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**District Governors
Newsletter**

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DG'S JOTTINGS

JANUARY IS AWARENESS MONTH

Happy New Year to everyone and I wish you all good Health & Happiness for 2011.

January is Rotary Awareness Month. This is an ideal time for us as Rotarians to become more aware and conscious of what Rotary is all about, however more importantly, to get the Rotary message out to the general public – MAKE THEM AWARE that Rotary is alive and well and “doing good in the world” in conjunction with the charity of our choice – THE ROTARY FOUNDATION.

Many of us need to think about our donations to the Rotary Foundation now and preferably not leave it until just before the end of the Rotary year. By donating early, it allows adequate time for paperwork to be processed within this current Rotary year.

But I digress, Rotary has many wonderful programmes and opportunities that we all need to be aware of and how to participate in them. By having a knowledge of what Rotary does and how programmes function, we are then in a position to pass this onto our friends and the community and the world. There are many experienced Rotarians within our District and all you have to do is ASK.

In Doug's article below he talks about the basketball game, if you have never been to one (Sue and I had not until last year) I urge you to GO, it is a great night and you really get into the spirit of the game and the atmosphere is contagious. Another way to make the public AWARE of Rotary.

DG John

DISTRICT 9640 ROTARY FOUNDATION NEWS

Basketball for Polio

By now Club Secretaries should have received their flyers and booking sheets for the dedicated NBL basketball game between the Gold Coast Blaze and the Adelaide 36'ers.

The procedure is the same as last year. When Clubs receive bookings and payment from members and friends, record the requested seating details on the booking sheet along with names and total amount. The sheets are to be used for multiple bookings. They should then be forwarded with total payment to the Blaze sales office by Friday 18th February. Tickets are then collected prior to the match at the Blaze booking office desk, opposite the main entrance to the Gold Coast Convention Centre in Broadbeach.

We again appreciate that members in NSW may find it difficult to attend, but please endeavour to do so as it is a terrific occasion, when we showcase what Rotary is all about to game patrons. PDG Peter Robinson, at his changeover last June, stated it was a highlight of his presidential year to see Rotary and its community efforts presented to the people at this venue, as well as being a fun family night out.

So don't forget to book. It is on Saturday 12th February with tip-off being at 7.30 pm.

Theatre Night for Polio

RI in Parramatta, in conjunction with 20th Century Fox, has organised again to screen the Australia-wide the preview of the film “Conviction” with Hilary Swank and Sam Rockwell. Screenings are expected to be held at Harbour Town, Gold Coast Arts Centre, Warwick, Lismore, Yamba and hopefully, Coolangatta/Tweed Heads. Your club will be contacted by organisers within these District Groups in order to obtain bookings.

It is anticipated that screenings will be on Wednesday 23rd February (the 106th anniversary of Rotary), around 6.30pm.

Our District usually has the best response of all Districts for these film nights. So please also endeavour to attend a theatre near you to support the eradication of polio initiative, still The Rotary Foundation's No.1 priority. I understand the movie, which is a true story, has been well received overseas.

Annual Program Fund Contributions

Club Treasurers and members should keep the eye on the current exchange rate for the US Dollar. The rate in November was A\$1.02 which was the best rate for contributions to TRF in decades. The closer to parity and/or above means the more credits can be derived for Paul Harris Fellowship recognition.

Assuming the Australian Dollar remains firm in the near months, it may be wise to bring forward contributions early this year, rather than leave it until the last weeks in May/June.

Submitted by DRFC Doug Brown – RC of Surfers Paradise



August and September saw our District achieve a highly commendable level of donations at a time when Pakistan presented an enormous challenge to all NGO's.

More than 700 Family Survival Kits were deployed in Pakistan by the Disaster Aid Response team drawn from Australia, Canada and the UK.

In late October the Pakistan operation ended leaving the Sudan as an active area of support via Family Survival Kits.

Disaster Aid is now planning to deploy in Haiti as the Cholera epidemic escalates - the emphasis here will be on hospital and water purification assets.

It should be noted that DAA Chairman David Langworthy and General Manager Jenni Heenan attended meetings in Canada in late October which culminated in the establishment of Disaster Aid International (formally linked to Rotary) with David as the inaugural Chairman - from this base DA will be better able to enlist global support and achieve more effective deployments in response to disasters around the world.

A further significant success was achieved in the UK where the oldest and most respected kit concept, Life Box established in

1972, has thrown its lot in with Disaster Aid thereby strengthening DA's capability and credibility in the international aid sector.

Right now the priority for DAA is a renewed call for funds to enable the general replenishment of depleted stocks and to back up our redeployment in Haiti in response to the Cholera crisis.

Help us give someone a smile this Christmas.

History tells us that over the Christmas and festive season, someone in the world will need our help.

Disaster Aid Australia, together with our valued partners around the world are committed to rebuilding shattered lives by delivering emergency shelter and sustainable water solutions to those who have lost everything in a disaster.

We aim to put smiles back onto the faces of those we serve especially at Christmas time and maybe you and your family may like to help.

Yes, we are putting smiles back on to faces at Christmas. Please sign me up to help with Disaster Aid Australia.

Name: _____
 Address: _____ Postcode: _____
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 Rotary District Number: _____ Please send me a Tax Receipt
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 Name on card: _____
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 Expiry Date: /



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Bringing all the pieces together.

Submitted by D9640 DAA Representative - Sam Doumany RC of Hope Island

PROBUS UPDATE DECEMBER 2010

I wonder whether as Rotarians, we appreciate the value that our community service program, Probus, delivers to our senior citizens in Australia.

Expressed in simple terms:

PROBUS is Rotary's prime community service for retirees.

1. Probus activity is centred on Fun, Fellowship, and Friendship.
2. Support for Probus is available from staff in Probus Centre-South Pacific and the Rotary District Probus Chairman.
3. Probus clubs are self-governing but some continuing contact between Rotary is mutually beneficial.
4. There are health benefits for retirees if they keep active, both physically and mentally.
5. There is a strong need/desire for retirees in our communities to be active.

Do you know that the Probus statistics for this region of the world are:

- In the South Pacific region (Australia, New Zealand, and the Philippines) there are 2,253 clubs with 190,000 members.
- Australia has 1,800 Probus Clubs, with 140,000 members.
- In District 9640 we have 63 Probus Clubs with 4,600 members.

In November 2010, a new Club was sponsored by our youngest Rotary Club, Tweed Coast. The new Probus Club, "The Probus Club of Hastings Point, Tweed Coast" was accredited with 35 foundation members.



President Steve of Tweed Coast and Probus President John McCaughan

A new management committee was recruited with all but one of the eleven committee positions being filled at the inaugural meeting. This is an outstanding achievement by the Rotarians of Tweed Coast and there is confidence that Club membership will expand rapidly.

Currently, the Rotary Clubs of Southport and Goondiwindi are moving towards sponsoring new Clubs in the current Rotary year.

I would encourage all clubs in the District, to earnestly consider sponsoring a new Probus Club. It is a good community service program for a Rotary Club, is inexpensive, and makes an enormous contribution to the fastest growing demographic group in our community. Probus Clubs are not established at the expense of recruiting either existing or possible new Rotary members

If your Club would like to know more about sponsoring a new Probus Club please contact me and I would be only too happy to address your Club or provide additional information.

You can contact me either via email DGrotary2007@hibusiness.com.au or mob: 0412 554 544

Submitted by D9640 Probus Chair - Douglas Geekie - RC of Nerang

67 YEAR OLD SPONSORS NEW DAUGHTER !!!!

Those were the headlines 10 years ago in the Warwick Daily News.

The 67 year old was the Rotary Club of Warwick.

The Rotary Club of Warwick Sunrise has just celebrated its first major milestone - the "10th Anniversary" with a celebratory dinner at the Warwick Golf Club

Attended by DG John and Sue, AG Bill Bonner, PDG Neil Maxwell, Warwick Sunrise President Kieran Doherty and Rhonda and members, Warwick Rotary Club President Larry James and members and many guests.

The idea of a breakfast club came from PDG Arthur Devin of the Rotary Club of Boonah, who was unable to attend on the night because of rock falls & the closure of Cunningham's Gap. Arthur spent many hours surveying Warwick for likely members. PDG Neil Maxwell organised attendees, meetings and newsletters for almost a year before the club was chartered on 22nd November 2000.

Past AG Graeme Polkinghorne, who was also unable to attend, was the District Governor's Special Representative. He was a stalwart in the beginning of the club along with many past members of the Warwick Rotary Club.

Charter President Mike Geisel with his wife and member Leith steered the club for more than 2 years in the beginning and was the backbone of the Club.

7 Charter members remain of the 25 inducted in 2000. All Charter members received a "Sunrise" Rose to commemorate the event in 2000 and again in 2010.

Now the club has many members on District Committees and has forged ahead. It operates in a true "Rotary" fashion enjoying "Serving the Community", fabulous meetings with lots of fun and fellowship.



One of the many pleasures DG John had to perform was presenting PDG Neil Maxwell with his 4th Sapphire – Congratulations Neil

We were privileged to have DG John & Sue in attendance & would like to thank them for their time & effort to come and help us celebrate this milestone.

Submitted by Dell Maxwell – RC of Warwick Sunrise

STANTHORPE ROTARY INITIATES PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP

Eleven outstanding employees were recognised recently before an audience of 112 people at the first Pride of Workmanship Awards Dinner conducted by the Rotary Club of Stanthorpe.

Vocational Services Director Tony Heading initiated the annual awards based on the guidelines produced by the RC of Pennant Hills. However it was the very successful event conducted by the RC Warwick, now in its 14th year, which inspired him to instigate the vocational project. Warwick RC President Larry James and PP Peter Reid assisted with advice, publicity and a sponsor. Mission Australia Employment Solutions, which sponsors the annual Warwick event, were keen to co-sponsor the awards with the RC of Stanthorpe.



Stanthorpe RC President Julie Beddow said she was overwhelmed by the response and the quality of the nominations. Four Stanthorpe Rotarians - Stephen Tancred (Orchard Services), Mario Marino (Pierpoint Motors), PP David Downs (Granite Belt Medical Services) and newly inducted member Paul Campbell (Australia Post) - each nominated an employee. PP David Muir received a Pride of Workmanship trophy for his 46 years of exceptional work as Service Manager at Pierpoint Motors and Elaine Cabria (wife of Rtn Gino Cabria) was recognised for her 41 years of community nursing with Blue Care Stanthorpe.



Submitted by PP Tony Heading - RC of Stanthorpe

GROUP 5 - AG KEN CLARK

Robina:

The club has had a change of president and is now Dave McGrath and has remained very active working hard with the Have A Feed project and also the transport vehicle for the Robina Hospital. The golf day earlier in the year was a huge success a great effort. The newsletter Robina Roundup is a great publication. Membership remains strong at around 23. Picture below shows the newly purchased patient transport buggy.



Patient transport vehicle

Nerang:

President Graham Ward and members have been working on membership and has a goal to achieve a membership increase this year. The club is fundraising by doing catering at various venues and has a strong guest speaker program. The newsletter Nerator is informative and keeps members informed.

Palm Beach:

I attended the changeover dinner and President Tom King was inducted. The club has had difficulty with venues and has change recently trying to find a suitable location.

Mudgeeraba:

I attended the 30th anniversary dinner at Firth Park earlier in the year and it was a very grand night indeed. The club is strong has a great guest speaker program. President Des Kurz and the committee are very focused and have very good attendance at meetings.

Burleigh Heads:

Burleigh Heads with president Anthony Zirilli has had an increase in membership of 3 so far this year and has just successfully run a Carols in the Park with over 20,000 people in attendance. A massive job for so few members.

Kirra Currumbin:

President Claudia Anstey and her team are the hardest workers I have seen. They raise fantastic funds from Car Boot sales and Sausage sizzles, they are a tireless group of workers. The club has just moved venues to the Sports club in Palm Beach, a more suitable option at this time.

Southport North:

I just recently visited this club and was most welcomed by president Tracey Shutz, they were arranging a Christmas get together and AGM. Recently the club started helping Southport Rotary in manning the carousel in broadbeach for one day a week. A substantial fundraiser. President Tracey has been transferred to Brisbane and is looking forward to her commute each week.

Submitted by AG Ken Clark – RC of Burleigh Heads.



Country to the Coast Conference Snippets



Some of the Keynote Speakers

Geraldine Cox, A.M.

Geraldine Cox started her career with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs in 1970 and her many postings saw extensive travel in particular into Cambodia.

Geraldine's original experiences in Cambodia never left her and on a return visit in 1993 she became involved in helping an orphaned Cambodian child. From that small beginning Geraldine co-founded what is now the Sunrise Children's Villages. Now, with full Cambodian Citizenship, Geraldine spends half the year with the children and the remainder travelling to raise funds.

Michael McQueen

Having graduated from the University of Wollongong in 2002, Michael McQueen is the founder of a training and consultancy company called The Nexgen Group. Nexgen's mission is to help generations better understand and connect with each other. Michael and his organisation have presented to and worked with over 85,000 people across Australia, South East Asia and North America. The first of Michael's two bestselling books "The 'New' Rules of Engagement" focuses on strategies for engaging with Generation Y while his second book "Memento: The Gift of a Lifetime" is designed to help parents and grandparents pass on their stories as a legacy to the next generation.

Don't forget the registration form is on line for you to download.

OUR NEWEST PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Congratulations to all recipients named below & the sponsor clubs for the continued support & commitment to the Rotary Foundation

Bruce Beesley - RC of Ballina

PDG Neil Maxwell – 4th Sapphire - Warwick

PDG Dugald Graydon – 3rd Sapphire - Mullumbimby

DIRECTORY CHANGE

Change of email:

Secretary Leanda Cooper of Southport Club – email to now read: cooperleanda@hotmail.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to Warwick Sunrise – 10 years and going strong

Rotary District 9640 - Membership & Attendance: November 2010

Rotary Club	Attendance				Membership		
	This Month		Year to Date		Start of Year	Present	Change
	%	Rank	%	Rank			
Allora	0.00	=42	0.00	=50	11	11	-
Alstonville	70.59	32	74.04	21	24	24	-
Ashmore	88.00	10	79.84	14	37	34	-3
Ballina	65.00	39	66.74	35	36	38	+2
Ballina-on-Richmond	82.25	12	81.64	12	25	22	-3
Beaudesert	90.00	9	85.60	8	21	22	+1
Boonah	80.00	15	77.82	16	42	41	-1
Broadbeach	72.70	29	69.29	31	50	48	-2
Broadwater-Southport	75.76	24	77.53	17	39	41	+2
Burleigh Heads	72.00	30	56.00	40	23	26	+3
Byron Bay	0.00	=42	0.00	=50	11	11	-
Casino	0.00	=42	32.96	44	15	14	-1
Coolangatta Tweed Heads	76.85	22	72.63	23	28	30	+2
Coomera River Middy	76.20	23	72.08	24	23	21	-2
Coomera Valley	0.00	=42	63.75	37	26	23	-3
Glen Innes	74.00	27	71.70	25	38	39	+1
Gold Coast Central	0.00	=42	24.80	46	17	17	-
Goondiwindi	79.00	17	69.20	=32	34	34	-
Goonellabah	0.00	=42	20.00	47	19	18	-
Grafton	0.00	=42	0.00	=50	19	19	-1
Grafton Middy	0.00	=42	13.90	49	23	23	-
Hope Island	86.99	11	74.09	20	39	41	-
Iluka	91.00	8	83.14	10	13	13	+2
Jimboomba	100.00	1	100.00	1	23	22	-
Kingscliff	0.00	=42	52.66	42	10	10	-1
Kirra Currumbin	92.30	6	94.71	5	13	13	-
Kyogle	0.00	=42	25.40	45	12	10	-
Lismore	66.65	38	73.80	22	13	12	-2
Lismore Central	0.00	=42	0.00	=50	14	14	-1
Lismore West	97.92	2	95.32	3	39	38	-
Macleay	74.52	26	81.81	11	41	40	-1
Mermaid Beach	81.50	13	87.28	7	26	27	-1
Mt Warning AM (M'bah)	97.06	3	95.20	4	32	34	+1
Mudgeeraba	95.00	5	97.75	2	26	26	+2
Mullumbimby	69.90	34	70.43	27	21	21	-
Murwillumbah	81.21	14	92.34	6	34	33	-
Murwillumbah Central	68.17	=35	71.19	26	20	19	-1
Nerang	92.18	7	67.19	34	16	16	-1
Palm Beach	56.60	40	57.72	39	25	25	-
Parkwood	77.50	20	69.00	=32	20	20	-
Robina	0.00	=42	19.60	48	22	21	-
Runaway Bay	78.95	18	62.26	38	23	23	-1
Southport	70.56	33	53.64	41	46	46	-
Southport North	68.00	=35	79.03	15	18	18	-
Stanthorpe	73.70	28	70.14	29	42	40	-2
Summerland Sunrise	55.50	41	50.30	43	12	13	+1
Surfers Paradise	79.76	16	66.45	36	23	22	-1
Surfers Paradise Central	0.00	=42	0.00	=50	47	47	-
Surfers Sunrise	71.66	31	70.27	28	48	45	-3
Tenterfield	95.70	4	84.76	9	26	29	+
Tweed Coast	78.50	19	80.48	13	15	18	+3
Tweed Heads South	67.00	37	69.52	30	24	23	-1
Warwick	0.00	=42	0.00	=50	19	15	-4
Warwick Sunrise	75.00	25	77.46	18	22	19	-3
Yamba	77.00	21	76.75	19	22	23	+1
Totals					1407	1392	-15