



RI District 9570 Newsletter



DG Joe Cohen-Cramp and Denise

September 2006

Joe's Jottings

What a month August was. It saw Denise and I visit Clubs in Groups 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 9 as well as attending the Annual Conference and AGM of Australian Youth Exchange in Cairns. My role as Chairman of the Conference came to an end on August 6, I had served my maximum allowable two terms of two years as Chairman.

Our Club visits have shown us what wonderful work is being undertaken by Clubs, in our large population centres and those that are not as large, to identify but a few. The locomotive shed at Munduberra is a project that any Club could be proud of, as is the Lake Ellen project in Bundaberg which will be completed by the Clubs of Group 7 with funding from Federal and State governments as well as local government. Visits have also shown us how different Clubs are in their meeting agendas, order of service and fellowship sessions which have allowed us to feel part of the proceedings whilst enjoying the friendship extended to us both, no matter which Club. The opportunity to induct new Rotarians is truly an honour and privilege for any Rotarian. Being the Governor makes it that little more special for all concerned I feel. I have had that honour and privilege at seven Clubs so far, be it early days though District is in line to achieve the membership gain of 2% net.

September is New Generations Month and included in this Newsletter are articles from our YEP Chairman Chris Palmer and Literacy Chair Nea Stewart-Dore. Chris and District protection Officer David Scott have almost completed (at time of writing) a review of the Guidelines and Rules for Youth Exchange in D9570. Training programmes for Club Counsellors are planned for later this year utilising the revised Guidelines and Handbook, which will have Club Certification material as an attachment.

Jottings from Denise

Several folk have complimented Joe on his tie and also my scarf, so I herewith give the history of the "Paua shell". Selected by RI President Bill for this year's theme, the Paua is also known as "Abalone". Maori legend says that the colours were gifted by "Tangaroa": God of the Sea. Tangaroa reminds us that sometimes "beauty is hidden on the inside"... the coolest blues of the ocean, the freshest greens of the forest, a tinge of violet from the dawn and a blush of pink from the sunset form the intricate patterns found inside the paua.

Newsletter Contributions

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

DISTRICT GOALS 2006-07:

- A net GAIN of 1.5 - 2% on current Membership of 1248.
- 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

2006-2007 TRAINING CALENDAR:

July	New Rotary Officers month
August	Membership and Extension month
September	New Generations month
October	Vocational Services month
November	Rotary Foundation Month
December	Family month
January	Rotary Awareness month
February	World Understanding month
March	Literacy month
April	Magazine month
May	Club Goal Finalisation month for incoming presidents
June	Rotary Fellowship month

Rotary Websites: Rotary International: www.rotary.org
Rotary Down Under: rotanet.com.au

Our district website: www.rotary9570.org

September, New Generations Month

Rotary Youth Exchange Programme: Youth Exchange (YEP) is an official programme of Rotary International and allows for more 7000 students to exchange annually to around 60 different countries.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), is Rotary's programme for young leaders, emphasizes leadership, citizenship and personal growth for youth aged 14 to 30 worldwide. District 9570's preferred age group is 18 to 24.



Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment: Under the sub-title of The Cultivation of Youth (RYPEN), is an Australian designed programme for young people between the ages of 14 and 17. It took its rise from the fact that there was little recognition for decent, hard-working-young people and sets out to broaden horizons and lift aspirations in a supervised residential weekend seminar.

Rotaract: A Rotary Club sponsored organisation of young men and women between the ages of 18 and 30, whose purpose is to provide an opportunity for them to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist them in personal development, to address the physical and social needs of their communities and promote better relations between all people worldwide through a framework of friendship and service.

Interact: A school based service and social club for young people from 14 to 18. Interact provides a powerful force of youthful enthusiasm and energetic service.

Youth Exchange Programme



The program has seen a fall in the number of clubs participating over the last few years which is a disappointment.

Various excuses are given from Certification/blue cards to "our members are too old" even "no student wants to go out on exchange". Fortunately most of these are really not legitimate excuses as there are ways of overcoming them.

The Certification is well and truly on track with the District Certified and now the individual clubs can be, and need to be, certified. The main issues are the Blue Card and Club Counsellors.

It is essential for all clubs to be certified as if not done then it is not just Youth Exchange you can't be involved with but also RYLA, Siemens Science School, RYPEN, Rotaract and Interact. This cuts a large portion of the Rotary programme from your club. Also it could affect other areas of Club Activity like Christmas parties fund raising etc where children way be involved.

The Blue Card can be organised on a whole club basis by downloading the form from the district web site and giving it to all members and partners at the same time. Only a drivers license is required for identification. A designated person in the club (solicitor/Youth Director) then signs each

form and sends them away in bulk. If some object it just means that they can not have anything to do with children at any Rotary function on a one-on-one basis.

Any Club interested in Youth Exchange should have at least two counsellors.

I am organising for training sessions to be held in all major centres. Some areas like Bundaberg, Maryborough and Hervey Bay can share a common location for training. Other training will be held in Mackay and Rockhampton. Further details will be sent to you soon.

Being too old isn't valid either as the host parents don't have to be Rotarians.

All schools will be sent details and application forms about exchange so you could get enquiries as soon as October this year.

Please try and become part of this worthwhile program as it is both rewarding for both the students but also the host families and the Rotarians.

Yours in Rotary
Chris Palmer Youth Exchange Chairman

Annual General Meeting

In accordance with rule 16.1 of the constitution of Rotary International District 9570 Inc. notice is hereby given that the AGM will be held as follows:

Date: 4th November 2006

Place: Mt Larcom Room at the Boyne-Tannum Community Centre, corner of Wyndham Avenue and Hayes Street , Boyne Island.

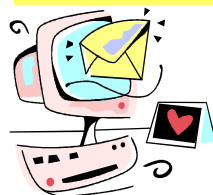
Time: 10.00am

Agenda (in accordance with rule 13.3):

1. Confirm minutes of inaugural AGM held in Rockhampton on 25 March 2006 .
2. DFM Committee reports
3. Election of District Officers
4. Treasurer's report
5. Auditor's Report
6. Adoption of audited statements
7. Special Business (at this stage no special business items have been listed - items your club wishes to include must be emailed to the Secretary by 4th October to allow the required 21 days notice to ordinary members - rules 16.1, 16.5)

Rod Edwards
Secretary, Rotary District 9570

Email Contact



I have been advised by some Clubs and Rotarians that they are experiencing difficulties when sending emails to addresses listed for Clubs, Assistant Governors, Committee and Programme Chairs etc. PP Ray Cross has previously advised of the need to change email addresses as listed to try and reduce the amount of 'spam' being received by some Rotarians. This was achieved by adding 0607 to the email addresses listed for the above (it does not apply to personal addresses). Please remember to add the **0607** or check the address on the District Website.

Stop Press!

District Treasurer and President of the Rotary Club of Rockhampton Capricorn Peter Peirano is now recovering in Rockhampton after being seriously burnt in an accident at Western Sydney International Dragway on Saturday 2nd September. Peter was refueling a generator attached to the vehicle which is used to tow his race car when as Peter believes, static electricity from his shirt ignited a small amount of spilt fuel, causing the container he was decanting to ignite, in Peter's own words "I'm blessed". Please join with me in wishing Peter a speedy recovery.

RI semi-annual dues

Recent correspondence received from RI indicates that there are Clubs in our District who have outstanding amounts to RI at September 7. Some amounts are at +270 days whilst the majority of outstanding accounts are 0-89 days. If your Club has an outstanding amount to RI would you please have your Treasurer address the matter with some urgency. If you are unsure please contact Sean Kehoe in the Parramatta Office of RI, 02 9635 3537, or email; sean.kehoe@rotary.org who will advise you of your clubs status.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

2006:

July 31	Payment to District Treasurer of District dues. Now overdue if not already paid
July 31	Payment of Rotary International dues. Now overdue if not already paid
July 31	RDU payment due
August 12	Interviews of Ambassadorial Scholars 2007-08
November 4	District AGM, District Officer and AG Training Seminar
December 1, 2, 3	Youth Exchange Outbound Orientation
December 31	Notification to RI and District 2007-08 Club Officers

2007:

January	Nominations for DG 2009-2010 called
January-February	International Assembly, San Diego, DGE Greg and Chris attend
February	Proposed meeting of Northern Region RAWCS Board, Rockhampton
March 17-18	PETS
April	D4510 Brazil GSE Team arrive
May 5-6-7	District Conference Mackay
May 6	D9570 GSE Team depart for D4510 Brazil
June 30	District Change Over

New Generations, New Literacies

According to UNESCO (2006), there are more than 770 million illiterate adults in the world, and up to 100 million children not attending primary school. Of those children who *do* attend school, many either leave before having learned to read and write, or do not become literate at all. In Australia, it's common to hear among employers especially, and to read in press reports about young people's inability to read and write according to adults' expectations. While it is true, sadly, that too many students – some claim between 10 – 30% - leave school without complete mastery of literacy skills, you may be surprised to learn that adolescents and young adults today read and write more than any generation before them. If literacy achievement among school leavers is as low as some claim, how can that be so?

Young people today engage in many different literacy practices and activities with great competence, and in areas where you and I are, at best, only semi-literate. Take for example, the domains of digital and other electronic reading and writing, as well as that of visual literacy. Young people understand and produce multiple SMS and text messages with great speed daily. They participate in computer chat rooms, blogs and list serves. They manipulate a range of computer programs to construct PowerPoint presentations, personal web pages and videos. They advise adults (such as their parents and/or teachers) on the workings of computers and other digital and electronic devices without reference to print information and derive both pleasure and higher order thinking skills from playing a range of complex, sophisticated video and computer games (not all of which are combative in style). In other words, they demonstrate competence in the "New Literacies".

Note, however, that according to the results of the most recent (2003) OECD Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) involving students from 41 countries around the world, Australian 15 year olds are second only to their Finnish counterparts in (traditional) reading performance. PISA defines Reading Literacy as "understanding, using, and reflecting on written texts, in order to achieve one's goals, to develop one's knowledge and potential, and to participate in society." Given the above, adolescents who were tested aren't faring too badly at all.

Unfortunately, there will always be those young people who struggle with traditional reading and writing tasks for any number of reasons. We should acknowledge, however, that teachers work constantly to identify ways of helping them to participate meaningfully in civic life. At the same time, we could recognize that there are literate competences that young people might teach us to our benefit. Indeed, they could become volunteer tutors in a "New Literacies" community program that your Club sponsors or otherwise supports.

Note: 8 September was International Literacy Day. How did your Club celebrate that worldwide UNESCO event?

Rtn Nea Stewart-Dore
Chair, D 9570 Literacy Committee

Funeral Notice

Long-time Rotary Club of Maryborough Club Historian and Attendance officer, Chas Abood PHF, died on Sunday. Chas's funeral will be held in Maryborough on Friday 22 September. District 9570 will be represented by Group 8 Assistant Governor Ken Moller and Rebecca. Please contact Club President Lex McAulay for details.



Australian of the Year, Professor Ian Fraser was the guest speaker at Bundaberg East on 29 August. Professor Fraser addressed the Club on his research and what it means to him to be Australian of the Year.

Pictured:

Group 5 AG Monica Fraser, Denise Cohen-Cramp, Libby Weir, President John Weir, Professor Fraser and Joe Cohen-Cramp.

Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars

The Foundation Sub-Committee interviewed three D9570 Club sponsored Ambassadorial Scholarship Candidates on 12 August. Two applications were for six month Cultural (language) Scholarships and one for a one year Graduate Study Scholarship. The result of the D9570 interview is now in the hands of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International Trustees and is awaiting approval.

D9570 Rotary Clubs are encouraged to seek out suitable candidates for the various categories of Ambassadorial Scholarships. Details of Scholarships can be found at www.rotary.org look at downloads under Rotary Foundation educational programs to find, Rotarians Guide and other material.

Rebecca Powlett, the D9570 Ambassadorial Scholar to Ecuador has a BLOG on the D9570 web site www.rotary9570.org look under blogs then Ambassadorial Scholar. Rebecca's experiences are well worth reading.

PP John Lamb
Chairman, Rotary Foundation Scholarships

RYLA

The 2006 RYLA activity will be held in the second last week of March 2007. Participants will arrive on Saturday 24th for 4.00 pm registration and leave at midday Friday 30th March. The activity will be conducted at Oz Adventures (formerly Queensland School of Adventure & Training) Hervey Bay.

Cost to clubs will be approximately \$300 per participant remembering that this is food, accommodation and professional trainers with over 60 years of combined experience in their field then it is exceptional value.

Participants must be between 18 and 26 on day one of activity (non negotiable). Male and female participants expected.

District Attendance Report					
Club	Number of Members	Increase	Decrease	Attendance % This Month	Position in District For This Month
Mackay	59	0	0	70.80%	31
Mackay North	39	1	1	87.65%	7
Port of Mackay	40	0	1	85.62%	9
Mackay Sunrise	25	0	0	75.20%	23
Mackay West	39	0	0	77.78%	21
Mirani	10	0	0	80%	17
Sarina	21	2	1	67.68%	34
Walkerston	23			no report	
Mt Morgan	14	0	1	80.37%	15
Rockhampton	21	0	0	83.30%	12
Rockhampton Capricorn	8	0	0	90%	4
Rockhampton East	20	0	0	72%	30
Rockhampton North	46	0	0	87.58	8
Rockhampton West	23			no report	
Rockhampton South	26	0	0	78.50%	19
Rockhampton Sunrise	37	0	0	88.89%	5
Yeppoon	33	0	0	78.42%	20
Blackwater	20	4	0	97.33%	2
Emerald	24	0	0	77%	22
Emerald Sunrise	27	2	0	74%	25
Moranbah	22			no report	
Gayndah	9			no report	
Monto	14			no report	
Mundubbera	14	0	0	82.50%	14
Bagara	11	0	0	43.18%	39
Bundaberg	26	0	0	67%	35
Bundaberg City Daybreak	17	0	0	94.11	3
Bundaberg East	28	1	0	82.60%	13
Bundaberg Sunrise	36	0	0	88%	6
Bundaberg West	33			no report	
Childers	28			no report	
Barcardine	8			no report	
Blackall	6	0	0	80%	18
Longreach	23	0	0	73.76%	27
Boyne - Tannum	14			no report	
Gladstone	36	0	0	84.50%	11
Gladstone Midday	40	0	0	66%	36
Port Curtis	38			no report	
Gladstone South	37	1	1	80%	16
Gladstone Sunrise	26	1	0	98%	1
Hervey Bay	24	0	0	60%	38
Hervey Bay City	26	0	0	71.40%	28
Hervey Bay Sunrise	42	1	2	70%	29
Maryborough	21	0	1	63.89%	37
Maryborough City	24	0	0	69.10%	32
Maryborough Sunrise	17	0	0	85.33%	10
Biloela	29	1	0	73.80%	26
Moura	12			no report	
Theodore	11	0	0	69.09%	33
Totals & Averages	1227	14	8		

We are budgeting for 40 to 50 participants preferably one from each club in our district so get in as early as you can and don't be the only club to not have a participant. Finding a participant is your task - you must choose them wisely. Make sure they are a person who would benefit from a leadership development program.
RYLA Committee

Rotary Australia World Community Service

This is our own World Community Service, a separate identity from Rotary Foundation. RAWCS is funded by the Australian Rotary Clubs and it is divided into five regions. Of interest to us in Queensland is the Northern Region RAWCS which is sponsored by Queensland Districts 9550, 9570, 9600 and 9630 and a northern NSW District 9640.

The Annual General Meeting of the Northern Region was held on 8th August in Brisbane and the office bearers for 2006 – 2007 are:

Chairman	Max Wortman
Secretary	Margaret Hayes
Treasurer	Bill Vanderstaay
Promotion & Development	Maryann
Wheatley	
D.I.K.	John Paskin
R.A.M.	John McLaren
Project Volunteers	Ailsa Hay
Project Funding	Ross Forgione

The representatives on this committee from our District are DG Joe Cohen Cramp, DGE Greg Bailey, and District Chair PDG Kev Hickey.

The following are notes from the annual meeting and the general meeting which followed:

- A special celebration is planned for 9.00am Saturday 21st October at the DIK store prior to the next committee meeting. This will signify the completion of packing the 500th container from Northern Region. All clubs have been invited and RSVP from those planning to attend is required by 7th October to John Paskin (0733 554326) or email npaskin@bigpond.net.au
- Hospital linen is in short supply for DIK.
- Chairman has approached the Queensland Premier seeking permanent title for the DIK premises at Wacol.
- There is an urgent need for co-operation between regions on all activities.

The February meeting Northern Region RAWCS is to be held in the country to allow other areas to attend and participate in the quarterly meeting. It is proposed the meeting for 18th February 2007 be held in Rockhampton and thanks go to the Rockhampton South Rotary Club who have accepted the invitation to sponsor a RAWCS Expo on Saturday 17th for all who can attend. The RAWCS meeting will then be held on Sunday 18th.

Northern Region RAWCS Web site:
www.rawcsnr.org.au

Thank you to all clubs who responded with information on RAWCS action you have taken. That information was part of the District Report to the quarterly meeting in August. The October meeting is a month away and I now request updates please.

Current items underway are:

- Hervey Bay Sunrise Rotary Club project for water supply to the Island of Adagebe, Solomon Islands.
- Container of hospital equipment to the Cook Island by Munduberra Club. DIK will send this container to the Rotary Club of Rarotonga, Cook Island and the Munduberra Club need some financial assistance to pay \$3,000 for the shipment of the container. They (Munduberra Rotary Club) have collected beds etc. to fill a container because the main hospital on the Cook Island has one
- wire mattress bed, the remainder are timber slats. If any Clubs can support financially it would be very much appreciated.

Progress is being made to register a water supply project for Korando, Kenya by the Rotary Clubs of Bundaberg East and Noosa (\$16,000).

PDG Kev Hickey

Outbound GSE Team Members:

David Scott

Vocation:

District Inspector
Queensland Police Service
Past President Rotary Club of Rockhampton Sunrise



Dwayne Honor

Vocation:

Design Engineer
Civil Design and Drafting
Sponsoring Club:
Rotary Club of Bundaberg East



Melinda Healy

Vocation:

Journalist
Advertising features writer
Sponsoring Club:
Rotary Club of Mackay North



Mark Beech

Vocation:

Cane Productivity Systems Officer
Sugar Cane Industry
Sponsoring Club:
Rotary Club of Sarina



Simone Baker

Vocation:

Secondary Teacher
Holy Spirit College
Sponsoring Club:
Rotary Club of Mackay West



District 9570 GSE Chair:

Stephen Bennett

President Rotary Club of Bundaberg Sunrise