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APRIL IS MAGAZINE MONTH

One of the requirements of being a member of Rotary is that we must subscribe to one of the official magazines printed in several countries around the world. For most Australians this means we subscribe to and receive "Rotary Down Under", edited by PDG Bob Aitken. This excellent Rotary resource is delivered to our mail boxes each month, giving us the opportunity not only to learn what other Rotarians are thinking, but also to learn of successful projects undertaken by other clubs and just possible finding something that might work in our own communities. For those members whose partner also joins, why not also subscribe to "The Rotarian"? Admittedly, some articles are taken from one and repeated in the other, but there is also much that is different.

If your club has a successful project, please let Bob Aitken know. All he needs is a few words and a good photo if you can provide one.

DISTRICT 9640 CONFERENCE

The weekend of April Fools' Day and your DG's birthday has come and gone. From the comments I have been receiving by 'phone, email fax, and word-of-mouth, I believe we achieved our aim of putting on a conference that was informative, entertaining, stimulating, thought-provoking and challenging.

The theme, "Living in Harmony" was well addressed by every speaker. Dr. Ian Paterson in his address, "The Clash of Cultures is within Islam", explained the philosophy of that religion, leading us to a better understanding of why they think and act as they do; Ted Egan challenged us to become involved with the traditional owners by becoming "Volunteers for Reconciliation"; Ken Middlebrook took us on a journey from Group Study Exchange through a career leading to Deputy Commissioner for Corrective Services, explaining along

the way the difficulties of creating "harmony" within our goals; Leith Bouilly shared her passion for nature in her address titled "Living in our Landscapes", a perceptive examination of living in harmony with the environment; Fay Jackson left us in no doubt that those suffering from mental illness are the victims of a treatable disease, and we must all be on the lookout for those early symptoms; and finally Gemma Sisia shared a well presented up-date of The School of St Jude, in Arusha, Tanzania, bringing us up-to-date with how her efforts for her 700 plus students are succeeding.



Having a rest while earning their "Walking from the first to the second century of Rotary" were DG Ailsa Hay (D9630), PP Bruce Robertson and Sally, and PDG Don Hay (D9630).

I take this opportunity to add my personal thanks to all those Rotarians, and others, who contributed to the general programme. You were superb, and there have been many complimentary remarks. I gratefully acknowledge the efforts of the conference photographer, AG John Randel, of the Rotary Club of Mullumbimby. Thank you John. Likewise the support of Pat Quinn of that club for arranging the gift trees for the Presidents.

To all who contributed on Saturday night to the D9550 Cyclone Larry Appeal, thank you for your very generous contributions very close to \$4,000.00 was raised on the night.

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SERVICE Above Self

Added to the cheques brought to the conference, and some still on their way, the total will exceed \$20,000.00. Well done District 9640. As I write this report, I have just spoken with DG9550 Peter Kaye, who has asked me to pass on his heartfelt thanks for your generosity. Peter also advises that his District is working towards tax deductibility for personal donations, but as yet this has not been achieved. He also advises that a very serious need they have discovered is a lack of counselling for those affected by the Cyclone and some have had their homes totally destroyed. District 9550 is therefore arranging for teams of counsellors from Darwin who endured Cyclone Tracey to visit the affected area of their district with all their expenses paid by Rotary. That is what your donations will be helping to achieve in the short term.

Adding an international flavour to the conference were Peace Fellow Fernanda from Argentina, Ambassadorial Scholars Eri Yasua from Japan, Carla from Florida, USA, and of course our two visiting GSE Teams one from West Virginia, USA, and one from Austria.



The Group Study Team from Austria

I would like to acknowledge their contributions to the conference of some very special people. The Youth Programmes segment, hosted by PDG Dug Graydon and conducted by President Kate Kimmorley, was introduced by a video of the

President of the Interact Club of Boonah State High School, followed by PDG Dug Graydon reading a message from Rotaract District representative, Jessica Baczyk; these were followed by President Kate asking questions of Kurtis Parker representing Rotary Youth programme of Enrichment; Amanda Puglisi from Tenterfield (RYTES); Kimberley Faint (RYLA); Alexandra Kempton (Australia/New Zealand Matched Exchange); and Jack Waser, a member of the Glen Innes High School team at MUNA. I believe these young people truly represented the benefits of attending the various Rotary programmes conducted for the youth of the country, and we should all try really hard to support them.

Jack Waser, Glen Innes High School MUNA Team Member, answers some questions.



It would be remiss of me not to mention the Business Session. Whilst there was some lively discussion, especially regarding the Rotary Youth Transition Seminar, the most important aspect of that session was, I believe, the lessons to be learnt about meeting procedure, and the need to make sure that Club official delegates are accredited properly. This is all part of accountability. I appreciated the input from all Rotarians attending.

Finally, on Saturday night, I announced my District "SERVICE above Self" Awards, which I asked MP Tony Windsor to present. This was my way of thanking those Rotarians from the district who had made a special contribution to Rotary programmes. I have been delighted with the way the clubs in District 9640 have supported their efforts.

District Governor Trigger



Recognised for her service to RYPEN Sandy Foote, and for her service to MUNA Sue Randel receive their "Service Above Self" Awards from Tony Windsor.



The Borderers Alex & Jim Paterson provided excellent entertainment on Saturday night.

Lismore was well represented by the three clubs in that city Lismore, Lismore Central and Lismore West.



The Conference in Pictures:-



Peter Bruce performs the "Address to the Haggis" watched by Patric Millar; piper Robert Cooper, chef Brett Cummins, and drum major Malcolm Parsons.



Ted Egan and Murray Stewart meet again.



Frances Hall receives a PHF on behalf of her daughter Priscilla, named posthumously by DG Trigger and Jean for her work with kids in Jakarta. The moment is shared by husband Don.



Linda & Bob Missingham of Murwillumbah enjoy the (limited) dancing



Fay Jackson receives her gift from Trigger



Some of the "Bumble Bee" Conference Committee



A stunned Gemma Sisia is joined by Heather and Ian Yarker, and District Governor 9630 Ailsa Hay, representing ten other DG's following the announcement of a multi-district Matching Grant application to provide her with two new buses, an assortment of spare springs and tyres, and to fund a motor vehicle maintenance course at The School of St Jude in Tanzania.



Paul Harris Fellows all the rebound GSE Team from Switzerland. Congratulations to Sandra, Peter, Colleen, Peta and Ian.



Pictured in the Glen Innes and District Services Club are the inbound and outbound Group Study Teams from and to West Virginia. It has been a pleasure to welcome Cheryl and her team, and we wish Neville and his team an enjoyable exchange.



The Australian Standing Stones were the venue for Sunday breakfast.

Rotary District 9640 Membership & Attendance: February 2006

Rotary Club of...	Attendance			Membership			Change
	This Month %	Rank	Year to Date %	Rank	Start of Year	Present	
Allora	85.00	=12	73.74	24	13	11	-2
Alstonville	68.42	34	71.38	27	28	25	-3
Ashmore	82.00	=17	81.38	14	36	35	-1
Ballina	68.50	33	70.22	30	35	34	-1
Ballina-on-Richmond	58.62	42	64.65	41	28	29	+1
Beaudesert	84.50	14	87.18	5	27	27	-
Boonah	94.42	4	86.84	6	41	40	-1
Broadbeach	66.94	36	64.52	42	61	60	-1
Broadwater-Southport	No report						
Burleigh Heads	64.70	40	69.05	34	23	26	+3
Byron Bay	No report						
Casino	78.40	22	74.57	23	24	22	-2
Coolangatta Tweed Heads	No report						
Coomera Valley	76.00	=25	69.13	32	26	27	+1
Glen Innes	83.70	16	72.00	26	30	31	+1
Goondiwindi	No report						
Goonellabah	No report						
Grafton	74.10	29	68.03	37	31	30	-1
Grafton Midday	No report						
Hope Island	66.65	38	67.36	38	34	41	+7
Iluka	66.60	39	73.10	25	14	12	-2
Jimboomba	69.44	32	68.12	36	29	27	-2
Kingscliff	No report						
Kirra Currumbin	86.00	9	74.63	22	14	12	-2
Kyogle	95.03	3	90.05	4	12	13	+1
Lismore	91.00	5	94.57	2	22	22	-
Lismore Central	73.75	30	70.77	29	15	16	+1
Lismore West	97.61	2	97.34	1	42	44	+2
Maclean	87.20	=7	83.12	10	43	46	+3
Mermaid Beach	85.30	11	82.18	11	24	25	+1
Mt Warning AM Murwillumbah	85.50	10	75.30	21	26	26	-
Mudgeeraba	76.40	=25	76.59	19	25	25	-
Mullumbimby	No report						
Murwillumbah	82.00	=17	71.25	28	36	36	-
Murwillumbah Central	100.00	1	92.23	3	34	36	+2
Nerang	81.25	=20	82.17	12	23	20	-3
Palm Beach	76.82	24	79.04	17	23	23	-
Parkwood	64.00	41	67.09	39	27	26	-1
Robina	No report						
Runaway Bay	84.46	15	81.49	13	42	39	-3
Southport	77.00	23	69.25	31	42	42	-
Southport North	70.53	31	69.12	33	22	22	-
Stanthorpe	85.07	=12	83.83	9	44	40	-4
Summerland Sunrise	No report						
Surfers Paradise	No report						
Surfers Paradise Central	66.93	37	66.35	40	54	55	+1
Surfers Paradise West	75.00	=27	75.43	20	28	31	+3
Surfers Sunrise	No report						
Tamborine Mountain	88.63	6	85.38	8	12	11	-1
Tenterfield	82.20	=17	86.78	7	24	22	-2
Tweed Heads South	81.00	=20	77.57	18	16	19	+3
Warwick	75.00	=27	81.12	15	17	16	-1
Warwick Sunrise	67.00	35	68.60	35	22	20	-2
Yamba	87.00	=7	79.08	16	14	14	-

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

His Honour Ted Egan (Sapphire1) DG Trigger and Jean Priscilla Hall (posthumously) DG Trigger and Jean Peter Wilson GSE Team Leader Ian Wilson Sandra Cormack GSE Team Leader Ian Wilson Colleen Fish GSE Team Leader Ian Wilson Peta Jackson GSE Team Leader Ian Wilson Ian Wilson District 9640 Bill Vanderstaay (Sapphire 2) District 9640 Gemma Sisia (Sapphire 1) District 9640 Marcia Waller Ashmore Tony Avent Ashmore

NEW MEMBERS

Matt Tully Grafton Ludmilla Bischof Lismore Central Ian Anderson Burleigh Heads



DG Trigger with Ambassadorial Scholar Carla Uklovic at the Presidents' breakfast on Saturday morning.



Also attending the Presidents' breakfast were Eri Yusua, an Ambassadorial Scholar from Japan, and Peace Fellow Fernanda Salina from Argentina.



Always a colourful ceremony, Youth Exchange Students bring in their countries' flags.