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From the Governor's Desk

Australians generally don't aim to actively big-note their successes - we prefer to have them speak for themselves.

However, hiding one's light under a bushel can be detrimental. In Rotary's case, this can be detrimental to our increasing membership and seeking support for emerging projects.

Rotary Awareness Week affords us the opportunity to get this balance correct.

Local and National initiatives achieve this well. ACAP has worked at such National support. Local clubs have matched this in many communities.

"Speed on Tweed", the RC of Murwillumbah's street circuit vintage car time trials on 20, 21 & 22 Sept. brought the whole community together under Rotary's banner. The streets were closed and the enjoyment ensued. Sir Jack Brabham was in attendance supporting the program and responding to his fans.

"Jazz in the Vineyard", the RC of Stanthorpe's popular event brought the internationally renowned James Morrison and his band to town on Sat 14 Sept. In excess of 350 patrons flocked to the performance and stayed on for dinner in the wine cellar.

Both of these inaugural, fundraising and awareness-raising projects were canny in

involving the introduction of visitors to their communities.

I am convinced the subtle and frequent use of our recognised wheel logo in our communities is one of our best and most effective promotions.

Ross Smith



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**

"Cheque Photos"

I was speaking with a newspaper editor, this week, who refuses to publish photos of a person handing a check to another, irrespective of the cause no matter how worthy.

He believes such shots are not memorable to and make little impact on the reader.

Photos should contain a memorable image - (in our case, the

Rotary Wheel on say...) a helicopter, an emergency vehicle or a rescue surfboard.

A useful tip from a professional during Rotary Awareness Week!

Student Matched Exchange 2002

All Aussie SME students returned from NZ on Monday. They were welcomed home by parents, siblings, friends, sponsoring RC members, SME District Committeeman Peter Sutton and his wife Valerie from RC of Maclean and PDG Arthur Devin and Thyrlene.

We will hear of the students' experiences, while on exchange, on their **Debriefing Day**. This will be conducted at Casino on Sunday 20 October 2002.

30 Sec Radio Advertisement

"Everyone's heard of Rotary ... but not everyone knows what we 40,000 Rotarians do in Australia.

September 23-29 is Australian Rotary Awareness Week... when some 1,200 Rotary Clubs aim to let the community know about the worthwhile projects we're involved in, including Rotary's Polio eradication worldwide campaign.

Rotarians are professional business men and women supporting a range of humanitarian programs aimed at youth, community, vocational and international service.

To support Rotary's Polio eradication Campaign and enter the prize draw for a trip to Los Angeles for 2 people, call:

1900 999 123.

Calls cost \$4.95 (incl GST): higher from mobile phones.

Australian Rotarians - dedicated to Service above Self."

APN networks across the country ran this ad for ACAP on behalf of Rotary Australia during Rotary Awareness Week. Bus Interiors in capital cities will run the Polio phone contact for 4 weeks.

The phone contact will be available until 30 May 2003.

Bowelscan Project 2003

District Program Chair, Kevin Hassey, has advised me of the District **Bowelscan Project 2003** Meeting. It is to be held on Sunday 10 November 2002 at the Ballina RSL Club at 2.00pm. All club representatives are most welcome.

Interact Polio Commitment

Walter Antonucci, President of RC of Nerang, was proud to receive \$500 for the Polio Eradication Campaign from its Nerang State High School Interact Club.

Youngsters in our country are in the fortunate position of not having personal knowledge of Polio. It is wonderful and reassuring to us all to see our young people

responding to Rotary's call to eradicate this disease from the rest of the world.

RI Payment ID

Ian Booth from the South Pacific and Philippines office of RI advises that beginning immediately, RI is requesting Rotarians to include their club ID number (found on all invoices and semi-annual reports), invoice ID number (located on all invoices), and club name and district when submitting payments. Adding these identifiers enables RI to maintain accurate recording of members' payments.

All payments remitted by draft or check should be sent directly to the address provided on the invoice. It would also be helpful if a Rotarian included an invoice remittance or contribution form with his or her payment.

Henceforth, RI will apply payments to the invoice a Rotarian specifies instead of allocating funds to the oldest outstanding amount in a member's record. By including an invoice number on a payment, a Rotarian will ensure that such payment is credited to his or her club and to the specific invoice being paid.

This new payment processing procedure will streamline operations and reduce errors. RI receives a high volume of payment processing demands and with the help of Rotarians it will be possible to maintain

higher levels of accuracy.

Rotarians' assistance is needed to ensure programs are adequately funded, dues payments are recognized in the respective club's account, and a system is in place to enable RI to continue providing outstanding service across the world.

PROBUS

Probus has filled a need for today's active retirees, so much so that its growth has been phenomenal.

PROBUS originated in the UK in 1965 and was formed in 1976 in Australia. We now have 2,100 clubs in Australia and New Zealand with a combined membership of 183,000 and growing steadily. This is approx. four times the number of Rotarians!

District Probus **Chair, Bruce Duncan**, has advised me of the planning for three upcoming, localised **Probus Picnic and Fellowship Days**.

Sponsor Rotary Club Presidents are encouraged to become involved in these days especially in regard to the information sessions on the days.

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Natty Notion - Club

The RC of Runaway Bay provides an

Annual Theme Badge to all Guest Speakers both as an ongoing memento of the visit and equally as a means of promoting Rotary and our "Sow the Seeds of Love" theme to the community.

Attendance Top Ten August 2002

96% RC Boonah
95% RC Lismore
94% RC Surfers Paradise Central
91% Lismore West
89% Beaudesert
88% RC Mermaid Beach
87% RC Mt Warning AM (Murwillumbah)
86% RC Byron Bay
85% RC Kirra Currumbin
84% RC Mullumbimby

Paul Harris Fellow

It is with pleasure that I report the donation of \$US1000 to TRF in the name of the following worthy recipient of this honour.
Congratulations to:
Bob Lee
RC of Glen Innes

New Members

A warm welcome to:
Chrissie Beattie
RC of Surfers Paradise
Paul Karpin
RC of Surfers Paradise
Rick Rakauskas
RC of Surfers Paradise
Adrian Whitten
RC of Glen Innes
Ken Barker
RC of Glen Innes

DG Official Visits

Oct 8 Murwillumbah Central
Oct 9 Ashmore
Oct 14 Kirra-Currumbin
Oct 15 Broadbeach
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