated "Teaching Spelling Through Proofreading"; "Visual Literacy & Arts Education", a lesson in reading paintings, was given by Jo Tansey, (St Brendan's College); "Improving learning outcomes for struggling readers", presented by Kathy Baker & Lindy Isdale (CQU), illustrated some valuable intervention strategies; "Teaching Grammar in the Primary School" was the focus of Sue Georgensen & Joan Peters's workshop, while Nea Stewart-Dore held discussions on strategies for teaching literacy to students in Year 5 and beyond.



Literacy Forum: Chair Lynne Foley & Participants, including ADG John Tate

A Forum chaired by Lynn Foley, President of the RC of Rockhampton Sunrise, addressed the question: "Are literacy standards really falling?" ADG John Tate joined in the consensus that they were not, just "different" over time. However, one critic suggested that a 'devil's advocate' / dissenting voice would have added spice / life to the discussion. Convenors will address that issue, next time! The closing plenary session was a PowerPoint presentation by Lee Willett, titled, "Leader or Le(a)d: The Testing Genie is out of the Bottle". Focussing on State mandated testing regimes, Lee discussed the validity of some literacy tests and the public uses of students' results. Dawn Haynes, OAM, President of ALEA CQ, closed the conference after commenting on its success and inviting participants to return in 2008.

Nea Stewart-Dore

RYLA



On Saturday 24th March, 30 reasonably quiet, unassuming, seemingly shy young adults arrived at Ozadventures near Susan River for their Rotary Youth Leadership Awards training week. Some had travelled all night by coach to be there, while others chose to drive. The same 30 who said their goodbyes at midday Friday gave off an air of being a different group. They were smiling, confident, excited and on top of the world - thankfully due to the inspirational and informative speakers and adventure training activities of the week.



Rylarians enjoying the adventure activities-low ropes course, paint ball

Speakers included a professor, police officer, a PDG of Rotary, radio station manager, toastmaster, lawyer, an international business manager and professional speaker imparting their knowledge and expertise on a range of subjects covering leadership, life skills, team building, communication, health and human performance, goal setting, group dynamics, public speaking, debating and community service.

According to the survey forms from the Rylarians, all speakers were entertaining, informative and able to impart some form of advice or ideology that was of benefit to them; and the adventure activities ran by the team from Ozadventures got a one hundred percent acceptance as an integral part of the training week and awesome fun at the same time.

The week culminated in a debate on Thursday evening in which all Rylarians participated and Rotarians from local clubs came along to witness. This was a wonderful and inspiring event that left the Rotarians in no doubt as to the benefit the RYLA program to these young adults that have been fortunate enough to have been selected and sponsored by a Rotary club to this event.

All in all it was wonderful experience for all concerned and the clubs that sponsored the participants should be proud of the commitment that they and there sponsored Rylarians demonstrated. The committee is dedicated to growing and improving this event to make it a crucial segment of district 9570s Youth programs.

Lawrie Beacham

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 program 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 Clubs, or your personal donation to the ARHRF will ensure our continued success.

NORFOLK ISLAND FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE:

The miles of Rotary counterparts and the extended hand of friendship will remain welcome memories for the District 9570 Rotarians who undertook a recent visit to Norfolk Island.

A group of 18 Childers Rotarians and their wives had their number boosted with District Governor Joe Cohen-Cramp and Denise accepting an invitation from Childers Rotary President Norm Anderson to join the Friendship Exchange with the District 9910 Rotarians on the small South Pacific Island.

An early morning meeting at the Brisbane International Airport, a two hour flight and the visitors were quickly enconced at the elegant Governors Lodge accommodation units on the Island.

With the trip scheduled for just four days no time was wasted and hosts, Island businessmen Lindsay Ford

and Mervyn Johnson, former Bundaberg Rotarians, met the group at the airport and lay out the schedule of activities. Basically it comprised, sightseeing, eating and drinking and then more eating and drinking.

Lindsay, who many District Rotarians will remember, received a Service Above Self award in association with the charity house project in Bundaberg, is the current President of the Norfolk Club.

Visiting Rotarians were hosted to a barbecue dinner that provided an excellent opportunity to enjoy that renowned Rotary fellowship but also to enjoy some of the tastiest fish (cooked in the islands secret herbs and spices!) ever dished up to hungry Rotarians.

DG Joe took the opportunity to present Norfolk's exchange student from Brazil with a District banner.

Norfolk Island provided a multitude of interests for everyone with guided tours, fishing, bowls and, as the ladies can attest, shopping!

Much was gained, both in pleasure and personal knowledge from the Exchange.

The Rotary Club of Childers has provided food for thought for other Clubs throughout the District who may be considering similar Friendship Exchanges.


PP Wayne Heidrich, Childers



Leaving on a jet plane to Norfolk Island, we know when we will be back again

ROTARACT RETURNS TO DISTRICT 9570

Rockhampton Club

 The Rotary Club of Rockhampton East, together with the Rotary Club of Rockhampton Sunrise, has revitalized the Rotaract in Rockhampton. The Rotaract Club will provide an opportunity for young people to be part of the community and fulfill their dream of contributing to the society in a meaningful way. Rotaract clubs organize a variety of projects and activities, depending on the interests of the club members. However, the three main areas of focus are professional development, leadership development, and service projects (locally, nationally and internationally).

Rakesh Gupta



Members of the Rotaract Club of Rockhampton

Pictured left to right are, Justin Smith, Treasurer, Naomi Schick, President, Nici Schmitt, Secretary, Nikki Scott, Michelle Power, Rebecca Powlett (Past President of the Rotaract Club of Rockhampton), Kirsty Rodgers.

Gladstone Club



After being inactive for almost two years Rotaract has again returned to being part of the Rotary family in District 9570.

On the 29th March, the Rotaract Club of Gladstone was reformed with 27 members [8 males and 19 females], and with office bearers President Sebastian Selsis, Vice President Imogen Pugh, Secretary Kylie Mitchell, Treasurer Ebony Sumner, Club Director Suzzy Tummon, and Community Director Chris Rayment. The Rotaract Club of Gladstone was first established in 1971, and had a proud record of service and fellowship, before it became inactive in 2005. The Club is now supported by the five Rotary Clubs in Gladstone City, via the Gladstone Youth Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Chris Miranda, with membership from each of the Rotary Clubs, and with AG Graham Wilson and DRCP Len Woodman on board.

The Rotaract Club had a very successful fundraiser at the Gladstone Harbour Festival selling eye patches to the largest single assembly of pirates ever recorded in one place by Mr Guinness for his record book. They also raised funds by helping out at the end of festival clean-up, and are actively pursuing other avenues of **fundraising and community service.**

Len Woodman



Members of the Rotaract Club of Gladstone

Youth Exchange Program

By now all clubs in our district currently involved have their "Inbound Student" allotted to them with the district having eight students coming to the district in July this year. Having sighted all the individual applications I can say with some confidence that we can expect them to all be fine young individuals and Rotary ambassadors for their respective clubs and districts.

Club Certification; I'd like to take this opportunity to remind the eight clubs involved that as part of the District's Certification for Youth Exchange that they undertake the process as detailed in the section, "Club Certification Criteria" of the *Guidelines for Outbound and Inbound Student Exchange* which can be found on the district's website. Clubs should have selected their inbound student counselor and host families by now and following that process should submit the form in Section 5 which is the "Club Checklist and Compliance Statement – Hosting an Inbound Student". So far just one of the eight clubs involved have submitted this statement, so I implore the other clubs to attend to this as a matter of urgency.

Outbound Students for 2008; so far the district committee has received three applications for outbound student exchanges, one each from the Childers, Walkerston & Rockhampton Sunrise Rotary Clubs. I know there are others to come in yet and I'd like to remind everyone that these must be submitted by the 30th April.

If there are any clubs wishing to be involved but have no applications from a student, I have two applications from two Rockhampton-based students who were unsuccessful with the Rocky Sunrise Club. Both students were interviewed along with the student chosen by Rockhampton Sunrise and their President, Lynne Foley has advised me both are suitable candidates for exchange. Therefore, if there are any clubs looking for a student to sponsor please do not hesitate to contact me about them. Whilst it may not be the most ideal situation where a club sponsors a student outside their home base, I believe it's all about offering a student in our district their "Passport to World Citizenship".

The district committee is now gearing up to the busy schedule of District Assessments and this will be for most of us, our second time round. We're looking forward to meeting students that we hope will make fine Rotary ambassadors for District 9570. Also, all Rotarians who will be attending the District Conference will have the opportunity to meet our current Inbounds before they head off on their *Safari Tour*.

YEP Chairman, Tony Castro
Phone: 0428 599 451
Email: acastro3@bigpond.com

NYSF OBSERVATIONS



Julie Kayes of North Rockhampton, Queensland has been selected by the National Youth Science Forum to represent Australia at the forthcoming London International Youth Science Forum (LIYSF) in July this year.

The LIYSF is a prestigious international organisation involving around 300 students each year from over 70 countries of the world. Its aims are similar to those of the National Youth Science Forum in Australia and it attracts the best science students from Britain plus the overseas visitors. Students are, generally, in their last year at High School.

Julie was chosen by Rotary as one of 288 students from around Australia to attend the National Youth Science Forum in January 2007. She is on the shortlist selected to join the staff of the National Youth Science Forum in January 2008.

Of course, like all things in life, this experience comes at a cost. While Julie has succeeded in obtaining some support she needs at least another \$5,500 to enable her to attend the LIYSF.

Julie is in Year 12 at Emmaus College. She was selected by the local Rotary Club as a most outstanding student in science. We believe that she will make an excellent ambassador for Australia at this very prestigious event.

Julie has suggested to us that you might be willing to help her. We would be grateful if you would consider giving some financial support, no matter how small, to help Julie's travel. For further details please contact Sandra Meek at the Australian National University on (02) 6125 2777, alternatively you may find an email request to nysf@nysf.edu.au will find her quicker. Julie can be contacted on 07 4926 9320.

Cheques should be made payable to the "**National Youth Science Forum**" and forwarded to me at the Canberra address below. A receipt will then be issued.

I trust you will be able to help us and Julie in particular.

Yours sincerely

Mr Geoffrey Burchfield
Director, NYSF

Julie's Thoughts on NYSF

Thanks very much for agreeing to be my mentor. I need to supply Sandra with your address, and a telephone number you would like all calls to be made to.

Here is what I have written for inclusion in the newsletter. Feel free to change sections or take bits out

if it is too long. If it is not what you are after then I can type out something different tomorrow afternoon.

I had originally heard of the National Youth Science Forum from my sister, as she had attended six years before me. When my physics teacher told the class about the forum, I started the simple process of applying. Last year was the first year that applications were done completely over the internet.

Before I knew it, I was being interviewed by Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Rockhampton North, and then had progressed to the District selection. Students from around Rockhampton met at Athelstane House. We each had to give a five-minute speech on a topic of our choice, have another interview, as well as take part in a small group challenge. While the interviews were originally very daunting, the interviewers were all Rotarians, and thus were very down to earth and put my nerves at ease. From there I was selected to go to Canberra in January this year.

The two weeks were fantastic, and allowed me to meet other students from around the country who shared my same passion for science. During the two weeks, we got to continually meet face to face with inspirational scientists. We listened to talks from 2006 Australian of the Year Professor Ian Frazer, as well as the Governor General, and received a special tour through his house.

We had sessions about university and career choices, and attended seminars on group dynamics, body language, negotiation, and communication skills. We were able to see how scientists worked in their laboratories, and were exposed to top of the range studies and technology. I was also lucky enough to Chair the Closing Ceremony of the NYSF, and on several occasions was called on to thank guest speakers.

Several weeks after I returned home, I was informed that I had been selected to be a Potential Staff Member for next year's forum, and that in July I would be travelling to London for two weeks to attend the International Youth Science Forum. Preparations are already underway for this very exciting and memorable trip, and my thanks go especially to the Rotary Club of Rockhampton North for giving me this opportunity. I would definitely recommend each club to get involved in this fantastic opportunity for youth.

Thanks very much.

Julie

Newsletter Contributions

Any district officer or club member who wishes to contribute to the newsletter, please submit a copy by email to the newsletter editor by 15th of the month. All contributions welcome.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

District Attendance Report					
Club	No of Members	Increase	Decrease	Attendance %	Position in District for this month
Mackay	58	0	0	68.02%	27
Mackay North	43	1	1	87.35%	3
Port of Mackay	45	1	0	72.47%	20
Mackay Sunrise	24	0	1	63.54%	35
Mackay West	41	1	1	81.05%	13
Mirani	14	0	0	83.33%	9
Sarina	26	0	0	71.43%	22
Walkerston	24	1	0	81.34%	12
Mt Morgan	13	0	0	80.07%	15
Rockhampton	30	0	0	81.96%	10
Rockhampton Capricorn	8	0	0	85%	6
Rockhampton East	20	0	0	63.60%	34
Rockhampton North	42	0	1	84%	8
Rockhampton West	26	0	1	85.58%	4
Rockhampton South	27	0	1	81.70%	11
Rockhampton Sunrise	26	0	1	88.30%	2
Yeppoon	34	0	1	76.38%	18
Blackwater	18	0	0	100%	1
Emerald	24	0	0	77%	17
Emerald Sunrise	29	0	0	54%	38
Moranbah	22	0	0	No Report	
Gayndah	8	0	0	54%	39
Monto	14	0	0	No Report	
Mundubbera	14	0	0	No Report	
Bagara	11	2	0	72.22%	21
Bundaberg	32	1	1	63.26%	36
Bundaberg City Daybreak	18	0	0	80.50%	14
Bundaberg East	33	0	0	85.50%	5
Bundaberg Sunrise	42	2	0	78.20%	16
Bundaberg West	29	0	0	65.52%	31
Childers	31	0	0	65%	32
Barcardine	7	0	0	No Report	
Blackall	6	0	0	No Report	
Longreach	21	2	0	67.80%	28
Boyne - Tannum	17	0	0	66.18%	29
Gladstone	38	0	0	No Report	
Gladstone Midday	41	0	0	70.73%	23
Port Curtis	38	0	0	No Report	
Gladstone South	39	0	0	84.50%	7
Gladstone Sunrise	27	0	0	No Report	
Hervey Bay	28	3	2	56.67%	37
Hervey Bay City	29	0	0	64.75%	33
Hervey Bay Sunrise	45	1	0	69%	26
Maryborough	19	0	1	65.98%	30
Maryborough City	24	2	1	70%	25
Maryborough Sunrise	22	1	1	70.59%	24
Biloela	31	3	0	76.03%	19
Moura	10	0	0	No Report	
Theodore	13	0	0	45.83%	40

Totals & Averages

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Includes 104 Honourary Members