

# RI District 9570 Newsletter



**DG Joe Cohen-Cramp and Denise** 

October 2006

# Joe's Jottings .....

At the time of your reading this newsletter, Denise and I will have visited all of the 49 Clubs in our District with the Rotary Club of Mackay (17 October) being our last official Club visit. We have enjoyed the fellowship and friendship extended to us before, during and after Club visits; the gifts received will be a reminder of the "good times" shared. Additionally we have had the opportunity to meet with Inbound and Outbound Youth Exchange students, Interactors, NYSF students as well as wonderful Rotarians doing wonderful work and continually providing "Service Above Self". I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Assistant Governors for their efforts and co-operation in organising the Club visits and accommodation needs and for the "little" extras along the way. Thanks to Jan and Col of Childers, our stay was an ideal opportunity to take a break and enjoy the surrounds of "Mango Paradise".

Some of the more notable moments have been the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Maryborough Club and the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mackay Club (report next month). On 5th October the Rotary Club of Maryborough celebrated its 75th Anniversary. Maryborough was sponsored by Bundaberg in 1931, and the first meeting was held on 9th October 1931, with Charter following on 23th February 1932. Maryborough itself sponsored clubs in Gympie, Hervey Bay, Maryborough North and Maryborough Sunrise, while North sponsored Maryborough City. Eighty-five were in attendance, with representatives from Bundaberg, Childers, Gympie, Rockhampton, Hervey Bay and all Maryborough Clubs. The history and memorabilia that President Lex had on display was quite outstanding and made possible by the commitment of Club members.

The longest serving Rotarian in the Rotary Club of Maryborough is PP Alby Keers, with 50 years membership and service in the Club. Alby said whilst proposing a toast to former and current members of the Club "*I just can't give it up*".

**OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICES MONTH**, a time when we as Rotarians should consider the Services we deliver to our communities and Rotary through our Vocations.



Rotary International reminds us that: "Every October, Rotarians are encouraged to focus their attention on Vocational Service. Discussions amongst Clubs can lead to projects that not only

develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities. Vocational Service month is an opportunity to begin year long vocational service activities, ranging from Rotary discussions to awards, to community projects".

District 9570 Clubs conduct many Vocational Projects such as "Pride in Workmanship", vocational visits to member's workplaces and businesses as well as recognising employees with Vocational Awards. If your Club has not already done so, why not arrange a visit to a workplace or business and consider recognising employees for their achievements.

Rotaract is again "alive" in District 9570, meetings have been held in Bundaberg, Gladstone and Rockhampton to re-establish Rotaract Clubs in the cities. I am pleased to report

that we will have Rotaract again in D9570 before the end of this Rotary year. You will find Rotaract Chairman PP Len Woodman's report elsewhere in this Newsletter.

I have been promoting Friendship Exchanges during my presentation to Clubs and I thought that our District might have one exchange this year. The past few weeks have revealed that we will have not one but possibly three. The Rotary Club of Latrobe, D9830, all of Tasmania and The Bundaberg East Club are organising an inter-District Exchange whilst The Rotary Club of Norfolk Island, D9910, New Zealand and The Rotary Club of Childers are organising an International Exchange.

Greg Whitmore of the Rotary Club of Mackay is organising an Exchange between District 4510 Brasil and our District. Should you be interested in taking part in an Exchange please contact the Presidents of the Clubs listed, details in District Directory. Maryborough Sunrise and Monto are arranging an inter District exchange to be held a little later this year.

**Rotary Websites:** 

Rotary International: www.rotary.org Rotary Down Under: rotanet.com.au Our district website: www.rotary9570.org



President Lex McAulay and Jo with Denise and DG Joe at the 75th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Maryborough.

### **ROTARACT NEWS**

Significant progress has been achieved in our objective of reactivating Rotaract in District 9570 with the formation on 28th September of a Rotary Youth Support committee in Gladstone, made up of members from all of the Rotary Clubs in Group 7. Chris Miranda from Port Curtis Club has been elected as Chairperson, with the committee consisting of the various youth directors, their deputies or delegates from each of the Gladstone clubs.

The committee's first task will be the reforming of the Rotaract Club of Gladstone to be sponsored by, but more importantly supported by, all of the participating clubs. The revitalising of Rotaract in the District is one of the key objectives for the year.

At present there are no active clubs anywhere in the District and we are hopeful the Gladstone initiative will lead to the resurgence of this wonderful program for community minded students and young professionals who one day could become future Rotarians.

At this early stage some twenty-five prospective Rotaracters have been identified in Gladstone and the Presidents have been urged to encourage their members to look around their workplaces, and their neighbourhoods for more young community minded persons in the 18 to 29 year age group who might make fine Rotaracters to add to the list.

This committee will also act as the 'one stop shop' for Rotary youth programs in Group 7 and should lead to a strengthening of club support for NYSF, RYLA, RYPEN, RYAG and YEP as well as INTERACT and ROTARACT.

Len Woodman, District Rotaract Chairperson

## **DISTRICT DUES:**

District Treasurer PP John Craig has advised that there are still some Clubs who are yet to pay their annual District Dues. Club Treasurer, if your Club has not made the payment would you please do so as soon as possible.

#### **Newsletter Contributions**

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

#### **DISTRICT GOALS 2006-07:**

- A net GAIN of 1.5 2% on current Membership of 1248.
- 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**

#### DISTRICT HISTORY

The history of our District 9570 has been revised and expanded to the end to the 2005-2006 Rotary year.

If you would like a copy of this District History on CD, please send \$10.00 to cover copying and postage to:

PDG Len Roles 220 Kerrigan Street ROCKHAMPTON NORTH QLD 4710

# ROTARY AND BUSINESS WORKING TOGETHER:

#### The Young Endeavour voyage

With a huge helping hand from local mining company Anglo Coal (Moranbah North Management) in conjunction with The Rotary Club of Moranbah, three enterprising young Moranbah residents aged 17 and 22 are on a voyage of a lifetime. The Young Endeavour a sailing ship given to the people of Australia as a bicentennial gift from the United Kingdom in 1988. Run in partnership with the Royal Australian Navy, the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme (YEYS) aims to provide young Australians with a unique, challenging and inspirational experience that increases their self awareness, develops their team work, leadership skills as well as creating a strong sense of community responsibility. The YEYS voyages involve a youth crew of 24 and 9 specially trained Royal Australian Navy crew. Young Australians aged 16 – 23 are eligible to take part.

Joshua Grant, Michael McLaughlin and Brittany Witherspoon are amongst the crew who set sail from Burnie

in Tasmania on 25<sup>th</sup> September to sail to Hobart, where they will arrive on 5<sup>th</sup> October. The three crew mates are fortunate to have had the sponsorship of the Moranbah Rotary Club and Anglo Coal Australia (Moranbah North Management), who have supplied them with waterproof winter weight jackets to cope with the severe climate change. These two sponsors anticipate further association with YEYS as an annual expedition for young Moranbah residents.

This voyage is something Michael McLaughlin has wanted to participate in for a long time, he was finally able to do so. Aged 17, and in his final year of schooling, Michael hopes to attend university next year to undertake medicine or law. Either of these professions will see him involved in a wide range of situations and variety of people. It is because of this that Michael chose to undertake the YEYS. Michael is hoping to gain leadership skills, meet new people and open up a wealth of further knowledge. "This journey will be a great experience. My biggest 'adventure' to date would be an exchange for a few weeks in Japan, last year. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity, I've never been to Tasmania or sailed off shore," said Michael, 17 years old. Fellow crew member, Brittany Witherspoon, is also in her final year of schooling. Brittany had seen the advertisements for YEYS but didn't think it would be possible for her to attend. She is overwhelmed with the support the three of them have received from their sponsors. Accompanying the supply of jackets for the trio, Anglo Coal (MNM) and Moranbah Rotary Club have generously supplied all accommodation and travel costs to and from Tasmania.

"I hope this will make me a better person, gain communication skills and help to prepare me for University next year," said Brittany. With swimming being her only water experience, she is keen to learn the ropes of sailing however her three greatest fears will need to be faced. "I am afraid of heights, cold and open water. I want to overcome these and find my feet" said Brittany. With a goal of undertaking a law degree the voyage will provide invaluable personal experiences. Joshua Grant knew this was his last opportunity to attend, as he is 22 years old. He has never sailed before and is undertaking the voyage to be more tolerant of other people and fulfil a personal challenge. With no previous sailing experience his greatest adventure to date is a high country walk in Victoria which took him and his friends 3 days. "We hiked, rock climbed and abseiled. It was gruelling but fun. I enjoy adventure sports," said Josh. "This is going to be a huge confidence boost for everyone involved and will teach us all the value of respect," added Josh.



Rear from Left: Brittany Witherspoon, Michael McLaughlin and Josh Grant. Front from left: Kim Addis (Moranbah Club President), Paul Hendry (HR Manager) Anglo Coal, Ros Green (Community Liaison Officer) Anglo Coal, District Governor Joe Cohen-Cramp

#### **ROTARY EDUCATION**

With the club officers changing each year, I feel Rotary standards are not being passed on. As an example, let's consider the Toast to Rotary International which is given on special occasions.

Who proposes the Toast: The Toast to Rotary International can be proposed by any member of Rotary except for a present or past officer of Rotary International.

**Response:** Should only be given by a present or past officer of Rotary International, ie District Governor or Past District Governor. Assistant Governors, not being members of Rotary International, should not respond to the Toast. If there is no DG or PDG present, no response is necessary. Clubs should compile a list of Rotary protocol and keep passing this list to incoming officers.

PDG Roy See



#### **NYSF UPDATE**

Congratulations go to all students who have successfully completed orientations during the past month. The orientations were well supported by parents, teachers, past students and sponsoring Rotary clubs. Special thanks go to all who assisted in the orientations, particularly the Rotary Club of Port of Mackay, Phil Saxby and his team in Bundaberg and Rotarians of Rockhampton South.

The students are now well prepared for their adventures in January but still have some tasks to prepare prior to departure.

PP Wayne Litherland



Julie Kayes, Sara Wynne, Amy Craike, Keely Dornom and David McTaggart at the Rockhampton orientation.

#### **ARHRF RESEARCHERS**



Queensland has eight ARHRF researchers studying very different subjects.

**Professor Ranjeny Thomas** is at the University of Queensland trying to unravel some of the mysteries of *Rheumatoid Arthritis*. She has a Funding Partners grant thanks to the financial support of the Rotary Clubs of Greater Ipswich.

**Professor Paula Barrett** has a Mental Illness grant for *Paediatric Anxiety* and is also working at the Uni of Queensland.

**Professor Matt Sanders** is continuing his acclaimed research into *Teachers as Parents* at Uni of Queensland.

A/Professor Ian Shochet has a Mental Illness grant for Work/Life balance at the Q. Uni of Technology.

**Samantha Prosser** is a Funding Partner PhD scholar for the very topical subject of *Childhood Bullying* at the Uni of Queensland thanks to support from the Rotary Clubs of Combined Brisbane.

**Katherine Morley** is an Ian Scott Mental Illness PhD Scholar is trying to use genetics for *Smoking Cessation* at the Q. Institute of Medical Research.

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Clubs have found researchers are a source of fascinating speakers - particularly the researchers who have received grants from the ARHRF. If your club would like to book one of the above

speakers for a future meetings, contact Anthony Scarman on 02 8837 1900 or anthonyscarman@arhrf.org.au at the ARHRF office. The topics covered by these grants would interest most Rotarians, their partners and friends.

#### **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL— PARRAMATTA**

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<sup>\*</sup> All inquiries about Rotary International & The Rotary Foundation literature, videos and CDs to the Literature Clerk \*

#### CLUB & DISTRICT SUPPORT

Supervisor:	Joy Walker	Joy.Walker@rotary.org
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- Admission of New Clubs (Rotary, Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Community Corps)
- Applications for change of name, change of club & district locality, merger of clubs
- Applications for club & district incorporation
- Licensing inquiries use of Rotary name and other marks / logos
- District dispute inquiries
- Special Club anniversary recognition (25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>)
- Special Member anniversary recognition (25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>), on application
- Member Access guidance (refer also to tutorial on www.rotary.org in E learning center)
- Guide District Governors, Clubs and Rotarians on procedural and constitutional matters
- Assist the District Governors, Clubs and Rotarians in their communications with World Headquarters
- Maintain historical records of clubs.

### FINANCE

Supervisor:	Sean Kehoe	Sean.Kehoe@rotary.org
Coordinator:	John Jiang - (Philippines Only)	Xiang.Jiang@rotary.org
Coordinator:	Wendy Tran • (Aust & NZ Only)	Wendy.Tran@rotary.org
Finance Clerk	Gaye Small	Gaye.Small@rotary.org

- Collect per capita dues and other payments to Rotary International
- Process Semi Annual reports on club membership and inquiries on SAR payments
- Assist clubs & districts with inquiries on: club remittances and balances, reinstatements after payment following termination
- Process The Rotary Foundation contributions
- Make payments to Rotarians travelling at RI or Rotary Foundation expense
- Make payments to Rotary Foundation Scholars

#### 2006-2007 TRAINING CALENDAR:

October Vocational Services month
November Rotary Foundation month

December Family month

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

# **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:** 2006:

November 4 District AGM, District Officer and AG

Training Seminar

December 1, 2, 3 Youth Exchange Outbound Orientation

December 31 Notification to RI and District 2007-08

Club Officers

#### 2007:

January	Nominations for DG 2009-2010 called					
January-February	International	Assembly,	San	Diego,		

DGE Greg and Chris attend

February Proposed meeting of Northern Region

RAWCS Board, Rockhampton

March 17-18 PETS

April D4510 Brazil GSE Team arrive

May 5-6-7 District Conference Mackay

May 6 D9570 GSE Team depart for D4510

Brazil

June 30 District Change Over

# ASSISTANT GOVERNOR AND DISTRICT OFFICER TRAINING:

As previously advised, the Training Seminar for Assistant Governors and District Officers will be held on November 4.

Venue: Boyne-Tannum Community Centre.

Time: immediately after AGM.

Please advise DGE Greg Bailey of your attendance.

District Attendance Report					
Club	Number of Members	Increase	Decrease	Attendance %	Position in District For This Month
Mackay	60	1	0	75.30%	17
Mackay North	40	0	0	79.01%	10
Port of Mackay	42	2	0	70.99%	23
Mackay Sunrise	25	0	0	68%	28
Mackay West	40	1	0	85.59%	4
Mirani	12	2	0	78.26%	12
Sarina	20	0	1	64%	32
Walkerston	23	0	0	70.51%	24
Mt Morgan	13	0	1	78.84%	11
Rockhampton	26	5	0	74.10%	20
Rockhampton Capricorn	8	0	0	81.25%	7
Rockhampton East	19	0	1	69.70%	27
Rockhampton North	46	0	0	84.47%	5
Rockhampton West	23	0	1	80.12%	8
Rockhampton South	26	0	0	91%	3
Rockhampton Sunrise	37	0	0	80%	9
Yeppoon	33	0	0	75.04%	18
Blackwater	19	0	1	92.89%	2
Emerald	25	0	1	76%	15
Emerald Sunrise	28	2	1	60%	36
Moranbah	22	0	0	No Report	
Gayndah	9	0	0	No Report	
Monto	14	0	0	71.80%	22
Mundubbera	14	0	0	67.85%	29
Bagara	11	0	0	45.45%	38
Bundaberg	26	0	0	No Report	
Bundaberg City Daybreak	18	1	0	82.85%	6
Bundaberg East	29	1	0	70%	25
Bundaberg Sunrise	36	0	1	75.75%	16
Bundaberg West	32	0	1	65.00%	31
Childers	28	0	0	60%	35
Barcaldine	8	0	0	No Report	
Blackall	6	0	0	No Report	
Longreach	16	0	0	60.94%	34
Boyne - Tannum	14	0	0	No Report	
Gladstone	36	0	0	No Report	
Gladstone Midday	40	0	0	78.13%	13
Port Curtis	39	0	0	No Report	
Gladstone South	37	0	0	77.50%	14
Gladstone Sunrise	27	1	0	100%	1
Hervey Bay	24	0	0	63.64%	32
Hervey Bay City	28	2	0	56.75%	37
Hervey Bay Sunrise	41	0	0	74.50%	19
Maryborough	20	0	1	70%	26
Maryborough City	24	٥	0	65.62%	30
Maryborough Sunrise	17	0	0	No Report	
Biloela	32	0	0	72.50%	21
Moura	12	0	0	No Report	
Theodore	11	0	0	61.36%	33

**Passing of Maryborough Club member, Frank Sharp** Frank Sharp passed away on 19th October in St Stephens.

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Condolences to his family and friends.

Totals & Averages