



# RI District 9570 Newsletter



**DG Joe Cohen-Cramp and Denise**

**December 2006**

## DG JOE'S JOTTINGS.....

December is Rotary Family Month and also the time of year for celebration in many traditions and countries.

If you have not already completed your invitation list for that very special day: Christmas or your traditional celebration, why not consider inviting someone from our wider Rotary family to join you? First to mind are our Youth Exchange students who in most probability will be spending their first Christmas away from home. Make it a special day for them by including them in D9570's Family of Rotary.

Most Clubs will have organised a "Family Meeting" during Family Month, so why not consider extending the invitation to the larger Rotary family of Interactors, Rylarians, past and present GSE Team members and other Foundation Alumni.

DGE Greg and Chris, DGN Terry and Debbie, Denise and I attended the 41<sup>st</sup> Zone Institute on the Gold Coast 14-20 November, Greg and Terry have said to me how much more they learnt during the training sessions and how much better prepared they are for their year as Governor.

The last weekend of November saw the District Training Team set off in convoy to take a training session to Group 6 Clubs in the far western area of our District. The session that was delivered in Boyne-Tannum earlier in the month was delivered to the Clubs with special emphasis on the new Club Leadership Plan. The outcome of the weekend was most encouraging for me as it



The trainers and some trainees, Barcaldine 25-26 November.

gave the opportunity to socialise with our fellow Rotarians and some family members on the Saturday night at the Barcaldine Family Town Fair as well as deliver the training.

The Outbound Youth Exchange students received their final "Orientation" over the weekend of December 1- 3, Chairman Chris Palmer and his Committee have done a great job in the short time they have been in the role. If your Club would like to compliment and reward the Committee for what they have done to date, I suggest a good way to do so would be to sponsor a student Outbound in January 2008. Give two young people "The Opportunity of a Lifetime". The first of many Youth Exchange Counsellor Training seminars was held in Gladstone early in the month with the next scheduled for Childers in January. Training now includes the requirements of Clubs compliance to RI District Certification, be assured it is not an onerous task.

From Denise and I, best wishes for a safe and happy Christmas to you and your family and a special thought for those who will be away from their family and loved ones.



DG Joe

## YOUTH EXCHANGE COUNSELLOR TRAINING:

Training for Youth Counsellors of Group 5 Clubs will be held on Saturday, 20 January 2007, commencing 9.00am, concluding 1.00pm. *Venue:* Isis Club Childers. Please direct all enquiries and advice of your attendance to YEP Chair Chris Palmer. Counsellor Training will also include training on Club compliance to RI's Certification for Districts engaged in Youth Exchange.

## GOOD MANNERS in ROTARY:

Past RI Director John Thorne and RDU Managing Editor PDG Bob Aitken produced this booklet a couple of years ago. It is a very good resource on almost all matters dealing with procedure and protocol and would make a useful library item for all Clubs and Rotarians. It is available from RDU Parramatta at a cost of AUD \$2.75 including GST, plus postage. Judy Donovan is your contact, 02 9633 4888.

**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)

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR, 2009-2010:

District 9570 is seeking nominations of suitably qualified Rotarians to serve as Governor in the Rotary Year 2009-2010. On Wednesday 13 December I emailed to all Clubs, Assistant Governors and present and past District Officers an information package including the Nomination Form. I now encourage you to seek nominations for the role. Should any Rotarian wish more information or simply to discuss the role please feel free to contact myself or any of our Past District Governors.

The closing date for nominations is close of business on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2007**. Nominations should be forwarded to

**District Secretary, PP Rod Edwards,  
P.O. Box 975, Yeppoon Q 4703.**

## ROTARY INFORMATION

Long service in Rotary does bring about certain benefits. One of these benefits is 'Excused Absence'. To obtain this benefit a member must be able to achieve an aggregate of 85. The aggregate is calculated by adding the member's years of service to their age. 'Excused Absence', while fully explained in the Manual of Procedure is probably one of the most misunderstood sections of membership, particularly when it comes to the calculation of the monthly attendance and membership report. I will attempt to simplify the procedure.

When an "excused Absence" is present at the meeting they are not included in the calculation of percentage of members present. For example, if the total membership of the club is 40 and there are 30 present at the meeting, including the excused member, then the attendance percentage would be calculated on the basis of  $29/39 \times 100\% = 74.36\%$ . However, when reporting on the attendance on the same report, you would report 40 members.

'Excused Absence' is approved to members having long service in Rotary and is designed to, because of their age, attend meetings when they desire without having to meet the attendance requirements as laid down in the Manual of Procedures.

It must be remembered that, although clubs may allocate Attendance Recording to a member of the Club Service Committee, it is the sole responsibility of the Club Secretary to see the monthly report is forwarded to the District Attendance and Membership Recorder.

PDG Roy See, Rotary Education Chairman

## 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.

## THE ABC of ROTARY:

PDG Roy reminded us last month of the publication titled *The ABC of Rotary*, I did some checking afterwards and am pleased to advise that the book is still available from RI Parramatta (Michelle is the contact, 02 9635 3537) for US \$ 3.00 plus postage.

## 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, the Registration Form will be available for downloading from the site.

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!!

## D9570 RAWCS Project

Fundraising for RAWCS Project 14/2006-2007 co-sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hervey Bay Sunrise and Wide Bay Water Corporation has now passed \$10,000. We are now at 20% of the target of \$50,000. The project is to supply water to the tiny island of Adagege off the north-eastern tip of the island of Malaita in the Solomon Islands.

There is now a comprehensive website on the project. Log on to [www.adagege.com](http://www.adagege.com) and find out more about the project and how your club could help out.

If your club would like to support a RAWCS project why not support a project created in our own district.

PP Brian Jessett, Project Coordinator  
Rotary Club of Hervey Bay Sunrise

## 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](mailto:arhrf@rotary9570.org)**



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

### 2006:

December	Nominations for DG 2009-2010 called
December 31	Notification to RI and District 2007-08 Club Officers

### 2007:

January 20	YEP Counsellor Training, Isis Club, Childers
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 4-5-6	District Conference Mackay
May 6	D9570 GSE Team depart for D4510 Brazil
June 30	District Change Over

## 2006-2007 TRAINING CALENDAR:

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 RACE DAY FUNDRAISER:

The Rotary Club of Rockhampton Capricorn and Rotary Club of Rockhampton East combined to hold their Rotary Race Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2006 at Callaghan Park, Rockhampton Qld.

The event was supported by several Rotary Clubs and their members in the Rockhampton area. Such events are great for Rotarians and their friends to be able to mix together on a social level and have a lot of fun. We have prizes for Fashions of the Field and both Ladies and Gents have a chance to dress up for the occasion. A multi-draw raffle was held on the day and most of all money raised was donated to Helicopter Rescue Services and the Royal Flying Doctors Service. We raised a sum of \$2142.00 and cannot wait for next year as it will get stronger and stronger.

Yvonne Haddock

## INDIGENOUS HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS



Thanks to a joint effort by Rotary clubs and government, **58 scholarships** have been granted to Indigenous students in every Region of Australia in this year.

It's hard to realise that since the inception of the national program in 2003, we have been able to more than double the annual number of scholarships granted. To the end of 2005, 30 students have been successful in their studies and have graduated.

### Why is this program so important?

Because it has been realised that to combat the disastrous state of health among the aborigine communities, it is important to have health providers who are in tune culturally.

Further, the leaders needed to change the thinking and attitudes in these communities will most likely come from the educated members of the community. So we are approaching the problems from two fronts.

The Indigenous Health Scholarships are a long term grass roots project aimed at making a difference where more sophisticated efforts have failed.

What also has shown up is that many of these students are mature aged people who want to better themselves and have families to support while they study. Many do not have extended families able to provide the support that most non-indigenous students enjoy.

The value of these scholarships, \$5,000 (\$2,500 matched dollar for dollar by government) might seem small but do make a significant difference and are highly valued.

These scholarships are competitively awarded and are reviewed each semester.

Many Rotary clubs have been able to establish bonds between club members and **their** students which has produced better acceptance and understanding of many of the problems.



*Back:* Ray Young & Paul Currie (Rockhampton East), Neil Florence, David Tansley & Martin Woodcock (Rockhampton Capricorn), Dawn Hay (President, Rockhampton East).  
*Front:* Peter Peirano (President, Rockhampton Capricorn), Mike McNellie (Rockhampton East), Yvonne Haddock & Kay Becker (Rockhampton Capricorn).



# 50 years of work to build global links

By JULIE LONDON

SHE may be just 17 and have little experience travelling overseas, but Annalese Greiner is about to become a link in a 50-year chain that was built to work towards international peace and understanding.

Annalese will change her board shorts for thermal socks in February next year when she sets off on a 12-month Rotary Youth Exchange to Sønderboed in Denmark.

The St Luke's Anglican School student said she was excited about going and was looking forward to the change in weather and meeting new people.

"It will be nice not to be hot all the time," Annalese said.

"I've been away to New Zealand before, but I haven't been away on my own before.

"I'll be with lots of other people though and my host family seems nice.

"My family is coming out to visit me in August, so I should be okay."

Annalese's exchange is being sponsored by the Rotary International Bundaberg Sunrise Club.

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program,

which is about to celebrate its 50th year, started with an exchange between clubs in Australia and the USA and has allowed thousands of Australians to visit foreign lands, eat strange food and have lots of fun.

The Youth Exchange Program is running in more than 89 countries throughout the world.

There are two types of Youth Exchange programs — long-term stays and short-term visits.

Long-term exchanges, like Annalese's, usually last for a year during which students live with three to four host families and attend high school.

Bundaberg East Rotary Club member and past youth service director Ian Ward said the students who participated in the program had found it a "life-changing experience".

## Rotary exchanges

- Applications for the Youth Exchange program can be made through your nearest Rotary club or Rotary district.
- For more information, visit [www.rotarinet.com.au/youth\\_exchange](http://www.rotarinet.com.au/youth_exchange).



**VIKING COUNTRY BOUND:** Annalese Greiner is set to travel to Denmark on a Rotary Youth Exchange. Photo: PEGGY REYNOLDS/STRIKES/ISTOCK



## ROTARY CLUB OF MARYBOROUGH PROJECT:

The mural commissioned by the Rotary Club of Maryborough for the Mental Health Ward at the Maryborough Base Hospital after the hospital was contacted by the club to see if there was anything that could be done to assist them. It was designed and created by local artist, Monika Bayer for the cost of materials. The design was chosen from three submitted by Monika and created on panels, which allow the mural to be removed if need be in the future. A staff member of the ward shows the size of the mural. Photo by [www.bayerartstudio.com.au](http://www.bayerartstudio.com.au).

## DISTRICT HISTORY

If you would like a copy of this District History on CD, please send \$10.00 to cover copying and postage to **PDG Len Roles, 220 Kerrigan Street, ROCKHAMPTON NORTH QLD 4710**

## GOLF DAY FUNDRAISER

Over two years (2005 and 2006), the Rotary Club of Gladstone Midday held the Motor Traders Charity Golf Day. The day was supported by the five major Motor Traders in Gladstone as well as the community.

An impressive \$A7,415 (\$US5,575) was raised as a result of the Golf Day and the Club applied for a "District Simplified Grant" which was approved by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for \$A6,587 (\$US4953).

The following equipment was purchased as a result:

- Multi Parameter Monitor—used in the triage room of the Emergency Department for Neonate, paediatric and adult patients. This machine will improve patient and staff satisfaction by reducing waiting times.
- Large Wheelchair—used to transport larger patients which is a first for the hospital.
- Wheelchairs—two chairs purchased to replace unrepairable chairs
- Ultrasound—replaced old unit in Physiotherapy Department. It is used for treatment of muscle related disorders.
- Treadmill—also used in the Physio Department where the old machine was in need of replacement.

Total cost of the above equipment was \$A14002 (\$US10528). It has helped the Gladstone Base Hospital in many ways and all departments have benefited from this generous donation.

Through the combined effort of Gladstone Hospital Auxiliary Association Inc (who volunteer their time to the hospital) and the Rotary Club of Gladstone MIDDAY, we have given the patients and staff of Gladstone Hospital a wonderful gift of many needed items of equipment that will be of great assistance in helping those who need to use our local health service. It was a very rewarding project for all involved.

Kelly Mullens, Publicity Officer  
Rotary Club of Gladstone MIDDAY



Judith Hiskens, vice president of the Gladstone Hospital Auxiliary, Malcolm Saunders (seated), past president of Rotary Club of Gladstone MIDDAY and Motor Traders Golf Day representative, Kelly Mullens, Publicity Officer for Rotary Club of Gladstone MIDDAY, and Stuart Orr (Physiotherapist).



Desma Hall, representative of Gladstone Hospital Auxiliary, Kelly Mullens, Malcolm Saunders and Judith Hiskens.

## DATE CLAIMER; 24-25 MARCH 2007

District 9570 Literacy Mini-conference to be held in collaboration with the Central Queensland Council of the Australian Literacy Educators' Association. *Venue:* Central Queensland University, Rockhampton Campus. Minimal registration, meals and accommodation costs. Details to follow.

Enquiries: Rtn Nea Stewart-Dore, District 9570 Literacy Chair, Ph: 4939 6067. Email: colnea@byterocky.net

## December is Family Month!

It is often said that children are the future of the world. Healthy and happy children are key to achieving Rotary's goal of building international understanding and peace in the world. There is no better place to nourish a young mind than in a family whose basic needs have been met and who can spend time together.

Celebrate Rotary's commitment to family in December. Consider bringing together the mothers, fathers, children, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and members of your Rotary family into shared activities. Participate in a community service project that will help strengthen families in your community by:

- organizing a father/daughter or mother/son dinner
- promoting a family literacy project which emphasizes parents reading to their children
- raising awareness of child abuse prevention programs in your community
- chaperoning a safe and fun weekend activity for the community's teenagers
- assisting the elderly in nursing homes with simple crafts that they can give as gifts to their families
- creating a park or recreational area where parents can spend time with their children
- providing materials and support to a day care facility or orphanage
- creating an after-school activities program for older children which will give them a safe place to go while their parents are at work

## Celebrate your extended family in December – the Family of Rotary!

The 2006-07 Family of Rotary Resource Group supports clubs in their efforts to care for Rotarians and members of Rotary's extended family (spouses, children, and parents), and to remember the spouses of deceased Rotarians. Strengthen the Family of Rotary by:

- recognizing the contributions of members of the Family of Rotary at a club meeting
- encouraging spouses, children, and parents of Rotarians to participate in service projects

To learn more about what other Rotarians are doing to support the Family of Rotary, visit the RI Web site:

<http://www.rotary.org/aboutrotary/president/boyd/groups.html>



## 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



Cheques were presented to Helicopter Rescue Services and the Royal Flying Doctors Service by Rockhampton Capricorn and Rockhampton East Rotary Clubs.



District Attendance Report					
Club	No of Members	Increase	Decrease	Attendance %	Position in District for this month
Mackay	59	1	0	72.90%	26
Mackay North	41	0	0	63.38%	32
Port of Mackay	41	0	0	73.07%	23
Mackay Sunrise	25	0	0	62%	34
Mackay West	41	0	0	77.84%	15
Mirani	12	0	0	79.17%	12
Sarina	22	1	0	71.75%	27
Walkerston	23	0	0	No Report	
Mt Morgan	13	0	0	98.07%	1
Rockhampton	27	1	0	74.15%	19
Rockhampton Capricorn	8	0	0	90.63%	6
Rockhampton East	19	0	0	73.70%	20
Rockhampton North	44	0	2	88.14%	8
Rockhampton West	23	0	0	91.30%	5
Rockhampton South	26	0	0	85.00%	12
Rockhampton Sunrise	29	0	2	90.84%	4
Yeppoon	33	0	0	85.02%	10
Blackwater	18	0	0	89.41%	7
Emerald	23	0	0	79%	13
Emerald Sunrise	28	0	0	50%	37
Moranbah	22	0	0	No Report	
Gayndah	9	0	0	No Report	
Monto	14	1	0	73%	24
Mundubbera	14	0	0	76.78%	16
Bagara	12	1	0	62.50%	33
Bundaberg	26	0	0	No Report	
Bundaberg City Daybreak	18	0	0	92.22%	3
Bundaberg East	29	0	0	70%	28
Bundaberg Sunrise	39	2	0	86.70%	9
Bundaberg West	31	0	1	75.00%	17
Childers	29	1	0	73%	25
Barcaldine	8	0	0	No Report	
Blackall	6	0	0	No Report	
Longreach	19	0	1	53.75%	35
Boyne - Tannum	15	2	1	67.20%	29
Gladstone	40	0	0	No Report	
Gladstone Midday	41	1	0	74.99%	18
Port Curtis	39	0	0	No Report	
Gladstone South	34	0	0	93%	2
Gladstone Sunrise	27	0	0	80.15%	11
Hervey Bay	24	0	0	53.41%	36
Hervey Bay City	28	0	0	73.40%	21
Hervey Bay Sunrise	43	1	0	78%	14
Maryborough	20	0	0	66%	30
Maryborough City	24	0	0	73.33%	22
Maryborough Sunrise	17	0	0	No Report	
Biloela	30	0	0	No Report	
Moura	12	0	0	No Report	
Theodore	11	0	0	65.90%	31
<b>Totals &amp; Averages</b>	<b>1236</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>		