



9600 NEWSLETTER



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Michael's Message....

The hope for world understanding lies in those people of our world who acknowledge that all the other people of our world are different but not wrong. Hope resides in those who will defend the right of every inhabitant of this world to call his maker by whatever name he chooses and to worship him (or her) in whatever way they prefer; who will defend the right of the people of the world to choose their own forms of government, espouse their own causes, to adopt their own social philosophies, to prefer their own art forms, and to follow their own customs. – Paul Henningham, RDU, February 1984.

Paul goes on to say that, "it would be naïve, perhaps, to suggest that Rotarians are very different from the other people of the world. As a body we probably are as bigoted, as racially prejudiced, as politically and socially intolerant as the rest; but we do have an ideal by which we might be guided and by adherence to which we might aspire to membership of that select group of peacemakers who will lead the world out of the darkness of prejudice and intolerance and bigotry and into the light of acceptance and understanding and friendship. World understanding and peace will be achieved only when the great majority of the people of our world accept differences as differences and not as follies or aberrations or superstitions or evils." So it is up to us to Lead The Way to a better world by building bridges of friendship one small step at a time – in our Club, in our local com-

munity, in our nation, and in neighbouring countries. To honour world understanding month, consider inviting someone of a different ethnic origin to your Club meeting, and organising a Friendship Exchange.

On 23 February, Rotary celebrates its 102nd anniversary. This day also marks the anniversary of the first mass polio vaccination effort for children in Pennsylvania, USA, in 1954, and is a reminder that the eradication of this disease still requires enormous effort on our part if we are to achieve our goal. We now have it cornered in four countries and we must sustain the pressure until the job is finished – please consider how you can help our volunteers in the field such as our own PP Jenny Horton who is dealing with tremendous challenges in one of those four countries – Pakistan.

January saw a resumption of Official Visits, and attendance at the Siemens Science School at UQ where around 450 students were overwhelmingly excited about their experiences of the past three days – another wonderful Rotary opportunity! Australia's Chief Scientist waxed lyrical about the opportunities in science and how, contrary to popular opinion, the rewards can be great as a majority of the current millionaires in the world come from a background of science. I congratulate all those Clubs who organised something special for Australia Day, street parties, socials, quizzes and particularly Citizenship Ceremonies that were very emotional and memorable occasions. This resulted in some very good coverage in the local media, and at least one new member! We also welcomed home our GSE Team to D3300, Malaysia, led by PP Lorelle Holcroft – see separate article.

Considering all the hard work that our District Committee has put in to assist Clubs with membership issues, it is disappointing that we have not made more progress. Without exception, Clubs list membership as their main concern yet the steps required to meet this challenge are slow in being implemented. We must start with re-

tension and make sure that our Clubs meet the expectations of our existing members and that their needs are being fully met – when did you last hold a Club Forum to discuss the results of a Club survey? Next you should identify the needs of prospective members and see if your Club can meet those needs – if not, we should consider extension. In order to attract more young people in particular to Rotary it may be necessary to charter new Clubs and existing Clubs have a duty to be ever mindful of extension opportunities in their vicinity. Given the enormous population growth in our District it is high time that we exploit this by becoming more proactive. Let us start the ball rolling by every Club having a Membership Director on the Board with an ACTIVE Committee.

However, on a more positive note I have received the paperwork for the new Rotary Community Corps of Munda in the Western Province of Solomon Islands – the 24 members there will prove a very valuable asset to our service in that area.

PRIP Arch Klumph once said: "it is those simple moments that define who and what we are. We do not carry out our ideals by talking about them – we carry them out through our everyday actions. These everyday actions are the essence of fellowship – and the essence of service". In a word, Rotary speaks of opportunities – through Rotary membership you can discover dozens of opportunities:

- Opportunities to enhance your life and the lives of your family and friends.
- Opportunities to establish close friendships with individuals around the world whom you would never have met, except through the magic of Rotary.
- The opportunities to share with many others a common belief and philosophy of service without any thought of personal return. Through the friendship in a Rotary Club, each of us has an impact on others by insuring

that they stay in Rotary.

- How can you promote peace in the world? It only takes one person who reaches out to help a fellow human being to bring change. Rotary gives you opportunities to do just that in your community or on the international level. Let non-Rotarians know the opportunities that Rotary provides and ask them to join you. They may be looking for a way to serve and Rotary membership can Lead The Way.

REACH OUT – BE A FRIEND!

Help your Rotary Club grow by ensuring that all of your friends want to join and stay in Rotary!

Register now for the Kingaroy **World of Opportunity** Conference in April 2007, learn about the many opportunities available through Rotary, and experience real country hospitality. The deadline for resolutions is 12 February.

It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life

That no one can sincerely try to help another without helping themselves.

(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Lead the Way.

Michael Governor D9600

and four grandchildren – Timon (23), Alexander (21), Joel (12) and Erin (10).

Following is an extract from "Tribute to a Friend" penned by the late Past President Alan Maskell – a fitting tribute to a wonderful man and a great Rotarian.

If ever there was a lame dog that needed help over a stile;

If ever there was a project that needed support;

If ever there was a Church function that needed help;

If ever there is a family man par excellence;

If ever there is a friend of absolute sincerity;

If ever there was a man with such a strange sense of humour;

Then that man, that father, that friend, that Rotarian, is

HARRY BURROWS.

Farewell to: John Goodchild

John Goodchild from Murgon club passed away on Friday 2 February. His funeral will be Tuesday 6 February at Murgon Town Hall.

John leaves a young family and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Obituary – HARRY BURROWS 1921-2007

Henry Edwin (Harry) Burrows was born on 24th December 1921, attended Morningside State School and Brisbane State High School, and was apprenticed to HH Green & Co. as an electrical mechanic and fitter. He joined the Naval Reserve as a Cadet in 1937, and was 17 when war broke out. At 18 Harry was indentured by the Navy to serve a three and a half year apprenticeship as a 5th class Electrical Artificer. He later formed H E Burrows & Co.

Harry was inducted into the Rotary Club of Fortitude Valley in 1956, and served as Club Service Director in 1962, President in 1964-65, and District Governor's Special Representative for formation of the Rotary Club of Newstead in August 1966. Harry was made a Paul Harris Fellow in 1984-85, received a Jewel to Paul Harris in 1998 and completed 30 years of 100% attendance in 1986. On 14th September last year, almost 70 people gathered to honour Harry on his 50 years of membership of the club.

Harry most recently served on the Club Service committee, always did the cooking at the monthly Clayfield House BBQ's, gave his History Spot on a regular basis, shared his joke book as Sergeant-at-Arms from time to time, and could always be found at the reception desk holding the fort until the full duty team arrived.

Harry married Claris in 1952 and they have two children, Alison and Geoffrey,

RI President announcement:

RI President Bill Boyd and Lorna have invited PDG Sandra Mc Kersey and partner Eddie of D9910 to represent them at our District Conference in Kingaroy. District 9910 is a multi-country District like ours, comprising part of northern New Zealand, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island and Vanuatu.

Nominating Committee for Governor

- As nominations received from Clubs exactly matched the positions available by the due date of 31 January, no election is required, and the Nominating Committee for Governor of D9600, 2009-2010 therefore comprises:
- Governor Michael Gregory, Rotary Club of Maleny;
- IPDG Charles Guesdon (Chairman), Rotary Club of Brisbane Mid-City;
- DGE Steve Kruger, Rotary Club of Paddington/Red Hill;
- Past District Committee Chairman Glenda Pearce, Rotary Club of Ashgrove/The Gap;
- PP Chris Goninon, Rotary Club of Albany Creek;
- PP Brian Kennedy, Rotary Club of Pine Rivers Daybreak;
- PP Peter Morley, Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium.

District Diary

February – World Understanding Month

DG Club Official Visits February 2007:

- Mon 5 - Cooroy
- Tue 6 - Redcliffe City
- Mon 12 - Gympie
- Tue 13 - Gympie-Cooloola
- Fri 16 - Brisbane Mid-City
- Mon 19 - Mooloolaba
- Wed 21 - Maleny
- Tue 27 - Samford Valley

DG Club Official Visits March 2007:

- Thurs 1 - Fortitude Valley
- Thurs 8 - Brisbane Planetarium

- 4/3 March - Clean Up Australia 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

June 2007:

- 1 - Closing date for implementation of PR Grant.



Primary Schools Mental Health Initiative

It is generally recognised that many mental health problems start from an early age. With this in mind the ARHRF has joined with a number of other bodies* to introduce a preventative program into primary schools. It is felt that if we can increase the support and assistance for students at risk of experiencing mental health troubles we can reduce the incidence of anxiety, depression and behavioural disturbances before they become major problems in later life. We know that early signs of mental health problems can be detected in young children and that protective factors for student mental health can be enhanced plus mental health problems are easier (and more effective) to treat at an earlier age before problems become entrenched.

Stage 1 (late 2006 to end 2008): One hundred and one primary schools across Australia, representing a broad cross section of government, catholic and independent schools (both metropolitan and non-metropolitan) have been selected to participate in the initial evaluation that commenced in September 2006, with a completion date of December 2008. Rotary clubs in the targeted areas have been asked to become involved with the schools in the program. This is a long term project which could eventually become part of every school's curriculum.

*The Federal Dept of Health & Ageing;
*Beyondblue: the national depression initiative;
*The Aust. Psychological Society;
*Professional Development Council.

Update email from **Ambassadorial Scholar - Kate Del Mar, in Geneva.**

Greetings from chilly Geneva!

After a lovely and cool break over the Christmas/New Year period, I am well into the thick of work with my first lot of exams looming in four weeks time. As I pull together material I have now been studying for twelve weeks, I realise the enormous amount I have so far learned, and I have a real sense that I am developing an expertise in international law.

What is so special about the course I am taking is that I have the opportunity to study a number of areas of international law that overlap, and sometimes contradict one another. Instead of brushing these apparent contradictions aside, I can tackle them head-on and argue with specialist knowledge in each of the areas what law I think should govern a particular situation.

This leads to very strong arguments against the inhuman treatment of individuals as I can pool together a number of areas of the law to provide proof that certain behaviours are unlawful. So, for example, the "abduction" by some countries of individuals who they wish to interrogate in environments that support torture, can be viewed as (1) a violation of international law generally, (2) unlawful under international humanitarian law, and (3) a breach of the country's obligations under human rights law!

The weather has also returned from holidays! During the last few weeks Geneva enjoyed remarkably mild weather with temperatures soaring 6 to 7, and sometimes 8 to 9, degrees warmer than normal. This has meant a winter with maximums as high as 15 degrees celsius, and busloads of disgruntled skiers searching for the snow. It certainly made travelling to and from university very pleasant indeed. Then, two days ago, the temperature dropped 15 degrees overnight and it snowed for the first time. This has led to very slow commuting around the city with lots of traffic and pedestrians gingerly avoiding patches of black ice on the sidewalks. The snow makes everything beautiful.

As well as attending Rotary meetings of my host club, I was fortunate to attend my host District (1990)'s conference two Saturdays ago. It was held in a town bordering Lake Geneva called 'Nyon', and was much smaller in scale than the D9600 conference that I attended last year. The D1990 conference was a one-day event attended mainly by the presidents of each of the clubs in the district, with lectures in the morning on the various activities run by clubs within the district, culminating in a late lunch.

I was surprised to find myself the only Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, and indeed the only person under the age of about 40, in attendance. I have the impression that the younger people involved in Rotary programs in D9600 are more seamlessly encompassed into the activities of the district, than the young people in D1990.

I think if more students and scholars in my host district got involved, they would be pleasantly surprised. I was certainly made to feel very welcome at my host district's conference.

One of the interesting problems with hosting a district conference in a multi-lingual district is immediately evident as soon as the sessions are underway: in what language should they be conducted? This was handled in a typically Swiss understated manner with the President of the Club of Nyon, the current District Governor, and the immediate past District Governor all seamlessly alternating between French and German when they spoke.

It was also a great opportunity to learn more about the activities of the district which are concentrated around two interesting projects: (1) to provide financial support for the manufacture and fitting of artificial limbs in Cambodia; (2) to provide financial support for persons in the community affected by hereditary diseases. The Rotary Club of Genève-Lac has come up with an innovative way to raise money by selling prints of three paintings donated to the Club by a local contemporary artist.

I hope the District 9600 conference in April is lots of fun. I certainly remember last year's conference very fondly.

King Regards,
Kate Del Mar
Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar 2006/7



To Teacher Advisers/Rotarian Advisers

Interact Conference 2007

This year's Conference will be held at **Brisbane Boys' College, Kensington Terrace, Toowong on Sunday 18th March.**

The programme will commence at 8.30am and conclude at 3.30pm. In addition to training workshops there will be guest speakers and a hands-on project for the students. Try to encourage as many students as possible to attend, not just the office bearers. It will be a great day for interacting with other students, which leads us to the

Council on Legislation

Further to my article in the January 2007 DG's Newsletter which included the advice that the first 318 items of proposed legislation was available for download from Rotary's website. I also advised that I would be pleased to receive an advice or opinion from any member or club in the district on any legislation that has been proposed. My thanks to those persons who have already provided me with their opinion on a number of items. I would be pleased to continue to receive advice/opinion from clubs and members but need to set a deadline for receipt of Monday 16 April, 2007.

RI has recently advised that clubs and district conferences have until 22 February to submit their statements of support and opposition. Each statement may support or oppose one item of legislation and must be no longer than one side of a sheet of standard A4 business stationery. Send statements along with the item number (for example 07-036) to the Council Services Section at RI World Headquarters. Statements will be distributed to the Council's voting members for review.

PDG Bill Dethlefs – District Representative
email: dethlefs@hotmail.net.au

theme of the Conference:

DOES YOUR CLUB HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO INTERACT?

Our workshops will focus on interacting in your club, in your community, and with Rotary. There will be a static display and a short talk on **Shelterbox** and many more interesting things. Can you prepare a 5 minute PowerPoint presentation on your club's activities? Others would like to see what you are doing. Some of the activities we have been told are just amazing and should be shared with others. Just contact me by email to book your slot. (Tino Babao – email:

garamut@bigpond.com.au We have allocated 2 sessions for these presentations.

The cost is **\$15** per person and this includes morning tea and lunch. We encourage Rotary clubs to assist their Interactors if they can, and some clubs have already indicated they are prepared to help with registration costs.

This notification together with the Registration Forms has been sent by email to all Club Secretaries.

The Registration Forms are for Students, Staff and Rotarians. Make as many copies as you wish and mail the completed forms to the address provided.

The committee has been working hard to ensure you have a great day. We hope to see you there.

Tino Babao
Chairman
D9600 Interact Committee

Australia Day Honours List 2007

from Col Morwood

I have done my "usual" thing and perused the honours listing looking for D9600 Rotarians plus any references to Rotary. I don't claim that it's exhaustive, in that there could be some awardees who are D9600 Rotarians I don't know about.

There were three District 9600 Rotarians in this year's Australia Day Honours List, all with the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM). Congratulations to:

PDG (and RIDN) John Lawrence of the Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium for *"Service to the community, particularly through the activities of Rotary International and the Anglican Church of Australia"*.

PP Brian Carss of the Rotary Club of Brisbane for *"Service in the field of continuing education, particularly through the Australian and New Zealand College for Seniors, and to the community through Rotary International"*.

PP John Giles of the Rotary Club of Ashgrove/The Gap for *"Service to hockey through a range of technical, administrative and coaching roles, and to the community"*.

Also in the OAM stakes was another Rotarian well known within our district, as he was from 2001/02 to 2005/06 Chairman of the Solomon Islands National RAM Control Project Committee. Congratulations, too, to PDG John Reddish of the Rotary Club of Balwyn North, Victoria, D9800, whose citation was for *"Service to the community"*.

What are you doing with your life? When did you last set a (tough yet worthwhile) goal and achieve it?

If you consider you have an opportunity to improve your health, while at the same time achieving something worthwhile for yourself and others, both your own family and those maybe not so advantaged – make the commitment now to participate in the proposed ...

Rotarians' Kokoda Trek 2007

Join more than sixty (60) other Rotarians' who have participated in the Rotarians' Kokoda Treks in 2004, 2005 and 2006. But you don't just say OK, you need to commit to following a training program to get fit, have your doctor give you a medical certificate, raise a minimum of \$1,500 to donate to Legacy for outward bound courses for Legacy Wards and then you get to Trek Kokoda.

A Professional Trekking group runs the Trek so you will be safe in every way.

A brochure has been sent to your club – if you would like to be part of the RKT2007 team call John Williams, Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium, on 0407 123 124 or email: john.w@bigpond.net.au

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

Review of the last 12 months from the Rotary Club of Kippa-Ring.

2006 has been a good year for the Rotary Club of Kippa-Ring with a wide range of activities both locally & internationally through RAWCS. We have been fortunate to receive awards during President Ashley's year 2005-06, which has put a face to the special intangible elements that make our club what it is.

Other than the individual RAWCS programs, 2 of the many highlights for our club have been the Annual Trailer and the Mini Mobility Way

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE

The Rotary Club of Kippa-Ring has been running its Trailer Raffle now since 1991 and has become an institution at the Kippa Ring Shopping Centre as a result.

With the help of a wide range of people, many of whom give so generously of their time year after year, the Rotary Club of Kippa-Ring is able to continue its work within the communities it serves.



These friends exemplify Rotary's motto: "Service Above Self"

Some Statistics from 2006:

- A total of 36 people, plus a number of staff from the Bank of Queensland sold tickets according to "The Roster".
- A total of 557 "person-hours" were spent selling tickets.
- One "Friend of Rotary" contributed with a total of 54 hours. Three sellers put in over 40 hours. Another six sellers or couples put in between 20 & 40 hours. Rotarians put in around 50% of the hours.
- The Manager & staff of the local Bank of Queensland sold tickets for 40 hours.
- We have raised approximately a net \$16,000 this year. Since its inception we have raised more than \$200,000.

THE 'MINI' MOBILITY WAY

The Principal of the Woody Point Special School invited the Club to build a Mini-Mobility Way, this time a smaller version for the little kids, toddlers and pre-schoolers. Over a number of working bees every member participated in the project, and on each occasion we had in excess of 80% attendance.



This project has allowed the Rotary Club of Kippa-Ring to continue its association with the Woody Point Special School. In 2001-02 the Club designed and build "Mobility Way," "kid-sized" road signs, an off-road section and native animals hiding in the bushes, all combined to give a facility which promotes therapeutic activities (exercise, daily-living, fresh air etc) for children up to 18 years, all in a fun environment.

At the time one Mum said, "They have so much fun, they don't realise they are doing therapy". The word got out, and other Special Schools in the district would bus their children to Woody Point to use the facility. So successful is Mobility Way that the facility has been emulated elsewhere in the State.

The projects have included painting, pathway & bikeways, fence construction to mention a few. I have included photos of the usual suspects at play. Who says you can't have 17 Foreman, 17 Experts and 17 Workers from a club of 17, all working on the same project. It just adds to the enjoyment of the day.



In addition, we involved the Rotaract Club of Redcliffe Peninsula, some of whom showed they are just as adept at shovelling concrete as their older counterparts. Furthermore, the Club invited the Rotaractors to design and construct "Fairy Dell", a decorated and fairy-lit, shade-cloth-covered cavern the kids can ride through on their little trikes.

The Family of Rotary

Greetings All,

February is World Understanding Month so it is time to encourage Clubs and all Rotarians to

- Plan Family of Rotary projects to highlight Literacy Month in March
- Plan celebrations for World Rotaract Week (12-18 March)
- Include as many members of our extended Rotary family as possible.

Friendship was the foundation, the rock on which Rotary service was built. Friendship is the glue that keeps Rotary and its extended Family in the business of Service. So let's remind ourselves just who our Rotary Family are.

Specifically, the Family of Rotary is

- ◆ Rotarians' family members
- ◆ Spouses
- ◆ Widows and Widowers
- ◆ Children
- ◆ Grandchildren
- ◆ Other relatives

The larger Rotary family

- ❖ Our neighbours in other clubs and districts around the world
- ❖ Our Foundation and its alumni
- ❖ Group Study Exchange members
- ❖ Youth Exchange students
- ❖ Rotaractors
- ❖ Interactors
- ❖ RYLA participants
- ❖ Inner Wheel and other spouse groups
- ❖ Global Networking Groups (Rotary Fellowships & Rotarian Action Groups)

Supporting the Family of Rotary is of critical importance because it

- o Builds lifelong friendships
- o Enhances our personal families' relationships
- o Builds world understanding and peace
- o Improves international solidarity and tolerance
- o Contributes to membership growth
- o Contributes to diversity of age, gender, race, ethnicity, culture, religion and profession
- o Improves Rotary's public image
- o Strengthens club and the commitment to service

Thank you to those who sent in ideas they have found useful in involving our Rotary Family:

- Encourage the Partners of Members to have monthly or Bi-Monthly cinema or Casserole evenings.
- Have regular "Guess who's coming to dinner" evenings. Where only the host knows who the dinner guests will be from among the Club members.
- Create Name tags for all family members (including Children).
- Have a Partners meeting every month at your Club.

I do hope you encourage, share and involve as many Family members as possible with **your** Rotary.

Yours in Service
PDG Brian Guest

GSE Exchange to Malaysia 26 December to 27 January

Once upon a time, a group of six embarked on a journey to Malaysia. Little did they know what was in store for them.

The team comprising one Rotarian, Lorelle Holcroft and five young professionals:

Juanita Nelson, Linda Lee, Nikki Smith, Katrina Bourke and Nigal DeMaria, after some months of planning, set off for Kuala Lumpur.

A wonderful welcome greeted them at the airport in KL.



They stayed in KL and the next day were interviewed and subsequently appeared on national television with the incoming team from D3300. This DVD will be shown at the upcoming conference.

Within a day, they were on the plane for Kota Baru, a piece of paradise on the north east coast. As in everywhere they went, the local Rotary club greeted them and took them for a meal of the local foods. This set the pace for the rest of the trip.

They attended many Rotary meetings where the business of Rotary was transacted much the same way as is done here. They taught each club how to play Heads & Tails. In most clubs, they made presentations and gained the reputation as a fun, 'happy-go-lucky' bunch from down under.

After visiting several towns including a short stay on a rubber and palm oil plantation where they saw rubber being tapped and the palm nuts being harvested as well as a visit to the ancient city of Malacca, they returned to Kuala Lumpur for the District Conference. For a district with 100 less Rotarians than ours, this conference proved to be spectacular. Over 1000 Rotarians attended with 600 at the Friday night Fellowship Dinner where the team was part of the entertainment before dancing to a flamenco band all night. The Saturday saw much Rotary showcased but showed just how the Malaysian Rotarians emphasise the fellowship of Rotary. The House of Friendship was just that, selling drinks and playing music to 3am each night and not winding up until 4pm on the Sunday. The terrific Project's Fair was an indication of just how involved and generous the Malaysian Rotarians are.



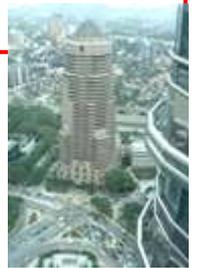
The conference dinner, attended by the Sultan was all the protocol, pomp and ceremony of a royal visit. Two of the team were able to shake the Sultan's hand and chat to him about the recent Aussie win in the cricket – he is an avid fan.

Then it was off to Ipoh, Kuala Kangsar, Taiping on the trek up to Penang where the team spent 5 days before returning to KL.

Many presentations were made, so many in fact, that the team ran out of banners. Many were combined meetings and all involved the formal meeting part and then good fellowship often until after midnight.

Vocational visits were a highlight with visits to schools, hospitals, city halls, environmental facilities, a morning tea with the High Commissioner of Australia and many others.

Many cultural highlights were shared including going up the twin towers to the Skybridge, climbing 274 steps to a small Hindu Temple at the Badu Caves where a monkey was nearly the 'end' of one of the team members. But it was not to be. A visit was made to a Dragon fruit farm and some of the team even rode ostriches at another place – AND have the certificates to prove it.



It was very tiring at times! However, all the team were overwhelmed with the wonderful hospitality, warmth and generosity of the people of District 3300. **Thank you D3300.**



They are now eagerly awaiting the arrival of their new friends, the incoming team who will be here in March: Dato Ram, Lloyd, Renee, Fereea and Azana.



World of Opportunity

D9600 Annual Conference

13, 14 & 15 April, 2007

at Kingaroy State High School

Firstly – **accommodation is now your responsibility.**

This was advised to all club secretaries as at 31 January.

Therefore, **when you register, DO NOT** add the \$50 accommodation fee.

Accommodation is still plentiful – and there are still places in Kingaroy and the closest districts Wondai & Nanango (15 -20 minutes drive away).

For you help and information:

Try this web address, which I found very helpful:

www.totaltravel.com.au/travel/qld/southern Downs/southburnett/directory/motels

Antler Motel, Nanango, 33 Henry Street. Phone: 4163 1444

Copper Country, Nanango, 14354 Kingaroy Road. Phone: 4163 1011

Nanango Star Motel, Nanango, 43 Drayton Street. Phone: 4163 1666

Wondai Colonial Motel & Restaurant, Wondai, 125 Haly Street. Phone: 4168 5633

(www.wonmotel@bigpond.net.au) Price: \$79 - \$120.

Also Bed & Breakfasts:

Bethany Cottages – Phone: 4162 7046 (4 self-contained cottages)

Hillview Cottages – Phone: 4162 1727 (choose from the 1-bedroom cottage with spa, or the 2-bedroom cottage with spa, BBQ, etc.

Shadylane Farm (4 1/2 star!) – Phone: 4162 2639 (3 luxury 1 & 2 bedroom self contained vineyard cottages).

Rock-AI-Roy B & B – Phone: 4162 3061 (not sure how many units and these might have gone, as we have bookings there already.

Mulanah Gardens B & B Cottages – Phone: 4164 3142 (2 luxury self-contained cottages).

Hillsdale Hideaway B & B – Phone: 4162 4689 (5 rooms)

Hope Farm Retreat B & B – Phone: 4163 6265 (number of rooms unknown)

There could also still be rooms at Burke & Wills Motel in Kingaroy – but you need to be quick! Phone: 4162 2933

also, Kingaroy Hotel/Motel, Phone: 4162 1677.

I don't have any prices for the Motels – but if you look up the internet for the individual motels or call them on the numbers below, you will be able to establish this yourself without too much effort.

Motels booked by Rotary are as follows:

Pioneer Motel – Phone: 4162 3999 (20 units – all booked)

Burke & Wills – Phone: 4162 2933 (50 units – at least 45 booked)

Ascot Motel – Phone: 4162 8333 or toll free 1800 766 376 (32 rooms – 30 booked)

Oasis Motel – Phone: 4162 2399 (24 rooms – 6 Rotary only – but rest booked)

Motel Kingaroy – Phone: 4162 1966 (20 rooms – all booked)

Holiday Motel – Phone: 4162 1822 (13 rooms – all booked)

Kingaroy Motel/Hotel – Phone: 4162 1677 (14 units – 10-12 booked)

For those of you who have not received notification of your accommodation – you will receive a spreadsheet (via the email) very shortly. But all of you to date have been accommodated. (For those of you who don't have email and need to know where you are staying you can call Cheryl Ivess on 5443 6668 (8.30am – 4.30pm) or 5443 5991.



Maps for Conference

3 Maps have been posted on the Rotary District website: www.rotary9600.org/conference2007.htm

Click on Conference (on front page)
go to Download Maps (in blue)

The maps consist of the larger Kingaroy area. Kingaroy Town Centre, listing a few motels, and a map of the Kingaroy State High School, where the Conference will be held – giving directions. Please take the time to look at them!



Don't forget the Conference is Country casual, all weekend.

I have a few Town Centre Maps, if any would like one posted

District 9600 Governor's Newsletter — February 2007

Col's Comments

Just look at the table opposite — not a “No Return” in sight! That's marvellous, and the first time it has happened in my 16 years as Membership and Attendance Recorder for the district. This was no doubt helped by an appeal which I made on 12 January via the district's bulk email system, but thanks to all who have reinforced this and to the clubs which have made a particular effort. But please don't stop — the January returns are due by 17 February!

The “not-so-good” news is that our efforts towards membership growth this year are not really taking hold yet. At the end of 2005/06 the district total was 1929, and the “normal” drop during July (mostly from 30 June to 1 July) took this to 1897. During Membership Development Month (August) this went to 1905, and we appeared to be just about holding this level with results of 1904, 1903 and 1903 for September, October and November.

But the December total now comes out at a disappointing 1897; and there is a further drop to be expected by the end of January (which will in fact be mostly the “normal” 31 December to 1 January drop).

Many people are working hard at reversing this apparent downturn, and we can but keep trying! The following clubs, with net increases of two or more members for the first six months of 2006/07, are to be especially commended:

Kawana Waters	4 members, 33.3%.
Aspley	4 members, 8.7%.
Gizo	3 members, 42.9%.
Wewak	3 members, 37.5%.
Indooroopilly	3 members, 16.7%.
Caloundra	3 members, 11.1%.
Boroko	3 members, 10.3%.
Alexandra Headland	2 members, 8.3%.
Honiara	2 members, 5.9%.
Mooloolaba	2 members, 3.9%.



Welcome to New Members

As of today, 3 February 2007, there have been five new, rejoined or relocated members advised by clubs since the DG's January Newsletter was prepared on 6 January 2007. All of these refer to the current Rotary year 2006/07. During the same period there were 13 termination notices received, again all for 2006/07.

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

Ashgrove/ The Gap:	Kerry Parry.
Brisbane Mid-City:	Des Cochrane and Harry McConnell.
Caloundra Pacific:	Neville Woodforth.
Gympie-Cooloola:	Blair Rowan.

D9600 Membership and Attendance Report November and December 2006

Club	Club Membership			Attendance Percentages	
	30/6/06	30/11/06	31/12/06	Nov 2006	Dec 2006
Albany Creek	36	34	34	73.18	81.11
Albion	15	15	15	93.76	94.45
Alexandra Headland	24	26	26	75.00	72.00
Ashgrove /The Gap	42	41	41	71.70	82.93
Aspley	46	50	50	68.14	85.81
Bribie Island	26	22	20	85.71	94.44
Brisbane	67	66	66	45.31	45.42
Brisbane High-Rise	51	50	50	76.33	73.47
Brisbane Mid-City	62	59	59	64.77	62.59
Brisbane North	33	33	34	63.64	65.22
Brisbane Planetarium	71	70	70	86.88	84.75
Buderim	25	27	26	55.56	64.42
Caboolture	31	31	31	77.40	87.93
Caloundra	27	30	30	89.17	83.33
Caloundra Pacific	35	34	36	80.47	77.78
Coolum-Peregian	12	11	11	72.72	75.75
Cooroy	29	27	27	81.00	66.00
Fortitude Valley	50	51	51	67.52	72.73
Geebung	12	13	13	86.36	84.85
Gympie	54	55	55	80.45	79.66
Gympie-Cooloola	45	44	45	71.21	77.21
Hamilton	50	50	50	64.02	73.98
Indooroopilly	18	20	21	70.00	69.84
Karana Downs	21	20	20	82.50	62.33
Kawana Waters	12	16	16	83.85	81.25
Kenmore	48	47	45	74.48	75.00
Kingaroy	21	19	19	76.32	80.70
Kingaroy-Taabinga	15	16	16	78.75	83.33
Kippa Ring	17	17	16	95.29	95.83
Maleny	37	36	36	69.66	66.67
Maroochydore	38	37	37	70.66	68.88
Mitchelton	25	25	26	88.54	91.02
Mooloolaba	51	54	53	76.67	93.33
Murgon	20	17	17	69.33	56.66
Nambour	29	31	29	68.75	75.76
Nambour 76	36	32	33	74.93	69.52
Noosa	39	39	39	77.21	75.00
Noosa Heads	43	37	40	77.63	66.67
Noosa Heads Daybreak	32	33	33	67.42	71.72
Nundah	18	20	18	88.23	65.90
Paddington/ Red Hill	13	8	7	83.00	79.00
Pine Rivers	19	20	20	76.25	83.33
Pine Rivers Daybreak	15	16	16	79.68	79.17
Redcliffe City	50	48	48	81.20	83.33
Redcliffe Sunrise	17	16	16	87.14	95.24
Samford Valley	37	34	34	80.14	83.82
Sandgate	18	19	18	72.53	74.55
St Lucia	18	17	17	68.63	67.65
Stafford	18	18	18	83.33	72.22
Strathpine	16	13	13	72.00	76.67
The Glass House Mtns	19	15	15	90.00	100.00
Toowong	36	32	32	75.84	83.91
West B'ne Daybreak	25	19	18	66.67	81.48
Windsor	19	19	19	77.63	63.15
Woombye Sunrise	23	19	18	80.59	90.20
Boroko	29	32	32	96.25	75.00
Bulolo-Wau	4	4	4	55.00	55.00
Goroka	8	8	8	34.38	25.00
Huon Gulf	21	22	22	86.67	66.67
Kavieng	8	8	8	60.00	75.00
Kokopo	11	11	11	80.00	88.64
Lae	20	19	18	51.25	61.11
Madang	12	10	10	50.00	60.00
Mount Hagen	13	13	13	49.21	41.03
Port Moresby	41	44	42	75.76	64.29
Rabaul	7	7	7	71.43	71.43
Wewak	8	13	13	64.10	76.92
Gizo	7	10	10	30.00	47.00
Honiara	34	36	36	71.30	70.84
Totals/Averages	1929	1905	1897	73.49%	74.30%