



# 9600 NEWSLETTER



DG 2006/2007 MICHAEL GREGORY



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## Michael's Message....

*Knowing is not enough, we must apply. Willing is not enough, we must do. - Goethe*

On taking office as RI President in July 1978, Clem Renouf had this to say: "The immediate future of the world is in our hands...the hands of people who **care**, people who **serve**, people who **reach out** to other people. Rotarians are such people – men and women with hands extended in service, willing to reach out to enrich the lives of others. As pioneers in the paths of service, Rotarians have been motivated by a spirit of adventure in service by **doing** what makes them Rotarians, not just by being members of Rotary Clubs. The 'doing' Rotarian reaches out to meet human needs, confident in his or her ability to help shape the future. Service above self is not a common philosophy. In a world deficient in compassion, friendship, and understanding, service is an uncommon philosophy – worthy of our time and talent... deserving of our dedication. Let us, then, reach out to others in service. Let us extend ourselves. In the year ahead I trust that my prayer may be yours – a prayer expressed by Helen Keller in the words: 'It is for us to pray, not for tasks equal to our powers, but for powers equal to our tasks – to go forward with a great desire forever beating at the door of our hearts' ".

Don't miss the chance to celebrate World Rotaract Week! During the week of 12-18 March, Rotaract will celebrate its 39th anniversary.

Rotaract Clubs around the world are encouraged to partner with their sponsor Rotary Clubs to commemorate the founding of the first Rotaract Club on 13 March 1968. Rotaractors can increase community awareness of the program and receive recognition from Rotary International by completing these activities:

- Making a presentation about Rotaract to a Rotary Club that does not yet sponsor a Rotaract Club.
- Inviting Rotarians to attend a Rotaract Club meeting.
- Attending a Rotary Club meeting.
- Conducting a joint Rotaract/Rotary Club project.

This week is an excellent opportunity for Rotaractors to share their hard work with local Rotarians and the entire community. Join the celebration and tell the world about Rotaract. Learn more about the history of Rotaract and download the World Rotaract Week Celebration Recognition Form at [www.rotaract.org](http://www.rotaract.org). The submission deadline is 15 April. RI President Bill Boyd encourages Rotaract Clubs to *Lead The Way* and create a **better** future for their communities and the world. Clubs that answer his call can earn the 2006-07 Rotaract Presidential Citation. To qualify, Rotaract Clubs must complete at least three activities, one of which must be community service and another international service. The sponsor Rotary Club president and the DG must sign the application form and submit to RI no later than 15 April.

Water is on the minds of many people in the western world, if not on the lips of all those in emerging countries. On 22 March, World Water Day, the theme is "Coping with Water Scarcity" and Rotary Clubs are asked to honour their commitment to addressing important water issues worldwide. Rotarians enrich the global community by sharing their skills and expertise to help others, and many of these efforts allow safe drinking water to flow throughout the world. D9600 Clubs are currently working on a host of water projects in PNG and the Solomon Islands.

March is **Literacy Month** on the Rotary Calendar and on my talks to Clubs I have been explaining how literacy (RI President Bill's third emphasis) is inextricably linked to health and hunger (the second emphasis). If we are to make any sort of lasting impact on the tens of thousands (mostly children) who die every day from hunger and disease we must educate – educate – educate, particularly the women, who bare the brunt of caring for and feeding their families. Elsewhere in this Newsletter, you will find many ideas that will help you to select a literacy project and still further information can be found on [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). There are many other resources and I can forward you a list if required.

**March is also the month to be thinking of applying for RI Awards – Public Relations, Membership, Significant Achievement, and Presidential Citation – send your applications to me sooner rather than later.**

The highlight of February was a most successful Review and Renew Day, held at St Columban's on the 25th – participants were given the opportunity to discuss the proposed incorporation of the District and to have their questions satisfactorily answered. Other matters discussed were membership, conference, and awards. Considerable time was given over to group discussion where the topics addressed included successes, progress with the CLP, challenges overcome, and challenges needing assistance. Sherryl and I also made a further eight official visits during the month.

According to a 2006 study of RI membership data, membership continues to decline in existing Clubs, while new Clubs are providing the foundation for growth. Today, the average Club has 40 members, down from 45 as reported in a 2002 demographic

study. The 2006 study, conducted by RI's Membership Development Division, found that the most common Club size is 20 members, the minimum required for chartering a new Club. About 22% of Clubs have fewer than 20 members and 4% fewer than 11. As existing Clubs become smaller, the number of new Clubs is increasing – by 20% between 1995 and 2005 – which is leaving many Districts with more Clubs but fewer members. Although new Clubs expand the breadth of Rotary service, this trend highlights the challenges of retention in existing Clubs. Chris Offer, Chairman of RI's Membership Development Committee, attributes changing membership patterns to several factors but most important is that membership is not a Club priority! "Many Clubs simply are not giving membership the attention it requires." He points out that new Clubs have energy, enthusiasm, and a clear goal to achieve in order to charter. "Membership recruitment cannot be a periodic campaign; rather, Clubs must have active committees that work on membership all the time". Implementing the Club Leadership Plan is the best tactic for every Club – having a Membership Director keeps membership on the top of the Club's agenda.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to attend the Kingaroy **World of Opportunity** Conference in April 2007, register now and learn about the many opportunities available through Rotary, and experience real country hospitality. Accommodation is still available in nearby towns, and we do have a ShelterBox.

I long to accomplish a great and noble task,  
But it is my chief duty to accomplish  
small tasks as if they were great and  
noble.

*(Helen Keller)*

**Lead the Way.**

**Michael** Governor D9600

## 2006-07 Literacy Resource Group

### Some Sample Project Ideas

#### **Develop literacy training for adults, especially for women**

- Develop literacy projects for Adults using the CLE methodology.
- Organise literacy training courses with a vocational skills component that will be attractive to adults.
- Incorporate family health care, sanitation, and income generating activities into literacy courses.
- Arrange for childcare in conjunction with literacy programs so that more women are able to participate.

- Start a micro credit program that is only open to those women who have completed a companion literacy course.

#### **Develop literacy training for children, encompassing those with special needs, street children, and working with local education authorities as appropriate**

- Work with Rotarians experienced in the CLE methodology to develop new CLE type literacy projects.
- "Read with a Rotarian" – fifteen minutes a day reading to children.
- Design a "Books for Babies" campaign where books are given to mothers with newborns in hospitals to encourage lifelong reading.
- Conduct an awareness campaign that encourages parents to read to their children.

#### **Work with refugee and immigrant populations to assist with acquisition of literacy skills and second language learning**

- Use the CLE methodology in projects aimed at teaching refugees and immigrants the language of their adopted country.
- Encourage Rotarians to volunteer with established community programs that offer free or low-cost language and literacy classes to immigrant populations.
- Work with government officials to assist in development literacy workshops for refugees.

#### **Organise and participate in mentoring programs that focus on vocational training, life skills, reading and writing**

- Focus on workplace literacy programs and encourage local employers to offer literacy courses for their employees.
- Serve as a resource to community schools and provide assistance when necessary (donate materials or management consulting)
- Organise dictionary or thesaurus donation programs to local schools.
- Donate computer equipment, books, or school supplies.
- Work with school leaders to conduct leadership and training seminars.

#### **Provide educational opportunities in low economic areas (adopt a school, adopt an orphanage, street children, AIDS orphans)**

- Adopt a school and provide tutoring, donations, and fundraising ideas to support programs at the school.



## District Diary

### March - Literacy Month

- 8 - International Women's Day
- 11 - Presidents-Elect Preliminary Seminar (PEPS) - QUT Carseldine Campus
- 12-18 - World Rotaract Week
- 14 - Incoming GSE Team arrives from D3300, Malaysia. Returns 17 April
- 14 - Ambassadorial Scholars Night, hosted by the Rotary Club of Kenmore
- 21 - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 22 - World Day for Water

#### April 2007:

- 7 April - World Health Day
- 13-15 - D9600 Annual Conference - State High School, Kingaroy.
- 15 - Departure of YEP students on Walkabout Tour

#### May 2007:

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

- 15 May - International Day of Families

- 21 May - World day for Cultural Diversity

#### June 2007:

- 1 - Closing date for implementation of PR Grant.
- 17-20 June - RI Convention in Salt Lake City USA

#### **Award deadlines for submission to DG**

- 8 March - RI Significant Achievement
- 8 April - Presidential Citation
- 8 April - Membership Development Initiatives
- 8 May - PR Award
- 15 May - RI Membership Development and Extension Award

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**Deadline for articles - The last**  
**week of the previous month.**

- Locate an international partner to support a project targeted at street children.
- Assist in the establishment of libraries for children in schools and communities.
- Identify other organisations in the community that could benefit from a children's library, such as a hospital.
- Donate a touring mobile library vehicle for communities with no library.

#### **Provide literacy and vocational training to prison inmates as part of the rehabilitation process**

- Work with prison officials to design literacy-training programs for prison inmates.
- Work with local authorities to assist with current programs or to design new literacy programs for juvenile detainees.

## DG's visit to Gympie

On Monday evening (12 February), Governor of District 9600, Michael Gregory, visited the Rotary club of Gympie's dinner meeting. He spoke about developments in the Rotary world which affect local clubs. The meeting also saw the attendance of Alice Brandao (pronounced Elise) who is an exchange student from Brazil. Alice has been in Gympie for a week and is enrolled at Gympie High School. She comes from Tiete, a regional city about the size of Gympie about 2km from Sao Paulo in a similar climate zone. Sugar cane is a major crop in the area but the city has a strong industrial base as well. She went to a small private school in Tiete so Gympie High's size was a big shock. So far she has been welcomed into the community and looks forward to her 12 months here.

Rotary clubs have just been informed that applications are now open for Youth Exchange for Australian students outbound. Details can be found on the Rotary District 9600 website.

Photo: Gympie Rotary Club President, Graham Engeman (at left) welcomed Alice Brandao from Brazil and District Governor, Michael Gregory from Maleny at a recent meeting of the local club.



## Results of Applications for RI Public Relations Grants.

Congratulations to the fifteen Clubs that applied and particularly to the eight who were successful.

District 9600 QUEENSLAND	
Kawana Waters	\$2,000
Noosa Heads Daybreak	\$1,200
Caloundra	Denied
Glass House Mountains	Denied
Paddington/Red Hill	\$1,500
Maleny	\$1,800
Goroka	\$1,500
Nundah	Denied
Brisbane High-Rise	Denied
Toowong	\$2,000
Mooloolaba	\$2,500
Albany Creek	\$2,000
Noosa Heads	Denied
Nambour	Denied
Murgon	Denied

Total for District 9600 \$14,500

## Message from Rotary International

So often clubs have great projects that they want to share with other clubs in other districts but they are not aware of the protocol involved. So, to help spread the message, we would appreciate your reminding clubs in your district of the circularisation policy. In effect, any member club (*or Rotarian*) seeking the co-operation of other clubs with any matter whatsoever shall first submit its purpose and plans to, and secure the approval of, the respective Governor or Governors. [refer page 9 Circularising Rotary Clubs in MOP (2004)] and Rotary Code of Policies:

### Rotary Code of Policies February 2007

11.030. Circularisation

11.030.1 Approval to Solicit Co-operation, Financial Aid, or Participation in Commercial Ventures.

#### Rotary Clubs

**A club desiring to request the co-operation of other clubs or members of other clubs, in connection with any matter whatsoever, shall first submit its purpose and plans to the respective governor or governors and secure his, her or their approval. This is applicable only in cases where a club desires to request the co-operation of more than one Rotary club or members of more than one club.**

No club shall solicit financial assistance or participation in commercial ventures from any other Rotary club or from individual Rotarians other than its own members unless and until it first secures an authorisation from the RI Board.

The general secretary shall request the governors of any district involved in unauthorised solicitations to take action to end such solicitations. Continued non-compliance with this policy shall be reported to the RI Board for possible discipline for cause, including possible termination of the club.

### Please Help Me: *(The Editor)*

I am looking for a Rotarian or Rotary Partner by the name of **Debbie Carter**, (Brisbane area) who use to run a business called **DC Promotions**. Debbie used to supply the plastic holders for the Conference Names, but Debbie's phone number is no longer in use. **Help – I need more plastic covers!**

## PROPOSAL TO CREATE DISTRICT 9600 LTD

In March 2005 the RI Board resolved to permit incorporation of a district subject to the approval of two thirds of the clubs in that district.

This decision permits districts to access the protection of incorporation thereby ensuring that District Governors, district officers and all Rotarians engaged in district projects will not (in the absence of personal negligence) be personally liable for claims made against the district.

This protection is critical if the difficulty encountered some years ago in securing suitable public risk insurance, should again arise.

District is thus afforded the same level of asset protection that the officers and members of every incorporated Rotary Club have enjoyed for many years. More recently, as protection against claims, RI now requires that each District incorporate its youth exchange program by 30 June 2007. Creation of D9600 Ltd during this Rotary year achieves this objective.

Most districts in the Rotary world undertake a range of education and humanitarian programs. It is pointless to incorporate just one committee when virtually every other committee has some level of exposure to risk. By incorporating the whole district, every committee, not just the youth committees have the protection which incorporation provides. Incorporation of the district is therefore effectively a mandatory process.

Your District Incorporation Committee comprising the DG, the DGE and several PDG's together with an external legal consultant has carefully investigated the best method of incorporation.

The preference to incorporate under the Associations Incorporation. The preference to incorporate under the Associations Incorporation Act (Qld) is not available because:

- (a) Rotary District 9600 operates in three independent jurisdictions, Queensland, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.
- (b) RI requires that
  - i. A District operating in more than one jurisdiction incorporates in one jurisdiction and registers in the other jurisdictions as appropriate;
  - ii. A district incorporates in a jurisdiction that does not favour or disadvantage one club over another.
- (c) Legal advice from both Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands is that neither jurisdiction will recognise a district incorporated under the Queensland legislation.

However both external jurisdictions will recognise a company limited by guarantee formed under the Australian Corporations Act. By definition an Australian company limited by guarantee is a public company and the amount of the guarantee is \$10 per member of the company, ie \$10 per club.

DG Michael and the incorporation committee seeks the unanimous support of all district clubs to incorporate the district under the provisions of the Australian Corporations Act as a company limited by Guarantee. It will create one single umbrella entity responsible for all district operations rather than the disparate group of unincorporated committees through which the district currently operates.

District incorporation does not affect club autonomy.

A draft of the proposed D9600 Constitution was issued to clubs, RI and our legal advisor on 14 February 2007. That draft and minor amendments recommended by our legal advisor were discussed at the R&R Seminar on 25 February 2007. Rotarian feedback was constructive, and supportive of the process that had commenced following club approval at the 2006 District Conference.

A ballot by mail will be conducted commencing on 16 March 2007 and concluding on 13 April 2007. If successful, an application to RI for creation of District 9600 Ltd will then be sought.

DG Michael



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## MEDIA RELEASE

### SHELTERBOX FOUNDER TOM HENDERSON IN AUSTRALIA FOR ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Almost 500,000 people in some 30 countries have been provided with shelter, warmth and dignity following earthquakes, floods and volcanic eruptions as well as wars and civil unrest by extraordinary green boxes known as ... ShelterBoxes.

The ShelterBoxes generally contain a 10-person tent, thermal blankets, water purification tablets, cooking equipment, basic tools and a multi-fuel stove – and even a children's pack. Every box is individually numbered and donors can use the internet to track where they are deployed.

Tom Henderson, a former Royal Navy search and rescue diver, and a member of the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard in Cornwall, United Kingdom, came up with the idea in 1999 and persuaded his Rotary Club to adopt it as their millennium project.

Since then, the ShelterBox Trust (a registered charity in the UK) has received more than \$25,000,000 in donations. Over \$1.5M has been raised in this country where ShelterBox Australia is administered by the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills (District 9820 Victoria). ShelterBox is also represented by Rotary Clubs in the USA, Canada and New Zealand.

Tom Henderson will be on a whirlwind visit to Australia with his wife Jane in March and April where he is booked to be a keynote speaker at eight (8) Rotary District Conferences on the eastern seaboard. They will also visit New Zealand during their stay.

Tom will be speaking at Rotary Conferences starting in Mudgee NSW, then on to Canberra ACT, Ipswich Qld, Port Macquarie NSW, Shepparton Vic, Temora NSW, Kingaroy and finally on the Gold Coast Qld.

The cost of a ShelterBox is \$1,200 which includes the cost of all materials, packing, storage, transport worldwide and distribution as well as usual overheads.

Further details about this remarkable global humanitarian program are at: [www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org) and [www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au](http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au)

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The new Shelterbox African tent is displayed in a transit camp run by the UNHCR for Sudanese refugees in Lokichoggio, Northern Kenya.

**Press Release**

**ROTARIANS HELPING IN THE SOLOMON'S**

The Rotary Club of Noosa Heads Daybreak is sending a team of volunteer workers to the island of Babanga, in the Solomon Islands, to construct the foundations for a school building. The local team leader is Noosa Heads Daybreak Rotary Past President Simon Gamble, with Graham Williams, President of Noosa Rotary Club acting as building supervisor. Other team members include Rotarians and non-Rotarian members of the Noosa Community.

The school is part of a 10 year building program, initiated by the Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium, which has already built a kindergarten and installed rainwater tanks. Several Rotary Clubs in the District have taken on different stages of this long term project.

The people of the island are Gilbert (and Ellis) Islanders, who were displaced from their own land about 40 years ago, when the British government carried out nuclear testing in the area and today receive very little or no assistance from the Solomon Island government.

The island of Babanga, with approximately 700 residents, has only 1 kindergarten, and the older children have to travel by boat each day to another island to attend school. Many families cannot afford the petrol for the boat ride, and consequently children miss out on lessons. The website is [www.Babangaisland.org](http://www.Babangaisland.org)

To assist with purchasing equipment and other benefits for the children of Babanga Island, members of the public, and other Rotarians, are invited to purchase gift cards, which range from \$5 to \$250. For example, \$5 buys school supplies for 1 child for a year, \$30 will transport 20 kids to school for a week, and \$50 will buy 2 school desks. Donations are tax deductible, and enquiries are welcome to President Corrie on 5447 1949.

The Rotary Club of Noosa Heads Daybreak meets for breakfast at the Noosa Springs Country Club each Thursday at 6.45 a.m., and extend a warm invitation to anyone interested in helping their community, meeting new people and making friends.



**Babanga Island**  
(Solomon Islands)  
*Typical House on Babanga Island*



*Children on Babanga Island face an uncertain future with lack of education, poor sanitation, lack of clean water supply and transport.*

**Project List**

There are currently four main parts to this project. Each part consists of multiple subparts.

Babanga Island (also known as Mbabanga Island) is one of 992 islands in the Solomon Islands group. Babanga is a picturesque island about 20 minutes boat ride from Gizo, the capital of the Western province of the Solomon Islands group in the Pacific Ocean.



**[www.babangaisland.org](http://www.babangaisland.org)**

This site was set up to provide interested parties with information concerning a small Island in the Pacific called Babanga Island. On this site you will learn a little about the community on the Island and the project undertaken by the Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium.

In May 2004 The Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium (RcoBP) began its involvement with the community of Babanga Island. The involvement started with a request from the Island community for assistance with the building of a kindergarten.

**1. Kindergarten**

This was the first part of the project and is substantially completed. There are many small activities still in need of assistance.

When the Kindergarten was opened in March 2005, it became apparent that the kindergarten was just the tip of the iceberg. A team of 5 Rotarians returned to the Island in October 2005 to discover and document the needs of the community. The team found that there was no clean potable water, there was no sanitation or washrooms. Worst of all, children had to brave the weather travelling by canoe to school every day.



**2. School – Artistic Interpretation of the Building**

The school will enable the children that are beyond kindergarten age to go to school on the Island for 4 to 5 years.

By January 2006 a plan was developed covering the proposed infrastructure. The layout and a plan were in place. Another team from RcoBP took the plan to the Island in March 2006 seeking Community input and to verify the proposal.

In October 2006, a team from the Rotary Club of Stones corner visited the Island to replace the temporary 'leaf' roof on the Kindergarten with a corrugated roof to capture rain water and to install water tanks. The first potable water was available to the community.

The school construction will start in March 2007. The Rotary Club of Noosa Heads Daybreak will be sending a team to the Island in March to work on this first step in the construction of the school.



*Children of Babanga Island*



**3. Ablutions Blocks and 4. Water reticulation**

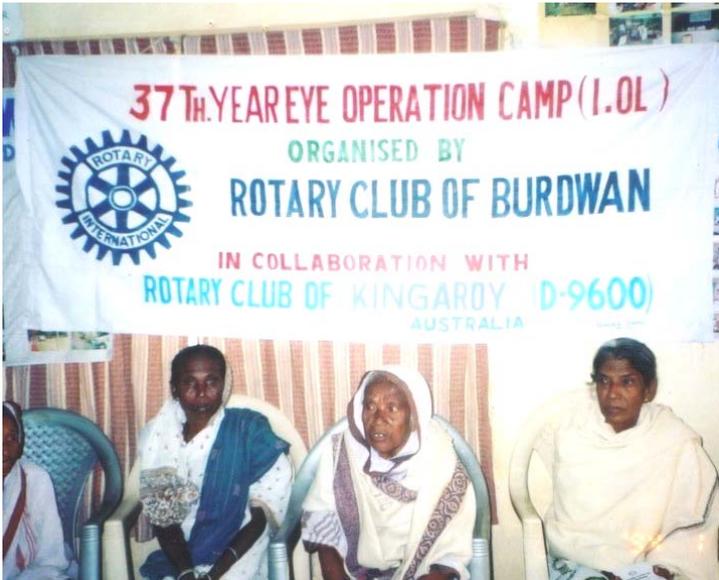
These will provide the community with toilet and washing facilities.

All major structures in the project will have a secondary function of collecting rain water.

Access to clean water is of the most paramount importance to the community health of the entire village.

Adapted by Anne Oxley from the Website: [www.babangaisland.org](http://www.babangaisland.org) developed by the Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium and re-arranged slightly by the editor to fit the newsletter

Photos from India  
from Jim Charlton



## World of Opportunity D9600 Annual Conference 13, 14 & 15 April, 2007 at Kingaroy State High School

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

**Antler Motel, Nanango**, 33 Henry Street. Ph: 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

There was, a few days ago, two rooms at **Holiday Motel, in Kingaroy**. Phone Merle on 4162 1822

## 70<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Stan & Daphne Burton celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on 1st March, with a quiet afternoon tea at their home, with family and friends.

Stan joined Rotary at Atherton, North Queensland in October 1959, he was with Cairns West Rotary Club from 1973-76.

Stan joined Mooloolaba on 16 March 1976, where he is still an active member.

Stan tells me that 70 years doesn't seem a long time to him and Daphne.



### 4 WAY TEST YOUTH SPEAKING COMPETITION

Once again this is the beginning of a new school year. We as Rotarians are always looking for projects to encourage the youth who attend schools in our areas to achieve excellence in whatever area they wish to embrace. Might I suggest your Vocational or Youth Director to consider asking your local school to enter entrants in the 4 WAY TEST YOUTH SPEAKING COMPETITION.

The 18th May at 7.00 p.m. is the Preliminary Final date and time for this competition.

I am looking forward to welcoming students from all over our District to this competition. St Columbians College Caboolture, is the chosen place for this competition because this area is in the middle of our District. This will enable students and Rotarians to be able to attend after their work or school day.

This competition over the past 6 years has given young students the opportunity to perfect their talent through competition by presenting their 6 minute speech to a panel of adjudicators, who will give all students helpful advice and critique of their presentation at the end of the evening. This will assist them in their future endeavours.

If your club is interested in further information regarding this competition please contact me. My email is: [jan.rotary@bnj.com.au](mailto:jan.rotary@bnj.com.au)

If you have not attended this competition you are invited to come listen to the presentation of the 4 Way Test, encourage these talented young people in their future endeavours.

Jan Lawton  
Co-ordinator  
4 WAY TEST YOUTH SPEAKING COMPETITION  
2006-07

# District 9600 Governor's Newsletter — March 2007

## Col's Comments

It couldn't last! The December returns were exceptional in that by the closing date of 17 January there were only six missing (usually more than 20), and for the February DG Newsletter there were NONE missing (usually between 6 and 13). But despite appeals to "keep it up" the January returns are back to their normal pattern — by the closing date of 17 February there were 28 missing, and for this report 15 days later (see the "No Return" entries in the table opposite) six of them are still missing. And this is despite energetic appeals from Membership Co-ordinator Walter Buchanan addressed to the "missing" clubs. The difference was that this time round Helen and I did not chase individual club Attendance Officers on a one-to-one basis as we did last month in order to achieve the 100% result.

The undoubted efforts of many towards membership growth this year are still waiting to proclaim themselves. At the end of 2005/06 the district total was 1929; and after the first six months this had dropped by 1.7% to 1897, now a firm figure as all the December returns are registered. And as expected and predicted last month the January total, now showing as 1880 with six clubs yet to report, shows a further drop which is in fact mostly the "normal" loss which traditionally occurs between 31 December and 1 January when subscriptions become due, people relocate and/or consider their options, and clubs also consider their options.

Let's go from here!



### Welcome to New Members

As of today, 4 March 2007, there have been 19 new, rejoined or relocated members advised by clubs since the DG's February Newsletter was prepared on 3/2/07. All of these refer to the current Rotary year 2006/07. During the same period there were 17 termination notices received, again all for 2006/07.

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

**Ashgrove/ The Gap:** Theresa Spencer.

**Brisbane Planetarium:** Catherine Kunkel, Reay Mackay and Jeanette Quigley.

**Honiara:** Jordan Chambers, Katreona Coarse, Shivaun Davidson, Douglas Hughes, Leonie Hughes, Stuart Macnish and Barry Mawhinney.

**Huon Gulf:** Workneh Ayalew.

**Kawana Waters:** Nigel Baron.

**Maleny:** Sherry Wright.

**Nambour:** Ron Jackson.

**Pine Rivers Daybreak:** John Bayne and Kenneth Benson.

**The Glass House Mountains:** Brent Torrance.

**Toowong:** Wanda Stephens.

## D9600 Membership and Attendance Report December 2006 and January 2007

Club	Club Membership			Attendance Percentages	
	30/6/06	31/12/06	31/1/07	Dec 2006	Jan 2007
Albany Creek	36	34	34	81.11	72.50
Albion	15	15	14	94.45	76.72
Alexandra Headland	24	26	25	72.00	75.00
Ashgrove / The Gap	42	41	41	82.93	67.60
Aspley	46	50	50	85.81	73.40
Bribie Island	26	20	19	94.44	82.00
Brisbane	67	66	68	45.42	51.63
Brisbane High-Rise	51	50	51	73.47	63.23
Brisbane Mid-City	62	59	56	62.59	65.12
Brisbane North	33	34	33	65.22	59.09
Brisbane Planetarium	71	70	70	84.75	79.98
Buderim	25	26	26	64.42	65.38
Caboolture	31	31	31	87.93	76.79
Caloundra	27	30	30	83.33	85.00
Caloundra Pacific	35	36	34	77.78	79.01
Coolum-Peregian	12	11	9	75.75	85.18
Cooroy	29	27	27	66.00	56.67
Fortitude Valley	50	51	50	72.73	65.03
Geebung	12	13	13	84.85	90.91
Gympie	54	55	55	79.66	No Return
Gympie-Cooloola	45	45	45	77.21	68.89
Hamilton	50	50	50	73.98	81.09
Indooroopilly	18	21	21	69.84	55.56
Karana Downs	21	20	22	62.33	74.24
Kawana Waters	12	16	15	81.25	83.85
Kenmore	48	45	45	75.00	73.44
Kingaroy	21	19	18	80.70	79.17
Kingaroy-Taabinga	15	16	16	83.33	71.88
Kippa Ring	17	16	16	95.83	96.88
Maleny	37	36	34	66.67	82.76
Maroochydore	38	37	37	68.88	77.77
Mitchelton	25	26	26	91.02	76.03
Mooloolaba	51	53	53	62.96	72.22
Murgon	20	17	17	56.66	66.66
Nambour	29	29	30	75.76	71.59
Nambour 76	36	33	34	69.52	70.37
Noosa	39	39	38	75.00	78.29
Noosa Heads	43	39	39	66.67	67.52
Noosa Heads Daybreak	32	33	33	71.72	64.39
Nundah	18	18	18	65.90	81.66
Paddington/ Red Hill	13	7	7	79.00	No Return
Pine Rivers	19	20	19	83.33	75.44
Pine Rivers Daybreak	15	16	18	79.17	81.69
Redcliffe City	50	48	48	83.33	80.29
Redcliffe Sunrise	17	16	15	95.24	84.62
Samford Valley	37	34	31	83.82	73.11
Sandgate	18	18	17	74.55	75.00
St Lucia	18	17	17	67.65	64.71
Stafford	18	18	18	72.22	79.39
Strathpine	16	13	13	76.67	67.50
The Glass House Mtns	19	15	16	100.00	96.30
Toowong	36	32	32	83.91	71.55
West B'ne Daybreak	25	18	19	81.48	65.31
Windsor	19	19	19	63.15	75.00
Woombye Sunrise	23	18	18	90.20	90.62
Boroko	29	32	32	75.00	88.54
Bulolo-Wau	4	4	4	55.00	No Return
Goroka	8	8	6	25.00	41.67
Huon Gulf	21	22	20	66.67	57.89
Kavieng	8	8	8	75.00	35.00
Kokopo	11	11	11	88.64	79.55
Lae	20	18	18	61.11	No Return
Madang	12	11	10	60.00	47.22
Mount Hagen	13	13	13	41.03	No Return
Port Moresby	41	44	43	64.29	72.62
Raubul	7	7	7	71.43	89.29
Wewak	8	11	11	76.92	No Return
Gizo	7	10	8	47.00	58.33
Honiara	34	36	39	70.84	58.00
<b>Totals/Averages</b>	<b>1929</b>	<b>1897</b>	<b>1880</b>	<b>73.86%</b>	<b>72.79%</b>