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Michael's Message....

Don't be afraid to take a big step – you can't cross a chasm with two small jumps!

Every year in July Rotary Clubs and Districts renew themselves by changing their officers, giving us an opportunity to reflect on the successes and challenges of the previous year and to look forward – to continue the good work and to plan new ventures.

RI President Bill Boyd remarked, at the recent International Convention in Copenhagen, that he sees Rotary as an incredible mosaic, with all the pieces being the projects that Clubs are completing all around the world. He spoke of an inspiring sign at one such project that said:

Vision to see

Hope to believe

Courage to do

And he encouraged Clubs to have vision, hope and courage as they "Lead the Way" to a better world.

As I take on the role of your Governor for the next year, I also can reflect on the successes and challenges of District 9600 during 2005-06 and I congratulate Charles and Rosemary and their leadership Team for their dedication and Service above Self as they led us through the first year of our second century of service. I like to look at Rotary, as a wonderful world of opportunity and the opportunities are limitless, not only for fellowship and fun in your Club activities, and for opportunities to serve your community

locally and globally, but for those opportunities that Rotary can exclusively provide through being a worldwide network of community volunteers. Sherryl and I spent a few days in Stockholm prior to the International Convention and were able to reconnect with two past exchange students and their families. On arrival in Copenhagen by train, imagine our surprise and delight to be met by a Danish Rotarian who was to be our post convention host, and who saw us safely ensconced in our hotel and then on to the Convention Centre to register. He also made sure that all the "must see" sights were marked on our map and recommended the Danish hot dogs and ice cream. After the Convention we enjoyed a weekend with his family at their home in Naerum, on the northern outskirts of Copenhagen. We even had a vocational visit to the sink factory that he managed and saw how a roll of stainless steel is turned into the most elegant kitchen and laundry sinks – only through Rotary can we experience such opportunities.

My initiative of a District Calendar, should by now have been distributed to all Club members and I would like to acknowledge the work of AG Carolyn Krueger and District Secretary Eric Wood who turned the dream into reality. Please note page 8 of your Directory for July deadlines, particularly the payment of semi-annual dues which are due by 31 July and the Membership Seminar scheduled for 27 August.

The latest update from ShelterBox is as follows: "The 4R Team arrived on 30 May, arranged for the delivery of 200 ShelterBoxes from Jakarta to Yogyakarta, first boxes arrived on 1 June, the village of Pieret was the first to receive them. Distributed and erected that day, providing shelter, warmth and dignity to 500 people. On 2 and 3 June a further 150 boxes containing 300 tents were distributed and erected in the villages of Canden, Bawuran, Bangunwjo, and Trimulyo

in the Districts of Banful and Jetis. This provided adequate shelter for a further 3000 displaced people of which 40% were children. A further 200 ShelterBoxes, containing 400 tents, blankets, water carriers, and purification tablets are due to arrive Yogya on 4 June for distribution in the Banful and Klaten districts, which are the worst affected areas".

RI President Bill Boyd has appointed five Resource Groups to assist you in addressing his emphases for the year – they include Water, Health & Hunger, Literacy, Family of Rotary, and Public Relations – see your Directory for contact information.

I wish you all a year filled with fun and service, we have an excellent Team of Assistant Governors to be your resources. We are already heartened and excited by the excellent programs that we have heard of during our early Club visits and look forward to meeting each and every Rotarian from throughout the District as together we Lead the Way towards a better future.

Michael Governor D9600



District Diary

July:

21 - Applications close for GSE Team Leader to D3300 Malaysia.

23 - National Youth Science Forum student selection interviews at St. Columban's College, Caboolture.

August:

10 - 20 National Science Week

19-20 Inbound & Outbound YEP student orientation camp at Iona College, Pererang.

25-27 RYPEN Camp at Luther Heights, Coolumb.

27 - Membership Development Seminar and 2005/06 Membership Awards presentations.

DG Club Official Visits - July:

Mon 17 - Coolumb

Tue 18 - Brisbane North

Thu 20 - Woombye Sunrise

Mon 24 - Kawana Waters

Wed 26 - Redcliffe Sunrise

August: (1st half)

Tue 1 - Albion

Wed 2 - Kingaroy-Taabinga

Mon 7 - Caboolture

Tue 8 - Hamilton

Wed 9 - Kippa Ring

Ian Riseley's citation was "for service to the community through Rotary International", and, surprisingly, this was the only mention of Rotary in the entire listing of all categories of awards. Ian was Governor of District 9810 in 1999/2000, and is the RI Director representing our district and others for the two years 2006/07 and 2007/08.

Another Rotarian OAM which will strike a strong chord with many is that of Past RI Director **John Carrick** of the Rotary Club of Lindfield NSW. John represented this district and others on the RI board 1994/95 and 1995/96, and was chairman of the highly successful RI 2003 Brisbane Convention Committee. John's citation was simply "for service to the community". But isn't that what Rotary is all about?

Findings - courtesy Col Morword

Club Presidents and Secretaries: Did You Know....?

Information Resources for New Club Officers

Did you know that the Club and District Support (CDS) staff at Rotary International serves as your primary contact at the RI Headquarters? They are ready to answer almost any question you may have about Rotary, and can provide you with advice on such topics as club elections, constitutional matters, club operations, and RI Board policy.

Do you know who your CDS representative is? Your representative can be found on the web at:

www.rotary.org/support/CDAreps/index.html

Have you seen some of our web resources that will make it easier for you to administer your club?

- Helpful resources have been designed specifically for club presidents and secretaries. It can also be found on the Rotary web site at: www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/club_pres_sec_resources.pdf
- Learn how you can make changes to your club's membership records, reference various Rotary Foundation reports, pay your club's dues online, and report next year's

club officers using Member Access. Full instructions and helpful suggestions can be found on the web at: <https://riweb.rotaryintl.org/faq.asp>.

- You can find a selection of important club administration publications, including audiovisual programs, club software, forms and supplies on the web at: <http://shop.rotary.org/catalog/default.php?cPath=37>
- The Club President's Checklist is a month-to-month calendar, for the club president and president-elect, with reminders about important club and district functions, as well as RI and Rotary Foundation program due dates. Find it at: www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/pres_checklist.pdf.
- The Club Leadership Plan is a great new way to invigorate stagnant clubs. It is based on the best practices of effective Rotary clubs. You can find this plan on the web at: www.rotary.org/support/club/clubplan.html

The RI Secretariat staff looks forward to working with you and supporting your club's service efforts in the year ahead. Be sure to contact your CDS representative whenever you may need help from RI Headquarters!

Queen's Birthday Honours

No fewer than three welcome updates are required to the new 2006/2007 District Director, following publication of the Queen's Birthday honours list on 12 June.

Congratulations to Dr **John Arvier** of the Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise, **Don Connolly** of the Rotary Club of Strathpine, and RI Director **Ian Riseley** (also President's Special Representative at the recent D9600 Conference) of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, all of whom were awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM).

John Arvier's citation was "for service to oral and maxillofacial surgery". He has completed six years on the District 9600 ROMAC Committee, and is continuing on that committee in 2006/07.

Don Connolly's citation was "for service to the community through youth, aged welfare, service and health organisations". He has served for 10 years on the D9600 *Concern for the Ageing* Committee, and in 2006/07 has taken on the role of *Concern for the Ageing* Co-ordinator, without a formal committee.

What's happening in the Clusters

The **Central** Cluster Presidents have agreed in principle to undertaking the Rotary Bowelscan project as their initial cluster project.

This is essentially a simple one with which to start with ... others will be considered as the year advances.

Cluster presidents intend meeting as a group a minimum of 5 times throughout the year. Such should ensure that everyone is aware of what each other is doing and to ensure (hopefully) no one tramples accidentally over someone else's patch.

A rapport between Presidents is essential if we are to move forward.

As an AG I will be visiting each club at least 4 times during the year and if required more often. One of the projects discussed has been the possibility of the cluster supporting and hosting a new Rotary Club at Northlakes. I would strongly support such a move.

Cluster Presidents are in the main very supportive of the CLP and I would anticipate seeing some positive actions in this respect.

Apart from that we are looking forward to an enjoyable Rotary year.

Brian Kennedy – Central Groups

NE Brisbane

The clubs in this group include Albion, Geebung, Nundah, Fortitude Valley, and Hamilton. Despite differences in size, all clubs have active programs of Rotary service.

The incoming Presidents share a passion for Rotary and have worked together to achieve an effective Rotary year ahead for their club. Membership remains a vital issue, particularly the smaller clubs: Albion, Geebung and Nundah. Nevertheless, dedicated and enthusiastic members contribute to their club's effectiveness. For example, Geebung must hold the record for the longest continually serving club secretary and treasurer, 23 and 16 years respectively. Well done Don Goodair and John Lindsay!

During the past Rotary year, NE Brisbane clubs, on the initiative of Geebung, combined to provide Shelter Boxes Down Under for disaster relief.

Some of the clubs have developed significant projects such as the:

- Rotary Art Spectacular (Hamilton with Brisbane High-Rise and Stones Corner),
- Computers for Kids (Nundah),
- Hosting terminally ill children for a day out at Alma Park Zoo and supporting Sr Maria in PNG (Albion),
- Support for indigenous students from North Queensland to visit ACT and significant support for the Geebung Special School (Geebung)
- Tsunami Appeal to the Rotary Sri Lanka Schools re-awakening project (Fortitude Valley).

All clubs have an extensive range of projects serving their communities.

Albion, Hamilton and Nundah clubs will be hosting exchange students in the coming year.

Donations to the Rotary Foundation will also be a priority for the NE Brisbane clubs.

Russ Stephenson – NE Brisbane Group

Near North Group

RC **Bribie Island** (Pres. Phil MacDougal)

- Membership 26
- Youth programs – RYLA & YEP
- Group Study Exchange involvement
- Donations In Kind
- Donations to Polio Plus
- Rotary Foundation \$1500 & Pancake Breakfast
- Membership growth & retention

RC **Caboolture** (Pres. Amanda Jackson)

- Membership 33
- Continue community programs
- Youth – Interact
- Utilise Rotary Foundation resources to support a project
- Rotary Foundation \$4000
- Encourage contributions into the Annual Programs Fund
- Group Study Exchange involvement

RC **Kippa Ring** (Pres. Bruce Hartshorn)

- Membership 17
- Pancake Breakfast for TRF on 12 August
- Members assist operate a stall at the RNA – Prince Charles Hosp. charity
- Vocational and other country Rotary club visits
- Performing a feasibility study of replicating a car show similar to Mooloolaba Club
- We intend to grow the membership as we have done this past year
- Attend District Conference and takeout the attendance award again (2 years in a row)
- Continue to support Youth Exchange & have setup the procedures already
- Other Youth programs – PYPEN, RYLA, 4 Way Test Speaking Competition
- RAMS and Adopt a Village will continue as international community service projects
- Our new media person will promote the club's image

- A project to provide hospital equipment for Vietnam (support our Rotaract member)
- A good roll up for D.I.K.
- Keep in contact with our World Peace Scholar and our Ambassadorial Scholar.

RC of **Redcliffe Sunrise** (Pres. Ken Pile)

- Membership 17
- Continue Meals on Wheels
- Continue Rotary awareness through the Jetty-to-Jetty fun run
- Pancake Breakfast for TRF on 12 August
- Involvement in water projects
- Adopt a village projects
- Support Donations in Kind
- Youth programs supporting Rotaract
- Rotary Foundation goal of \$100 per member
- Participate in Ambassadorial program
- Supported Bowel Scan Project on the Peninsula
- Encourage contributions into the Annual Programs Fund

RC **Redcliffe City** (Pres. David Moss-Bennett)

- Membership 50
- Adopted the Club leadership plan
- Club strategic plan developed
- Membership plan developed
- Pancake Breakfast for TRF on 12 August
- Public awareness plan ready for this year
- Continue supporting Rotaract & Interact
- Support The Rotary Foundation & \$100 per member
- Pledge \$5000 to Rotary Foundation projects
- Involvement in TRF – World Peace Scholar & Ambassadorial Scholar programs
- Fellowship with our Director of Good Times
- Manage the District flags & trailer (new sign writing on the canopy)
- New Club BBQ trailer

Mike Larter – Near North Group

Rotary Project Market

Finally, I am pleased to inform you all that Rotary Down Under is about to launch a special section in the magazine to promote UNIQUE Rotary projects.

Many clubs have special projects they would like to share with other clubs throughout the region. Some clubs will use the 'market' as a means of seeking matching grant partners, others may merely look for "project partners" in a worthwhile venture as a means of sharing costs, or perhaps it may even provide a means of calling for expressions of interest in multi district friendship exchange teams.

As an opening special, RDU will offer a 2 for 1 deal to those clubs/projects who make an initial three month booking at \$200 per month. This means such clubs/projects will obtain six months coverage for just \$600!

This advertising program will NOT impinge on any club or project's ability to obtain editorial coverage of any unique program or project in Rotary Down Under. It will however, provide an "ideas bank" concentrated in one section which will be easy to find within the magazine pages.

Of course, we will promote the "PROJECTS MARKET PLACE" in Rotary Down Under but, again, I seek your valuable support by placing the following notice in your first available District Newsletter....

Project Market Place

From October, Rotary Down Under will carry regular "Project Market Place" pages to assist Rotary clubs and/or Rotary project organisers to promote special programs they wish to share with other clubs.

Space will be available in 5cm segments at \$200 each. As an opening incentive, clubs and/or project organisers who book three insertions will get a further three insertions FREE OF CHARGE, ie: six advertisements for \$600!

These pages will become a popular reference area for clubs looking for project ideas.

RDU commends the pages to

? Clubs looking to share unique projects with other clubs.

? Clubs seeking "partner" clubs to share costs in a special project.

? Clubs striving to locate matching grant partners for TRF projects.

? Clubs seeking expressions of interest in any special Rotary initiative, ie: a multi district friendship exchange team, convention travel tours, or perhaps Rotary volunteers for special project teams.

Clubs using the advertisement for marketing must have the appropriate

First Ever Training Session for Parents who have Children with Disabilities – funded by the Rotary Club of Honiara. Article: Solomon Star 19 June.

Parents attend training on disabilities –

The most common forms of disability today in Solomon Islands are deafness, slow learners and cerebral palsy.

About 20 parents attended the first session recently.

A mother who participated in the training Andria Jatutu said her nine-year-old son has hearing impairment and communication is a problem for her.

"My child was deaf at the age of eight and I am still coming to terms with that especially when communicating with him."

"Having attended this workshop I feel that I will now have to learn sign language to be able to communicate better with my child".

However, Mrs Jatutu said her only problem now is where she would go to learn about sign language.

The week long training has ended and Mrs Anilafa called on members of the public interested in attending such workshops to do so.

"I urge parents who have children with with disabilities as well as those interested in learning about children's disabilities and how to cope in such situations to please attend these sessions at Rifle Range," she said.

Parents learn children's disabilities

SOLOMON Island Special Development School has conducted a first ever training for parents who have children with disabilities.

The school's co-ordinator Catherine Anilafa said the week long training on what is disabilities and which began a short time ago at the school, was to teach parents how to deal with their children's disabilities.

"There are many parents who don't know how to deal with their children's disabilities. In fact most of them rely upon this school to

train their children which should not be the case because it is equally important for parents to know about their own children and their children's disabilities," Mrs Anilafa said.

She said this is the first time a workshop is organised for the parents of children with disabilities as in the past training is centred only on teachers.

"We concentrate a lot on inclusive training for teachers but now we try to involve parents".

"We believe that when parents know about their children's disabilities they can also help other parents especially those who might one day encounter a similar situation".

The training was made possible by the Rotary Club of Honiara.

The training began with the identification of the different types of disabilities.



PHF for
Rosemary Worthington



PP Jenny Horton (back from Pakistan for 2 weeks, attending District 9600 Changeover), with PRIP Clem Renouf and Firth.

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Col's Comments

When the May returns closed on 17 June there were actually 36 clubs, more than half the district (which at that stage totalled 71 clubs), still missing. Actually the worst result in my 15 years as Membership and Attendance Recorder, and probably for many years before that as well.

But as of today, 5 July, there have been a massive 23 further reports (all late but in time for this summary), thus resulting in the 13 "No Returns" for May as listed opposite. There are still four clubs yet to report for April, compared with 13 on 4/6/06 as reported in last month's Newsletter.

The district membership total remains very static. Updated figures for the past five months show district net totals of 1943, 1942, 1941, 1946 and 1945, all well down from the start figure of 1990 as at 30 June 2005, and not showing the usually pronounced rise towards the end of the Rotary Year.

A bright note is that despite the loss of the Rotary Club of Newstead, which closed on 25 May and gave rise to a notational loss of 13 for the month, the actual overall net loss for the month was only one member. This was due in part, but only in part, to relocation of former Newstead members to other clubs.



Welcome to New Members

As of today, 5 July 2006, there have been 25 new, rejoined or relocated members advised by clubs since the DG's June Newsletter was prepared on 4 June 2006. Of these 22 refer to the Rotary year 2005/2006, and three to the new Rotary Year 2006/07. During the same period there were 18 termination notices received, comprising 12 for 2005/2006 and six for 2006/07. Note that a member with a termination date of 30 June is counted as a loss in the following Rotary Year, as he or she is included in the club membership total as reported for 30 June.

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

Brisbane: Phillip Nobbs.
Brisbane Mid-City: Marie Brentnall, Bernie MacNaught, Richard Mendonca, Susan O'Connor, Rod Thorburn and Martin Turner.
Brisbane Planetarium: Alleyne Salter.
Caloundra: Gerry Swan.
Hamilton: Kristine Curtis.
Huon Gulf: Morilomo Homimirley.
Kenmore: Jim Dalton, John Dean, Jenny Horton and Jack Rynn.
Kokopo: Norah Luanda, Stanley Luanda, Rely Manning and Alu Wong Stephenson.
Mooloolaba: Connie Sillaman and Peter Wark.
Redcliffe City: John Harmer and Duncan Maclean.
Redcliffe Sunrise: Brian Harvey.
Sandgate: Margaret Bruce.

D9600 Membership and Attendance Report April and May 2006

Club	Club Membership			Attendance Percentages	
	30/6/05	30/4/06	31/5/06	April 2006	May 2006
Albany Creek	33	36	36	68.75	74.38
Albion	15	15	15	88.46	90.13
Alexandra Headland	24	24	24	79.71	No Return
Ashgrove /The Gap	44	42	42	80.95	79.52
Aspley	42	46	46	79.36	73.80
Bardon	16	10	10	67.57	69.40
Bribie Island	23	25	26	83.33	90.91
Brisbane	69	66	66	56.06	71.05
Brisbane 4069	23	23	23	81.82	No Return
Brisbane High-Rise	46	49	49	74.48	No Return
Brisbane Mid-City	59	61	60	60.12	65.90
Brisbane North	36	33	33	61.78	67.89
Brisbane Planetarium	78	72	74	80.68	83.32
Buderim	24	25	25	75.00	72.00
Caboolture	30	33	34	81.80	71.00
Caloundra	31	26	26	74.36	85.38
Caloundra Pacific	34	36	36	69.53	58.59
Coolum-Peregrin	12	11	12	81.81	84.62
Cooroy	31	30	32	93.10	97.58
Deception Bay	11	—	—	—	—
Fortitude Valley	48	50	50	60.47	69.00
Geebung	15	14	14	74.36	71.15
Glass House Mountains	21	17	19	70.59	73.68
Gympie	54	55	56	72.00	75.11
Gympie-Cooloolaba	47	47	47	69.63	72.80
Hamilton	56	51	52	74.60	67.14
Indooroopilly	17	17	17	67.65	78.57
Karana Downs	22	21	21	57.44	No Return
Kawana Waters	20	12	12	74.99	74.99
Kenmore	49	46	47	68.22	74.82
Kingaroy	27	20	21	No Return	71.04
Kingaroy-Taabinga	17	15	15	81.67	72.00
Kippa Ring	11	17	17	93.84	94.11
Maleny	40	37	37	69.03	66.21
Maroochydore	37	37	37	70.60	76.66
Mitchelton	24	23	26	74.24	86.57
Mooloolaba	52	51	51	73.02	63.62
Mount Coot-tha	16	16	16	75.00	81.25
Murgon	17	18	18	50.00	55.56
Nambour	36	30	30	64.29	63.81
Nambour 76	30	36	36	73.97	No Return
Newstead	20	13	—	78.57	—
Noosa	42	37	37	72.02	73.38
Noosa Heads	43	43	43	66.67	69.41
Noosa Heads Daybreak	43	32	32	71.09	65.60
Nundah	22	18	18	100.00	97.50
Paddington/ Red Hill	15	13	13	66.66	No Return
Pine Rivers	19	19	19	71.05	60.00
Pine Rivers Daybreak	18	15	15	64.44	74.66
Redcliffe City	50	50	50	75.53	No Return
Redcliffe Sunrise	19	17	17	73.81	75.71
Samford Valley	36	37	37	87.84	77.84
Sandgate	19	18	18	83.82	77.77
St Lucia	22	18	18	73.61	70.83
Stafford	18	18	18	79.17	76.66
Strathpine	17	17	17	75.00	71.74
Toowong B'ne West	19	20	20	79.20	72.00
Windsor	17	19	19	75.40	75.00
Woombye Sunrise	19	22	22	92.50	95.00
Boroko	26	31	31	81.21	89.50
Bulolo-Wau	4	4	4	75.00	87.75
Goroka	10	8	8	70.83	50.00
Huon Gulf	16	21	21	70.24	71.43
Kavieng	3	13	13	No Return	No Return
Kokopo	5	10	11	84.44	90.24
Lae	9	16	16	62.70	No Return
Madang	14	12	12	63.89	50.00
Mount Hagen	13	15	15	No Return	No Return
Port Moresby	43	43	40	45.45	48.50
Rabaul	6	7	6	90.48	90.63
Wewak	5	5	5	No Return	No Return
Gizo	7	7	7	53.57	74.28
Honiara	34	35	35	71.43	No Return
Totals/Averages	1990	1946	1945	73.67%	74.73%