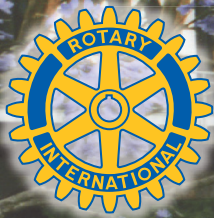


# The DG's Newsletter



District Governors Newsletter

Rotary International - District 9640 Ltd

November 2009



## MAKE AN IMPACT WITH A GIFT TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION.

Our foundation's strength lies in Rotary's membership. We are not a foundation like many others, established by a single corporation or a wealthy individual. We are instead a family foundation—one created and supported by the entire family of Rotary.

It relies on Rotarians and clubs to contribute every year, this can be done by participating in the EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR. Alternatively, have a special fundraiser in your club for the Rotary Foundation.

As we approach the half way mark in this Rotary year, Now is the time to make the investment in the future of the Rotary Foundation and forward your donation to our charity The Rotary Foundation.

## CLUSTER 6 REPORT

For the 1st time in my 3 year term as Assistant Governor, the President Elects for 2009-2010 opted to have a Cluster Meeting before their respective Changeover Dinners. It proved to be very beneficial to all who attended and enabled the Presidents to go over their preparations, discuss their ideas, and ask any questions, for example the protocol for the District Governor's official visit.

In August we had our 1st meeting and all 7 Presidents participated with a wide range of subjects, swapped ideas and gave promised support with projects when asked. They are always encouraged to bring flyers, any information at all about their Clubs that they wish to bring to the wider Rotary Community.

We discuss Ethics in Rotary, Bequests, the Foundation, Membership issues, actually always a wide range of subjects.

I am always in awe of the diversity of projects and fund raising ideas, which the clubs are involved in, and these Cluster Meetings, are personally what I have found very rewarding. They are an effective means of sharing informal discussion time, always based on good teamwork and good fellowship.

I believe these Cluster Meetings also have a reputation for the enjoyable meal and wine served by my dear husband Sam.

### ASHMORE

There are 35 members and since 1/7/09 have inducted 2 new members and lost 1.

The members are very active in Youth Programmes, and do an excellent job with the Science & Engineering Challenge, Interact Clubs, and very involved with YSE & YEP.

There is an enormous effort in planning being done to bring children from Bushfire affected families in Victoria north to the Gold Coast for a very special holiday. Several Rotary Clubs are supporting Ashmore to provide outings and meals during the holiday. Home base will be Mt Tamborine which means lots of bus trips.

Ashmore are very active with monthly Car Boot Sales in the local shopping centre, and are of course famous for their fundraising BBQ's.

President Pat, Heather Yarker, AG Chris Bonner are travelling with Chris's brother to Cambodia, where he hopes to purchase a block of land, to build a medical centre, in memory of his late wife.

It is the intention of the members of Ashmore to investigate the building of a school nearby in memory of their late friend and member, Desley Thurtell

Well done President Pat and the members of the Club

### BROADWATER SOUTHPORT

Membership 35 they have had 1 resignation this year.

The Club are very active with all youth programmes with 4 students at RYPEN, 3 at RYTS, 3 at RYLA, 1 team at MUNA, 5 at SIEMENS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE, and 1 at NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM.

They support the Southport Interact Club \$1600, Future Shape Leaders Programme \$7000, Youth Scholarship – Keebra Park High \$1800, miscellaneous other \$5000 This is a most commendable level of support for local community youth. This Club is also sharing an inbound student from France with the Southport Club.

They have recently donated 2 Shelterboxes from the Club, and a further 8 from a firm through one of the members.

\$11000 was used for the purchase of furniture for a house for Youth Holistic Education supporting young mothers and teenagers, in the local community.

A wonderful effort President Peter and his members.

### COOMERA RIVER MIDDAY

They have 21 members, have lost 10 with 1 induction. The Club is involved in some of the Rotary Youth Programmes.

They have had an impressive Pride of Workmanship Awards Dinner with 10 awardees. Stuart Robert MP gave a speech on Excellence which I believe was very inspiring.

A monthly Car Boot Sale has been commenced.

Member Deb Ralf with her enthusiasm has the club supporting her with her sewing project in Mae Sot.

One of the members has organized a Pink Ribbon Day Breakfast with guest speakers from the Queensland Cancer Council, and will include Breast, Ovarian and Cervical Cancer in their talk.

Discussions are being held with the Rotary Club of Coomera Valley regarding the formation of a Youth Centre at Coomera.

A trial is on at present to have 2 Lunch Meetings and 2 Dinner Meetings in a month to encourage better attendance at Club Meetings.

The Club is forming relationships with local schools, and working hard to raise funds to continue the work for Rotary

Well done President Murray and your bright and happy members.

### HOPE ISLAND

They have 50 members having just inducted 4 new members and 2 transfers.

The Club is very active in Youth Programmes and are working towards a new Interact Club.

An exchange student from France has settled in very well and has helped the club readily with BBQ's and the Buggy Day

An ongoing youth project is the RYDE Driving Programme. This is a full day of driving education and experience subsidised by the Hope Island Club aimed at Grade 12 students. The end result is safer drivers on the road.

This programme compliments the RYDA programme which is gaining momentum in District 9640.

The Charity Golf Day in July and a Buggy GP Family Fun Day held in October raised funds for the Driving Courses.

All Club members participated in the Buggy Day which was great for fellowship and were very happy with the end result of a profit of \$11,500.

The Club have been strong supporters of Shelterbox and recently donated 5 more to this worthy project.

An urgent plea has gone out to the Clubs and the Community for the donations of books, dvd's and cd's for the Fundraiser Bookfest to be held soon.

The Probus Club of Sanctuary Cove will be chartered on the 25th November, and this is the 2nd for the Club with the Probus Club of Hope Island formed nearly 4 years ago capping their membership at 100.

Well done President Phil and your enthusiastic team.

### PARKWOOD

The club has 22 members and have inducted 1 new member.

The Club are participating in RYLA.

This club take on the task every year of having BBQ's at the Parkland Showgrounds, where all the cars are parked going to the Sanctuary Cove Boat Show. This is a 4 day event so a lot of work for the members but beneficial for the Club. They also do the same for the Super GP which also is a 4 day event.

This Club has done a lot to support Bravehearts with the building of their new home base at Arundel. They have also recently donated a Shelterbox .

The Labrador State School P & C have recently received a donation of \$800

They are also involved in the Bald & Beautiful Project, Polio Plus and Rotary Foundation.

Last year the Club donated a Sailing Boat to facilitate sailing and boating activities in all forms for young people with disabilities

This a poem that really touches your heart

Sailing into Freedom  
The Sky is blue

The Sun is out  
On my own I am sailing  
I feel as free as a bird  
I love getting to know the wind  
I feel free outside my wheelchair  
I can do anything

Author John Ryan describing how it feels sailing with Sailability

Well done President John and your hard working team.

### RUNAWAY BAY

Membership is 23

The Club sponsors an Interact Club at Coombabah State High School.

They have sponsored a student to the National Science Forum

A Citizenship Programme held in Canberra was an education for a few of us, as I have to confess I had not heard of this Programme. Sam & I met the delightful Grade 11 student, who was a very high academic achiever, at the official District Governor's visit to the Club. The course gives a basic training in citizenship and the working of the Australian Parliament, and you could tell how much the student had learnt from the trip to Canberra.

They are planning an Art Show for next year for February 2010 where they hope to have 1000 paintings on display.

Organizing the big Xmas Hamper is a priority, as the whole club are involved in a roster to sell raffle tickets at the local shopping centre along with Xmas cakes and puddings. Every year this is a very successful fundraiser..

They are involved with a Melbourne Cup function with the local Bowls Club as well as a Popera in the Park function for the Community.

Well done President Bob and your committed team,

### SOUTHPORT

Membership 45 with 1 gone to a higher service

Southport participate very well with youth programmes and are sharing a YEP student with Broadwater Southport.

The Club's lease of the Youth Centre from the Gold Coast City Council continues to be a great location for youth in the region and a strong fundraiser for the Club. The Centre is managed by the Set Free Church and caters for a wide range of weekly activities. Recently the Club replaced the tiles on the steps and erected a new sign that leaves no doubt that this ROTARY at work. A new development is the Gold Coast City Council has invited the Rotary Club to be part of a new building on the site with 2 other community groups. Discussions are continuing with these options.

In a further coup with the Gold Coast City Council, the Club has been invited to operate the refurbished Carousel near the Oasis Centre at Broadbeach. The city council have spent \$180,000 and much of the renewal work has been done by Southport's Past President David Randall.

The Club with the help of other Rotary Club's and organizations will operate the Carousel 7 days a week commencing on October 30th. Training will be provided to all volunteers. Children's rides will be supported by donations from parents and grandparents. This will be a good fundraiser with lots of fun for children, and I am sure the volunteers also.

The Club are committed to the Polio Plus programme to raise \$1000 a year, and also have been very supportive of Shelterbox

Congratulations to President Gary and his very supportive club members

## DISTRICT 9640 ROTARY FOUNDATION NEWS

As November is Rotary Foundation Month, it is appropriate I relay some extracts from messages forwarded to all Rotarians for this occasion.

The first is from the Foundation Trustee Chair, Glenn E. Estess Sr., who writes:-

“When we give to our Rotary Foundation, we know that the result will be positive. When I served as RI President, I saw the truth of this in so many ways. The poorest parts of the world are the places where the local clubs have the fewest resources. By giving to our Foundation, we bring help to the places where Rotary is needed the most – and fulfil the Foundation’s mission of Doing Good in the World.”

The President of Rotary International, John Kenny, also wrote:-

“There is no shortage in this world of people able to imagine a better future. But in Rotary, we do not just imagine that future – we will it, and we work to create it. This we do through our two great strengths: our Rotary clubs and our Rotary Foundation.

Over the years, I have been privileged to witness first hand the fruits of the outstanding work carried out by Rotarians all over the world, supported by the programs of our Foundation. One thing that impresses me is how these programs focus not on short-term satisfaction or reward for the giver. The best Rotary programs and projects focus on building for the future – and making lives better for generations.

I know that each one of you recognizes that The Future of Rotary Is In Your Hands – and that the future of our Foundation is as well.”

The District goes to Blazes

As part of the “End Polio Now” campaign, our District has reached an agreement with Gold Coast Blaze Pty Ltd., to receive the benefit of a Game Night Sponsorship Package on Saturday January 30, 2010, when the Gold Coast Blaze basketball team hosts the Melbourne Tigers.

This means the District will be able to conduct fund-raising for

polio eradication by receiving local TV and print advertising, signage, live PA announcements and a fund-raising booth at the magnificent Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre in Broadbeach, the home venue of the Blaze.

In addition, the District will receive \$2 for every ticket sold by Rotarians, which will be donated to the Rotary Foundation’s “End Polio Now” fund.

We have also negotiated some excellent seating arrangements at discount prices which are as follows:-

<b>COURTSIDE ORANGE</b>	Adults	\$20.00
(Northern end – lower tier)	Children under 16	\$12.00

<b>SLAM DUNK</b>	Adults	\$15.00
(East side – middle tier)	Children under 16	\$10.00

We will be contacting clubs shortly with booking arrangements and forms. I suggest clubs nominate a “booking agent” from within, to handle receipts of monies and distribution of tickets, which should be settled and finalised by January 15th.

We are aware that this game is played on the Gold Coast and will suit local clubs more so than our country clubs, however, we have chosen a Saturday night game to enable the latter members and their families to consider coming to the game by making a weekend out of it. There is an abundance of accommodation within walking distance of the Convention Centre. PRIT Brian Knowles, DGN Graham Jones and I have been working with the Blaze management to ensure this will be an exciting fellowship night for all Rotarians, partners, children and grand children along with friends and neighbours. We believe this will be a great opportunity to enjoy some excellent national sporting entertainment, at the same time as making many more people aware of OUR great cause.

Let’s all “Get in the Game”.

*Doug Brown*  
DRFCC

## CONFERENCE 2010

**April 16th, 17th and 18th April 2010**  
**South Grafton**

On the program is a husband and wife double act. John Tingle, well known journalist, radio and television current affairs broadcaster and former member of the Legislative Council (the Upper House of NSW Parliament) and his wife Gail Tingle, former fashion model, producer of radio current affairs programs and television and film makeup artist will give us an insight into prostate cancer.

John will talk of his battle and survival of prostate cancer and Gail about the effect it has upon the family.

They are a great couple and have an extraordinary story to tell.

**Remember special registration deals**  
**finish on 31st December 2009**

More information of keynote speakers next newsletter

## DIRECTORY CHANGES

Tweed Heads South change to Secretary:  
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regn@ozemail.com.au

Goondiwindi President John Suttor new email:

jjs.gdi97@bigpond.com

## AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH A.R.H

**P.D.G Denis Green** has taken over as chair of the district ARH Committee and would like the opportunity to speak to your Club about the great work of the fund and some experiences of the Great Australian Bike Ride

Denis can be contacted on his mobile 0418 204 046 or email at [denisg@cybercentral.com.au](mailto:denisg@cybercentral.com.au)

## GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE – INBOUND FROM DISTRICT 7690 NORTH CAROLINA

Our district will host 5 team members plus a team leader from North Carolina from March 20 to April 19 2010.

Thank you to so many clubs that applied to host. Unfortunately, with one GSE team in 2010, over half of the clubs that applied were unsuccessful as hosts for this year.

Host Rotary clubs are:

March 20	Team arrives
21 - 24	Palm Beach
24 - 27	Stanthorpe
27 - 31	Tenterfield
March 31 - April 4	Burleigh Heads
April 4 - 7	Surfers Paradise Central
7 - 10	Mullumbimby
10 - 13	Lismore West
13 - 16	Yamba
16 - 17	District Conference
18	Surfers Paradise Central
19	Team departs

In choosing the successful clubs the GSE committee looks at the following aspects:

Support for The Rotary Foundation, the club is active in providing candidates for team leader and /or team member selection, how long since the club last hosted and geographic considerations.

GSE has always been a popular program in our district and we provide a fantastic experience to visiting teams due to our diverse geographic location, industry, agriculture and local attractions.

If your club missed out this time please apply again in 2010 as we appreciate your willingness to host and want to ensure that all clubs have an opportunity to enjoy the internationality of Rotary.

*Wendy Scarlett*

*Inbound North Carolina Co-ordinator, Group Study Exchange*

## OUTBOUND GSE TEAM TO NORTH CAROLINA



*Team Leader  
Tony Heading  
Stanthorpe Rotary Club*



*Melanie Fuller  
Glen Innes Rotary Club*



*Jo-Ann McConnell  
Jimboomba Rotary Club*



*Helen Smith  
Tenterfield Rotary Club*



*Steve Hoffman  
Lismore West Rotary Club*



*Chris Ahearn  
Palm Beach Rotary Club*



*Reserve Team Member  
Kaylene Reardon  
Yamba Rotary Club*

## Rotary District 9640 - Membership & Attendance: September 2009

Rotary Club	Attendance		Membership				
	This Month %	Rank	Year to Date %	Rank	Start of Year Present	Change	
Allora	66.70	41	72.53	30	11	12	+1
Alstonville	74.64	24	78.95	20	24	24	-
Ashmore	81.00	=16	84.67	11	34	34	-
Ballina	68.30	39	75.03	26	36	36	-
Ballina-on-Richmond	79.40	20	81.32	13	33	34	+1
Beaudesert	87.00	10	76.47	21	21	19	-2
Boonah	81.73	15	81.03	15	39	40	+1
Broadbeach	73.23	26	72.55	29	47	49	+2
Broadwater-Southport	81.25	=16	85.56	8	36	35	-1
Burleigh Heads	0.00	=49	0.00	=51	29	29	-
Byron Bay	0.00	=49	0.00	=51	11	11	-
Casino	0.00	=49	52.88	45	15	15	-
Coolangatta Tweed Heads	71.00	31	75.55	25	27	28	+1
Coomera River Midday	70.40	=34	64.47	40	27	27	-
Coomera Valley	86.46	11	79.02	18	25	24	-1
Glen Innes	78.56	21	75.72	24	35	35	-
Gold Coast Central	0.00	=49	0.00	=51	30	30	-
Goondiwindi	60.00	=46	40.00	49	35	31	-4
Goonellabah	100.00	1	95.83	2	20	21	+1
Grafton	0.00	=49	0.00	=51	24	24	-
Grafton Midday	0.00	=49	48.00	=46	27	28	+1
Hope Island	68.44	38	66.84	37	44	49	+5
Iluka	70.88	32	85.36	9	13	11	-2
Jimboomba	95.50	4	93.83	3	22	24	+2
Kingscliff	69.98	36	81.09	14	9	10	+1
Kirra Currumbin	89.30	8	60.27	43	15	15	-
Kyogle	91.00	5	90.00	=6	9	9	-
Lismore	0.00	=49	0.00	=51	18	18	-
Lismore Central	73.18	27	73.95	28	15	15	-
Lismore West	89.66	6	91.39	4	39	-1	
Macleay	75.75	22	76.29	23	41	40	-1
Mermaid Beach	84.00	=13	90.50	5	27	29	+2
Mt Warning AM	75.34	23	79.56	17	30	30	-
Mudgeeraba	98.00	2	90.33	=6	24	26	+2
Mullumbimby	62.50	43	70.30	32	23	22	-1
Murwillumbah	89.39	7	64.81	39	36	33	-3
Murwillumbah Central	62.07	44	67.96	36	22	23	+1
Nerang	74.00	25	70.67	31	19	19	-
Palm Beach	53.49	48	41.50	48	26	27	+1
Parkwood	69.00	37	69.17	35	26	21	-5
Robina	96.00	3	96.67	1	23	24	+1
Runaway Bay	84.21	=13	76.46	22	24	23	-1
Southport	60.47	=46	64.44	41	46	43	-3
Southport North	67.00	40	48.33	=46	19	19	-
Stanthorpe	70.00	=34	74.00	27	45	43	-2
Summerland Sunrise	71.75	30	65.25	38	15	15	-
Surfers Paradise	71.88	29	69.24	34	27	25	-2
Surfers Paradise Central	60.50	45	60.83	42	47	45	-2
Surfers Sunrise	71.89	28	23.96	50	34	37	+3
Tenterfield	88.60	9	85.01	10	25	23	-2
Tweed Coast	81.00	=16	83.25	12	20	18	-2
Tweed Heads South	64.00	42	58.90	44	23	21	-2
Warwick	79.50	19	79.62	16	19	19	-
Warwick Sunrise	86.04	12	78.98	19	23	24	+1
Yamba	70.50	33	69.69	33	25	24	-1
<b>Totals</b>					<b>1460</b>	<b>1449</b>	<b>-11</b>