



# RI District 9570 Newsletter



**DG Joe Cohen-Cramp and Denise**

**January 2007**

## Joe's Jottings...

*Denise and I send our New Year Greetings to you all.*

Here we are now half way through the 2006-2007 Rotary Year and have welcomed in 2007... what happened to 2006?

### January is Rotary Awareness Month:

Have you ever been asked the question "What is Rotary and what does it do?". If so, what do you tell those who ask? RI President Bill Boyd's January message is an excellent reminder of what we are and what we should do.



**Bill Boyd, RI President 2006-2007**

When we are asked, what is Rotary? It can sometimes be difficult to give a quick and easy answer. Rotary is about so many things: friendship and fellowship, international understanding and cooperation, vocational ethics and community leadership. All these values brought us to Rotary, and all are reasons why we stay.

But first and foremost, Rotary is about service and putting Service Above Self. Rotary was founded for fellowship, but it quickly grew into an organization where people who wanted to serve others came together to do it – better, more effectively, and more enjoyably than they could have alone. We're members of our clubs so we can work through them to help others. That is why we're Rotarians. That is why we're here.

The four Avenues of Service are, and always will be, central to Rotary's work. They help us find balance in our choice of projects and aid us in achieving the Object of Rotary. Through Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service, we strive to uphold this ideal. Every project we carry out – every playground we refurbish, every well we help dig, every adult we teach to read, every child we immunize against polio — makes the world we all live in a bit better, a bit healthier, a bit happier. And it

demonstrates to others that in the long term, we do not succeed professionally *despite* our commitment to doing what is right — we succeed *because* of it.

Everything we do in Rotary supports the Object of Rotary. When we work to strengthen The Rotary Foundation, we're building greater resources to support our service. When we work to increase membership, we're doing it so we'll have more hands to carry out our projects. Although some things in Rotary, like the Object of Rotary and the four Avenues of Service, do not change, our organization has evolved over the decades to find better and more efficient ways of meeting our goals. The Club Leadership Plan is one such tool. In it, we have an effective road map for organizing our clubs and allowing each one to work to its full potential, in every one of the four Avenues of Service.

By simplifying our club leadership structure, we free more of our time, energy, and resources for the real business of Rotary, which is, and always will be, service. By upholding our commitment to our four Avenues of Service, we honor the generations of Rotarians who followed them in the past — and *Lead the Way* for generations to come.

Rotarians have many ideal opportunities to increase the awareness of Rotary by utilising the chances provided by our network of business and community partners as well as family, friends and those on the job/s with us. Let us seize the opportunities and share Rotary with others as we LEAD THE WAY and provide SERVICE ABOVE SELF in 2007.

R I President Bill Boyd, January 2007

DGE Greg and Chris departed Australia on 17 January on their way to the International Assembly in San Diego, California. This will be the final training session for them and the other 529 Governor Elects from 168 countries prior to taking up the role of Governor 2007-2008. I know you join me in wishing them well and look forward to their return, enthused and ready to Lead D9570 in 2007-2008. To Greg and Chris, travel safely, enjoy the experience and the memorable friendships you will make.

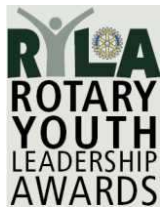
DG Joe

### Rotary Websites:

Rotary International: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)  
Rotary Down Under: [rotanet.com.au](http://rotanet.com.au)

Our district website: [www.rotary9570.org](http://www.rotary9570.org)

## RYLA



My fellow Rotarians, as previously advised the 2007 RYLA Retreat will be held from 24 to 30 March.

Please help us to make this event a raging success by ensuring that your club proposes an applicant. Please remember we only accept 18-24 year olds. It is anticipated to be a club cost of \$300 per applicant. This was based on 35-40 attendees so we need to get the numbers up soon. There is no way we will surprise you with a price rise - we will go with this figure no matter how many attendees we will have. Remember this fee includes food and accommodation for 5 days and an anticipated trip to Fraser Island which should be quite a highlight and attraction for our friends in outback Queensland.

Don't hesitate to contact me (preferably by email) if I can assist you further. Club Presidents: if you wish to forward me the email address of your Youth Director, I will gladly communicate direct with them.

Lawrie Beacham  
District 9570 RYLA Chairman

## RI SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS

Semi-Annual Returns are now due and should be forwarded to RI before January 31. The official Exchange Rate for January is \$1.28; please use this rate of conversion when calculating payments to RI in January.

## AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR

### *Welcome home Rebecca*

Our scholar to Ecuador, Rebecca Powlett has recently returned from her scholarship in Ecuador and is eager to speak to Clubs and share her experiences and her scholarship. See the article elsewhere from Scholarship Chairman PP John Lamb.

## YOUTH EXCHANGE

### *Welcome home and bon voyage*

To our recently departed (or soon to) students, best wishes for your year and the "opportunity of a lifetime" you will experience. You have all enjoyed the preparation provided by Chairman Chris and his committee and I encourage you to call on the 4 **B's** as well as the 4 **D's** in your decision-making.

Welcome home to our recently returned 2006-2007 exchange students who have spent the past year enjoying their "experience of a lifetime".

## 2007 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

I have a limited number of CDs of the Proposed Legislation to be considered by the 2007 Council on Legislation. Anyone wishing to have a copy please let me know, DG Joe.

## WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHANGES

Clubs have recently received correspondence from **Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian** advising of changes to the legislation covering blue card screening. District Protection Officer PP Davis Scott has reviewed the correspondence and, in particular, paragraph 5 and provides the following:

"I have read the risk management strategies contained in the Regulation, together with the definitions contained in the Act.

The risk management strategies do apply to Rotary Clubs as per s.6B Part 1, where YEP would constitute a 'child accommodation service' and therefore is an employer regulated by the Commissioner's Act.

In this regard a risk management strategy is required. I am of the opinion after reading the YEP handbook the strategies which have been included in the handbook are sufficient to comply with the requirements of the Act.

District 9570 would therefore be required to show each Club that participates in YEP adopts the principles and practices contained in the handbook and each person is conversant with the contents therein and suitable training has been provided".

--PP David Scott, District Protection Officer.

Training in Risk Management and the contents of the YEP handbook are now part of the YEP Counsellor Training provided by District for those Clubs engaged in YEP and for all interested parties. As previously advised the next training session is to be held on Saturday, February 3 at Childers. Training will be provided at other locations in the near future. More detail can be obtained from YEP Chairman Chris Palmer.

## PETS 2007

The annual President's Elect Training Seminar (PETS) will be held for both Presidents and Secretaries Elect on the weekend of March 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>. Venue will again be the Travelodge Motel (formerly Country Comfort) in Quay Street, Rockhampton.

I remind President's Elect in particular, that RI consider their attendance at PETS to be a pre-requisite to taking office for the 2007-08 Rotary year, unless excused by District Governor Joe. We are conscious of the distances involved in D9570, in addition to family commitments and the time demands of business. However, given sufficient notice, I do hope for a strong turnout, and particularly emphasise the importance of having at least one representative from each club present.

I am particularly mindful of the dangers of "information overload", and "death by PowerPoint", and want to keep subjects short, to the point, and most importantly, to encourage the active involvement our Presidents and Secretaries Elect. The emphasis this year will be more on running a club, with less coverage of the various Rotary programs. One other difference this year is that there will be no breakout sessions that

separate Presidents and Secretaries Elect. I strongly believe in the importance of a strong working relationship between the two, and that to me implies a shared understanding of each other's role.

Naturally there will be time out for fellowship, and opportunities to meet, and share ideas with, counterparts from across the District. It's also an ideal opportunity to establish links with many of your District Officers, and to learn how they can help you and your club.

The Registration process will begin with a notification to clubs in early February, followed by a mail out of packs mid February. My thanks go to PP Wayne Litherland for once again agreeing to co-ordinate the registrations. I strongly urge our next crop of Club leaders to check your calendars, and circle PETS weekend in March for Rotary.

DGE Greg Bailey

## MEET THE GSE TEAM FROM BRAZIL

All clubs should start planning now to ensure this tour is as successful as previous tours.



*Carlos Alberto Ferreira Rino*  
GSE Team Leader  
Rotary Bauru – Parque das Nações  
Bauru/SP - Brazil

I am 39 years old, I live in Bauru (330 kilometers from São Paulo) and I'm membership of Rotary Bauru Parque das Nações, since 1997. I am married with Valéria since 1994 and we have two beautiful girls, Vivian, 8 years old, and Vanessa, 3 years old. We enjoy traveling, seeing films and hearing musics. I practise, whenever possible, tennis, swimming and walking. I also like soccer.

I've graduated in Chemical Engineering, in the University of Campinas (Unicamp) and concluded the Master degree in the same University. However, nowadays I work in the environmental area. I've worked almost 10 years in CETESB (the São Paulo State Environmental Protection Agency). Currently, I work in consulting services for industries, like environmental Licenses and Risk Analysis, and I also manage post-graduation courses in environmental area. I have much interest in knowing the environmental agencies of Australia, council or federal (for example, Environmental Protection Agency), and also knowing the environmental legislation. Furthermore, I'd like to know companies or industries that has or offers services in the environmental area, like industrial liquid treatment plant, solid waste treatment (landfill, incinerator) and management of atmospheric emissions and also municipal wastewater treatment plant, sanitary landfill and waste management and recycling facility. Finishing, I'd like to know the natural beauties of Australia, like the Great Barrier Reef, National Parks and Forests of Queensland and others.



*Cristina Kimie Togashi*  
GSE Member  
Bastos/SP – Brazil

My name is Cristina, I'm 31 years old and I live in the city of Bastos, localized in the

State of São Paulo. I'm doctor scientist in animal science and I work as a researcher in a Governmental Agency with poultry science. The city of Bastos is considered the "Egg City" because of the large numbers of laying hens farms and its egg production, one of the biggest of Brazil. My studies are based on performance and nutritional requirements of broilers and laying hens. Actually my researches are about the influence of water quality on egg quality. I'm interest in cinema, music, arts and gastronomy. I enjoy myself travelling, going to the beaches and meeting friends. My favorite foods are japanese, arabian, italian and chinese. I was born in Rio de Janeiro where my mother and my brother live. I have another brother who lives in Ireland and is married to an Irish woman and I have a pretty nephew called Lucas. My interests in the GSE program is myself improvement by the experience obtained from the exchange of culture, language and knowledgment about Australia and the Australian poultry activity.



*Josiene Halley Okasaki Peloso*  
GSE Member  
Adamantina/SP - Brazil

My name is Josiene Halley Okasaki Peloso, I am 29 years old. I was born in Poços de Caldas, in the interior of Minas Gerais state. I studied Computer Sciences at UNESP (University of Sao Paulo State), an important university in Brazil, but I did not complete the course. In 2000, I began working at VARIG Airlines as a flight attendant, where I worked for 3 years. Soon after I moved cities to Adamantina where I am presently living. Here I have successfully concluded the Business Administration course at FAI (Faculdades Adamantinenses Integradas) and I was awarded the title of Academic Merit by CRA-SP (Conselho Regional de Administração de Empresas do Estado de São Paulo) a governmental institution.

At present, I am working with my sister Josuí as co-owner of a franchise language school, co-owner and agent of an insurance company, as well as a company that provides a consulting service for health plans.

I would like to learn the functioning and methods of Australia's small companies.

I am not married and I live alone with the company of two beagles, Sofia and Lolita. I love animals, specially dogs and I can't wait to see animals native to Australia. I love to travel, to be with friends and barbecues.



*Marcelo Tucunduva Spera*  
GSE Member  
Assis/SP – Brazil

I'm Marcelo, 37 years old. I was born in Assis where I lived until 18. After that I have studied a short period of Engineering. Then I moved to São Paulo where I obtained my graduation in Advertising at ESPM, one of the main Brazilian universities in this area. Between 1997 and 1998 I lived in London, UK, where I studied English and I worked as chef assistant in the international restaurant of National Gallery. Now I live in Assis. I love familiar life with my wife Marflia (architect) and my son Matteo that is almost three years old. I love rural life and to be integrated to the nature. In Australia, I'd like to visit farms with cattle, horses and sheep. Besides I'd like to visit national parks with forests and to meet wild animals as

platypuses or echidnas. I like movies, reading and cooking, specially barbecue and Italian food with wine. Today I work at Engemap, a company that develops Cartographic Engineering. In my vocational days in Australia, I want to visit companies of Cartography and Geotechnology that provide services of aerial photogrammetry, topography, remote sensing (satellite images), and also cartographic institucts. Some of them are ESRI, Institution of Surveyors Australia, Geoimage Pty Ltd. and Mapping Sciences Institute, both in Brisbane, and Coffey International, in Gladstone.



*Rogério Eduardo Garcia*  
GSE Member  
Presidente Prudente/SP – Brazil

My name is Rogério Eduardo Garcia. I'm 37 years old and I was born in Presidente Prudente. I complete the Computer Science Course in 1992. After that I started to work in local business. In 1996 I decided to start Master Degree Project at University of São Paulo, Campus at São Carlos, completed in 1998, and returned to Presidente Prudente. Again, I left Presidente Prudente in 2003 to dedicate to my PhD project, finished last year. In 2005 I lived in USA, during a sandwich program at Mississippi State University. Nowadays, I work at University of São Paulo State, as professor at Mathematical, Statistic and Computer Science Department, specifically in Software Engineering. Despite living in an apartment, I like outdoor lifestyle, beaches and lakes. I like movies, reading and cooking, especially barbecue and fish. During my vocational days in Australia, I would like to have the opportunity to visit technological companies, especially such related to Computer Science, Universities and any governmental initiative to support small companies.

## ROTARY INFORMATION

You may receive requests from clubs in other districts to be involved in a programme of theirs. So how is this request handled?

As every club is autonomous, you may decide to become involved, but if not, it would be advisable to tell the District Governor of the request.

It has always been the practice that, if a District Governor or a club of another district wish to seek assistance from a club in our district, they should contact our District Governor for approval to write to clubs in our district. If our DG approves, he advises the clubs accordingly.

This practice enables District Governors to have some control over the number of programmes that could be requested by other districts.

PDG Roy See  
Rotary Education Chairman

## 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.

## 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**

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR, 2009-2010

District 9570 is seeking nominations of suitably qualified Rotarians to serve as Governor in the Rotary Year 2009-2010. On Wednesday 13 December I emailed to all Clubs, Assistant Governors and present and past District Officers an information package including the Nomination Form. *This is the form of Nomination to be used for Nominations.*

I now encourage you to seek nominations for the role. Should any Rotarian wish more information or simply to discuss the role please feel free to contact myself or any of our Past District Governors.

The closing date for nominations is close of business on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2007**. Nominations should be forwarded to

**District Secretary, PP Rod Edwards,**  
**P.O. Box 975, Yeppoon Q 4703.**

## 2007 DISTRICT CONFERENCE - BLACK GOLD SWEET SUCCESS:

Registration forms and accommodation information is being mailed to all Clubs as well as being sent electronically. A Conference website is being established which will have a "link" to the District site where the registration form will be available for downloading.

I would encourage you to take advantage of the "**Early Bird**" discount offered and also book your accommodation as soon as possible. Motel/Hotel accommodation in Mackay at weekends as well as during the week is at a premium with many establishments booked well in advance, so **DON'T MISS OUT!!**

The programme is almost complete with only one or two keynote speakers to confirm. Conference Organising Committee has adopted a balanced programme of Rotary information - Youth related and industry topics - you will not be disappointed. There is something for everyone!!

## Kokoda Youth Challenge 2007

### A Rotary District 9570 and Salvation Army Initiative



The Kokoda Youth Challenge is currently being organised in partnership with the Rotary District 9570 and the Salvation Army



#### Youth Central

Young adults aged between 17 – 19 years from diverse backgrounds will be given the opportunity to participate in a 12 month program ending in a 10 day Trek through the Jungles of Papua New Guinea on the trail to Kokoda .

The Youth Challenge program based on the spirit of Kokoda will focus on 4 key elements and challengers: Hercules, Mind Games, Crazy Talk and Mean Team. These challenger activities will form the corner stones on the road to Kokoda and must be completed prior to end assessment.

Traversing the Kokoda Track will be an awesome challenge on its own and will build self- confidence and provide participants with a strong sense of accomplishment. The additional skills learnt as a result of the preparation will assist to prepare the challenger for life's jagged road ahead and will encourage others to look inside them selves to be proactive and take control of their own destiny.

**Financial Considerations:** \$3000.00 per individual covers Kokoda Journey, mentoring and Leadership development.

Rotary Clubs wishing to support this activity can directly sponsor a team Youth member or part sponsor

<b>Bronze</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Silver</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Gold</b>	<b>\$1000</b>
<b>Platinum</b>	<b>\$3000</b>

For further details please contact the following program Directors.

#### Contact Details:

*Rotary Club Rockhampton North*  
Andrew Gauci  
Director of Youth Services  
Email [gauci.as@bigpond.com](mailto:gauci.as@bigpond.com)  
Phone: 0749241055

or

*The Salvation Army Central & North Queensland*  
*Division*

Jacob Robinson (Captain)  
DIVISIONAL YOUTH & CANDIDATES  
SECRETARY

PO Box 5343, CQMC Rockhampton, 4702  
Phone: (07) 4999 1910 Fax: (07) 4999 1915

## ROTARY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

On behalf of DG Joe Cohen-Cramp and D9570 Rotary Foundation Chair PP Mark Lean, I have pleasure in advising that Patrick Fleming, a serving Queensland Police Officer has been awarded a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship of one academic year Post Graduate Study in Criminal Law , Criminal Justice and Human Rights at the University of Leeds, Leeds, England.

Patrick's sponsor club is Hervey Bay City and the assigned host Rotary District is D1040 England.

Sergeant Patrick Fleming is currently the Branch Manager of Hervey Bay Police-Citizens Youth Club.

Congratulations, Patrick, on this significant award by the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

We welcome back Rebecca Powlett from her three month Cultural Scholarship in Ecuador

Rebecca, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Rockhampton Sunrise, has been studying Spanish at the Academia de Espanol-Quito, Quito, and D4400 Ecuador.

Congratulations Rebecca on your successful achievement.

We hope to see and hear both Rotary Scholars at the District Conference in Mackay.

*Scholarship application material 2008 – 2009* was received from Rotary International mid December.

For those interested, information is available at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). Please note that applications forms are year specific and have lodgment deadlines. I will be happy to be of assistance.

John Lamb D9570

Rotary Foundation Scholarships Sub Committee Chair

## BUNDABERG ROTARY TAFE AWARDS

### 2006 Bundaberg Sunrise Rotary Awards

- Certificate student of the year – Kerry-Ann Buckley
- Diploma student of the year – Carolyn Brown
- Trainee of the year – Katie Harlum
- Indigenous student of the year – Michelle Appo
- News-Mail student of the year – Carolyn Brown

### Rotary Club of East Bundaberg Graeme Stielow Bursary

- Winner – Gaylene Phillips
- Winner – Sharon Worlan

## PROBUS PROGRESS

**PROBUS** is an amalgam of the words **PRO**fessional and **BUS**iness. It is a Club that has to be sponsored by Rotary and is aimed at retired or semi-retired people who have had some business experience. It is open to the general public and can also be an excellent added interest for those retirees who have served, or are still active, in service clubs.

Probus is an important, and successful, Rotary Community Service project associated with the '**Concern for the Aged**' program. This organization has spread rapidly throughout world. Once formed by Rotary the Probus Club becomes autonomous. It is a 'not for profit' organization and there is **NO** fundraising.

The emphasis being placed on **FELLOWSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP**.

### **Great news to start the Year 2007:**

I am very pleased to announce the formation of a **NEW Probus Club at Emu Park** sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Yeppoon**. This will be a combined gender Club.

A very welcome addition to the list of Probus Clubs in District 9570. Congratulations to all those dedicated Rotarians involved in the formation process and best wishes to the new Probus President and Committee.

Emu Park does not have a large population however has a high percentage of senior citizens. The township is situated in the shadow of Rockhampton and bordered by Yeppoon which already boasts two very successful Probus Clubs, one for Men and one for Ladies. A combined Club in near proximity will fill the gap and cater for the complete membership spectrum.

Population is not necessarily the deciding factor when considering whether or not to form a new Probus Club.

### **Envisaged retiree growth is more to the point.**

Predictions are that by the year 2014 one in four Australians will be aged over 65.

Therefore the need is **NOW** to be prepared for the future, so I appeal to all District 9570 Rotary Presidents and Community Service Directors, to explore the need for a new, or additional, Probus Club in your area. Just carry out a survey and determine the potential from results.

I am available for further **PROBUS** information and procedural guidance. I will also offer Policy advice.

### **Have a HAPPY and HEALTHY 2007.**

David Praed  
Rotary District Probus Chairman. (07) 4151 3795  
Direct Email. DAVID-ANN.PRAED@bigpond.com

## FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE WITH BRAZIL

The Friendship Exchange with District 4510 Brazil is scheduled to depart Brisbane on 20 May with 9570 participants traveling with the Brazil contingent as they return home. We can confirm six couples can be

accommodated by District 4510 for about two weeks. There is now some urgency to confirm travel arrangements so anyone interested in participating should contact either:

Greg Whitmore 4942 1447  
or  
Alan Alt 0417 621 620

## ROMAC PRESENTATION AT ROTARY CLUB OF YEPPON

Lions, Lioness, Rotarians and Rotaryannes attended a dinner meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 as a fund raiser for ROMAC. The function was hosted by the Rotary Club of Yeppoon at the local sailing club and was attended by 84 guests including members of Yeppoon Lions Lionesses Clubs.

Twenty-five Rotarians and Rotaryannes from North Rockhampton Clubs, hired a bus, and came to the venue. Other guests included some local dentists and representatives of the local Interact Club of St Ursula's College.

Members from each group present, were introduced by President, Les Bowie, and representatives from each group participated in the formal speeches and running of the multi-draw.

Mr John Arvier, a well known Oral and Maxillofacial surgeon from Brisbane, was guest speaker. His stories and slides of his work in Bangladesh and New Guinea were inspiring. So much so, that the Rotary Club of North Rockhampton is considering support for ROMAC with \$1000 per year over the next three years. At the end of the evening the Yeppoon Club President Les Bowie and incoming Lions president presented John with a cheque for \$600 to add to the \$500 the club had already sent to ROMAC.

Cooperation between service clubs was so great that a friendship day event has been planned for the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

David Holmes



## COMMUNITY PROJECT – ROTARY CLUB OF MARYBOROUGH SUNRISE

Maryborough Sunrise Rotary Club together with Dale and Meyers and Olds Engineering have sponsored a seat at the Maryborough City library as a community project. The seat provides a place to wait in the shade until the library opens.

Librarian, Robyn Dowling, said the seat has proved very popular from the moment it was installed. It is a welcome addition to the area in front of the library.

President of the Rotary Club, Dianne Humphreys, identified local community projects as a priority during her term as President and this project was deemed a worthy one. Allan Woodward prepared the timber and finished the seat for the Club.

The seat provided by Maryborough Sunrise outside the Maryborough City library.



*Pictured:* Maryborough Sunrise members, Allan Woodward, President Dianne Humphreys, Mayor Barbara Hovard, with Stuart and Jason Lund

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

2007:	
January-February	International Assembly, San Diego, DGE Greg and Chris attend
February	Proposed meeting of Northern Region RAWCS Board, Rockhampton
February 3	<b>Rotary Youth Programme and YEP Counsellor Training</b> <i>Childers</i> Isis Club 12.30 to 5.00pm
February 10	<i>Mackay</i> Venue TBA, 1.00 to 5.00pm
February 24	<i>Rockhampton</i> Athelstane House, 1.00 to 5.00pm
March 3	<i>Blackwater</i> Country Club, 9.00am to 1.00pm
March 17-18	PETS
March 24-30	District RYLA retreat
April	D4510 Brazil GSE Team arrive
May 4-5-6	District Conference Mackay
May 6	D9570 GSE Team depart for D4510 Brazil
June 30	District Change Over

### Rotary Youth Programme and YEP Counsellor Training

**Date Change:** Due to a family illness Graham and Jan Smith have had to postpone the training course due this Saturday at the Isis Club Childers. It will now be held on 3rd February 2007 from 12.30 to 5pm at the Isis Club.

It is essential that all clubs wishing to participate in any youth activities be certified. This requires each club to have one Counselor and preferably two. Hopefully the delay will allow extra people to attend. Spouse/partners of Rotarians are allowed to become Counsellors also if the club needs to have a female as counsellor for any female exchange students and you don't have any female members willing to do this role.

**Note:** any one who has previously done a course will need to be upgraded because of all the changes to the rules.

Please notify me by email how many are attending.

Chris Palmer  
YEP Chair

### 2006-2007 TRAINING CALENDAR

January	Rotary Awareness month
February	World Understanding month
March	Literacy month
April	Magazine month
May	Club Goal Finalisation month for incoming presidents
June	Rotary Fellowship month

### DISTRICT LITERACY MINI CONFERENCE 24-25 MARCH, 2007

**Theme:** Leading the Way with Literacy

**Location:** Central Queensland University, Rockhampton Campus

Conducted in collaboration with ALEACQ - Australian Literacy Educators' Association, Central Queensland Council

Nationally recognised literacy experts will be featured; learn how to read newspaper reports about "falling standards"!

Enquiries to Rotarian Nea Stewart-Dore, 4939 7076; [colnea@byterocky.net](mailto:colnea@byterocky.net).

Nea Stewart-Dore

## 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**

## ROTARY HISTORY

*Extract from Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Rotary Club of Mackay – 1929-30 provided by Paul Eyles.*

### The Rotary Club of Mackay (Queensland – Australia)

Established July 1923. Charter No2418

### Board of Directors 1929 -30

C. R. Croker (President) A.M.M. Galletly (Immediate PP)

M. J. Gallagher (Vice President)

H. J. Manning (Hon. Secretary) F. W. Toll

S. H. Tait (Hon. Treasurer) J. A. Michelmore Jnr.

Sergeant-at-Arms – W. C. Weir.

## Fourth Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1929-30

Your Directors have pleasure in presenting their report for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1930.

**MEMBERSHIP** – The membership of the club at the close of last year was 30. During the year 9 new members were elected and 1 member left the district and consequently resigned, leaving the strength of the Club at 38. There were several classifications still to be filled and those will no doubt receive the attention of the incoming Board.

**LUNCHEON MEETINGS** – Forty-nine meetings were held during the year and these were occupied as follows:

Governor Holtz's visit – address by Governor	1
Addresses by Rotarian Members	22
Addresses by visitors	9
Open days on which community service matters were discussed and dealt with	15
Annual meetings of the club and meetings of Subcommittees	2

At two of the luncheon meetings, members were asked to bring a boy and on each occasion suitable addresses were delivered by Rotarians J. Michelmore Snr and Colin Cameron respectively. It is a matter for regret however that on each occasion, a large number of members failed to bring a boy along.

**BOARD MEETINGS** – During the year 10 meetings of the Board of Directors were held, the attendance being as follows: C.R. Croker 10, S.H. Tait 10, H.J. Gallagher 9, H.J. Manning 9, F.W. Toll 8, J.A. Michelmore Jnr 7, and A.M.M. Galletly 6.

**CLUB ACTIVITIES** – During the year your Club has undertaken, or interested itself in a number of matters, some of which have been finalized, while others are still receiving attention.

In the last Annual Report you will recollect progress in connection with the Club's efforts to obtain Swimming Baths in this City was reported. Since then plans and specifications of the scheme proposed by the Brisbane City architect, Mr Foster have been received and handed over to the Mackay City Council, all expenses in connection therewith have been borne by your Club.

In response to representations made by the Boys' Work Committee, members of your club arranged for an overdraft of £800 to be made available to the Boy Scouts Association for the building of a Scout Hall for their use. This hall has since been completed and your club is now interesting itself in helping the boys to raise funds to pay off the amount owing.



GENERAL SECRETARY'S MEMO

Let's follow the rules for elective office

The many committed Rotarians who take on leadership roles for their clubs, districts, or Rotary International are essential to Rotary's success. But Rotary leadership should be viewed as an opportunity to better serve others, not as a personal goal.



Each year, the RI Board receives several election complaints alleging misconduct by Rotarians in their bids for elective office. RI's Election Review Committee and the Board thoroughly review each complaint and determine appropriate action. Unfortunately, the issue doesn't always end there, and unsuccessful candidates file lawsuits that divert RI resources and staff time from the important work of Rotary.

We experienced such a situation last year, when the RI Board learned about violations of the RI Bylaws during the process of nominating the RI president and decided that a new nominating committee should be convened to start the process over. Rotarians who were unhappy with the Board's decision filed a lawsuit against RI, the Board, and me and also appealed the Board's decision to the 2006 convention. Even though both the Illinois court and the convention delegates upheld the Board's decision, the cost to RI was great. Legal fees may exceed US\$100,000, and Rotarians and RI staff spent literally thousands of hours responding to the charges.

This is just one of several examples. Although no Board decision has ever been successfully challenged in a court of law or at the convention, Rotarians continue to seek this kind of redress for their personal disappointments.

As someone daily concerned with the stewardship of Rotary's assets, I am asking all Rotarians to help eliminate this tremendous waste. We can begin by maintaining perspective on why we serve through Rotary. When the office is about us and not service, we may not act in the organization's best interests. Let's all follow the rules for elective office. If the results are disappointing, I'm sure you'll find that Rotary offers many other rewarding ways to serve.

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District Attendance Report					
Club	No of Members	Increase	Decrease	Attendance %	Position In District For this month
Mackay	58	0	0	56.90%	33
Mackay North	40			No Report	
Port of Mackay	44	1	1	59.79%	31
Mackay Sunrise	25	0	0	73.33%	23
Mackay West	41	0	0	73.87%	22
Mirani	14	0	0	66.67%	30
Sarina	26	0	0	69.70%	27
Walkerston	23	0	0	87.00%	6
Mt Morgan	13	0	0	97.07%	3
Rockhampton	28	1	0	81.63%	14
Rockhampton Capricorn	8	0	0	83.33%	10
Rockhampton East	21	3	0	68.70%	28
Rockhampton North	44	0	0	79.62%	17
Rockhampton West	27	4	0	89.74%	5
Rockhampton South	28	0	0	97.60%	2
Rockhampton Sunrise	27	0	0	80%	15
Yeppoon	35	0	0	82.68%	11
Blackwater	18	0	0	100%	1
Emerald	25	1	0	82.50%	12
Emerald Sunrise	29	0	0	67%	29
Moranbah	22			No Report	
Gayndah	9			No Report	
Monto	14	0	0	84.60%	9
Mundubbera	14			No Report	
Bagara	14	1	0	58.33%	32
Bundaberg	26			No Report	
Bundaberg City Daybreak	19	0	0	94.44%	4
Bundaberg East	30	0	0	72.70%	24
Bundaberg Sunrise	39	0	0	80%	16
Bundaberg West	31			No Report	
Childers	29	0	0	70.67%	26
Barcardine	8			No Report	
Blackall	6			No Report	
Longreach	19	0	0	43.75%	35
Boyne - Tannum	15			No Report	
Gladstone	40			No Report	
Gladstone Midday	41	0	0	75.61%	20
Port Curtis	38			No Report	
Gladstone South	38	1	0	86%	7
Gladstone Sunrise	27	0	0	75%	21
Hervey Bay	27	0	0	51.52%	34
Hervey Bay City	30	0	0	75.70%	19
Hervey Bay Sunrise	43	0	0	85%	8
Maryborough	20			No Report	
Maryborough City	26	0	1	72.46%	25
Maryborough Sunrise	17			No Report	
Biloela	32	0	0	76.66%	18
Moura	12			No Report	
Theodore	11	0	0	81.82%	13
Totals & Averages	1271	12	2		