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Brisbane Convention
www.rotary2003.org

From the Governor's Desk

"No other quality is almost unanimously recognised as being of great importance and yet equally thought to be inapplicable in the real world. This is the conundrum of ethics."

John Ralston Saul

In early 2000, I heard the head of a large Australian corporation declare that the Internet is erasing discrimination because we cannot see the colour, disability, gender etc. of the person with whom we are in communication.

This is an astounding notion: that ignorance could mean we are more consciously inclusive.

The question, which lies behind this, is: how are we to normalise ethics? How are we to carry it into our everyday lives?

It is important to anchor the ethical reflex in normal life where it can be exercised daily. We are challenged with a myriad of tiny daily ethical tests and periodic larger ones.

Ethics is not about good intentions. It is not moralistic, romantic or wishful thinking. Ethics costs – trouble, time and commitment!

The ability to do – when others do nothing: the ability to speak up - when others say nothing: the ability to be just in the face of injustice. This is ethics – it is about what ought to be done in our lives and those of others.

How we respond every day in the face of these challenges is a measure of the person – a measure of the Rotarian.

Thomas Jefferson said "Ethics are muscles which will gain strength by exercise."

Ross Smith

STOP PRESS DATE CLAIMER

RI President Elect

*Jonathon
Majiyagbe*

**Special Guest of
R C of Parkwood
at
Sharks QFL Club
on**

**Tuesday 27 August
6.00pm for 6.30pm**

**ALL
WELCOME**
Details to follow

Condolences from Portugal

"Foi com imensa tristeza que tomamos conhecimento do acidente coma avioneta que caiu na Serra de Sintra e onde perderam tragicamente a vida quatro Rotarios pertencentes ao International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians (IFFR), um dos muitos Grupos Profissionais e Recreativos de Rotary." So said District 1970 Governor **Henrique Pinto** in a recent email to me regarding our sad loss of R C of Surfers Paradise member **Graham Mockridge and his wife Josie.**

Together with District 1760 Governor **Henrique de Almeida**, (there are two Districts in Portugal) Henrique informed me that all Portuguese Rotary, Rotaract and Interact Clubs observed a minute of silence in honour of our fellow members and their families.

The other two Rotarians sadly lost in the tragedy were: **Graeme Le Quessne**, Pharmacy, RC of Jersey Channel Islands, District 1110, UK. **John Festi**, Oil Sales for Heating, RC Stafford Springs, District 7980, USA

Both Governors have passed on their personal regrets and those of the Rotarians and the people of Portugal.

"Brisbane – the place to be – in 2003!"

Official Motto
R I International
Convention
Brisbane
1, 2, 3 & 4 June 2003

Rebound GSE Guest Speakers

Club Program Directors are invited to consider any of our recently returned Brazilian GSE Team members as speakers at your meetings. They will speak in English or Portuguese or both as you wish. They are keen to share their experiences and also to promote future GSE opportunities for other young professionals.

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(Andrew is not available until mid September)

**Attendance
June 2002
The Top Ten**

- 95% RC Lismore
- 92% RC Boonah
- 91% RC Lismore West
- 89% RC Nerang
- 89% RC Surfers Paradise West
- 88% RC Tenterfield
- 87% RC Alstonville
- 87% RC Tamborine Mountain
- 86% RC Murwillumbah Central
- 86% RC Maclean

RI Insurance and Risk Management

Rotary has a duty of care to its members and, in certain circumstances, to the public and **must make reasonable endeavours** to ensure due diligence with respect to safety.

Some organisations ignore the risk while some accept it and

transfer the liability to an insurer and accept the premiums no matter how expensive. These options are not available to Rotary. We must reduce and **control the risks** in order to maintain our insurance cover with acceptable premiums.

Risk management procedures will need to be put in place this year at both the club and District level.

A National **Standard Policy Document** has been prepared for issue to all clubs and is soon to hand. I will get this out by snail mail to all clubs and by email to all club Presidents and Secretaries as it arrives. I would ask that this be **read and considered for action** before implementation.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

Youth Exchange Program 2003

District YEP Chair **Stuart Fairley** and our District YEP Committee planned, prepared and conducted a full, live-in briefing for our out-going YEP students in 2003 this weekend.

All twenty-three students and their parents stayed at the Byron Bay Beach Club for the program. It was conducted by Rotarians, counselors, rebound YEP students and current in-bound students.

I personally enjoyed it very much and on speaking to parents and students, equally they felt it was instructive, interesting and important.

This program represents the Committee, District 9640 and Rotary very well indeed. I am proud to be part of such a professional and polished organisation.



Are you making a list and checking it twice?

District 9640 Christmas Conference

**6, 7, & 8 Dec 2002
Coolangatta Tweed Golf Club**
Online registration rotary9640.org

Paul Harris Fellows

- Roslyn Wilson –** RC of Ashmore
- Meg Lukin –** RC of Ashmore
- Bill Darragh -** RC of Casino
- Graham Polkinghorne -** RC of Warwick
- Lisa Adams -** Ambassadorial Scholar

Ambassadorial Scholar Guest Speaker

Paul Harris Fellow **Zoe Ralf** accepted the honour and unique opportunity to live and study in France on a RI

Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship and is now home on the Gold Coast.

She is a most impressive young person and delighted to speak to club members about this experience. Contacts:
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New Members

- A warm welcome to:**
- Ted Anderson –** RC of Ashmore
- Barry Rump –** RC of Ashmore
- Rosemary Le Franc –** RC of Ashmore
- Michelle Dugmore –** RC of Burleigh Heads
- Juliet Mather –** RC of Runaway Bay
- Sandra Clark –** RC of Runaway Bay
- David Kerr –** RC of Runaway Bay
- Ian Carrington –** RC of Lismore West
- Michael Walsh –** RC of Mermaid Beach
- Tom Turner –** RC of Runaway Bay
- Gary Krischock -** RC of Runaway Bay
- Michael Hoey -** RC of Runaway Bay
- Scott Warrington –** RC of Ashmore
- Raymond Jones –** RC of Coolangatta Tweed
- Shirley Cross –** RC of Surfers Paradise

DG Official Visits

- 29 July Tamborine Mountain
- 30 July Parkwood
- 31 July Mt Warning AM
- 1 Aug Coolang. Tweed
- 5 Aug Lismore
- 6 Aug Yamba
- 7 Aug Lismore Central
- 7 Aug Kyogle
- 8 Aug Lismore West
- 9 Aug Summerland Sunrise

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