



RI District 9570 Newsletter



DG Joe Cohen-Cramp and Denise

March 2007

Joe's Jottings...

Here we are two thirds of the way through the Rotary year and into Literacy Month. Literacy is one of President Bill Boyd's emphases for this year, Bill is continuing on from where Carl Wilhelm left off.

D9570 Literacy Chair Nea Stewart-Dore has organised a Literacy Conference for the weekend of March 24-25 and has provided Registration and Conference Programme information previously. If you have not already registered please do so. I have copied the following from Nea's material and now offer it to you for thought and consideration.

LITERACY FACTS:

For many years, Rotarians have been active in efforts to reduce illiteracy, from building schools and paying salaries of teachers, to serving as tutors to collecting and distributing books and audiovisual materials to libraries. Rotarians are working with governments to create large-scale replicable literacy projects in the developing world. In 1997, the RI Board of Directors designated July as Literacy Month, a perfect time for Rotary clubs to develop their own literacy projects as well as raise awareness of Rotarian efforts worldwide to eradicate illiteracy.

Considerable progress has been made in recent decades in reducing illiteracy; yet close to a billion people lack the most basic literacy and numeracy skills. Millions more are functionally illiterate, lacking the skills necessary to meet the demands of everyday life. UNESCO illuminates some of the greatest challenges for those tackling illiteracy:

- Ninety-eight percent of the world's illiterate population is in developing countries.
- Fifty percent of the world's illiterate people live in India and China.
- More than 50 percent of the population of Africa is illiterate.
- Two-thirds of all those who lack literacy and numeracy skills are women.
- More than 130 million school-age children are not attending classes.

The ability to read, write, and do simple math is not only critical to progress and prosperity, it is necessary for the very survival of individuals in a modern society.

Literacy and numeracy projects allow Rotarians to make a creative contribution to building nations, reducing poverty, and opening up opportunities to those who need them.

March is a busy month for D9570 with District Finance and Management Committee and College of Governors Meetings, a General Meeting of District (or Assembly as we knew it prior to Incorporation), PETS, Literacy Conference and the RYLA Camp at the end of the month. If you or your Club has not already registered for the Literacy Conference or sponsored a young person to RYLA, please do so now.

I previously advised by email that Chris Palmer reluctantly resigned from the role of Youth Exchange Chairman. Chris's health was the contributing factor for his decision to resign. Chris will remain a member of the Committee and will continue to assist our new Chairman Tony Castro.

We are now only seven (7) weeks away from our Annual District Conference, which for the first time since 1999 will be held in Mackay over the weekend of 4, 5 and 6 May. Conference Chairman Ken Kelly has provided a "preliminary" programme elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Our Inbound GSE team from Brasil will be there, as will our Outbound Team to Brasil and for the first time (to my knowledge) Conference will host the 13 members of the Brazilian Friendship Exchange.

The success of the Conference will be measured by the support shown by the Rotarians, their partners and friends of District 9570. Ken and his Committee have been working long and hard for a good while now to ensure that we have catered for "everyone"; my attendance at organising meetings has indicated to me that we are in for one great Conference. If you have not already registered please do so, the registration form can be downloaded from the District Website.

Let's all join together and ensure the Conference success and "LEAD THE WAY" to Mackay in May.

DG Joe

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

Our district website: www.rotary9570.org

Youth Exchange Program

We have been conducting "Counselor Training" courses throughout the district lately with courses held in Gladstone, Childers and Mackay with about 55 attending in total. My thanks to Graeme and Janice Smith for their excellent work.

With the accreditation process that is now in place it is essential for all clubs involved with youth (not just the Exchange Program) to have at least one and preferably two or more counselors. This is not really a change from past practice but it now has to be enforced to allow our insurance cover to be effective. The course only allows for a counselor to be accredited for two years so anyone who has previously done this will need to be re assessed. We will be doing this by the courses and by a short exam that can be done on line or in writing for those of us who are not as computer savvy as some.

The Youth Exchange Program recently sent eight students away to Europe and one to Mexico. We presently have nine students in our district from overseas, three from Brazil, six from Europe. Please make an effort to meet these students and ask them to speak at your club, even if they were not hosted by your club, they will be happy to do so and it may encourage you to participate in the program.

Six or seven years ago our district was sending away up to 25 students which meant approx 50% participation from the clubs now it is down to less than 20%. If the program is going to survive please get involved, it is a worthwhile program for both the students and the Rotarians involved.

If clubs would like more information we will endeavor to have one of the committee speak at your meeting.



Rachel Jensen is from Rocky and Emerald and has never seen snow before so this little blizzard in Switzerland was a real Life experience for her.

Chris Palmer

From YEP Chairman Tony Castro

I haven't had much time to settle into my new position as the District Chairman of the YEP for District 9570 as a lot has been happening with organizing the allocation of overseas students to clubs around the district who are expected to arrive in mid-July. So far

we have received five applications from Austria, Denmark, Mexico and Sweden. Laura Marx from Austria has been placed with Port of Mackay, Amanda Escobedo from Mexico has been placed with Blackwater, Elisabeth Bonlokke from Denmark has been placed with Rockhampton South, Sarah Ulstrand also from Denmark with Gladstone South and Hedwig Lindgren from Sweden with Bundaberg West. There are two students due from Switzerland and one from Germany who will be placed with the three remaining clubs of Sarina, Gladstone and Bundaberg Sunrise.

Outbound students for January 2008: A reminder to clubs that they should be calling for expressions of interest now and preferably close them off by 31 March so that the club can interview the prospective applicant and then submit an "Initial Application" form with the district committee by 30 April. The form can be downloaded from the district website and must be endorsed by the sponsor club and be accompanied by a cheque for \$500 payable to the committee and posted to: D9570 YEP Chairman, 1 Totten Street, Bundaberg Qld 4670.

District Certification: Clubs are required to comply with District Certification commencing 1 July, 2007. It is not an onerous task, rather documenting what clubs have in fact been practicing in recent years when hosting exchange students. The section YESP CL.1 to CL.7 is what clubs will have to sign off on. At present this section is not included in the document "YEP District 9570 Rules & Guidelines at Sept 2006" on the District's website but that will be done in the very near future. If you require a copy now please advise me and I will have it emailed to you.

In summing up I would like to say that I am looking forward to the challenge of promoting the YEP in our district and I have a wonderful committee of dedicated Rotarians and Rotaryannes to assist me. The young people of District 9570 need your Club's assistance by providing them the "Opportunity of a Lifetime" to be a Rotary Youth Exchange Student Outbound in 2008. On behalf of the YEP Committee I would like to thank our outgoing Chairman, PP Chris Palmer for his leadership and valuable contribution to the Programme and for his future assistance.

YEP Chairman Rotarian Tony Castro.

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YEP Committee, Students, DGE Greg and Chris and DG Joe at the Outbound Orientation for 2007 students

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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 Information

Twice a year, usually prior to PETS and early November, the District Governor convenes a meeting of Past District Governors. This meeting is called 'College of Governors'. Also attending is the DG Elect and the DG Nominee. Their presence is included on a 'get to know' basis for their future experience.

When the District Governor calls the meeting, he requests the PDGs to advise him of any items they may have to be raised at the meeting to be included in the agenda.

The College of Governors is a very important meeting to ensure that the practices of the District are maintained on a level plane. If there were any serious matters of concern within the District the experience of the PDGs could assist in ironing out the problems.

Any advice given to the Governor is exactly that – advice. It is up to the Governor to decide his course of action.

PDG Roy See
Rotary Education Chairman

Introduction of an Early Act Club

The process for the formation of an Early Act Club at Primary Department of The Rockhampton Grammar School has been completed.

Name of Club: The Rockhampton Grammar Primary School, Archer Street, Rockhampton.

Staff Advisors: Geoff Hadwen, Peter Moodie

Sponsoring Club: Rockhampton East

Rotarian Advisor: Rakesh Gupta

President: Briony Gray-Ganter

1st Vice President: Sophie Gedda

Secretary: Thomas Brady

Treasurer: Callum James

Rakesh Gupta

Important Dates To Remember:

March 24-25	District Literacy Mini-Conference
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 23	50 th Anniversary of Rotary Club of Mount Morgan
June 30	District Change Over

2006-2007 Training Calendar

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

Official Exchange Rate, March 2007:

The exchange rate for March remains unchanged at \$1.28. Please use this rate for all payments to RI including The Rotary Foundation during March.

Interact News



Members of Bundaberg Sunrise and St Luke's Anglican School took part in Clean up Australia Day earlier in the month

Bundaberg Sunrise and St Luke's Anglican School Interact Club clean up on Australia Day

HANNAH Witten normally spends her Sunday mornings cruising around the water in her sail boat, but yesterday the Year 10 student swapped her sailing shoes for a pair of rubber gloves.

The St Luke's Anglican School student was one of 20 members from the school's Interact Club who woke up early to participate in Clean Up Australia Day.

The club members patrolled Queen's Park, the Lions Park and the Botanical Gardens.

"It doesn't feel good getting up so early, but we keep hearing that the world is getting polluted," Miss Witten said.

"We have to live here for another 75 years of so, so we have to look after the planet."

Miss Witten said she saw a lot of car tyres, plastic bottles and glass while cleaning up — rubbish she also sees on the shore when she is out sailing.

"I do see a fair bit of rubbish when I'm out on the water," she said.

"That's where it all ends up."

Interact club supervisor Neil Robinson said there was less rubbish in the parks this year, but the students still had plenty of work to do.

"They were getting plenty dirty cleaning up along the river bank," Mr Robinson said.

"But you wouldn't believe how many of the kids said they had fun doing it."

The Interact members were not the only local group supporting the nation-wide day, with the Burnett Shire Youth Council taking their bags and gloves to Burnett Heads.

Youth Councillor Scott LeMonde said the group worked through the morning at South Head park lands.

"The group filled up about 10 bags of rubbish at the park, mainly from around the coastline," Mr LeMonde said.

"There was a lot of old fishing net and lines found."

Bundaberg City Council Community Event of Year Award

The Rotary Club of Bundaberg Sunrise has won the Bundaberg City Council Community Event of Year Award.

The Rotary Club of Bundaberg Sunrise holds a Multicultural Festival annually in Bundaberg. The assistance received from the Multicultural Assistance Program Department of the Premiers and Cabinet, Multicultural Affairs Queensland is provided annually for venue, equipment hire and co-ordination and artist's fees. The assistance is in the form of grant for \$5000 GST exclusive.

The Multicultural Food and Wine Festival involves organising, promoting and co-ordination of a festival featuring a diverse range of entertainers and artists including many community groups to showcase Bundaberg and Districts Multicultural Diversity and Heritage.

Sunrise Rotary Club since 1992 has played an important role in the celebration and acceptance of multiculturalism by the Bundaberg Community. In addition to the terrific opportunities for the people of Bundaberg, the festival encourages persons from many other parts of Queensland to attend. This creates many opportunities for local business, as well as providing valuable tourism potential. Since the relocation of the festival to the Riverside Parklands in 2004, the festival has grown significantly with major support in kind from many stakeholders including the Bundaberg City Council. The Festival now involves many local businesses in the area with partnerships developed with local restaurants and hotels.

A significant development this year was the reintroduction of the famous Bundaberg Duck race. Hundreds of yellow plastic ducks, each bought by the public, were released onto the beautiful Burnett River. The Rotary Club of Bundaberg Sunrise was proud to offer the opportunity to support the ongoing work of Bundaberg Life Education.

Local business people became heavily involved in the Rowing Regatta. The regatta was a new initiative this year and huge success. The Festival Committee was proud of the quality of the entertainment provided in particular the opportunities for local cultural performers.

The desired outcome of the project is the continued acceptance and embracing of multiculturalism by the Bundaberg community and achieving recognition of the enhancement of our community by the groups represented. The project will benefit the community by giving ethnic groups an event at which to showcase their ethnicity.

All the local schools that participated expressed satisfaction with the event and the students all had a wonderful day.

Bundaberg Sunrise Rotary Club had a current membership contribution of 41. All members together with their partners were encouraged to contribute to the project. Members are each allocated specific task within the project management plan.



We believe this event is now a true community event with many groups participating to ensure its success. The Rotary Club of Bundaberg Sunrise commits an entire year to the planning and is proud of the way the festival has evolved.

Stephen Bennett, President

April is Magazine Month

Your regional Rotary magazine, *Rotary Down Under*, is constantly seeking contributions promoting unique events, programs and achievements of Rotary Clubs and individuals throughout Australia. Brief editorial coverage and quality photographs of such unique achievements provide a valuable source of ideas for other clubs and Rotarians in the region. However, please remember many every-day Rotary club events do not really achieve unique status and are therefore better suited to local newspapers and other media outlets.

"How do I submit a story on our club project?"

The following guidelines NN4U help you present your idea for our consideration.

- Tell what happened, where it happened, when it happened, how it happened, why it happened, and who made it happen. Take great care with accuracy, especially spelling of names and provision of addresses and contact details.
- Emphasise human interest. For example, instead of reporting on a cheque presentation ceremony, focus instead on who or what benefited as a result of your club's fundraising efforts.
- Provide comments and quotes from club members and others.
- Include newspaper clippings and/or any other informational materials.
- List the name of a contact person and/or phone/fax numbers for more information.

Stories can be submitted type-written or saved on computer disc, or email to:

editorial@rotarydovmunder.com.au

When emailing, please include name of club, state or country of origin and District number. If you do not receive a reply we have not received your information.

"What kind of photographs do you prefer?"

The best images show action, have human interest, and present a subject in an unusual way. Photographs that perfectly catch a moment are generally an exception; keep in mind that most require some set-up and posing. Your goal is to create a close-up image that appears candid and natural.

- We prefer colour prints, but acknowledge that digital cameras are popular and convenient in this computer age.
- If you send pictures electronically, we must have high resolution images, ie, 300 dpi at expected reproduction size. It is preferable to forward contributions requiring large storage space (2-3 Megabytes) on compact disc. Don't write on the back of photos. Use a separate sheet of paper for information such as names, descriptions, and photo credits. Remember, photo caption stories (100 words) have more chance of publication than long articles.

- Protect your images for mailing, and please understand that we like to retain prints to enhance our photo library.
- Photographs supplied by newspapers or similar organisations need copyright clearance.
- Remember to fill the whole lens frame of the camera... photographs taken close-up have more impact and character.

Where to send materials for consideration for publication in RDU...

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• website: www.rotamet.com.au
• E-commerce: www.rotarnet.com.au/rduCAT

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

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



RAWCS SHOWCASED IN ROCKHAMPTON

Rotarians from across Central Queensland and further afield gathered in Rockhampton on the weekend of 17th & 18th February to attend a RAWCS EXPO which was combined with the first meeting of the RAWCS Northern Region Committee held outside of Brisbane in its 20 year history. The *Northern* Region Committee administers one of five Australian regions, representing Rotary Clubs from Darwin to northern NSW and all of Queensland.

The organisers of the Expo, the Rotary Club of Rockhampton South, were pleased with the attendance of 65 delegates and partners. The weekend of presentations, displays and meetings was held at its Athelstane House venue and showcased past, current and future RAWCS overseas aid projects. The aim of the RAWCS EXPO was to inform Rotarians from the northern region, but particularly those from Central Queensland, about the type of aid programs that Rotary Australia is involved in and to encourage more participation and involvement in RAWCS from regional clubs. A presentation was given on each of the various RAWCS programs and display booths were established to showcase past and future RAWCS projects.

Saturday afternoon was taken up with inspirational presentations about RAWCS programs – Project Volunteers, Project Funding, Matching Grants, DIK (Donations in Kind), RAM (Rotarians Against Malaria) and SWSL (Safe Water Saves Lives). Presenters PDG Max Wortman, PP John Armstrong, RIDE John Lawrence, PP John Paskin and PDG John McLaren gave fascinating and insightful presentations about the various RAWCS programs. The afternoon concluded with an inspiring presentation from PP Brian Jessett and PE David Hinton of the Rotary Club of Hervey Bay Sunrise about their club's water supply project at Adagege in the Solomon Islands. Gladstone Rotarian PP Dale Coward gave an impromptu talk about a new idea for a RAWCS project, the solar cooker.

At the end of the meeting, President of the Rotary Club of Rockhampton South, Aub Tucker, presented a cheque for \$1,000 to PP Brian Jessett to support Hervey Bay Sunrise's water supply project (see picture below). The money was donated from surplus revenue received during the weekend. Aub said the Club was very grateful for the financial support contributed from the Rockhampton North, Rockhampton West and Capricornia clubs.

Stuart Doak, RAWCS local meeting chairman



ATTENDANCE REPORT

District Attendance Report					
Club	No of Members	Increase	Decrease	Attendance %	Position in District for this month
Mackay	71	0	1	79.50%	12
Mackay North	43	0	1	78.91%	14
Port of Mackay	44	0	0	77.56%	16
Mackay Sunrise	25	0	0	No Report	
Mackay West	41	0	0	No Report	
Mirani	14	0	0	85.42%	6
Sarina	26	0	0	62.12%	27
Walkerston	23	0	0	No Report	
Mt Morgan	13	0	0	78.84%	15
Rockhampton	30	1	0	87.27%	3
Rockhampton Capricorn	8	0	0	73.13%	18
Rockhampton East	20	0	0	61.40%	28
Rockhampton North	43	0	0	93%	1
Rockhampton West	26	0	0	86.54%	5
Rockhampton South	29	0	0	84.50%	9
Rockhampton Sunrise	27	0	0	86.87%	4
Yeppoon	35	0	0	80.60%	11
Blackwater	19	0	0	85%	8
Emerald	24	0	0	79%	13
Emerald Sunrise	29	0	0	57%	31
Moranbah	22	0	0	No Report	
Gayndah	8	0	0	68%	23
Monto	14	0	0	No Report	
Mundubbera	14	0	0	No Report	
Bagara	9	0	4	64.28%	24
Bundaberg	34	0	0	58.30%	29
Bundaberg City Daybreak	18	0	0	No Report	
Bundaberg East	33	0	0	72.60%	19
Bundaberg Sunrise	40	0	0	87.66%	2
Bundaberg West	31	0	0	No Report	
Childers	29	0	0	No Report	
Barcardine	8	0	0	No Report	
Blackall	6	0	0	No Report	
Longreach	19	0	0	62.50%	26
Boyne - Tannum	17	0	0	No Report	
Gladstone	38	0	0	No Report	
Gladstone Midday	41	0	0	68.29%	22
Port Curtis	38	0	0	77%	17
Gladstone South	39	1	0	85.30%	7
Gladstone Sunrise	27	0	0	No Report	
Hervey Bay	27	2	2	57.95%	30
Hervey Bay City	30	0	0	No Report	
Hervey Bay Sunrise	44	0	0	83%	10
Maryborough	19	0	1	66.25%	24
Maryborough City	23	0	0	63%	25
Maryborough Sunrise	22	0	0	68.75%	21
Biloela	32	0	0	72.41%	20
Moura	12	0	0	No Report	
Theodore	11	0	0	No Report	
Totals & Averages	1295	4	9		
Includes 106 Honorary Members					