



## District Governor's Message

### JANUARY IS "ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH"



The Rotary Year for 2006-2007 has reached the half way mark and we have now welcomed in the New Year of 2007. Time goes quickly in the fast lane of "Life" —particularly when it's Fun and the older one becomes the faster it all seems to happen and go—I think it is called the theory of relativity. Remember that the minute we have now we can never have again—so let us all make every minute count.

Suzanne and I wish all our readers a healthy, happy, and successful year in 2007 and many years to come.

As indicated by the heading above January is **ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH**. What does this mean? Are you, as a Rotarian, promoting the awareness of Rotary in your Community? If you were to ask a person in your community about Rotary, would they be able to tell you?

RI President Bill Boyd reminds us:

"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 co-operation, 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.



RI President  
Bill Boyd

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 honour the generations of Rotarians who followed them in the past—and **Lead the Way** for generations to come."

Elsewhere in this edition you will read and see promotion of our "Rotary Foundation Experience" to be held on 11 February 2007 at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre. This will be an outstanding event — an opportunity not to be missed.

Douglas I Geekie

Rotary Club of Surfers Paradise West/ District Governor, District 9640, 2006–2007  
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We anticipate a good roll-up of members and bus transport arrangements have been organised for Rotarians in the Southern part of the District — contact AG Peter Robinson tel 0408 660 732 to make your seat reservation.

Again this is but another example of creating awareness of Rotary within our District 9640.

On Christmas Day Suzanne and I assisted at the Christmas luncheon for underprivileged people in our community sponsored by the Beenleigh Citadel of the Salvation Army. It was a privilege, but—more significantly—it provided us both with an awareness of the growing need for support in our own communities.

Perhaps the most telling part of the experience was the story of the three teenagers who were able to experience their first ever Christmas dinner.



The value of support provided by agencies such as the Salvation Army cannot be underestimated and the support provided by Rotary clubs enables even more effective results.

In keeping with the Australian holiday season the month of January runs at a much reduced pace, Rotary does not provide an exception to the Australian practice! However it does provide a great opportunity to catch up on all the administrative and planning tasks for the next 6 months.

### District Conference 2007

Response to the “Paul Harris Sapphire” registration package for the 2007 District Conference has been pleasing. If you did not register before Christmas there are still discounted registration benefits (the Paul Harris discount package — a \$40.00 saving) to be enjoyed.

Please visit the website [www.rotary9640.org](http://www.rotary9640.org) for full details or refer to your personal copy of the Registration form.



### Goondiwindi Driver Reviver Project

Members of the Goondiwindi Club have worked with Local Shire Councils and Queensland Transport to assist in reducing the Road toll. The facility was commissioned on December 16.

The club has contributed some \$30,000 towards the project plus many, many hours of labour.

### Nominations for District Governor 2009-2010

As your District Governor, I am inviting clubs to submit suggestions for the office of Governor for the Rotary year 2009-2010 for consideration by the Nominating Committee.

Please be advised that the deadline for receipt of such suggestions by the nominating committee chair is 15 March 2007.

The qualifications required for a candidate to be selected as Governor-Nominee are detailed in Article 15, Clause 15.070 as set forth in the “Manual of Procedure 2004” on page 223. The duties of a Governor are detailed in Article 15.090.

Please direct all enquiries, in writing to DG Douglas Geekie, 3189 Riverleigh Drive, Hope Island, Queensland 4212.

Enjoy the remainder of your break and let us all “LEAD THE WAY” for the remainder of this Rotary year.

*Yours in Rotary Service*  
Douglas



*Helena Wilson of Surfers Paradise Central receives a Paul Harris Fellow award from DG Douglas on 15 December 2006*



## INDIGENOUS HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS



## DISTRICT SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2007

Thanks to a joint effort by Rotary clubs and government, 58 scholarships have been granted to Indigenous students in every Region of Australia in this year.

It's hard to realise that since the inception of the national program in 2003, we have been able to more than double the annual number of scholarships granted. To the end of 2005, 30 students have been successful in their studies and have graduated.

Why is this program so important?

Because it has been realised that to combat the disastrous state of health among the Aborigine communities, it is important to have health providers who are in tune culturally.

Further, the leaders needed to change the thinking and attitudes in these communities will most likely come from the educated members of the community. So we are approaching the problems from two fronts.



Indigenous Health Scholarships are a long term grass roots project aimed at making a difference where more sophisticated efforts have failed.

What also has shown up is that many of these students are mature aged people who want to better themselves and have families to support while they study. Many do not have extended families able to provide the support that most non-indigenous students enjoy.

The value of these scholarships, \$5,000 (\$2,500 matched dollar for dollar by government) might seem small but do make a significant difference and are highly valued.

These scholarships are competitively awarded and are reviewed each semester.

Many Rotary clubs have been able to establish bonds between club members and their students which has produced better acceptance and understanding of many of the problems.

Joy Gillett, Australian Rotary Health Research Fund,  
PO Box 779 Parramatta, NSW



Welcome to the new year of 2007, the commencement of a fresh year of Rotary endeavour, and the second half of the current Rotary year.

As January is Rotary Awareness month, we need to ensure that we as Rotarians are aware of what great work Rotary undertakes and the opportunities it creates for a better world, then pass that message back to our respective communities.

Such activity serves several purposes – it makes our fellows citizens aware of the wonderful work Rotary does; it makes us proud of being Rotarians which in turn reflects in our community work as we seek further opportunities to serve; and it attracts the attention of those people who can take advantage of the opportunities provided by Rotary (such as RYLA and Peace Scholarships) to expand our efforts and make this world a better place for humanity.

We are all jointly responsible for spreading the message about Rotary, and we should be proud of the message we send – one of positivity, of concern for our fellow man, and of being ready at any time to do good.

Never underestimate or undervalue the work we as Rotarians do – as the largest tree can grow from the smallest seed, so too can the largest project grow from the most humble beginnings. It is the outcome of a project which is important rather than the just the dollars spent.

An example of such a project is Bowelscan which in this district alone has saved a significant number of lives, at very little dollar cost.

On a more mundane note please ensure you send your attendance figures to Ian Wilson as soon as you are able at the end of each month .

Yours in Rotary  
Steven Gill

### “Happy New Year!” says Godfrey

Rotary World Peace Fellow Godfrey Geoffrey Mukalazi. at his graduation on 4 Dec 2006 at the University of Queensland. Parkwood Rotary Club maintained contact with Godfrey from the time he arrived in Australia as a Rotary World Peace Fellow.





No doubt by now, many of you have now seen Rotary International's promotional production of "One Blue Sky", which highlights the programs Rotary undertakes around the world, especially combating poverty and health problems in underdeveloped countries.

"One Blue Sky" promotes the Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund, which recently reached an important milestone, that of passing the US \$500 million mark.

The Fund has net assets of US \$183.4 million, but when Permanent Fund Expectancies of US \$321.9 million are added, the total becomes US \$ 505.3 million. It is planned that the Fund will reach US \$1 billion in net assets and expectancies by 2015.

This Fund ensures the long-term viability of The Rotary Foundation. Contributions made by individuals are invested in perpetuity. Earnings from this endowment fund assist the administration of The Rotary Foundation as well as expanding existing programs of Rotary International. That is, it helps to underwrite new humanitarian and educational programs. In 2005/06, US \$4.9 million of earnings were spent on additional programs.

The Fund is securing a strong future for the Foundation by providing additional income from its increasing earnings. The dramatic growth from the earnings of the Permanent Fund has helped to increase program support by more than six-fold since 1994, while the principal remains invested in perpetuity.

Individuals, when deciding to become a Benefactor to the Permanent Fund, can designate where the earnings portion of their gift can be applied, either;

1. at the Trustees discretion which would be the World Fund, or
2. Through the SHARE concept being 50/50 with the District Designated Fund and World Fund.

### THE ANNUAL PROGRAM FUND

With this Rotary year having passed the half way mark, it is time for Club Presidents and Boards to consider making their contributions to deliver their Annual Program Fund goals set at the commencement of the Rotary year.

As at 30 November, the District's total contributions to the Rotary Foundation amounted

to US \$11,598.71. This is significantly below the US \$100 Per Capita Benchmark of US \$142,100.00, which was the 2006/07-target set by the Rotary Foundation Trustees.

Clubs should now be forwarding any collected Unrestricted or Restricted Giving contributions to The Rotary Foundation. They should also be considering future community fund-raising events so that contributions are not left to the last minute. This will assist in meeting each Club's budget as well as being able to determine Paul Harris Fellow credits at an early stage. It also enables The Rotary Foundation to gauge its future program financing requirements better.

Club Presidents or Club Rotary Foundation Directors should also be reminding their members to consider their Annual Giving commitments over the next few months, again to avoid leaving it until the end of June. This will be supported by the invoicing of Centurion membership contributions for the year where applicable.

### DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS

Another reminder to Clubs that there are unused funds available for these community or international humanitarian grants. Please contact DG Douglas or me if you are unsure whether any project would qualify for a grant. We stand ready to assist, as commitments must be in place before 31 March 2007.

### THE DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION EXPERIENCE

I am pleased to advise that a program has been developed for all Rotarians to participate in the activities of the Rotary Foundation.

This experience will highlight how Rotarians and their Clubs have the opportunity to participate in the programs undertaken by The Rotary Foundation around the world under the same "One Blue Sky". This can be through the caring for the quality of life of those in need; or by providing educational cultural exchanges to assist in promoting peace and goodwill.

Clubs are asked to bring their accumulated Annual Program Fund contributions to the day, so that they can receive acknowledgement from those present.

This will be an exciting and informative day and I encourage all Rotarians to attend. DG Douglas and the DRF Committee look forward to your attendance.

Doug Brown





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THE ROTARY EXPERIENCE

**Venue :** Tweed Heads Civic Centre, Brett St.  
Tweed Heads. (Gregory's map I27 D5).

**Date :** Sunday 11 February 2007

**Time :** Registration from 9.00am NSW time.  
(8.00am Qld Time)  
Activities - 9.30am to 2.30pm including luncheon.

**Who should attend :**

- ◇ Club Presidents, President Elects and Board members.
- ◇ Club Rotary Foundation Directors.
- ◇ International Service Directors and Committee members.
- ◇ Newer club members. In fact "All club members" – particularly those wishing to be informed on how they can make a difference to "Our Rotary Charity".

**Make-up :** Attendance at this meeting will constitute a make-up.

**Registration :** Club Presidents will receive these within the next 10 days



ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, 1957

Front Row (L to R): Cliff Robinson, Bill Riley, Bill Royce, Art Brand (chairman), Len McLean, Norm Melville.  
Second Row: Angelo Crethar, Fred Wicks, David Harrison, Jim Opie, Les Warrick, Keith Robson, Harry Murray.  
Back Row: Charles Ebert, Cyril Dunstan, Court Thomas.  
Insets: Vin. Dowling, Geoff. Brickhill, Herb. Kramer, Bill Nicholson.

## 75th ROTARY CLUB OF LISMORE Anniversary Dinner

SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2007

The Rotary Club of Lismore gained its charter on 31 December 1931 with its first official meeting occurring on 20 February 1932. This makes us one of the earliest Rotary clubs formed in regional Australia and means that we are currently in our 75<sup>th</sup> year of continuous service to local, national and international communities.

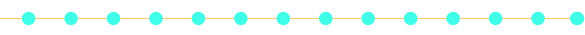
Preparations are under way to celebrate the milestone of our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a gala dinner. It is to be held at:

**Lismore & District Workers Club,  
Keen Street, Lismore  
Saturday, 24 February 2007  
6.00pm for 6.45pm**

So come along on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and join with past and present members of the club in celebrating this wonderful milestone in the history of Rotary.

Tickets are \$50 pp. if you would like to book a table then please contact Karl or Jill on 66221696 or send your cheque to the club at PO Box 59 Lismore and the tickets will be sent to you.

Further information on this event can be obtained by contacting me : (ph 6627 8018, email [elvinr@norco.com.au](mailto:elvinr@norco.com.au))



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- 6 Leo Dorgan
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- 30 Les Roberts
- 31 Bert Brand
- 32 Fred Wicks



ROTARY CLUB—One of the youngest and most active organisations of its kind in Australia. Receiving a Charter recently, the Membership has steadily increased, and includes many of Lismore's leading citizens.



The Rotary Club of Lismore was Chartered on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1931 by the Rotary Club of Sydney. It celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> February, 1982. The Guests of Honour were the Governor-General, Sir Zelman Cowen and Lady Cowen.



# INTERPLAST

## NEEDS OUR HELP

Interplast Australia is a Rotary-endorsed project that is conducted in conjunction with the Royal Australian College of Surgeons. The project provides medical teams to undertake programs of plastic and reconstructive surgery in developing countries especially in South East Asia and the Pacific Islands. Interplast Australia was founded in 1983 and is supported by 23 Rotary Districts in Australia. PDG Max Wortman introduced Interplast to District 9640 in 2002.



The medical teams involved in Interplast comprise surgeons, anaesthetists and nursing teams: all of whom are unpaid volunteers. Typically a medical team performs about 60 operations during a two-week overseas program. The team also provides vital training to local medical staff passing on specialized and other related skills during these visits. It is of interest that 75% of all plastic surgeons in Australia and New Zealand have been on Interplast teams, some as many as 20 times. The major treatments involved are cleft lips/palates, burns, facial deformities (increasingly resulting from acid attacks), nerve and tendon damage of the hands and feet, and skin tumors.

The cost of a two-week Interplast program is currently \$40,000 with individual operations costing approximately \$650. In the present Rotary year (2006-2007), Interplast Australia has planned for about 28 programs at a **total cost** of approximately **\$1.1 million**. About 50% of this funding comes from Rotary and with 23 districts involved there is an expectation that each district might contribute about \$25,000.

Regrettably, District 9640 has raised only \$3,250 this year. This amount has been generated through individual Club contributions from Boonah

(\$500), Nerang (\$1,000) and Stanthorpe (\$750) and a further contribution of \$1,000 from last year's District Interplast Committee via Dr Glenn Taylor.

We need all Clubs in the District to get behind Interplast, and in order to stimulate action on this special and most worthy project, we wish to offer guest speakers/visitors who would talk about the Interplast endeavour at individual or combined meetings of Clubs. At the District level, Dr. Peter Scott (Chair, Interplast Committee [(07) 5537 9951] and Dr. Graham Jones (International Coordinator [(07) 5504 7054] are available to speak, and at the national level, guest speakers can be organized through Sue Atwood (Interplast/Rotary Liaison Secretary [(03) 9249 1235]. Clubs have also been sent previously a DVD which sensitively captures key points of interest about Interplast.

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Interplast envisions "a world in which no human being suffers physically or emotionally from a repairable congenital deformity or injury". Let's help them reach that goal by giving generously through our Clubs during the next 6 months.

*Graham Jones,  
Coordinator of International Service*

*An Interplast team at work (left) and an example of an Interplast patient, before and after surgery (below).*



## ANNAN PRAISES ROTARY'S LEADERSHIP IN GLOBAL POLIO EFFORT

In a farewell address on 11 December, outgoing United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan cited Rotary International as an example of a private organization or nonstate actor whose partnership with public agencies helps achieve major social goals.

Speaking at the Truman Presidential Museum and Library in Independence, Missouri, USA, Annan said the “wonderful partnership between the UN family, the US Centres for Disease Control [and Prevention] and, crucially, Rotary International” is close to eradicating polio worldwide.

The UN secretary general explained that he has been guided during his 10-year tenure by the principle that nonstate actors can help the organization accomplish its aims. According to Annan, a result of that principle is the Global Compact he made with international business leaders in 1999 to harness private-sector goodwill to meet the challenges of globalization.

It's impossible for governments alone, especially in the face of limited public resources, to solve all humanity's ills, the UN chief noted. Instead, much more can be achieved through public-private partnerships and initiatives, he said.

Annan, who steps down on 31 December, chose the venue of his farewell speech to signal the need for the international community to return to the ideals that inspired world leaders, including U.S. President Harry Truman, and humanitarian organizations to establish the UN after the horrors of two world wars.

More than 40 Rotarians served as advisers, consultants, and delegates at the UN charter conference in 1945. Rotary and the UN have enjoyed a close relationship ever since, with Rotary currently represented at the UN by 23 Rotarians. Rotary also has high-level nongovernmental organization consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council, which oversees many specialized UN agencies. In addition, Rotary has its own day at the UN, marked by panel discussions to pinpoint new opportunities for the two organizations to work together.

Cordial relationships among Rotary and UN leaders help strengthen the ties between the organizations. Annan, in particular, has openly expressed his admiration for Rotary's educational and humanitarian initiatives.



*Outgoing United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan delivers his farewell speech at the Truman Presidential Museum and Library in Independence, Missouri, USA.  
UN Photo/Mark Garten*

On 4 November, for example, the UN chief acknowledged Rotary's invaluable partnership to hundreds of Rotarians gathered at UN headquarters in New York to celebrate Rotary–United Nations Day.

He said in a written statement, “Rotary is living proof that people with diverse backgrounds can learn to get along with each other and concentrate more on the things we have in common, rather than on the things that drive us apart”.

*Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga, Rotary International News*



Salt Lake City International Convention will be in June this year. If you plan to attend to please let me know so that we can meet up in Salt Lake City? RI President Bill Boyd promises a great Convention at a superb location. Let's make a Rendezvous at Salt Lake City Rotary International Convention.

*Douglas : email <DGRotary2007@hibusiness.com.au>*

# Letter from *South Africa*

**Glenn Wilson**

*District 9640 is sponsoring Glenn as a University  
Teaching grant recipient.*

Hi All,

Well, I'm now in my last week of this visit to Cape Town, looking ahead with mixed feelings of leaving behind great colleagues at the University of Cape Town and a fun Rotary Club and the anticipation of seeing Rhonda and the kids next Sunday. But before all of that, I've a formal presentation to give to university staff this Thursday. Moreover, it sounds like word is getting around about this so I'm not sure how big the crowd will be!

Professionally, this last week has been fairly light as teaching is over for the year and end-of-year exams are underway. But other things have been pretty exciting. Last weekend, I was firstly taken by uni colleagues to a large estuary and wetland area in the Northern Cape National Park, 100 km north of Cape Town, where we saw a few reptiles (some to Rhonda's horror), ostriches and a kudu on an Atlantic beach. Lunch was a seafood restaurant literally on the beach/rocky shore where the closest thing they give you to a knife and fork is a couple of mussel shells! Great food though, including 'all you can eat' crayfish as the last (8<sup>th</sup>!) course. Meanwhile on Sunday, we went down to Cape of Good Hope, one of two southern-most points in Africa. Saw several baboons (Goondiwindi – no need to resurrect old jokes about Bernie now) and a couple of whales in the sea below the point. In fact, there are whales everywhere here at the moment – southern right whales (we get them off southern Australia too) seen frolicking daily only 75 m off the beaches. Occasionally they jump out of the water or slap their tails on the surface; more often they seem to be simply 'kicking back' on the surface with fins lazily waving around. But perhaps the most memorable beachside experience this morning was a lengthy chat with Michael, one of the council workers in a park near Muizenberg, who was well informed on Australian rugby and cricket fortunes and introduced me to friends of his as the Australian Minister for Water Affairs and Minerals! I regret not having had my camera there!

My shift towards wetland research (around Moree for those in Australia) may have become a longer term focus than I had originally anticipated. There is a lot of interest at the University of Cape Town for us developing a joint project on the Okavango River and wetlands to the north. This huge river begins in Angola, runs briefly through

Namibia and then terminates in a massive wetland complex in Botswana. Unlike the (sort of) similar Lower Gwydir in Australia, the Okavango water is VERY clear from the catchment's top to bottom – rather handy if ecologists are on the crocodile or hippo menu that day and you're not feeling like being crept up on. Between these and the extensive landmines upstream, left over from Angola's recent civil war, its not a system to take lightly. But water security is as big an issue in southern Africa as in Australia – the downstream Okavango wetlands are often seen as the Kakadu of Africa, and the extremely-dry Namibia has long had its eye on this river for sourcing additional water for its capital, Windhoek, to the south. Getting a handle on how things tick over with fish etc beforehand ought to be useful in the decision-making process between the various national governments. We will talk further with stakeholders and potential investors when I'm back next year. With its continued priority interest in water, I hope that Rotary will be part of those discussions in some way.

But back to this Rotary experience. Staying with President James continues to be fun, and I've learnt far too many unprintable Afrikaans terms! Fortunately, my second club meeting here was the DGs visit to the Waterfront club and so I got to meet him, Ken Howes, and even scored an invite to stay with him and his wife Joy in Namibia's Windhoek next year. This Rotary district covers the western third of South Africa and all of Namibia and Angola! In fact, Ken notched up 35,000 km of travel for the first 4 months of his DG year as he got around to clubs across the district. No wonder he was tired by the time he got to us, a week before returning home for his first break! Ken spent 12 years as a minister in the Namibian government so he'll be interesting to talk with further next year. James got me to give a brief presentation that night on Goondiwindi and Armidale Rotary clubs/districts and my work at each university. I also presented the club with a banner, and another to DG Ken who will take it back to Namibia with him. Ken also gave me a banner to return to Australia with.

And so, by the time this gets to club newsletters, I'll either be packing or maybe even already home. Again, a huge thanks to President James, the Waterfront Rotary Club and district 9350 for hosting me so far, and I look forward to catching up with Australian club members in person very soon!

Cheers, Glenn

*Dr Glenn Wilson, Senior Research Fellow,  
Zoology Department, University of Cape Town., South Africa*

*[Ed: Glenn is now back in the Uni of New England, School of  
Environmental Sciences and Natural Resources Management]*

The dream is for Kwan to be one of the last children to be effected by polio, thanks to Polio Plus.



## Who cares if this child lives or dies?

Discover how the Rotary Foundation, with your help, will change our world for the better.

You care. And so does your Rotary Foundation. We all know The Rotary Foundation and its impressive Polio Plus programme, but how many of us really know the extent of the work it does? How are project partners chosen? How many of us know about the benefits to our club and our community? Exactly where do our donations go to? How are they managed? Yes, there are many similar organisations like the Red Cross and the Salvation Army who help the underprivileged and the needy in good times and bad, but what is it that sets your Rotary Foundation apart? *"Rotary set me on a course that I am still continuing. If I had not gone to the United States as an Ambassadorial Scholar, I don't think I would have pursued the study of International Relations,"* Sadako Ogata, former United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees, Rotary Foundation Scholar, 1951-52. Now you have an opportunity to spend half a day to find out just what makes your Rotary Foundation tick, why it's recognised and respected around the world and, importantly, how you can be involved to whatever level you feel comfortable with. Be an informed Rotarian and encourage your club members to join you at Your Rotary Foundation Interactive Experience. You can make the world a better place.



### YOUR ROTARY FOUNDATION INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE

**Time and Date:** 9.30am - 2.30pm NSW Time, Sunday, 11 February 2007

**Location:** Tweed Heads Civic Centre, Brett Street, Tweed Heads

**Cost:** Only \$15 p/p including a working lunch

**RSVP:** 8th Feb 2007 via Registration Forms forwarded to your Club.