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AG Ron Seddon and wife Monica with his medal as Officer of the Order of Logoho presented by the PNG Prime Minister last month in Port Moresby.



CONFERENCE CHALLENGE

Extract from DG Glen Kinross – March 1974 Newsletter

THE FINAL CALL – THE STAGE IS SET.

THE CONFERENCE CENTRE.

The Maryborough City Hall located in the heart of the town is a lovely building set in tree shaded lawns, and will be the venue for all plenary sessions and the Friday evening Music Hall Dinner Dance.

REGISTRATIONS.

The response has been wonderful. I have just spoken to the Conference Secretary, Dick Lee, by phone and as at the 11th March, registrations are 373 Rotarians, 341 Rotaryannes, 7 guests and 56 children.

Rotary is fellowship, friends meeting together, making new friends, renewing old acquaintances, enjoying one another's company, learning and serving together. This will be Maryborough, 1974.

IT'S BEEN FORMALLY MOVED – DRESS CASUAL.

All those in favour say aye. Yes, the ayes have it. Dress for all plenary sessions and social functions is casual. By casual, I mean "Dress as you Please" – if you like wearing a hot, dark suit on a hot day, wear it by all means. Slacks and sports shirt preferred. Wear what you please – but streaking strictly prohibited. In deference to the mayor who will be in Mayoral dress on Friday afternoon, I will add a tie.

Clubs in District 9600

Greetings from the Rotary Club of Otorohanga, D9933 – New Zealand

INTERNATIONAL ART COMPETITION



Wonderful World Wide Student Art Contest

The Rotary Club of Otorohanga New Zealand, D9933 is running an International High School Student Art Contest, entries can be submitted by digital image. See web site www.oto-rotary.org for information. Prizes include a three weeks fully funded return trip to New Zealand. Entries are open now and close 1 May 2006.

It's the biggest Student Art Contest of its type – and will be the first that uses the internet to such a large extent. The 300 semi finalist works of art, from the several thousand entries, will be on show in New Zealand for two weeks and all will be on sale – with a colour catalogue being on the internet with international purchasing arrangements.

'An opportunity to help Rotary Club of Madang in Papua New Guinea'

The Rotary Club of Madang want to support the local Police Criminal Investigation Branch.

The local CIB are still using 1970's technology to fight crime – old roll film cameras, pens typewriters and paper – nothing electronic.

We would like clubs in D9600 to consider donating cash (or in some cases Kind) to our project.

Needed are a good computer, printer, scanner and digital camera (locally supplied to get warranty and on site service).

The whole lot will cost only about K5500 (= AUD\$2300) including some initial consumables so it is far below the threshold for matching grants.

President Kevin Murray



REPORT ON D9600 DAAT WORKSHOP FOR SUNSHINE COAST (DAAT = Disaster Awareness Advisory Team)

On Sunday 5 February, 54 assorted Rotarians, Lions, Scouts, Police and SES personnel assembled at the SES headquarters in Nambour for this workshop entitled "Disaster Management for Rotarians".

The day was chaired by Alan Sampson (D9600 DAAT Chair) and discussion was led by Dr. Jack Rynn from Alan's committee and Jenny Millers (North Coast Area Director for Qld Dept of Emergency Services – Counter Disaster and Rescue Services)

The meeting was officially opened by DG Charles who remarked that it was good to see Rotary combining with other organisations in order to achieve a greater goal than would be possible on our own. Jack Rynn then gave an outline of DAAT and the purpose of the workshop and the possible role for Rotarians and other participants. Peter Scarborough from the DAAT committee gave an outline of the insurance issues involved. Jenny Millers gave us an overview of what constitutes a disaster and how disasters might be managed.

Essentially, disasters are classified as widespread and affecting many people and services while "incidents" are localised and by comparison affect fewer people and services. The first response to disaster is handled by the appropriate services such as Fire, Ambulance and Police. These services may then call for help from the SES to provide back-up services. When the SES become stretched, more volunteers may be needed and this is where Rotarians and others can assist. The role of these volunteers is one of support only – they do not perform functions which require specific training. They could provide assistance in evacuation or transportation of persons and resources, debris clean-up, staffing welfare centres, assisting in first aid and counselling services, and collection of relief supplies. Where identified and required, Rotarians and others with specialised person skills or equipment may be asked to assist in key areas.

The participants were then divided into four groups and each group or "syndicate" had to discuss how they would deal with their "disaster". Two groups had to deal with bushfires and the others had a cyclone and an earthquake. After discussion the participants re-assembled and a representative of each syndicate outlined the results of their deliberations to an open forum. There were notable similarities in the ideas and recommendations which came out of this. The issue of over-riding importance was the need for each Club or group to appoint a liaison officer who would remain in touch with the SES group in their vicinity. This officer would compile and keep up to date a list of possible volunteers and their specific skills and resources.

The workshop was closed by Chairman Alan who thanked the SES members for their input and hospitality.

LIONS-ROTARY FOUNDATION (Australia)

The registered association called LIONS-ROTARY FOUNDATION has been circularising Rotary clubs for donations for a youth video to place in schools.

LIONS-ROTARY FOUNDATION is **NOT** an authorised activity of Rotary International.

D9600 ROTARIAN PRESENTS TO INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Past President Jenny Horton from the Paddington/Red Hill Club was invited to the International Assembly to give a presentation on how the Youth Exchange Program had influenced her life and led her to Rotary.

"I am who I am today as a direct result of that year," Horton, 51, said at Rotary's International Assembly, a training conference for incoming district governors taking place 16-23 February in San Diego, California, USA.

"My Youth Exchange experience enriched my life in so many ways, and I see it as a pivotal year for me. I came home a very different person, one who had grown in strength and courage, one who was not afraid to step out of the box or out of her comfort zone, one who had learned not to be judgmental and to always look beyond the wrappings of life. But mostly it taught me about love and commitment, commitment to God, to life, and to each other."

Jenny's presentation was well received by an emotional audience, many of whom had also experienced the Youth Exchange Program as a student, host parent or program organiser.

Jenny, delivering her presentation at Assembly 23/2/06



Jenny also explained how those Rotary contacts led to her current involvement in the Polio Eradication Campaign in Pakistan.

"Polio eradication has taken over my life, and at all costs I wanted to be in the field working toward our goal of a polio-free world," she said. "The pain I felt in seeing someone affected by polio was a driving force for me."



Past RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe joins Jenny on the Polio Plus stand



RDU's Bob Aitkin, Lorna & Bill Boyd (RI President Elect), and Jenny at the Assembly Dinner



Greetings From The Governor.

Stop Press! We are now 101. What a quick year!

During February Rosemary and I restarted our club visits. Our aim during this second half of the Rotary year is to revisit as many clubs as possible giving assistance

with community service projects, advice on project opportunities and attending as many district committee functions as time permits.
Call us if you need our help.

In addition to our commitments to District 9600 we are accepting invitations to address clubs in Districts 9630/9640 about opportunities for those clubs to participate in international service projects in PNG and SI.

During the month I addressed the Nerang and Glen Innes clubs. A co-ordinated input to our region is essential to avoiding duplication of effort.

Rosemary represented me at Caboolture club with the delivery of my Report Card on our District whilst I spent time with the District Conference Committee finalising the small detail for next month's attraction. See you there!

Elsewhere in this Newsletter is an extract from then DG Glen Kinross' District Newsletter for 1974 announcing some 700 attendees at Conference. There's a challenge!

We have assisted two clubs in the presentation of fifteen Pride of Workmanship Awards and were privileged to participate in the YEP Graduation Dinner for our Rebounders. How these young people have changed over the twelve months since we farewelled them at the commencement of the then most fabulous journey of their life.

The sad event of the month was saying goodbye to PDG Duncan Bird who has passed to higher service following a long illness.

Our sympathies are extended to Joan and her family.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Charles and Rosemary.

Committee planning the Foundation's future

Anticipating the challenges that lie ahead, The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Committee has begun to develop a long-range plan that will determine the Foundation's future focus and structure. Headed by Trustee Chair Frank J. Devlyn, the seven-member committee includes current and past trustees and past RI directors.

"At the beginning of this process, the Trustees generally agreed that the Foundation has too many programs," says John Osterlund, general manager of the Foundation. "Everyone wanted to simplify the structure and make it more cost-effective, but there was no consensus on how to accomplish that."

So the committee sought input from grass-roots Rotarians and Rotary senior leaders through a Web-based survey conducted in late 2005. With the assistance of Primer Michaels, A Chicago-area consulting firm that specialises in strategic planning, survey data is being analysed and a draft of the plan will be presented to the Trustees at their April meeting and to the RI Board in June. Final ratifications is set for October, following incorporation of feedback

from directors, trustees, and Rotarians attending zone institutes in August and September.

"I see the work of the Future Vision Committee serving as a catalyst in better positioning our Foundation to face the challenge of changing times – on what many call the 'fast track' – to support the efforts of Rotary clubs as they work to improve the quality of life worldwide," says Devlyn.

It also complements the work underway on the RI strategic plan. "These two efforts have tremendous potential for moving the organisation forward in Rotary's second century," says RI General Secretary Ed Futa.

Board agrees to charter provisional china clubs

The RI Board of Directors voted at its November 2005 meeting to charter the Beijing and Shanghai provisional Rotary clubs, paving the way for a growing Rotary presence in China.

Acting on the Board's request to appoint a special representative to China, RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar selected Christopher Bo Bramsen, a member of the Rotary Club of Kobenhavn. "Bramsen is well-qualified for the position," says Stenhammar. "He served as Consul General of Denmark in Shanghai 1994-95, and in 1995-2001, he was the ambassador of Denmark to China, Mongolia, and North Korea."

During a three-year term, Bramsen will pursue official registration of Rotary clubs with the Chinese government, provide guidance to clubs and assist neighbouring RI District 3450 with training club leaders, and help the Secretariat co-ordinate service projects. In 2001, the Board granted Beijing and Shanghai Rotarians provisional club status and permission to participate in The Rotary Foundation's Humanitarian Grants Program.

In other decisions affecting clubs and districts, the Board regrouped all Rotary clubs in Kosovo within District 2480, effective 15 February 2006. The district includes Bulgaria, part of Greece, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Serbia and Montenegro. The Board also approved the creation of District 2220 in western Russia in 2006-07, raising the total number of Rotary districts to 530.

For more information on Rotary's extension in other countries, visit the Newsroom page on www.rotary.org

MOSQUITO NETS FOR FLOODED VILLAGES IN KAIRUKU HIRI DISTRICT

Following a request from Sister Marlene of the Catholic Diocese of Bereina the Rotary Clubs of Port Moresby and Boroko decided to purchase 600 Insecticide Treated Mosquito nets and donate them to the affected people of Kairuku Hiri. Rotary Presidents' Paul Coleman (Port Moresby) and Dr Lautofa Polotu (Boroko) said that emergencies such as this provided the perfect opportunity for the two clubs to work together for the good of the people. Rotary is not normally in the forefront of disaster relief but are very good at re-building. The nets were purchased through Rotary Against Malaria.

The photograph shows Assistant Governor Ron Seddon handing the nets over to Bishop John Ribat of Bereina Diocese. Also in the picture are Rose Anai, Andrew Opu and Michael Momo. The nets will be taken to the affected area by Diocese Staff.

For further information contact: Ron Seddon on 302 6801 or email rseddon@leasemaster.com.pg



L to R:
Bishop John Ribat, Michael Momo, Andrew Opu, Rose Anai & Ron Seddon.



9600 District Conference



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Rotary International – District 9600

High Registration for District Conference

28 February 2006

Over 250 Rotarians have registered to attend the District 9600 conference at Brisbane's Hilton Hotel in the lower Queen Street Mall from 31 March – 2 April 2006.

A new inclusion is a Saturday morning breakfast featuring an address from a wildlife expert from the Australia Zoo. Executive Manager of Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors Worldwide, Michael Hornby, will speak about 'Aid to Wildlife following the Tsunami'.

To secure a seat for just \$20.00, you can send a fax to Dai Reynolds at 3891 6511 or email to rego@rotaryclubofbrisbanemidcity.org

You might like to interest friends, even if they aren't Rotarians, in visiting the House of Communication proudly sponsored by the Wilson HTM Investment Group. Members of the public are welcome to visit the House of Communication free of charge, to view the displays and learn about Rotary.

Rotary activity, in keeping with our Conference theme 'Preserve Planet Earth' on and around the Mall stage area also will be directed towards engaging members of the public.

Check out the Program of Events at: www.rotaryclubofbrisbanemidcity.org/files/pdf/Program_020206.pdf to confirm the timing of the speakers and the entertainment including keynote speaker, Channel 9's 60 Minutes, Jeff McMullen, at 0.900 am Saturday morning. Jeff and the other speakers explore a variety of subjects that impact on our personal and working lives, from social change to disease control, with a long list of entertainers to link the switches in mood.

The Conference will be opened by the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Campbell Newman, at 6.30 pm on Friday 31 March. If you haven't registered yet, do it now. You won't want to miss out. Go to www.rotaryclubofbrisbanemidcity.org

Notes from Jenny Horton – Somewhere in Pakistan

Mannas to the World

The Mannas, that Jenny writes for her friends in District 9600, have been spread around the world. A recent email sent to the PolioPlus Partners Taskforce from the Program Administrator, Nicole Kreamer, said, "We wanted to share the attached newsletter from Jenny Horton with you. Rotarian Horton, who lives in Australia, is serving as a WHO consultant for Polio Eradication in Pakistan. Her description of a day in the life of a team member highlights the difficulties in the field of ensuring that every child is reached. Her dedication in spite of these obstacles is inspiring."

It attached the last Manna and sent it to many people around the world who are all fighting Polio and contributing to Rotary's objective of eradication Polio forever. →

Thanks for those Christmas Messages

Jenny Horton was eager to thank all those lovely people who sent her Christmas Messages in Pakistan. These were all appreciated, especially because Jenny was working in the earthquake region during the Christmas period and no one there celebrated Christmas. A few friends stopped for a cup of tea – then back to work. All the messages were special to someone on the frontline of the Polio Battle but a special treat was the Christmas Hamper sent by Marjorie and Ron Goward of Kippa-Ring Club, and the cake sent by Tognini's Bistro Café at Spring Hill. A special thanks to all those lovely people!



Jenny on the Polio Eradication Trail with fellow WHO workers in Quetta, 25/12/05

Back to Work with Vaccine Carriers

Jenny has enjoyed a flying trip to the International Assembly in San Diego where she caught up with her District 9600 friends. Jenny had been invited by RI President Elect Bill Boyd to give a presentation about the Youth Exchange Program. A day later, Jenny was back in Pakistan preparing for the next vaccination campaign in Karachi which began straight away. This trip did highlight the PolioPlus Partners Project for vaccine carriers, which is now more than \$250,000 better off after contributions from SE Queensland.

TIGERS MADE IN BRISBANE

Tiger helicopters for the Australian Army are being assembled right here in Brisbane and Rotary Kenmore were recently invited to inspect the production line.

Vocational Service Director for Rotary Kenmore, Brian Duddington, explained that Rotary has a keen interest in the promotion of local vocational skills and in the recognition of pride in workmanship.

Host for the visit, Australian Aerospace Production Manager, Graham Matthews, explained that Australian Aerospace is assembling 22 Tiger helicopters to meet the Army's requirements for the Australian Reconnaissance Helicopter.

Some have already been delivered to Army Aviation at Oakey. The rest are being progressively assembled in Brisbane using company expertise and local specialist tradesmen. A number of these tradesmen have also been trained right here in Brisbane through the Government and Industry sponsored Australia Aviation training facility.

Kenmore Rotarians were very impressed with the efficiency of the production line and the high standard of finish on the helicopters. President Michael Fitzgerald in thanking Australian Aerospace, acknowledged their role in the development of a thriving aviation industry, right here in Brisbane.



Rotary Club of Kenmore assembles at the front of a Tiger helicopter ready for delivery to the Australian Army Aviation.

CLOSING DATE FOR ARTICLES FOR THIS NEWSLETTER

Closing date for items will be the **3rd week** of every month. The main part of the Newsletter is put together around the 4th week, then pieces are added. It will be published on the web the 1st week of the following month. (i.e. Items sent in March are for the April Newsletter.

NB: Main items for the April newsletter are still required as per above message – BUT this newsletter will not be **published on the web until around Easter Monday**. I will be waiting for articles and photos from the Conference.

District 9600 Governor's Newsletter — March 2006

Col's Comments

When the January returns closed on 17 February there were again 29 clubs still missing, and out of 72 this time instead of 73 following the closure of Deception Bay on 31 December. Definitely par for the course, with 30 for each of August and September, 31 in October, 28 in November and 29 in December. But still too many!

As of today, 4 March, 17 more reports have come in (some "naturally" and some chased), thus resulting in the 12 "No Returns" for January as listed opposite. There are still eight clubs yet to report for December, six for November and five for as far back as October (one in Queensland, one in SI and three in PNG). Life wasn't meant to be easy for Membership and Attendance Recorders!

Assuming no change in membership for the 12 clubs yet to report, the membership at the end of January was 1944, a drop of 33 for the month of January and for the year-to-date 46 below the "start" figure (end of June 2005) of 1990.

The drop of 33 for January is fairly typical, the previous 10-year average for this period having been 25. This is of course due to the start of a six-month subscription period, with both members and clubs reviewing their options; and it is also a peak time for location transfers.

Over the past 10 years the average of the 30 June totals was 2170 and the average of the 31 January totals was 2116, both figures much higher than the present membership but nevertheless reflecting a typical drop of 54 members or 2.5%. This year the equivalent drop is less than that at 2.3%, so some encouragement may still be taken from this.

Welcome to New Members

As of today, 4 March 2006, there have been 22 new, rejoined or relocated members advised by clubs since the DG's February Newsletter was prepared on 4 February 2006. All of these refer to the current Rotary year 2005/2006. During the same period there were 17 termination notices received, again all for 2005/2006.

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

Aspley: Donald Bridgewater and Paul Kingston.
Bribie Island: Don Dighton and Les Young.
Caboolture: Paul Trainor.
Caloundra: Jim Adam.
Huon Gulf: Mark Augustine, Jane Cousins, Frank Ford, Ed McCardel, Luke Phillips, Cynia Sanchez and Doy Sanchez.
Port Moresby: Angela Griffin, Peter Kelly, Linda Vanderway and Giles Watkins.
Redcliffe City: Peter Garwood.
Sandgate: Michael Hutchinson.
Toowong Brisbane West: Michael Ball and Molly Cook.
Woombye Sunrise: Robert Win-Boh.

D9600 Membership and Attendance Report December 2005 and January 2006

Club	Club Membership			Attendance Percentages	
	30/6/05	31/12/05	31/1/06	Dec 2005	Jan 2006
Albany Creek	33	35	36	70.71	78.91
Albion	15	17	16	86.26	66.67
Alexandra Headland	24	25	25	92.71	81.11
Ashgrove /The Gap	44	43	42	76.18	71.95
Aspley	42	44	43	81.70	67.93
Bardon	16	15	13	No Return	66.67
Bribie Island	23	23	23	89.23	91.36
Brisbane	69	67	67	65.00	58.86
Brisbane 4069	23	23	23	83.33	86.36
Brisbane High-Rise	46	49	52	63.40	63.40
Brisbane Mid-City	59	60	59	76.64	70.44
Brisbane North	36	35	34	59.72	70.98
Brisbane Planetarium	78	76	75	79.60	75.80
Buderim	24	24	24	90.00	65.00
Caboolture	30	28	30	80.95	76.80
Caloundra	31	31	26	78.49	70.80
Caloundra Pacific	34	35	32	70.45	76.34
Coolum-Peregian	12	10	10	88.33	75.00
Cooroy	31	32	31	100.00	100.00
Deception Bay	11	10	—	60.00	—
Fortitude Valley	48	50	49	76.06	74.14
Geebung	15	14	13	78.57	76.92
Glass House Mountains	21	19	19	73.68	No Return
Gympie	54	54	54	79.00	76.00
Gympie-Cooloola	47	47	46	54.81	80.96
Hamilton	56	53	51	60.60	72.61
Indooroopilly	17	17	17	52.94	66.18
Karana Downs	22	23	23	78.26	62.22
Kawana Waters	20	13	13	76.92	76.92
Kenmore	49	48	47	78.16	68.35
Kingaroy	27	22	22	73.33	61.25
Kingaroy-Taabinga	17	16	16	85.42	81.25
Kippa Ring	11	12	14	97.22	97.62
Maleny	40	39	38	76.56	79.12
Maroochydore	37	38	38	62.00	No Return
Mitchelton	24	25	25	74.67	79.17
Mooloolaba	52	50	50	75.95	72.61
Mount Coot-tha	16	15	15	73.33	82.22
Murgon	17	20	20	65.00	No Return
Nambour	36	34	34	68.12	69.57
Nambour 76	30	32	32	67.31	No Return
Newstead	20	14	14	No Return	77.78
Noosa	42	41	37	70.46	76.52
Noosa Heads	43	41	41	67.74	72.58
Noosa Heads Daybreak	43	38	32	69.07	65.40
Nundah	22	19	19	94.44	72.22
Paddington/ Red Hill	15	14	13	No Return	67.31
Pine Rivers	19	19	19	87.72	No Return
Pine Rivers Daybreak	18	17	15	70.83	72.41
Redcliffe City	50	47	47	90.07	89.36
Redcliffe Sunrise	19	16	16	50.00	73.07
Samford Valley	36	37	37	83.93	81.98
Sandgate	19	17	18	80.00	83.33
St Lucia	22	22	22	71.21	61.36
Stafford	18	20	19	57.62	77.62
Strathpine	17	17	17	96.96	77.27
Toowong B'ne West	19	19	20	79.20	76.25
Windsor	17	19	19	78.55	80.26
Woombye Sunrise	19	20	20	No Return	No Return
Boroko	26	28	28	88.09	96.43
Bulolo-Wau	4	5	5	80.00	60.00
Goroka	10	10	10	No Return	No Return
Huon Gulf	16	17	19	58.82	63.16
Kavieng	3	13	13	No Return	No Return
Kokopo	5	5	6	61.54	93.33
Lae	9	14	14	No Return	No Return
Madang	14	13	12	65.38	47.22
Mount Hagen	13	15	15	76.67	No Return
Port Moresby	43	44	46	46.21	46.74
Rabaul	6	7	7	95.24	89.29
Wewak	5	5	5	No Return	No Return
Gizo	7	7	8	61.90	43.75
Honiara	34	34	34	55.88	No Return
Totals/Averages	1990	1977	1944	74.74%	73.94%