



# RI District 9570 Newsletter



**DG Joe Cohen-Cramp and Denise**

**February 2007**

## Joe's Jottings...

February is World Understanding Month on the Rotary Calendar, that time of year when we give special consideration to international projects and programmes. Clubs and Rotarians of D9570 can be especially proud of their recognition to better understand the world and those who are less fortunate than us by their commitment to providing through the numerous Grants, projects and programmes we are involved with.

Group 1 Clubs have combined with D4510 Brazil to do a Matching Grant which will provide a hot house which will be run by disadvantaged youth who will propagate plants for commercial sale and to use in forestation projects. Group 5 Clubs have joined with D4530 Brazil in a Matching Grant project which will see the provision of a bus to transport patients to and from a hospital in Bauru where they receive treatment of Cleft Lip/Palate. Group 8 Clubs are involved in the water project in the Solomon Islands, plus there is the never ending supply and delivery of Donations in Kind (DIK) to RAWCS. These are but just a few of the international projects we have undertaken this Rotary year. Clubs have not forgotten their own communities the magnitude of local projects underway in our cities and towns is nothing short of fantastic, please keep it up!!

Additional to the projects, we have a Friendship Exchange taking place this month with the Rotary Club of Norfolk Island, D9910 New Zealand and of course the Friendship Exchange with D4510 Brazil to commence in May. **It's not too late for this one, PP Greg Whitmore and Alan Alt still have a limited number of vacancies, see their contact information elsewhere in this Newsletter.**

District's involvement in Rotary Youth Exchange and the Ambassadorial Academic year Scholarship for 2007-2008 also provides us with a conduit to better World Understanding.

It has been said *"The most powerful force in the promotion of international understanding and peace is exposure to different cultures"*, both of these programmes provide that opportunity to participants.

DGE Greg has advised that The Rotary Foundation funded scholarships will continue in 2007-2008, and I now encourage Clubs to get behind our Youth

Exchange Chairman Chris by hosting an Inbound student and sponsoring an Outbound Youth Exchange student in January 2008.

I am pleased to report that the situation facing the Youth Exchange Programme of D9570 in December-January was resolved in a way that will be beneficial to all concerned. In December the YEP Committee learnt that an exchange partner had not achieved Certification or Provisional Certification to engage in Youth Exchange, furthermore the District had not made application to do so. Enquiries to RI revealed that if D9570 continued with the proposed exchange with the non certified partner, D9570 stood the risk of losing its Certification. Not prepared to take this risk we set about finding another exchange partner in the same country, who was Certified or Provisionally Certified and I am pleased to report that we were successful. An email to my fellow Governors of the other seven Mexican Districts (all of which are Provisionally Certified) and one or two to YEP friends resulted in us having an exchange partner in less than two days. Whilst our student will be delayed in his departure, he will still have the opportunity of an exchange in his preferred country albeit with another District.

DG Joe

## Salt Lake City Convention 17 to 20 June

Dear District Governors and Rotarians

Lorna and I met yesterday with the Host Committee for the International Convention in June, and I am contacting you in the hope that we can communicate some of our excitement. This will be a great Convention, and all it needs now is for the registrations to pour in. We are already assured of a big attendance, but more Rotarians will mean even greater fellowship.



The House of Friendship will be bigger and better. As you enter, you will see an Indian Village, 150 feet by 35 feet, complete with a stream. The signage will be on totem poles showing languages and directions. There will be comfortable conversation areas, and roving entertainment, and the food area will feed 1,000 people at a time with plenty of choice (and alcohol available). There will be an internet area and connections to the

**Rotary Websites:** Rotary International: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)  
Rotary Down Under: [rotanet.com.au](http://rotanet.com.au)

Our district website: [www.rotary9570.org](http://www.rotary9570.org)

Genealogy Centre. If you want to study your family even more, there will be tours of the Genealogy Centre. And your gift bag will be very usable!

A new feature will be the Rotary Youth Hub with attractions for Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, Youth Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholars, and any other young attendees plus probably a few other Rotarians. Plans currently include a climbing wall, movies made in Utah shown on a large screen, bean bags, internet, a snack bar, virtual rides and a mechanical bull. The Host Committee wants to encourage our young future Rotarians to attend Conventions!

Lorna and I heard two of the performers from Saturday night's Sensational Entertainment and they were superb. Also appearing will be the Osmond's Second Generation and the Five Browns (piano music on five pianos). Don't miss this one, but then you would not want to miss the rodeo on the Tuesday night, and it will be hard to choose between the Country and Western, home hospitality, or the Evening at the Capitol Theatre on the Monday night. The Evening at the Capitol Theatre will have 214 performers entertaining with songs from opera and musicals (and a Rotarian is significantly sponsoring this to keep the cost to you low).

I haven't covered the Rendezvous in the Park on Sunday, or the business to Business contact sessions being arranged.

I have not told you anything of the Plenary sessions and the Workshops or the special features of the opening and closing, and they can wait till later but Donny Osmond is breaking his tour through the U.S. to entertain us at the opening.

For the golfers, just to get you excited, you will be able to play top courses for under \$50 including green fees and cart.

I hope I have not gone on too long for you but I wanted to convey how convinced Lorna and I are that this will be a memorable Convention.

Please encourage the Rotarians of your district to attend the top Rotary fellowship event of the year.

We send you our warmest regards, and look forward to seeing you at Salt Lake City.

Bill

P.S. I forget to mention that there will be 2,000 volunteers speaking a wide range of languages available to assist you.

### Youth Exchange Debriefing

A Debriefing Session for recently returned Youth Exchange Students was held in Gladstone on Sunday 4 February, PP and YEP Committee member Malcolm Saunders convened and Chaired the meeting. Numbers were down due mainly to the weather which affected the northern end of the District, however those in attendance gave detailed accounts of their year of

exchange, 'warts and all' sometimes. Those who were unable to attend did provide a written report. It was pleasing for me to learn that our students appreciated the preparation and support provided to them before, during and after their exchange.

The feedback will allow YEP Chairman Chris Palmer and his Committee information that will most certainly provide the opportunity to 'grow' and improve the programme in D9570.

My thanks to all who attended, parents, family members, Rachel's Counsellor PP Eric Gill, committee members and a special thank you to our students, for their participation and objective input.



L to R: Tony Castro, YEP secretary, Misha Bongers, Gladstone, Margaret Turner, Bundaberg East, Rachel Andrews, Rockhampton South, DG Joe, Debrief Chair and YEP committee member, Malcolm Saunders.

### Youth Counsellor Training:

February 3 saw the first session of Youth Counsellor Training for Clubs and Rotarians. The training was conducted by Jan and Graeme Smith at Childers for Group 5 and 8 Clubs. Whilst the training delivered focused primarily on Youth Exchange Counsellor and Club and District Certification requirements the material delivered also covered Risk Management for all Youth programmes as required by the Commissioner of Children, Queensland. As for previous sessions a written assessment of participants was conducted, results will be advised shortly.

The next session is in Rockhampton, February 24th, Athelstane House, and March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Blackwater Country Club. See 'Important Dates' for more information or contact Chairman Chris Palmer.

DG Joe



Youth Counsellor Training at Childers

## District Literacy Mini Conference 24-25 MARCH, 2007

*Theme:* Leading the Way with Literacy

*Location:* Central Queensland University,  
Rockhampton Campus

Conducted in collaboration with ALEACQ - Australian Literacy Educators' Association, Central Queensland Council

Registration forms and Program Advice flyers have been emailed to Clubs. The program features a forum that addresses the question: Are literacy standards *really* falling? This forum will be chaired by Lynne Foley, President, Rockhampton North. Other Rotarian program participants include ADG John Tate and Lex McAulay, President, Maryborough.

*Please register by 9 March, 2007.*

Enquiries to Rotarian Nea Stewart-Dore, 4939 7076;  
colnea@byterocky.net.

Nea Stewart-Dore

## 2007 District Conference - BLACK GOLD SWEET SUCCESS:

Registration forms and accommodation information is being mailed to all Clubs as well as being sent electronically. A Conference website is being established which will have a "link" to the District site where the registration form will be available for downloading.

I would encourage you to take advantage of the "**Early Bird**" discount offered and also book your accommodation as soon as possible. Motel/Hotel accommodation in Mackay at weekends as well as during the week is at a premium with many establishments booked well in advance, so **DON'T MISS OUT!!**

The programme is almost complete with only one or two keynote speakers to confirm. Conference Organising Committee has adopted a balanced programme of Rotary information - Youth related and industry topics - you will not be disappointed. There is something for everyone!!



The conference committee discuss their plans for May

## District Club Property Register:

We have recently had an incident where the North Rockhampton club has been given a 60 x 40 tent and poles free of charge from Swains and thanks very much to Peter Ellem. Although it did not cost them anything, it is valued at \$4000 and with regards to insurance, Gordon Findlater was wondering if it was covered and the answer is, Yes.

The District policy has an automatic cover built into the ISR for assets up to \$50,000. If you have any assets over \$50,000 in value then you need to declare these to the insurer and agree on the value, otherwise the maximum cover is \$50,000. We need to have each club keep a register and consolidated listing of their assets and that then has to be kept at District level, preferably by myself - the district insurance officer.

What we now need from each club is an asset list with current market value (not necessarily the replacement costs), of the equipment they own, which will then be automatically covered under the districts policies.

In respect to vehicles, that is a separate proposal, but if I could have a list of caravans, trailers etc and whether they are insured or not insured, it would be greatly appreciated.

Peter Peirano

Rotary District 9570 Insurance Officer

## Group 2 Clubs Project:

On Christmas Day, Denise and I (along with other volunteers) were assisting the staff of St Vincent's de Paul Homeless persons hostel serving lunch to some of Rockhampton's residents less fortunate than you and I. During the induction to the facility it was revealed that the female shower was non-operational and no funding was available to repair it. Glenn Thompson hostel co-ordinator had received a quote of \$ 7500.00 to carry out the repairs. There are 16 fulltime residents and numerous others who 'drop in' on a daily basis. What a situation for 2007?

An appeal by me to Group 2 Club Presidents resulted in a site inspection by PP David Thomas, Rockhampton Sunrise, President Les Bowie, Yeppoon and friend of Rotary licensed plumber Andy Cooper revealed that the repairs could be effected for an estimated \$3500.00. The required amount and workers were pledged by all Group 2 Clubs, work is underway as you read this and it is expected that the shower will be operational before the end of the month.



## District Goals 2006-07

- A net GAIN of 1.5 - 2% on current Membership of 1219.
- Revitalise ROTARACT in the District. There are **NO** clubs at present.
- Increase Club and student participation in YEP. Down by 58% on 2002 Outbound.
- More Clubs sponsoring Interact Clubs. There are 18 Clubs at present.
- Promote RYPEN participation more vigorously.
- Clubs within Groups to apply collectively for Matching and other Grants.
- Clubs to seek more applicants for Ambassadorial and Ambassadorial Cultural Scholars. One Cultural Scholar Outbound 2006-07.
- To improve Rotary knowledge and participation at Club and District level through regular training.
- To provide support to our smaller and more remote Clubs via joint projects, social/fellowship activities and the help required to ensure they remain active.
- To make Rotary more attractive to younger people and women via promotion and presentation to the community.
- To increase giving to The Rotary Foundation (TRF).
- To foster involvement in Friendship Exchanges.
- Promote and foster Group 'Matching Grant' projects.
- LASTLY, BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST.....

### Have Fun in Rotary

## RYLA



My fellow Rotarians, as previously advised the 2007 RYLA Retreat will be held from 24 to 30 March.

Please help us to make this event a raging success by ensuring that your club proposes an applicant. Please remember we only accept 18-24 year olds. It is anticipated to be a club cost of \$300 per applicant. This was based on 35-40 attendees so we need to get the numbers up soon. There is no way we will surprise you with a price rise - we will go with this figure no matter how many attendees we will have. Remember this fee includes food and accommodation for 5 days and an anticipated trip to Fraser Island which should be quite a highlight and attraction for our friends in outback Queensland.

Don't hesitate to contact me (preferably by email) if I can assist you further. Club Presidents: if you wish to forward me the email address of your Youth Director, I will gladly communicate direct with them.

Lawrie Beacham  
District 9570 RYLA Chairman

## Friendship Exchange With Brazil

The Friendship Exchange with District 4510 Brazil is scheduled to depart Brisbane on 20 May with 9570 participants traveling with the Brazil contingent as they return home. We can confirm six couples can be accommodated by District 4510 for about two weeks. There is now some urgency to confirm travel arrangements so anyone interested in participating should contact either:

Greg Whitmore 4942 1447

or

Alan Alt 0417 621 620

## Testimony to Vale George Morley

Long term Monto Rotarian George Morley passed away on February the 1<sup>st</sup> aged 85 years. George was born in Glen Innes on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 1921. George's father was a WW1 veteran and drew a block of land south of Monto, through the soldier settlement scheme. The family travelled from Glen Innes to Monto by horse and sulky in 1924, when George was three years of age. In 1944 he married Elsie Webb and the couple had three children, Georgia, Jenny and Kerry. George and Elsie were married for forty years when Elsie passed away in 1984.

George started work in the sawmilling industry and later became an engine driver at the early Monto powerhouse until the town was connected to the Rockhampton District grid in 1954. In 1961, after the powerhouse was decommissioned, George and his family moved to Oakwood, near Bundaberg where he operated a business for six years. He returned to Monto after this period and joined the staff of LK Power & Co. George obtained his Real Estate Agent and Auctioneer's Licence and eventually purchased the business, which he operated up until 2006. At this stage, LK Power & Co was the oldest registered business in Monto.

George was always active in community affairs and was associated with many organizations in the district including:

- Chief of the Volunteer Fire Brigade
- President of the Show Society
- President of Jaycees
- Member of the Primary School Board
- Member of the Parochial Council of the Church of England
- Australia Day Senior Citizen of the Year

George was inducted into Rotary in 1972 and served as president before becoming a Paul Harris Fellow. He was active in the organization up until very recently, when ill health curtailed his involvement. George was a colourful character who shared his strong opinions freely and made a great contribution to his community during an interesting life. George is survived by one brother, three children, eleven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

### Important Dates To Remember:

February 24	<b>Rotary Youth Programme and YEP Counsellor Training</b> <i>Rockhampton</i> Athelstane House, 1.00 to 5.00pm
March 3	<i>Blackwater</i> Country Club, 9.00am to 1.00pm
February 28	Applications for GSE team to District 1220 England close
March 17-18	PETS
March 24-25	District Literacy Mini-Conference
March 24-30	District RYLA retreat
April	D4510 Brazil GSE Team arrive
May 4-5-6	District Conference Mackay
May 6	D9570 GSE Team depart for D4510 Brazil
June 23	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rotary Club of Mount Morgan
June 30	District Change Over

### 2006-2007 Training Calendar

February	World Understanding month
March	Literacy month
April	Magazine month
May	Club Goal Finalisation month for incoming presidents
June	Rotary Fellowship month

### GSE 07/08 to District 1220 England UK

We need applications for Team Leader and Team Members for our outgoing GSE team to District 1220 England UK. The outgoing team will travel from the 20th September 07 to 20th October 07 as this coincides with their district conference in Oct 07.

As a result of this and to avoid confusion with the incoming team from Brazil in April/ May/07 and also to give the team enough time to prepare and plan for the trip we need to call applications NOW.

Applications will close by the 28th February /07 with interviews planned for mid March /07.

Danny Mattsson

### Newsletter Contributions

Any district officer or club member who wishes to contribute to the newsletter, please submit a copy by email to the newsletter editor by 15th of the month. All contributions welcome.

### Probus News

Probus is a community service project of Rotary and as such you may have a Probus Club in your area that your Club has sponsored or has connections, so it would be appreciated if you could double check and make sure that they have received the relevant 'Rendezvous' details.

For the information of Rotary members may I add the following:-

#### What is a 'PROBUS Rendezvous'?

It is something on the lines of a Rotary Conference however does not have a great deal of business sessions being more orientated around Friendship and Fellowship. The Probus Rendezvous is an annual event. It has been held in many parts of Australia previously and the 2007 Rendezvous will be based at the Conrad Jupiters, Broadbeach in the Gold Coast between the 17th and 22nd June.

A five day event complete with activities and functions to cater for Probians throughout Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific. A great, and interesting 'get-together'. Apart from the official items there is an extensive range of activities put together by Trade Travel. These activities are purely optional. Probians just pick out trips and functions in which they are interested and nominate these on the registration form.

The registration fee is \$100 and accommodation and activities are on an 'at cost' basis. If the Probian registers before the 31st March 2007 their name is put into the draw for *Early Bird* prizes. Closing date for registration is the 30th April 2007.

The Registration Brochure, including the Registration Form as a separate entity, is available direct from the Probus Centre - South Pacific Inc. PO Box 1294, Parramatta. NSW 2124. free call 1800 630 488.

I also hold limited copies.

David Praed, Rotary District Probus Chairman  
07 4151 3795 or DAVID-ANN.PRAED@bigpond.com

### Official Exchange Rate, February 2007:

The exchange rate for February remains unchanged at \$1.28. Please use this rate for all payments to RI including The Rotary Foundation during February.

### RI Semi-Annual Returns

Semi-Annual Returns are now due and should be forwarded to RI before January 31. The official Exchange Rate for February is \$1.28; please use this rate of conversion when calculating payments to RI in February.

## District Awards 2006/207

### To all Club Presidents and Secretaries

Please remind your Community, International, Vocational and Youth Service directors that it is fast approaching the time for entries to be put together for the district conference in May 2007 at Mackay.

Entries are required for the following awards:

Nick and Vi Verenetikoff (Community Service Project)

Maitland Low (Vocational Service Project)

Joe Joseph (International Service Project)

*All must be completed before the conference 2007.*

Vince Lester (Youth Service Project)

*This must be held and completed this Rotary year.*

Please refer to the District 9570 Directory for any information (pages 52, 53). All Clubs were issued with a number of these directories at the beginning of this Rotary year by DG Joe Cohen-Cramp.

All entries must be sent to the *District Awards Chairman, PP Gordon Findlater, PO Box 5079, CQ Mail Centre 4702.*

Entries close 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2007.

Gordon Findlater

Telephone: 49221581

Email: findlater1@bigpond.com

## ROTARY CLUB OF MOUNT MORGAN

### St Patrick's Bowls Day

On Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2007, the Rotary Club of Mount Morgan and the Dee Bowls Club will sponsor this year's St Patrick's Day Bowls Day. This year's charity is the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund, the trophies will be provided by the Irish community and the Dee Bowls Club has generously donated the green fees from the day. There will be raffles, BBQ and entertainment. Dress is casual with flat-soled shoes to be worn, bowls will be supplied and you do not have to be a bowler.

The Rotary Club of Mount Morgan asks all Group 2 Clubs to nominate a team, bring your family, and help us to support this day in aid of ARHRF.

## ROTARY CLUB OF MOUNT MORGAN

### Celebrating 50 Years of Rotary Service in 2007

The Rotary Club of Mount Morgan will celebrate the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Club Handover on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2007 at the Community Services Hall in Morgan Street, Mount Morgan. All Past Presidents, past members of the Club and all members in Group 2 and District 9570 are invited to attend.

RSVP by no later than Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2007 so catering details can be finalised.

Please join the Rotary Club of Mount Morgan to help celebrate this very special milestone in the Club's history. The evening will commence with fellowship from 6.30 pm followed by a meal and entertainment.

Cost for the evening will be \$ 25.00 per person, which will include Raffle and Lucky door prizes.

All those interested in attending on that night, please contact the

Barry Lollback, Club President, tel: 49382755

Email: barrywollback@bigpond.com.au or

PP Del Rowley, Club Secretary, tel: 49381037.

Email: rowleyde@bigpond.net.au

## Rotary Information – Extension

Since 1990 this district has chartered nine new clubs comprising of seven sunrise, one midday and 1 night meeting. No club has been chartered since 2004. There are currently 207 members in the seven sunrise clubs representing 16-28% of our membership.

So what does the above information tell us?

Everyone would have their own opinion on this matter but I am going to take this opportunity to express my thoughts.

Sometime ago arrangements were well in hand to form a Supper Club in one of our larger cities. However, these plans were scrapped when the organisers received objections from one of the clubs with regard to territorial boundaries.

It is my understanding that club's territorial boundaries are no longer in existence so there should be little objection in the future to charter a Supper Club.

Look at the advantages:

- Little interference with family life;
- Cost saving (a Supper for say \$6 instead of a meal costing \$20);
- Could function the same as other clubs;
- Rotary fellowship;
- Certainly could attract younger members;
- Ideal situation for a mixed club.

I would recommend that the possibility of forming a Supper Club in your city by investigated – perhaps where there are more than two clubs, a committee be organised to investigate the possibility.

It is important that we take action to increase our District numbers. District dues are on the rise so more members could be a small step towards reducing costs.

PDG Roy See, Rotary Education Chairman

## District Polo Shirts and Badges

ARHRF Chairman, Mike McNellie, has a stock of District Polo shirts and District badges for sale. Polo shirts in Ladies and Mens cut are \$32.50 each and badges are \$5.00 plus postage and handling.

Mike's contact details:

Telephone: 0407 581 624

Email: arhrf@rotary9570.org



## International Assembly

As part of our progression towards taking over the District reins in July, Chris and I felt privileged to attend the International Assembly in San Diego, California in the last week of January. But more of that later.

I will skip the self-funded Las Vegas stop-over, because this was a serious Rotary working trip. It commenced for real in Rochester, New York State, some 10 days prior to commencement of the Assembly. For a period of 8 days we were hosted by two great couples from District 7120. A total of 18 couples participated in this program which is run annually for the DGEs (from all over the world) lucky enough to get in. It was a picture postcard, snow covered, winter wonderland – a huge change from the Central Queensland summer. However, I imagine the novelty would wear off quickly. Visual highlights included a trip to Niagara Falls and much more, but the lasting memories will be of the generous and friendly people we met there.

Our thanks to Joe and Denise for “Leading the Way” to Rochester 12 months earlier.

San Diego was a complete contrast from a weather perspective – very similar to our winter. If there could be a downside to the Assembly, it was that it was so full-on that the opportunities to get outside were limited. The days were spent in either plenary sessions or workshops (or meals). At the opening plenary session, RI President Elect, Wilf Wilkinson introduced the theme for year 2007-08, “Rotary Shares”. I will be elaborating on that at PETS and during our club visits. Past RI President and incoming Foundation Chairman, Bhichai Rattakul, who captivated so many of us at the 2003 Brisbane Convention, gave two keynote speeches, and at the wonderful age of 81, he has not lost his touch. The workshops were memorable not for new material learnt, but the realisation that, in working with people from all points of the globe, we Aussies have been well prepared for the job ahead. Chris also took part in various spouse activities which was both enjoyable and a good opportunity to hear what others will be doing in their year as “DG spouse”.

Of course it was not all work and no play. The International Fellowship Dinner and Dance was great fun, but have to concede that the Pommy “Balmy Army” seriously out-pointed us in the Grand Parade. We recovered some ground at the International Festival Talent Night (I use the word talent loosely) when we took to the stage in convict suits for a sing-along.

It is very difficult to compress all of the things we did and people we met, into a single article. Needless to say it was a wonderful experience, but so was touching down at Brisbane Airport, back home.

Greg Bailey

## IFCR - International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians

The Rotary Club of Bundaberg Sunrise is a proud supporter and members of IFCR.

When you combine the fellowship of Rotary with the unique values that cricket provides you have a formula that provides true international fun and friendship.

Of the many recreational and vocational fellowships that Rotary has helped to establish the cricket fellowship is the only one that is a true team game. It is designed to bring together Rotarians from across the world who share a common love of the game of cricket

It has five main aims:

- ✓ To allow cricket playing countries to tour each others countries and share hospitality and recreation whilst also seeing the local sites and experiencing the different cultures
- ✓ To get together once every two or three years in a world festival of cricket and fellowship
- ✓ To arrange cricket matches within each country. To also encourage Rotarians who may have given up the game to get back playing
- ✓ To arrange social events and visits for cricket loving Rotarians who can no longer play the game but who have lost none of their passion to watch and talk about it
- ✓ To take the game to other Rotarians who know nothing of the game or who reside in a country where the game is not widely played

We, in Australia, have been participants in IFCR through all of its existence. We have enjoyed a continuous program of activities on all levels of IFCR, international, national and local.

These meetings of our members have given us the opportunity to indulge in our passion for cricket, enjoy the friendship and fellowship of our colleagues and extend our Rotary service.

We want all Rotarians in Australia who are interested in cricket, either on the playing field or just as enthusiasts, to know that they can participate with us and gain the same benefits as present members.

Bundaberg has secured the International Festival to be played here in October 2008. The weeklong festival will attract approximately 200 players with partners and spectators. The festival will include cricket matches on most days and tours of the region for partners and guests.

Any interested persons can contact *Stephen Bennett* Rotary Club of Bundaberg Sunrise on 41519772.



