



9600 NEWSLETTER

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Michael's Message....

What is the best gift you ever received? Better still, what is the best gift you ever gave? Perhaps you will recall that in each instance, the best gift was one that was tied with the heartstrings of the giver, one that included part of self – Wanda Fulton.

The joy on the faces of the children still tugs at the heart and is something we will never forget – a priceless gift that we received in exchange for being the messenger that delivered the gifts from our Clubs. See Sherryl's article "From a Partner in Service", for more details. (page 3)

Last month we attended the annual Zone Institute that, this year, was held at Broadbeach and, as usual, provided the ideal forum for the 23 Australian Governors and PDG's to network, and for the DGE's and DGN's to be trained. These days, new programs (like Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) want to be recognised as Multi-District activities and we are resisting this because of the increased administration load and the poor record of some of the existing programs. ARCAP for instance is a real worry and much time was spent in discussing a way forward for this troubled company whose constitution may be at odds with RI's Code of Policies. Two Districts have already withdrawn and, of the remaining 21, only two Governors were in favour of it continuing in its present form. We also spent considerable time on RAWCS and, at the AGM of RAWCS Ltd, successfully moved that:

1) Attempts to obtain accreditation for

AusAid cease for the time being,
2) The Constitution be changed to reflect RAWCS proper role as a co-ordinator of the Regions, and to streamline the Board in line with RI Code of Policies,
3) To encourage the Board to introduce a system of funding using interest from a corpus,
4) Promote tax deductibility more effectively.

The AGM's were also held for ROMAC, RDU, and ARHRF where an attempt to cap the corpus at \$20 million failed. Due mainly to falling subscription levels, RDU is having to seriously evaluate itself – the NZ Office has already been sold and studies are underway on whether to relocate the Parramatta Office to a regional area and/or sub-licence Rotary supplies.

The impact of the continuing drought was also on our minds – fodder is no good this time around as most properties are running out of water. So it was considered that a psychological approach may be best – Adopt a Town – for instance a Club could visit a rural community and put on a party/BBQ and so give the locals a good time, lift spirits, aid networking, and of course spend money in the community and help the local economy. Workshops were held on the Council on Legislation, Public Relations (every Club will receive a disc of resources), strategic planning, Club Leadership Plan, and Water Resources. We were also treated to some very interesting speakers like Professors Allan Bond on "Politics and Funding in Modern Australian Science" and Kevin Clements on "Politics of Fear in Peace and Conflict".

The news from Rabaul is of great concern and the 3000 relocated Matupit Islanders are without the means to start a new life in the hills – limited shelter, few tools, and no clean water supply. The District Disaster Committee authorised the immediate transfer of \$5000 to purchase basic tools so that they could build shelters and start food gardens. I also contacted ShelterBox to see if they could assist and last week 100 boxes were packed into containers at DIK for



shipment to Rabaul. This amounts to some \$120,000 worth of aid and means that we must do what we can to support this fantastic program. We now have our very own District ShelterBox, care of the Rotary Club of Pine Rivers Daybreak, so if you want to see what they look like, or help them repack it, give them a call.

At my visits to Clubs, I have been talking about RI President Bill's emphases for 2006-07 (water, health & hunger, literacy and family) and how we must seek continuity, sustainability, and co-operation and it is interesting to note how closely this aligns with the Millennium Goals of UNESCO:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV / AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Develop a global partnership for development

Rotary is making a difference and *Leading the Way* in doing so!

Rotarians focus on the family of Rotary in December because it is Family Month. Many Clubs are working with their Resource Group Committees to plan projects and activities that focus on the Family

of Rotary, one of RI President Bill's four emphases and here are some ideas:

- Plan a Rotary Friendship Exchange with a Club in another region or country.
- Join a Rotary Fellowship (see page 48 of your District Directory) – the Recreational Vehicle Fellowship have just had a roundup at the Maleny Showgrounds.
- Investigate the many opportunities of Rotary.
- Invite family members of Rotarians to speak about their vocations or participate in a Club project or meeting.
- Invite past Rotarians and their families to a meeting.
- Invite Interactors and Rotaractors to speak about their service projects at your Club meeting.
- Begin a family literacy or vocational training project.
- Have a party and have fun, fun, fun.
- Visit the 2006-07 Family of Rotary Resource Group web page.
- Enjoy Rotary.

Accommodation at the Kingaroy **World of Opportunity** Conference in April 2007 is filling fast so do not delay – register now.

Sherryl and I wish you all the very best festive season full of joy and happiness, and a successful and happy New Year as you continue to Lead the Way to a Better world.

There are no impossible dreams,
Just our limited perception of what is possible.

(Beth Conny)

Lead the Way.

Michael Governor D9600

Selection of Governor 2009-2010 for Rotary District 9600

In accordance with "Standing Procedures for the Management of the District" nominations are invited from clubs for:

1. Members of the Governor 2009-2010 Nominating Committee.
2. Governor 2009-2010

1) Nominating Committee

Nominations are called for the four elected positions for the Nominating Committee for District Governor. The committee comprises the DG, DGE and IPDG (who shall be Chairman), together with the following elected members:

- (a) A Rotarian who has held the office of Assistant Governor (or prior equivalent) or who has served as Chairman of one of the District Committees established by these Standing Procedures for a full term during the five years prior to nomination to this committee.
- (b) Three Rotarians who have held office for a full term as President of a District 9600 club during the five years prior to nomination to this committee.

The procedure for the selection of these four positions are to be found at District 9600 website under the section entitled "Standing Procedures for the Management of the District" and therefore nominations from District Clubs of suitably qualified and consenting Rotarians are requested. Club nominations for these appointments to the Nominating Committee close with District Governor Michael Gregory on 31 January 2007.

2) District Governor 2009-2010

Nominations are also called for District Governor 2009-2010. The governor is an officer of RI, nominated by clubs of the district, selected by the Nominating committee for District Governor (see left) and elected by the next convention of RI.

Governor-Nominee data forms are available from District Governor Michael Gregory. Nominations by clubs also close by 31 January 2007.

Notes about the composition and process of the nominating committee:

1. Please be aware that there can only be one nomination in each Category from each club. A person may not nominate in both categories. Rotarians with the designation of Past District Governor are not eligible to stand for election in either Category.
2. Following receipt of nominations, District Governor Michael shall then circulate clubs details of all nominations received together with a brief biography of each individual.
3. In the event that more than the required number of nominations are received in either one or both categories, District Governor Michael shall conduct a ballot-by-mail (in accordance with current Rotary International Bylaws), finalising that ballot by the end of February 2007.
4. The nominee(s) gaining the most votes will be elected to the committee. If there are insufficient nominations or a vacancy occurs, District Governor Michael will appoint a qualified Rotarian to fill the vacancy(s). However no member of the District Governor Nominating Committee in any category shall serve on the committee if a candidate for District Governor is from the same club, or is a relative of a candidate (as defined by The Rotary Foundation).
5. Please note that no member of the District Governor Nominating Committee shall be eligible for nomination, that year, as District Governor-Nominee.

The 23 Australian Governors and Partners networking at the Zone Institute

**Congratulations
Jenny Horton
of the
Rotary Club
of Kenmore
has been
awarded Rotary's
prestigious
International
Service Award for
a Polio-Free
World**



District Diary

December - Family Month

December:

3-9 - Sunshine Safari Tour for YEP Inbounders and Outbounders.

9 - District Team (2007/08) Training Session No. 3 - Assistant Governors - Shaftesbury Citizenship Centre Campus, Burpengary.

17 - Last day for submission of the November membership and attendance figures.

26 - Outgoing GSE Team departs for D3300, Malaysia. Returns 28 January.

30 - National Youth Science Forum Session A, commences in Canberra.

31 - Final Date for Club Annual Meetings for the purpose of Election of Officers for 2007/2008 (which includes President-Elect for 2008/2009).

January 2007:

All 2007 outbound YEP students depart for their year abroad. All Australian YEP Rebounders (last year's students) return home. Arrival (2007 students) and departure (2006 students) of Southern Hemisphere YEP Inbounders.

DG Club Official Visits December - Nil

DG Club Official Visits January 2007:

Mon 22 - Brisbane

Wed 24 - Kenmore

Thurs 25 - Brisbane Planetarium

Tue 30 - Samford Valley

Wed 31 - Ashgrove / The Gap

More Diary Dates 2007

21 Feb - International Mother language Day

23 Feb - World Understanding & Peace Day

8 March - International Women's Day

12-18 March - World Rotaract Week

21 March - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

22 March - World Day for Water

7 April - World Health Day

4-6 May - PNG and SI Forum (note changed from Directory)

15 May - International Day of Families

From a Partner in Service

The Family of Rotary

As we have moved around the clubs on our official visits, Michael has stressed the importance of keeping a focus on the family of Rotary. It has been lovely to see so many partners at many of the official visits and whole families in some cases, and I thank you for your warm hospitality. It has been good to catch up with so many old Rotary friends and make many new ones.

Literacy Project

Support for my little literacy project has been overwhelming, and I thank all clubs who have donated books or money, and other goods, so generously. The donations have totalled \$650 and the books, puzzles, and other goods (including bed sheets) would have filled several large boxes. All books have been labelled with the Rotary Club who donated them. I would like to tell you where some of these donations have ended up. In September we set off for our official visits to PNG. I packed a large suitcase with as many books and other materials as I could - it was very heavy - and luckily we didn't have to pay excess baggage despite being over the Air Niugini limit! At our first stop in Port Moresby I made a trip to the Koki markets to deliver the bulk of the materials to the Koki preschool (I had purchased additional charts, floor games and alphabet cards from an educational supplier with some of the donated money). Unfortunately the preschool was on school holidays, so I left the goods in the capable hands of Betty at Carol's Koki library next door. Our suitcases were now much lighter but I had saved some books which I gave to President Brian of the Bulolo/Wau club for his primary school, and to Rotarian Maureen in Madang to distribute to preschools in her area.

Our visits in PNG reinforced the need for pre and primary school books, and the extreme importance of promoting literacy of children, in particular of girls and women, and I learnt a lot about donating goods first hand. Other needs became evident, and the usefulness of the materials provided by DIK throughout PNG was again and again reinforced. The stationery supplies (Kits for Kids), the Birthing kits, donated text books are very much appreciated everywhere. In Kimbe, the Rotary Community Corp members said they needed more kits for kids in their area, so I was able to give them \$250 in cash to buy locally, exercise books and other stationery, to deliver to the village schools in need in their area. We had some unforgettable experiences in PNG. Two of them linked us to primary schools and further needs. In Mt Hagen we had a fantastic welcome not only by the Rotary club members and their partners but by children of a highland school dressed in their traditional costumes. The principal of the school presented us with gifts of highland hats and a lovely bilum. At Sikut up in the hills behind Rabaul we made a visit

to a community school and were warmly greeted by staff and students who sang a beautiful thankyou song to the Rotarians in gratitude for two water tanks they have donated to the school. On return, I have organised for a subscription to National Geographic, (A\$59 per year), to be sent to each of these schools and to Carol's Koki library, via the local Rotary Clubs - so that they will have some up to date resources, to investigate the wider world around them. A club may wish to pick up the cost of these subscriptions for subsequent years. There is also a request for a subscription to Readers Digest for Carol's Koki library.

Some bulky items which have been donated to me, I have taken to DIK, and labelled them to be specifically sent to particular areas. Examples are bed sheets donated by Kippa Ring RC (some I took with me to Kokopo), others I have directed to be sent to the Goroka Base Hospital (after a visit we made there - the Goroka RC is doing a lot of good work at the hospital there), and preschool materials from Redcliffe Sunrise (I took most up with me) - I have directed the rest to go to the South Moresby Preschool Association for distribution to several preschools under their control.

Solomon Islands Visit

We are off to the Solomon Islands on 9 December for one week and I will be taking as many of the recent donations of books with me to directly give to schools up there. I may have to leave them with the Rotarians if the schools are on holidays by then. We will be returning to PNG for the forum in May so will have another opportunity to take more books up there then. So the project continues and it is giving me such pleasure on your behalf to deliver these goods. I feel like Santa Claus, and I actually read some of the books on the many flights between destinations in PNG - such wonderful stories. Thankyou once again. Best wishes for a warm family Christmas to all our Rotary family.

Sherryl



R/C Mount Hagen Rotarians with Principal and Students of Tega Primary School welcome us at Mt Hagen Airport.



President John Kingal and wife Rony of R/C Mt Hagen with DG Michael & Sherryl at the club meeting.

Please send articles to
dgnewseditor@rotary9600.org
Deadline for articles - The last
week of the previous month.

Project News Timor Lights Update

In 2005 RC of Brisbane Planetarium sponsored the establishment of a RAWCS project to install solar-powered lighting into villages in West Timor, making life easier for the villagers and encouraging children to do their homework. Chris Wood, a Brisbane-based engineer whose wife Emy grew up in Indonesia, has funded and conducted the installations.

Each lighting set consists of a photovoltaic panel, a "dry" battery (to eliminate acid spills), two high-efficiency fluorescent lights and an electronic controller. The controller regulates the flow of electricity from the panel to the battery and from the battery to the lights, to avoid situations which would reduce battery life below the expected 4 years.

Chris completed the second rollout in West Timor of solar-powered home lighting systems under the project during September and October. The systems replace home-made kerosene lamps and are facilitating homework, cooking and other evening activities in 86 homes in the Amfoang Barat Daya region of West Timor.

Chris is keen to extend the project, but his resources are limited. There is an opportunity for Clubs or individuals to assist with funding, and potential to apply, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Kupang, for a Rotary matching grant. The work is only moderately labour-intensive, and Chris has trained local people, but there is also limited potential for volunteers.

Chris would also be happy to assist other groups to commence similar projects in other regions of Timor Indonesia or of the world at large. He may be contacted on 07) 3878 8764 or chriswood@partitionenterprises.com.au or 0407 737 527.

Article by PDG John Lawrence



Promoting Rotary -

Rotary International has requested Rotary clubs and districts to promote Rotary and improve Rotary's public image during 2006-2007 year.

The Rotary Club of Kawana Waters Inc has been blessed by the generous support of local residents, Jessie Burns and her late husband, Noel, over many years.

In June, 2006 the Club accepted Noel and Jessie's valuable sponsorship of an "as constructed" 10 metre wide x 3 metre high (covering 30 square metres) signboard (to 31.12.2007) on an external wall of their "Noel Burns House" commercial building on Nicklin Way at Buddina on the Sunshine Coast. Nicklin Way is a busy 4 lane major road servicing traffic between Mooloolaba (to the north) and Caloundra (to the south).

The signboard, which seeks to achieve RI's objectives, has been manufactured and erected. It is clearly visible to southbound traffic and promotes Rotary International, our district 9600, and the Kawana Waters Rotary Club.

The signboard has been favourably received by neighbouring Rotary Clubs and our District Governor Michael Gregory and the Club is hopeful that some of the positive enquiries now being made may assist it with membership growth.

Australia/New Zealand Student Exchange

In 2007, D9600 will recommence student exchanges with New Zealand. Rotary Clubs in our District are invited to take part in this excellent programme.

The programme is designed to **foster international understanding** between Australian and New Zealanders. Although arranged by Rotary, it is run largely on a family to family basis with assistance from the local Rotary Club. The families directly involved cover all costs.

Students are matched with students of similar interests in the other country.

Young Australians, **aged 13 to 16**, spend one school term of the academic year (March-June, Term 2) living and studying in a New Zealand community as a guest of a New Zealand family. The Australian student's family then host the New Zealand student (who was their host in New Zealand) in their own home and community from June to September (Term 3).

Rotary Clubs provide vital support for this exchange programme by conducting a student interview in the home, and by providing a Counsellor for the Australian student while he/she is in New Zealand (and the matched NZ student while he/she is in Australia). The Counsellor is critical to the success of the programme.

Rotary Clubs may also make a financial contribution (ca \$250) to cover:

- a jacket, polo shirt, badge and business cards for the Australian student
- printing marketing material for the programme

The ANZ Student Exchange Committee is seeking **volunteers** to assist with the implementation and running of this great youth service program. Duties will not be onerous but they will be rewarding and fulfilling! They will make a difference to our young people and our World!

For further information, contact:

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RAWCS Final Report for Project 2 2006-2007 "Worldfish" Center.

Article by PP Trevor Taylor

I came back to the Solomon's on the 29th August, and returned to Aussie on the 24th October, 2006. I am helping a Company called "Worldfish" with the work they are doing with the local villagers, giving them an alternative to taking all their income off the reef, by growing crays, shrimps, and coming on line over the next couple of years coral, giant clams, and possibly sponges, all under controlled conditions, so it will be sustainable over a long period of time, and, hopefully the reefs may become more populated with some of these things. This will be an ongoing commitment on my behalf to assist them in the future as well.

I am working on the Marketing side of the business for them, and learning everything else on the production side.

Everything went very well there, and I now know how they work, and what they are doing. We went by boat around the villages where they are growing-on aquatic animals for sale, so I have been looking at the "stock" we have in hand at the moment. It is a bit different to what we handle at home, that is for sure. Everything is done by boat, and snorkelling gear is the norm. The principal is the same though, except we are looking at crays and shrimps, instead of cattle.

I spoke to the Exporters in Honiara on the way through, to get their ideas on it, and before I came I emailed some of the buyers around the world, so now I have a full picture of the whole process, and I have done a business plan for the person who will have the future 'depot' to on-sell the animals in the future when "Worldfish" is not able to do it. Their plan is to pass it on to someone there to keep it going indefinitely, and they will assume more of an advisory role, if they are still there in the future, depending on grants etc.

Worldfish is a 'not for profit' organisation, and can't run it as a business, and they may not have the funding to do what they are doing now, setting it up.

The people there are very friendly, and all know what they are doing, and have their job to do, so that is good.

I was able to access the internet there, but it is a bit slow having a capacity of only 28 kps where yours has approximately 500, I think?

I went to the Rotary meetings while I was there, and it was interesting to hear what is happening to all the projects in the melting pot. I discussed with them what project we might do here next year, and have decided to put a team together to work on the School in Gizo itself, both the Primary and High School. We will be replacing water tanks, doing electrical, plumbing, and gas-fitting work, as well as upgrading the classrooms with windows, paint, etc.

Also, I am planning to send a team to Bo Boe to help the local people to rebuild the Medical Clinic there, mainly by supplying

materials they can not afford to buy themselves, such as roofing iron, and sheeting etc.

The weather here is not too different to what it is early in the year, apparently I just missed some terrible weather with strong winds, and rough seas, with heavy rain before I came, although the weather is fine now, and still just as hot as normal.

I am planning to come back in February to work on the above projects, and again in September if possible to try to get some more of the most urgent work done, perhaps in a different area.

I hope this is sufficient report for you on my most interesting trip to the Gizo area. I am happy to report that I achieved what I wanted to do while there, and because there was a chronic shortage of desks in the Primary School, I had some made while I was there to seat 24 children, so that helped a little, and also set a price that we can get desks made there if we decide to do that.

Thank you RAWCS for your support, it is a big help.



HOLIDAY READING IN ROTARY DOWN UNDER

The December/January issue of Rotary Down Under is always "chock a block" full with interesting holiday reading but the 2006/2007 edition is absolutely exceptional!

Our cover photograph and story features The Honourable Anand Satyanand, recently appointed Governor General of New Zealand, and Lieutenant-General Jerry Mateparae, Chief of the New Zealand Defence Forces. Both men are members of the Rotary Club of Wellington, New Zealand, and provide inspirational examples of community leadership to all.

Apart from the usual RDU editorial features, there are special story clusters on projects like Rotary gardens, Rotary entertainment, and The Rotary Foundation.

There are magnificent four page features on the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund and ShelterBox – two significant programs that are active developing Rotary's public image by their good works.

However, there are also stories from our island neighbours Fiji and Vanuatu, and stories featuring new initiatives like Rotary Youth Driver Awareness –along with more coverage on the established popular programs such as Probus & ROMAC.

And for more relaxed holiday reading, turn your magazine over and enjoy some outstanding editorial features in Rotarian Life – "Dusty days on the territory's cattle stations" and "Changi to hellfire

pass" – to mention just two. The December/January issue of Rotary Down Under really does provide 80 pages of enjoyable, holiday reading...



Tom Bullen, President of RC of Kokopo with principal and Co-ordinator of the Sikut Community School, plus DG Michael & Sherryl.



Students of Sikut Community School



Induction of new Rotarian James Wong, RC of Kokopo

Rotary Junior Community Award 10th Anniversary

The Rotary Junior Community Award, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mitchell River, is celebrating its 10th Anniversary.

The program started in 1997 with 45 successful Awardees from four schools in Bairnsdale. Since then the program has expanded into other clubs with in District 9820, several other districts within Australia and the UK. The program has been translated into Welsh for use in schools in Wales. The program helps young people in their final year in primary school learn about different aspects of their communities, how they can become active and valued members and gives them experience in the role of the volunteer.

The program takes a minimum of 20 weeks to complete and ensures that participants have a wide range of experiences within their communities. Mitchell River sponsors the program in up to 18 local schools and this year will present its 1000th Award.

Other clubs to have a long record of sponsoring the program in their local schools are Orbost, Toowong (Qld) and Morwell, all having reached nine years.

Article by David Hawkey, RC Mitchell River.

QUEENSLAND GAINS A WINNER IN STORM THE STAGE GRAND FINAL IN WA.

On 2 November, six young people boarded a QANTAS flight bound for Perth to compete in the National Grand Final for *Storm The Stage* Competition. They were James Gauci (Brisbane), Elizabeth Howard (Brisbane), Kristyn Bilson (Brisbane), Jessica Beavon (Innisfail), Marcus Guinane (Brisbane) and Francine Cain (Brisbane).

Dianne Eden (Qld Arts Director) and Jan Lawton (Qld Rotary Co-ordinator) were the chaperones for the 3-day visit to Perth.

The Queensland contingent was met at the airport by Don Briggs, a member of the Rotary Club of Cannington WA. Don is part of the committee for Storm The Stage and was also welcoming contestants from Tasmania, Victoria and South Australia.

Friday 3 November was very busy, as at 10am all 20 finalists from Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland were required at the theatre to practice with the producer, pianist and sound technicians. These young people rehearsed until 6pm that evening, then returned to their rooms to shower and dress, ready for their big performance later that evening.

Storm The Stage National Grand Final was held at the beautiful Burswood Entertainment Complex, a very new centre for the Performing Arts in Perth. The evening was well attended and the performers were encouraged by many of their followers.

The evening commenced at 8pm as 20 contestants Stormed the Stage to present their best efforts. All presentations were of



From L to R: Jessica Beavon, Jan Lawton, Kristyn Bilson, Francine Cain, Marcus Guinane, Elizabeth Howard, James Gauci.

a very high standard, the future of drama and musical theatre looks assured with such strong young people coming to the fore. There was very significant publicity for Rotary throughout the whole competition, and particularly on this night.

Congratulations must go to the winners:

Best Performance Drama Theatre

– Claire Lovering (WA)
Claire presented, *Rose*, from *The Woolgatherer*, by William Mastrosimone.

Best Performance Musical Theatre

– Kristyn Bilson (Qld)
Kristyn presented, *My New Philosophy* from *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, by Clark Gesner and Andrew Lippa.

The Channel 7 Audition Award

from Bevan Lee for Home & Away & All Saints was awarded to Evan Dowling (Tas). Evan performed a drama presentation of *Billy from five kinds of Silence*, by Shelagh Stephenson.

The evening finished with a cocktail party in the Burswood Theatre Foyer for all who attended the event. The performers from Qld and the other states continued to party on into the night in their hotel accommodation with a very exciting menu of chips and birthday cake! The beverages of choice were water and coke. An excellent finish to a very long day.

Our weary Queensland contestants returned home on Saturday 4 November, on the QANTAS "red-eye" flight arriving in Brisbane 11.45pm.

Article by Jan Lawton
Qld Co-ordinator –
Storm The Stage 2006-07.

Announcement of John Lawrence for Director 2008-2010



On September 16 a nominating committee (drawn from 10 Districts out of WA, SA, Qld and northern NSW) selected PDG John Lawrence from the RC of Brisbane Planetarium as a Director of RI for 2008-2010, to represent Zones 7 & 8 (i.e. Philippines, Australia, NZ and the Pacific).

The RI Board comprises 19 members: The president (Chair), the president-elect, and 17 other directors nominated by the clubs from the zones around the world, each of whom serves a two-year term. A director, although representing a certain zone, is elected at the annual convention by all the clubs, so in fact represents all clubs under the administration of Rotary.

The Board is responsible for directing and controlling the affairs and funds of the international association, exercising control over the current and incoming officers of the association and the committees of RI, and providing general supervision to the member clubs.

Following the expiring of the period of challenge (by other candidates) on 1st December John becomes the sole nominee and will be confirmed as Director 2008-2010 at the forthcoming International Convention in June 2007 at Salt Lake City. John's Rotary experience is well known throughout this District and is described in November's issue of Rotary Down Under (page 47).



TRF Committee Chairman, Russ O'Malley, GSE Team from D9920, DG Michael & Sherryl



President Graeme Ridler & DG Michael

From DG Michael & Sherryl

and all their team

& from the Editor

We wish you all a very



District 9600 Governor's Newsletter — December 2006

Col's Comments

D9600 Membership and Attendance Report September and October 2006

When the October returns closed on 17 November, there were 26 clubs still missing. About average, but disappointing after only 19 the previous month. Seven of these 26 had come in "naturally" by 25 November, and reminder emails were then sent to all of the 19 clubs still outstanding. This had a better than 50% success rate, with 10 more clubs coming good. As of today, 4 December, there remain nine outstanding, each listed in the table opposite as a "No Return". The only clubs yet to provide figures for months prior to October are Kavieng and Madang. It was good to receive "catch-up" figures from Mt Hagen and Wewak.

As previously advised, the end of June figure of 1929 is firm and final, with ALL clubs having reported. The July total (all now in except for Kavieng) is now 1899, representing a fairly normal drop of 30 members for that time of the year. Particularly with four new members now reported by Wewak, August has taken a turn for the better; reported last month as 1901 and now 1907. September and October, as shown opposite, have almost maintained this.

With four months gone in the 2006/07 membership growth stakes, there are four clubs (excluding Gizo which has not yet put in an October return and Wewak where the situation is still a little uncertain) which have registered a net growth of three members. These are:

Kawana Waters	12 to 15
Caloundra	27 to 30
Boroko	29 to 32
Mooloolaba	51 to 54

Increases of a net two members have been recorded by Nundah, Pine Rivers, Nambour, Honiara, Port Moresby and Aspley. Keep 'em coming!

Welcome to New Members

As of today, 4 December 2006, there have been nine new, rejoined or relocated members advised by clubs since the DG's November Newsletter was prepared on 4 November 2006. All of these refer to the current Rotary year 2006/07. During the same period there was only one termination notice received, again for 2006/07.

A big welcome, then, to the following new, rejoined or relocated members:

Aspley:	Doug Harper and Trish Mayoh.
Brisbane North:	Tim Shea.
Brisbane Planetarium:	Colin Edwards.
Caboolture:	Shane Moon.
Huon Gulf:	Katie Bluett.
Indooroopilly:	Jan Wilson and Zani Carter.
Kawana Waters:	Wendy Gilson.

Club	Club Membership			Attendance Percentages	
	30/6/06	30/9/06	31/10/06	Sept 2006	October 2006
Albany Creek	36	35	34	79.84	69.23
Albion	15	15	15	95.99	96.67
Alexandra Headland	24	25	25	78.26	76.09
Ashgrove /The Gap	42	42	41	79.88	78.66
Aspley	46	48	48	70.55	70.00
Bribie Island	26	22	22	89.74	80.28
Brisbane	67	66	66	50.52	51.25
Brisbane High-Rise	51	50	50	71.84	75.00
Brisbane Mid-City	62	61	61	59.75	62.30
Brisbane North	33	33	33	71.62	72.28
Brisbane Planetarium	71	69	69	88.78	84.20
Buderim	25	26	26	60.16	71.03
Caboolture	31	30	30	72.50	77.30
Caloundra	27	30	30	81.67	84.00
Caloundra Pacific	35	35	35	75.89	78.69
Coolum-Peregian	12	9	11	80.55	76.36
Cooroy	29	27	27	87.00	100.00
Fortitude Valley	50	50	51	77.19	74.73
Geebung	12	13	13	95.45	96.36
Gympie	54	55	55	81.32	80.00
Gympie-Cooloola	45	44	44	73.30	74.55
Hamilton	50	49	50	69.37	75.24
Indooroopilly	18	19	19	60.75	68.45
Karana Downs	21	21	20	67.85	77.00
Kawana Waters	12	15	15	71.66	87.99
Kenmore	48	47	47	70.57	59.29
Kingaroy	21	19	19	78.85	73.68
Kingaroy-Taabinga	15	16	16	84.38	70.31
Kippa Ring	17	17	17	97.06	No Return
Maleny	37	36	36	76.72	68.97
Maroochydore	38	37	37	79.30	No Return
Mitchelton	25	25	25	81.25	87.50
Mooloolaba	51	53	54	74.64	77.38
Murgon	20	19	17	73.84	86.66
Nambour	29	31	31	67.44	70.83
Nambour 76	36	33	33	73.15	79.63
Noosa	39	39	39	74.26	70.59
Noosa Heads	43	37	37	65.54	65.64
Noosa Heads Daybreak	32	33	32	69.35	63.28
Nundah	18	20	20	81.25	95.31
Paddington/ Red Hill	13	8	8	78.13	No Return
Pine Rivers	19	21	21	78.57	82.86
Pine Rivers Daybreak	15	16	16	62.50	75.00
Redcliffe City	50	48	48	78.05	84.42
Redcliffe Sunrise	17	15	15	86.54	84.62
Samford Valley	37	37	36	83.61	90.20
Sandgate	18	19	19	87.50	68.49
St Lucia	18	18	17	62.96	56.86
Stafford	18	18	18	73.61	69.44
Strathpine	16	13	12	80.00	85.00
The Glass House Mtns	19	15	15	89.29	No Return
Toowong	36	34	33	67.74	77.05
West B'ne Daybreak	25	19	19	88.16	76.84
Windsor	19	19	19	77.63	70.52
Woombye Sunrise	23	20	20	92.30	89.33
Boroko	29	31	32	75.13	97.66
Bulolo-Wau	4	4	4	62.50	75.00
Goroka	8	8	8	50.00	45.00
Huon Gulf	21	21	22	74.55	82.89
Kavieng	8	8	8	No Return	No Return
Kokopo	11	11	12	86.36	77.08
Lae	20	19	19	48.93	No Return
Madang	12	12	12	No Return	No Return
Mount Hagen	13	13	13	50.00	51.92
Port Moresby	41	42	43	69.05	63.85
Rabaul	7	7	7	78.57	No Return
Wewak	8	13	13	84.62	84.62
Gizo	7	10	10	57.50	No Return
Honiara	34	36	36	49.31	77.78
Totals/Averages	1929	1906	1905	74.81%	76.22%