

CENTURIAN

9640 District Governors Newsletter

FEBRUARY IS - WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

The definition of Rotary describes Rotarians as leaders, united worldwide, who provide humanitarian aid & help build goodwill and peace in the world. In the modern world to-day there is no more urgent need. After the tsunami it was shown that people all over the world can forget their differences and unite to assist those who so tragically lost everything. It has created networks not even thought of before and Rotarians in their own quiet way have been working hard to help.

I would like to thank you all for your tremendous efforts. There is hardly a club in this District which hasn't offered to assist in some way or another. Our Aquabox 30 appeal has been overwhelmingly supported and we have now sent another 20 boxes to Colombo. By the time this project finishes I believe we will have raised around \$80,000 towards providing millions of litres of potable water to tsunami victims. Thank you for that marvelous response. It far exceeded my expectations.

It is now time to look at the rehabilitation phase and look towards assistance in reconstructing towns and villages for the future. District 9640 has extensive experience in "FAIM" building and many willing Rotarians have helped to build homes, schools & hospitals in overseas countries. I believe we should now look at collecting revenue and saving it into RAWCS LTD. so when we hear where we are needed we have the money and are ready to go. This phase of assistance will be ongoing for many years to come. So now my suggestion is to send your money to Bill Vanderstaay earmarked for District 9640 rebuilding programme and await a call to travel overseas and assist in rebuilding some communities. We have already been asked by PRIP Sir Clem Renouf, PRIP Glen Kinross & RI to consider raising \$20,000 as a District for a project to build a 'Rotary Village'. I don't know where, yet, or what exactly, but I will let you know as soon as I hear. Many of you have mentioned wanting to participate in a "FAIM" project so this may just be your chance!

There are many other ways this District has undertaken projects where Rotarians immerse themselves in another culture. Take Rotary Friendship Exchange for example. We have already greeted a small group from South Australia & are expecting some South Africans soon and we have a group traveling to Ireland later in the year. GSE teams are travelling to Austria and Switzerland and we will welcome a team from Switzerland very soon. We have donated a Cultural Scholarship to a young man from East Timor & he is now in our District studying at Bond University. We have our first Peace Scholar who will do her bit towards world peace in the future. A RYLA awardee will travel to Gallipoli in Turkey for ANZAC Day and 2 weeks immersion in Turkish culture. We will have 2 young men in from PNG soon under the ROTAP scheme learning about what we do in their businesses. We had a young boy in from PNG seeking medical assistance who was cared for by the RC of Southport. Of course we also have all our young YEP students & later our SME students from NZ. Elton Squires walked the Kokoda Track, others have Twin Club arrangements & we have clubs like Tamborine Mtn. working on their own projects in other countries. A fantastic array of international projects!

The Fourth Object of Rotary encourages the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace. District 9640 demonstrates overwhelmingly its commitment to this.

Yours in Rotary Service
DG Margaret



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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9640 1905 2005 CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE LISMORE WORKERS CLUB

15TH 17TH APRIL, 2005

CLUB DISPLAYS

Expressions of interest are sought from District clubs which may wish to mount a club or project display at the Centennial Conference.

The location of the displays will be a prominent & dedicated position of the venue, close to registration & adjacent to the main auditorium.

There will be no charge to Rotary Clubs who wish to mount a display, however the participating club will be responsible for setting up, staffing & dismantling of all the material in the booth the committee will erect the booth & install your identifying signage.

The organizing committee is arranging booths, the standard size of which will be 1640 wide x 2040 high and depth 820 with side panels. Each booth will be

provided with standard signage (maximum 35 characters), table & chair. The display venue is well lit & no special lighting requirements should be needed.

This Conference will be actively promoted to the public & community of the Northern Rivers of NSW which will give Clubs the opportunity to highlight their particular activities to a wider non-Rotarian audience.

Please contact the Conference Chairman Brian Wheatley in writing, fax or e-mail, providing your Club's name, brief details of your display, the signage required and the composition of your display & your power needs. Brian's contact details are:- P.O. Box 1347 Lismore, NSW 2480. Fax: 0266 29 3404 or E-mail:- wheatley@ceinternet.com.au

DISTRICT AWARDS

It's time to start applying for the District Awards which are on offer at the Centennial Conference. You will find a list of them in your District Directory starting from page 85. A number of them are awarded without application and they are listed on page 85 but for the rest you must apply to PDG David Lee, P.O. Box 50 Stanthorpe. QLD. 4380 by 28th February if possible to give him time to review them.

You will need photos, reports and any media releases you have collected throughout the year, present them well and send them off to David. There will of course be a special mention of all Centennial Community Projects so whether you would like to display them in a booth at the Conference for us all to see what you have doing or just send the collection to David that is up to you.

You may remember when I visited all your clubs I

mentioned the special Centennial Vocational Awards for non-Rotarians. I have received two so far and there are only 10 offered in this District but I know of 2 more on the way. How about you now consider these people for the District Vocational Award? Or, it can be a Rotarian for this District Vocational Award but see if you can find a suitable person to represent your club.

Clubs in this District this year have been very active and it would be very nice to show the District just what you have been up to. Other clubs may get some ideas for next year so I encourage you all to use a display booth at the Conference and let us see what you have done this year.

Those clubs holding trophies from last year - could kindly let David Lee know and arrange for them to be at the District Conference.



RAWCS Ltd.

RAWCS has been undergoing some changes over the last few months with a view to regaining their NGO status. I need you all to be aware that RAWCS now have structures in place by which you must abide if you are considering a 'FAIM' project. Please don't ignore the paperwork as it is for your own safety and the survival of RAWCS LTD. They have produced a new logo also which is shown here. They have been negotiating with Rotary Australia's Insurers and it has now been agreed that should Rotarians fail to register their project and obtain a RAWCS Project Number then they will not be eligible for insurance cover in the country they are working in. It is the only way the Board can ensure accurate reporting to AusAID in terms of work undertaken and projects completed.

Please register your RAWCS overseas projects and obtain a Project Number to ensure that your team is fully insured.

RAWCS Chairman, David Moore

LET'S CELEBRATE

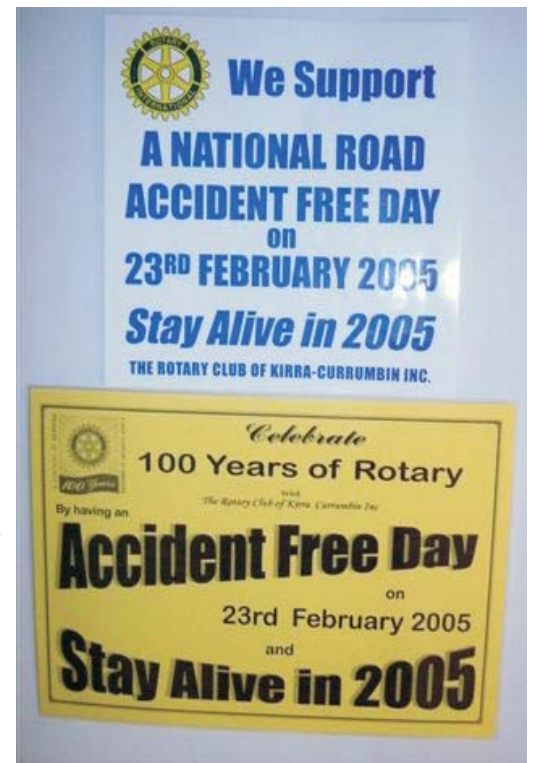
Rotary International turns 100 on 23rd of February and Rotarians all over are celebrating. Individual clubs are holding special functions, there is a District Cocktail Party at Sharks, and there is a Multidistrict Birthday Party in Brisbane. Buses are going up to Brisbane from the Gold Coast and from Lismore. If you wish to go to the Sheraton for the Multidistrict Function then please ring me and let me know once you have booked. All clubs received the information.

There are three District projects:- The District History Book that you have all contributed to, the Sensory Gardens at Rosser Park that PRIT Brian Knowles is responsible for and the upgrading and refurbishing of the ICU unit at the Gold Coast Hospital that is being co-ordinated by DGN Douglas Geekie. I think this District can be justly proud of our combined efforts.

However nearly every club has completed a special Centennial Community Project and they are really too numerous to list here though they will be in your History Books. The RC of Maclean, Yamba & Iluka have built a helipad for the Hospital in Maclean, Tamborine Mtn have refurbished their primary School and built a Centennial Bridge in Laos, Coomera Valley have their marvelous Youth Centre, numerous clubs are building shelters and barbecues

in local parks, Glen Innes is building another trilithoran at the northern entrance to the town, Kingscliff have painted the walls in a Mental Health Clinic and the Lismore clubs are building a Water Bird Park. There is an amazing array of projects but there is one in which *we can all share on the day*. Kirra Currumbin have promoted a **National Road Accident Free Day** on 23rd February, 2005 '**Stay Alive in 2005**' is their motto! What a great idea and one we can all promote and can all try and support by driving carefully on the day. They have produced posters and stickers for cars and trucks and they have road signs too. Contact gerry de Graaf if you wish to purchase any of these. Drive around with your eyes open and see what you can do to support the 'Stay Alive in 2005' plan for survival on our 100th Birthday. Congratulations Kirra Currumbin and congratulations to you all for your tremendous efforts and your creativity. It is a pleasure to read about your great projects. They will I hope be on display at the Centennial District Conference so take photos and keep records so we can all see what you have achieved.

We now have our own District Birthday Party on 26th & 27th February in Stanthorpe. You all should have received the invitation. The History Book



Launch is to take place at the International Club in Club Road, Stanthorpe at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Cost is \$35/head and you must book in and pre-pay. Enquiries and bookings to RC of Stanthorpe, President Tony Heading 07 46 83 7067 (H) 0419 769 119 (Mob.) There is to be a cricket match also - the Coast versus the Inland, and we need nominations (see article). Have a wonderful celebration everyone everywhere.

CRICKET ANYONE???

As part of the Centennial Celebrations at Stanthorpe, I have been asked (?) to organize a cricket match (i.e. game) for Saturday afternoon, February 26th. This is not a reflection of my vast knowledge of the cricket industry (I went to the same school as Don Bradman and therefore must be an expert(?)), but because of my reflected glory as the partner of the DG! I understand from practitioners that we need two teams of 11 members each. One team from Inland and one team from the Coast, plus two impartial umpires. The registration fee will be \$5 per player (funds to TRF) and a potable prize will be offered. Some appropriate local rules will apply, e.g.

- substitutes, full fee paying, will be allowed (as in football)
- handicaps (W.F.A.) - no player can score more than his/her age
- under-arm bowling will only be permitted on the final ball of the innings
- drunkenness and intemperate language will not be countenanced
- gratuities to the umpires must take the form of crossed cheques made out to "The Rotary Foundation"

Those interested in participating in this singular, historic event please contact me on:- 02 66 741941 or as per the directory.

PP Tony Hayes

Rotary Antique Fair & Gold Coast Book Fair Report

There is always that wonderful air of expectation when attending the Rotary Antique Fair & Gold Coast Fair held each January at the Convention Centre at Conrad Jupiters. Now in it's eighteenth year, this fair has a well earned reputation for being one of the most varied and professionally presented fairs in the country, with well over seventy dealers who travel from all states of Australia to show off their wares.

From rare books, valuable sculpture and paintings, porcelain and other objets d'art, through textiles, military ribbons, teddy bears and cookie jars, an amazing variety of objects were on sale for obsessed collectors.



As an exhibiting dealer, I essentially am there to sell, but I also trawl through the various stands for that elusive bargain. As always there were some fine items on sale. Lionel Evan from Lionel Evans Antiques - Eagle Heights in Queensland had a splendid Regency fold over card table with intricate brass inlay. Whilst the interesting collection of ivory and silver topped walking sticks on the Eaglemont Antiques stand commanded much attention. By far the most quirky item was the large late 19th century memorial crucifix made of stone on John Wigg of Wagga Wagga's stand, which was quickly snapped up on opening night for display in a Queensland garden. Book lovers were also catered for, a very interesting and informative book on golfing great Tommy Armour for \$8.00 seemed an irresistible bargain.

In the eighteen years that the Rotary Club has staged the fair, the community both locally, interstate and overseas has benefited in many ways. With the tsunami in the Indian Ocean at the forefront of everyone's minds this year, the



collection bin in the entrance to the Convention Centre was a timely reminder of the plight of our near neighbours.

This yearly opportunity is truly an experience, for the dealers who exhibit and sell, for the collectors that get yet another treasure and also for those members of Rotary who volunteer their time to organise the event. Importantly, the knowledge that everyone's dedication and hard work helps to achieve the goal of raising substantial funds that are subsequently channelled into areas where they are most needed means that everyone has a win-win situation.

Dawn Davis
Eaglemont Antiques



PALM BEACH HOLD THEIR ANNUAL ANTIQUE FAIR
President Alyson McCall counts the money with Members Bill Walker and Jeff Sutherland looking on. Once again this well established Fair was held at Jupiters on the Gold Coast. John Goulding is the event organizer and worked extremely hard to produce an excellent show. Club members were a great support and the Fair raises considerable funds for distribution by the Rotary Club of Palm Beach every year. Congratulations.



Jorge Da Silveira Guterres from East Timor is our Cultural Scholar studying at Bond University. Ask him to speak at your club. Call me to get his phone number.



Kingscliff RC's new Fairy Floss machine helped to raise funds for the Cudgen Life Savers.



Mattia Garavelli is another Cultural Scholar and his Counsellor is Nan Baldwin.

*Below left - PROBUS potential members assembled.
Below right - District Chairman Barry Slocum assists with the inaugural meeting of the PROBUS Club of Sexton Hill. With Barry on right is DG Margaret Hayes and the members of the new committee.*

A NEW PROBUS CLUB!

On 18th January Kingscliff Rotary Club successfully called the formation meeting of a new PROBUS club to be called the PROBUS Club of Sexton Hill. Former Kingscliff member, Jack Hogg, who has since passed away, was so determined to see this club up and running he worked hard to ensure its success. The club will meet in the Oceanview Village an assisted retirement home where Jack had lived for a short while. The management has offered the facilities and were most welcoming on the day providing morning tea for approximately 30 people who turned up. The new President is soon to be retired Rotarian Len Mason and his wife Judy is to be the secretary All positions were filled and meetings will now be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 10.00am. We wish them all the success in the future.



CHILDREN CAN HELP TOO!

**Tsunami Victims
School Supplies Appeal**

Collection Point

Ph 0438 400307



**Rotary Club of
Runaway Bay Inc**
P O Box 8, Runaway Bay, Qld 42136

Display Boards

Does your club need to display art, pictures, photographs, etc.
The Rotary Club of Runaway Bay have available a set of display panels, self standing, complete with two wheel trailer, ready for use.
Special rates applicable to Rotary Clubs
To book the panels and trailer for your show or display call

Bob Curtis 5529 8302 email rjcurtis@tpg.com.au
or Dave Marriott 5528 9063 damar4@tpg.com.au

Jillian Thomsen of Robina attends Hillcrest Christian College and is only 13. She watched the TV reports on the tsunami and felt so strongly that children could do something useful to help these victims, that she has organized a collection of school items such as we Rotarians put into 'Kits for Kids'. She has arranged storage at the Robina Storage Centre in Scotsdale Drive where she has asked anyone to drop off material for her to box up ready for transport. The Manager of the Storage Centre has been most generous with the space and collecting for Jillian when she is not there. Jillian is hoping when school resumes that she will receive a lot more. At the present though she has collected a surprising amount of school materials which Rotary has offered to transport to our DIK shed in Wacol at a time when she thinks she has collected enough. If you would like to help Jillian please ring the number in the advert above.



President Warwick Collette from Runaway Bay RC hands over a cheque for Tsunami victims to the Red Cross.

IT'S ALL HAPPENING

The GSE team leaving for Switzerland on 17th February has sent \$900 for an Aquabox 30 and \$1,000 towards the Surfers Sunrise Wheelchair Project. They raised the money themselves and District 9640 salutes their ideal of service! Thank you all very much: Ian Wilson (Leader), Sandra Cormack (Lismore West), ColleenFish (Parkwood), Peta Jackson (Goondiwindi), and Peter Wilson (Boonah). What a marvelous way to say thank you!

The RC of Maclean has sent \$200 for DIK. Thank your very much.

District 9640 (PDG Heather Yarker really), and especially the RC of Nerang are processing a Matching Grant for RAM (Rotary Against Malaria). I want to thank the following clubs for their donations Surfers Paradise West, Broadwater/Southport, Ashmore, Summerland Sunrise, Nerang, Mermaid Beach, Tamborine Mtn. and Murwillumbah. If I have forgotten anyone please forgive me but I think it is great support from you all and I congratulate you all. We now wait to hear from AG Ron Seddon in PNG who will find us a village. District 9600 is joining our Matching Grant and contributing \$1,000 from their DDF.

From our Foundation Chair, PDG Neil Maxwell comes the information on District Simplified Grants. Tamborine Mtn.

- \$2,000 for 2 projects, Burleigh Heads - \$200, Palm Beach - \$1,000, Boonah - \$1,000, Jimboomba - \$1,000, Tenterfield - \$1,000 and Sumerland Sunrise - \$1,000. There is a good spread of innovative projects. What you all need to do now is to send in a progress report to PDG Neil at least by the end of May so next Rotary year the same is available to all clubs.

The RC of Summerland Sunrise is organising a Mental Health Forum in Bonalbo on Wednesday 9th March starting at 11.00am until 4.00pm. Well done and good luck.

The Rotary Friendship Exchange to Ireland is planning to leave around the end of May for Dublin. They will be hosted in Dublin, Youghal, Galway and Limavady, thus visiting all corners of Ireland. Anyone interested in joining the tour hurry and contact PDG Arthur Devin as there are a couple of spaces left.

MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly), is on again on 19th March in Tweed Heads Civic Centre. Get your teams organized and let Sue Randel know so she can plan a super event for our centennial!

Murwillumbah Central have just raised nearly \$21,000 towards the RAWCS appeal with a huge garage sale and an auction. It was a marvelous effort and I am truly grateful for your response. Thanks Fellas!

TIT BITS

Our New Manual of Procedure (MOP), is now out. Have you received your copy? If not then contact RI or buy a copy. Each Club should be sent one copy. This now means that clubs should revisit their club Constitutions and By-laws which will need updating because of changes from the Council on Legislation (COL). See your Incorporation Chairmen in NSW and QLD and ask for help. An incorporated body needs to pass on an audited copy of their annual financial report and a copy of their new constitution and by-laws to the Dept. of Fair Trading before your insurance is operational.

RI has declared that April is for this year to be labeled 'Volunteer Month' to highlight the volunteer spirit at the core of Rotary Service. Join this massive worldwide effort by encouraging each club member to volunteer at least 10 hours of personal time in service to others this coming April. At the end of the month clubs are asked to report the number of volunteer hours contributed by their members via the Members Access tool at <https://riweb.rotaryintl.org> (the 's' seems funny to me!). The total number of hours will be announced at the Chicago Convention.

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RYLA GOES TO GALLIPOLI

As I visited clubs I mentioned that to celebrate Rotary's Centenary, Districts in Australia were offering a scholarship for one Rylarian from each District to go to Turkey to be present at the ANZAC ceremony in April, 2005. Let me introduce District 9640's winner Jess McKean. Jess is a senior attendant for RYLA. She contracted leukaemia around the age of 9, fighting off the disease in her mid teens. She missed many months of schooling, so she had to get special exemption to get into university. She has now completed her studies and at the start of this year found her career vocation in Radiology. Jess now helps people with cancer and regularly attends Camp Quality. She formulated the RYLA press release. I can't think of a better and more deserving winner and we offer our congratulations to Jess and hope she has a wonderful trip.



Rotary District 9640 Membership & Attendance: December 2004

Rotary Club of...	Attendance				Membership		
	This Month %	Rank	Year to Date %	Rank	Start of Year	Present	Change
Allora	75.00	=30	76.77	24	9	10	+1
Alstonville	77.27	27	86.33	8	27	25	-2
Ashmore	80.70	17	78.23	19	34	37	+3
Ballina	77.65	24	78.73	17	34	35	+1
Ballina-on-Richmond	62.96	50	65.28	48	24	30	+6
Beaudesert	92.00	2	88.50	4	30	28	-2
Boonah	82.56	13	89.28	3	36	40	+4
Broadbeach	77.30	26	68.30	45	61	60	-1
Broadwater-Southport	79.31	20	77.69	21	28	29	+1
Burleigh Heads	85.33	=10	76.72	25	22	25	+3
Byron Bay	85.00	=10	75.50	31	10	11	+1
Casino	75.55	29	69.98	43	24	24	.
Coolangatta Tweed Heads	64.28	48	65.47	47	29	28	-1
Coomera Valley	84.00	12	72.83	40	29	32	+3
Glen Innes	86.00	8	82.73	13	33	33	.
Goondiwindi	62.15	51	75.22	32	34	35	+1
Goonellabah	65.00	47	61.67	50	26	26	.
Grafton	77.40	25	76.49	27	34	33	-1
Grafton Midday	50.63	54	58.04	54	33	31	-2
Hope Island	70.59	39	60.87	51	35	34	-1
Iluka	85.70	9	73.74	37	15	14	-1
Jimboomba	82.00	=14	84.05	=10	24	28	+4
Kingscliff	63.33	49	76.16	29	16	15	-1
Kirra Currumbin	82.00	=14	76.17	28	15	14	-1
Kyogle	81.00	16	84.00	=10	9	11	+2
Lismore	73.30	34	87.04	7	25	22	-3
Lismore Central	88.00	7	80.17	15	17	15	-2
Lismore West	98.15	1	97.22	1	44	44	.
Maclean	89.95	5	84.38	9	42	43	+1
Mermaid Beach	89.30	6	87.80	5	23	24	+1
Mt Warning AM Murwillumbah	91.21	3	90.25	2	24	25	+1
Mudgeeraba	67.88	42	79.48	16	25	22	-3
Mullumbimby	65.83	46	73.76	36	25	25	.
Murwillumbah	76.00	28	74.50	34	34	36	+2
Murwillumbah Central	71.17	=36	83.09	12	41	37	-4
Nerang	78.00	23	78.12	20	24	25	+1
Palm Beach	72.54	35	77.46	22	28	23	-5
Parkwood	70.80	38	68.73	44	27	27	.
Robina	66.00	45	58.28	53	14	12	-2
Runaway Bay	78.59	22	71.16	41	44	44	.
Southport	73.80	33	73.72	38	48	48	.
Southport North	75.00	=30	73.23	39	21	21	.
Stanthorpe	79.16	21	77.29	23	44	40	-4
Summerland Sunrise	66.67	43	75.53	30	21	22	+1
Surfers Paradise	66.67	44	61.99	49	46	49	+3
Surfers Paradise Central	54.17	52	59.00	52	53	54	+1
Surfers Paradise West	80.00	18	82.50	14	34	28	-6
Surfers Sunrise	69.52	41	70.99	42	35	35	.
Tamborine Mountain	90.90	4	87.72	6	13	11	-2
Tenterfield	74.50	32	78.37	18	24	24	.
Tweed Heads South	79.50	19	76.58	26	17	15	-2
Warwick	70.20	40	74.54	33	18	17	-1
Warwick Sunrise	71.00	=36	74.17	35	22	22	.
Yamba	52.38	53	68.04	46	21	18	-3
Totals					1525	1516	-9

UPDATE FOR YOUR DIRECTORY

Conference Chair, Brian Wheatley has a new phone number 0266 293 404

Rotary Club of Tweed Heads South now meets at South Tweed Sports Club, (previously called the South Tweed Bowls Club), at 6.00pm for 6.30pm.

NEW MEMBERS

Dr Pearl Fitzgerald Ashmore
 Hiro Sano Surfers Paradise Central
 Carol Cheshire Surfers Paradise Central
 Helena Wilson Surfers Paradise Central
 Harold Busch Broadbeach

PHF

Derek Tigwell Alstonville

VALE

James ('Drew') Moffatt Runaway Bay
 Eric Loder OAM, PHF Murwillumbah Central
 Jack Hogg PHF Kingscliff
 Denise Styles Ballina-on-Richmond

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The RC of Mt Warning is meeting elsewhere and at present they haven't named a venue. Anyone thinking of attending their meetings please ring first to find out where they are meeting!

Grafton Midday Rotary Club are suggesting that the need for on-going support for tsunami victims will be required for the next 5-10 years and they are asking future leaders to consider an annual appeal for these victims for up to 10 years. How about it?

Derek Tigwell from RC of Alstonville would like to ask you all to look at their club website as he developed it and it was simple to do. It was developed by Rotarian Chris Sweeney and is quite interactive. He recommends it for any club who would like to have their own website. Please contact Derek if you are interested and have a look at it as well. Alstonville site: <http://www.alstonville.rotary-site.org/>
 Contact Chris Sweeney at ICO@rotary1180.org or Derek on tigwell@hypermax.net.au

RI have developed a new communication for new members. All new members will now receive a personal welcome letter accompanied by a bulletin from the RI President. The bulletin can be downloaded in nine languages from the Membership section of the RI web site, www.rotary.org

I am sure you are all interested in how our Aquabox Appeal is progressing. To date we have raised \$53,699.18 but I know of a lot more that is on its way so we are nearer to \$70,000! Another 20 Aquaboxes left for Colombo on 19-1-05. This makes the total 39, total value \$35,100.00. These will purify 1.29 million litres of water. Thank you all so much for such a magnificent response.

Congratulations are due to Wal Budd from R.C. of Murwillumbah Central. Wal has been made the Tweed Shire Volunteer of the Year! It couldn't have been awarded to a more deserving man Wal!

Congratulations to Malcolm Tester OAM, well deserved.