



# 9600 NEWSLETTER



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## Michael's Message....

*Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something, and that this thing, at whatever cost, must be attained – Marie Curie.*

For us "this thing" is the eradication of polio. The news is not good, although we have reduced that number of endemic countries to just four, political issues in Nigeria have not only caused a significant increase in cases there, but the virus has been exported to many countries that had been polio free. These outbreaks are being contained very quickly and our efforts in the endemic countries increased – with perseverance and confidence in our ability to succeed, we will attain our goal. We must remain focussed until the job is done and I thank all those Clubs that have supported the Polio-Plus campaign through pancake breakfasts and other means. A special vote of thanks is due to the District Polio Eradication Sub-Committee under Chairman Brian Hansford for developing this initiative and co-ordinating the fundraising.

The Official visits to our twelve Clubs and one Rotary Community Corps (RCC) in PNG have been completed but not without many challenges – flights cancelled, delayed, re-routed, overbooked, and being trapped in Rabaul for four days because of a major eruption of one of the volcanos (Tavurvur) that ring the town. It is humbling, and at the same time exciting

to witness first hand the wonderful work our Clubs are engaged in. The scale of some of the projects, undertaken with very limited resources, is breathtaking. Every Club is involved in receiving goods through DIK and all are keen to receive more so we must do all that we can to increase our funding of this project so that we can send more containers. I have a list of needs from each Club so that we can be more specific in what we send to different areas of the country. Rotary is very visible in PNG and everywhere we went we were greeted with "welcome Rotarians" or "we love Rotary" – no PR problem there!

Literacy is our third emphasis for this year and I am pleased to report that we have successfully completed our first CLE (concentrated language encounter) Program in Port Moresby. We now need to build on this with follow up sessions and more training in other Provinces. The idea is to train trainers who will go back to their villages and train the teachers who will then teach the students. It is a fact that literacy in PNG has been declining at around 2% per annum since 1984 and, if we are to have any impact on the health issues facing the people, then reversing this trend is very important. We were told, for instance, that the best way Rotary could assist in the battle against AIDS is to improve the literacy of woman and girls.

Our second Rotary Community Corps, the RCC of Matupit Island, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Rabaul, has now been chartered with 62 charter members. Unfortunately, they were forced to evacuate the island because of the eruption but they are used to such setbacks and will quickly regroup.

November is Rotary Foundation Month when all Clubs are encouraged to plan their program around Our Foundation. There is so much need in the world and our Foundation is leading the way in addressing it, there are wonderful stories to be told of lives saved, health restored, poverty averted, and self-respect regained. District TRF Committee Chairman Russ O'Malley can supply you with videos or

speakers to tell these success stories and explain how your contribution can make such a difference. District 6290 Past Governor Betsy Demaray commented: "I sit here in a small community, farther north than many places, I am pretty insignificant, I may have an impact on a few people around me, I can help with community projects, but I can't change the world - - but maybe I can! By joining Rotary, I can rid the world of polio! By being a Rotarian, I can provide clean water to villages with none. By being part of this wonderful organisation, I can save lives, feed children, make the blind see, and educate the poorest of the poor. By being a Rotarian, I can leave a legacy of help, caring and love to the entire planet .... me, one insignificant person from a small town up north."

So please consider what you can do now for the Annual Programs Fund (become a sustaining member or Centurion) and how you can leave your footsteps in the sands of time by leaving a bequest to the Permanent Fund in your will.

Thank you to all those Clubs that supported the projects, large and small, advertised at the Projects Fair of our recent TRF Seminar – the results will make a huge difference to the lives of many. A District Simplified Grant that can be used for a local community project is available to Clubs (details were circulated on 1 October) and applications should be with Bill Waterfield by 30 November.

The third annual Paul Harris Seminar was held at the University of Queensland on 28 October and the Peace Fellows of Class III made their final presentations and to say they were impressive is an understatement indeed! One of my workshops was entitled: "Building Bridges – From bombs and Bullets to Bread and Butter" – a Peace Fellows experience in handling terrorism by Santosh Mehra (India).

It is mostly about struggle, occasionally about achievements. It is mostly about dilemmas, occasionally about discernment. It is mostly about conflicts, occasionally about resolution. It is mostly about violence, occasionally about peace. It is always about life, about love, and about understanding. Grounded in the personal experiences of a Commissioned Police Officer, who has had over seven years of "eyeball to eyeball" experience in combating terrorism, the workshop initially looked at how one man's terrorist is another man's fighter. The southern Indian State of Andhra Pradesh is home to one of the deadliest terrorist organisations in the world and we heard how a young police officer, torn between the compulsions and demands of his job and the voice of his conscience, finally found unique and practical ways of breaking the cycle of violence. "Discontent is the first step towards progress" think about it!!

Now is the time to register for the Kingaroy World of Opportunity Conference in April 2007 if you want accommodation close to the venue. ShelterBox may be able to provide accommodation on the school oval for the late registrants!

Take time to be friendly – it is the road to happiness.

Take time to dream – it is hitching your wagon to a star.

Take time to love and to be loved – it is the privilege of the Gods.

Take time to look around – it is too short a day to be selfish.

Take time to laugh – it is the music of the soul.

Lead the Way.

**Michael** Governor D9600

## Don't Forget Registration is NOW OPEN for the next Annual District Conference

at Kingaroy  
13 – 14 – 15 April, 2007

see Website

for Registration Forms (and for accommodation deposit)

[www.rotary9600.org](http://www.rotary9600.org)

Accommodation is in short supply, there is also a big race meeting the same weekend, and most of the caravan sites are fully booked already.

## Rotary Conference at Kingaroy

Registrar Cheryl Ives

There is still accommodation available in Kingaroy (right now). But we have already had 200 registrations to date, so requests for specific accommodation is now NOT available. If your club wants to be together, you will need to get the individuals to send there registration forms in quickly!!

All accommodation except caravan parks are booked / or being held by the Conference Committee, until end December. I know for sure that the Big 4 Caravan Park is almost full. As at end September on 6 van sites were left.

You can only book your accommodation through Registration, and a completed Rego form and FULL payment is necessary. Payment of just the \$50 accommodation deposit is now not being taken, you must register in FULL.

### Registration Form:

There are still a number of people registering that are not reading the rego form correctly. Morning Tea, for Saturday and Sunday and Afternoon Tea for Saturday are free, but you need to indicate which ones you want to attend (for catering purposes).

### Accommodation Deposit - \$50.

(Couples only) When a couple who are both Rotarians register, only one (1) deposit of \$50 is required. You are only ordering 1 room.

(Singles) 2 Rotarians (not couples) sharing a room. In this case each Rotarian pays \$50.

### Contact details for Rego Form:

Please give all your details. Especially a fax number and an email. This makes contact for receipt letters and accommodation contact, much easier.



On the Official Visit trail with Caloundra President Paul Fernyhough

*Congratulations to PP Graeme Whitchurch of the Rotary Club of Boroko who was awarded a Knighthood (Knight Bachelor) in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours, for service to the Public Service"*

## Conference Accommodation

There are only a few of you that have paid the deposit only. Your full registration must be completed by January, or before.

## District Farewell to the GSE Team, 19 December

The Rotary Club of Albany Creek would like to invite all Rotarians to the District farewell of the D9600 GSE team to D3300 Malaysia. The details are as follows:

Where: Wantima Golf Club  
South Pine Road, Brendale

When: 6.30 pm for 7 pm  
Tuesday 19 December

Cost: \$22

The team will be making their final practice presentation on the evening. We would ask if you plan to attend if you could advise Chris Goninon at [c.goninon@uq.edu.au](mailto:c.goninon@uq.edu.au) or 0414 335 307 by 5 December.



## Rural & Remote Health



The health of people living in country areas is becoming of increasing concern. Suicide rates are climbing and are at a much higher level than in city areas. Attracting medical personnel at all levels is proving to be a challenging task for governments and rural communities. To address the specific health conditions that are prevalent in rural Australia, the Board of the ARHRF has approved the following programs.

Twenty eight one-year scholarships will be provided for medical students who are completing a rural placement as part of their under-graduate medical training.

These scholarships will be made available on an equitable basis across all States and Territories of Australia and will be valued at \$5,000 each.

It is expected that each scholarship holder will be hosted by a local Rotary Club with the aim of linking them with the rural community in which they are working.

It is hoped that this will encourage students to continue their future careers in rural areas of Australia. Local Rotary clubs could play a big part in making these students feel welcome and at home in the community.

The second program involves the commitment of \$200,000 per year for three years to support five (5) or more research projects to a maximum of \$40,000 per project (no more than one project will be funded per State or Territory).

The funding will support research projects which are designed to improve the quality of existing services or to evaluate new evidence-based services that have the potential to restore or promote the health of Australians living in rural and/or remote areas.

## District Diary

November – Rotary Foundation Month

31 October – 6 November

World Interact Week

### November:

4 – Council of Governors meeting at Shaftesbury

13-19 – 41st Rotary Institute, Zones 7A & 8A, to be held at Jupiter's Casino, Gold Coast. DG, DGE, DGN and any PDGs able to attend.

16 – UN International Day of Tolerance

17 – Last day for submission of the October membership and attendance figures.

20 – UN Universal Children's day

24 – District Consultative Committee meeting, 4.30 pm in the boardroom of St Columban's College, Caboolture.

25 – UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

### December:

1 – UN World AIDS Day

2-3 – YEP Student orientation camp for Inbounders and Outbounders, at the Qld Conference and Camping Centre (QCCC), 179 Gold Creek Rd, Brookfield.

3 – UN International Day of Disable Persons

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

### DG Club Official Visits November:

Thurs 9 – Brisbane High-Rise

Thurs 9 – Bribie Island

Tue 21 – Albany Creek

Thurs 23 – Caloundra Pacific

Mon 27 – Kingaroy

Thurs 30 – Maroochydore

## More Diary Dates

### 19 – 23 March 2007

Australian Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians Annual Tournament –

Warrnambool & Port Fairy

Entries close 18 January 2007 – for further information contact David Richards – Phone 03) 5561 1840 or go to [www.rcw.org.au](http://www.rcw.org.au) and follow links to AGFR or email David on [david.richards@westnet.com.au](mailto:david.richards@westnet.com.au)

### June 2007:

1st – Closing date for implementation of PR Grant.

## GSE Exchange with D9920

Group Study Exchange is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives. Our most recent exchange with D9920 saw two firsts for our district. Our team was the first that our district has sent with members from our three member countries of our district, and the incoming team was the first to visit the three countries in our district.

The exchange was a medical exchange requiring all members to be trained health or allied health professionals. Our team, lead by AG Nathan Kere, were key participants in the Fiji Health festival, a six day festival that allows many Fijians in rural areas an annual opportunity to be examined by health professionals. The team also visited Samoa, American Samoa and New Zealand as part of the exchange, providing all members with an excellent opportunity to immerse themselves in four different cultures and observe their profession, in four very different and contrasting countries. Along with some interesting food, customs, presentations to Rotary clubs in four countries about D9600, caving and travel in airplanes that were old in the 1970's the team all can say that GSE had provided some life changing experiences.

As part of the return exchange, team leader Bernadette and her team from Fiji spent four weeks visiting the three countries in our district, travelling by plane, car and at times small boats to undertake vocational visits to small village medical centres in the Solomon Islands and PNG, billion dollar research institutes and universities in Australia, and hospitals in the three countries. All were able to relate and add to their professional experiences through these visits and the opportunity to discuss how these organisations operate and are funded. Along with over 10 presentations including a presentation to the D9600 Rotary Foundation Seminar, (the largest group a number of them had spoken to in public), visits to numerous landmarks in the three countries, the team left our shores, exhausted, but with fond memories, vocational overload and numerous ideas for improvement of their organisations when they return to their workplaces. And to attest to their success and making friends, already there are discussions of one club from SE Qld visiting Fiji to commence a humanitarian project in Fiji.

As with all exchanges the success is always a result of the efforts of the sponsor and host clubs, so thanks to all for your efforts.

*Chris Goninon, Co-ordinator GSE Exchange with D9920.*

Our outbound team, Nathan (team leader) – Doctor, Elton – Dental Technician, Jerry – Doctor, Sibona – Nurse & Brianna – Audiologist with the welcoming committee from D9920.



Inbound team with Chris Goninon (and Annabelle). Ragendra – Medical Technologist, Devina – Doctor, Raveena – Nurse & Bernadette (Team Leader) – Dentist.

## Call for Applications

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies (RPCS) Program announces a call for applications for the July 2007 program session. The deadline for district-endorsed applications to be submitted to The Rotary Foundation for this session is 1 December 2006.

### Graduation Announcement

The 15 member inaugural class of RPCS participants graduated on 29 September 2006. They have all returned home and have hit the ground running. Many are already applying lessons learned during the program in their careers while becoming involved in Rotary events and promotional activities outside of their employment. Please contact Jenn Weidman (contact information below) to schedule RPCS alumni to speak at your next Rotary event!

### Selection Announcement

The second class has been selected and will begin studies in January 2007. Our congratulations go out to the following districts for sponsoring successful candidates: 1660, 3060, 3130, 3220, 3260, 3290, 3340, 3350, 3790, 5630, 6890, 9120, 9150 and 9210. The 22 members of the second RPCS class represent 13 countries with an average age of 38 and 11 years average work experience with 86% hailing from low-income regions.

### For More Information

Please contact Jenn Weidman, Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program Specialist, at 847 866 3374 or [jennifer.weidman@rotary.org](mailto:jennifer.weidman@rotary.org) with any questions or for more information. Program materials and participant profiles are available from the web at [www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp)



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[dgnewseditor@rotary9600.org](mailto:dgnewseditor@rotary9600.org)  
**Deadline for articles – The**  
**last week of the previous**  
**month.**

## Rotary Australia World Community Service R.A.M.

It is estimated that one third of the world's population, or 2.3 billion are exposed to the risk of malaria. Three hundred million people become infected with the parasite and 2.5 million die every year – seventy percent of them children under the age of five years. Approximately five thousand seven hundred and sixty children, and one thousand pregnant women die of malaria every day.

Malaria is caused by a parasite, spread from person to person by the bite of an infected Anopheles mosquito. There are four strains of the malaria parasite that affect humans. The most common – vivax – is typically recurring and rarely life threatening. Falciparum on the other hand is becoming increasingly common and is the most dangerous – it can cause death within 48 hours of the first symptoms.

Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM):

- Addresses one of the biggest killers in the world today;
- Operates effective "Malaria Control Projects" in countries in our region;
- Provides bed nets that cheaply and effectively prevent infection from malaria;
- Supports research into "the treatment and prevention of malaria".

Please get your Club to support this project by sending your financial support to RAM care of your district RAWCS Chairperson. Max Wortman  
Phone: 5596 3584, email: shephill@bigpond.net.au



A school receiving a concrete floor, and the school children.

## Project Volunteers



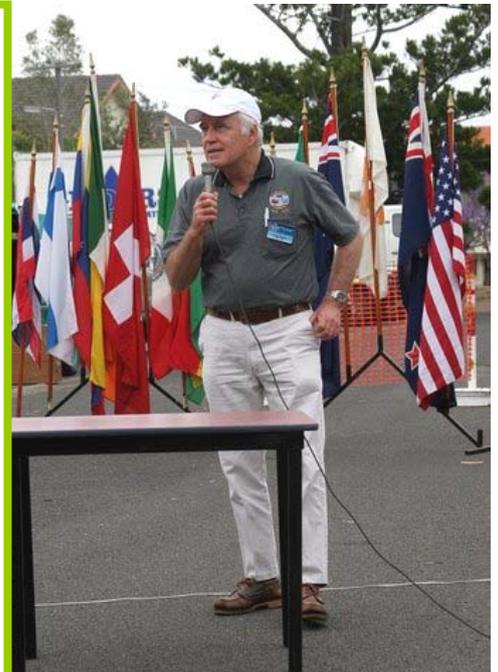
Would you like an unusual holiday, doing something worthwhile in a different environment (with time for fun), and getting a tax deduction for it?

That is what you gain as a Rotary volunteer. Anyone choosing to work on a project registered with Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) is entitled to this benefit. You also receive Rotary insurance coverage while you are travelling to and fro, and on site.

Teams of volunteers travel to developing countries, particularly our close neighbouring countries in the southwest Pacific area, with the aim of providing much needed facilities, especially in health and education. The volunteers also assist with advice and training in a wide variety of skills, especially in building construction trades, in order that the local people can better prepare to manage their own affairs. In recent years teams from this district involving members of Glasshouse Mountains and Planetarium clubs have been undertaking individual projects in the western Solomon's.

Service opportunities are detailed in the Rotary Australia World Community Service Handbook – your club's International Service Director received a copy at the District Assembly – or go on line [www.rawcs.org](http://www.rawcs.org). There you can also register your interest to join any project team that is heading off – but of course your acceptance is subject to team requirements.

John Lawrence



Celebrating the shipping of our 500th Container from Northern region DIK (which featured on the ABC News.)

# WANTED BOOKS

new and used of good quality  
For the next **Bookfest Noosa**  
to be held on Qld Labour Day weekend in May  
at the Noosa Bicentennial Hall - Sunshine Beach

**BOOKFEST**  
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
NOOSA HEADS DAYBREAK

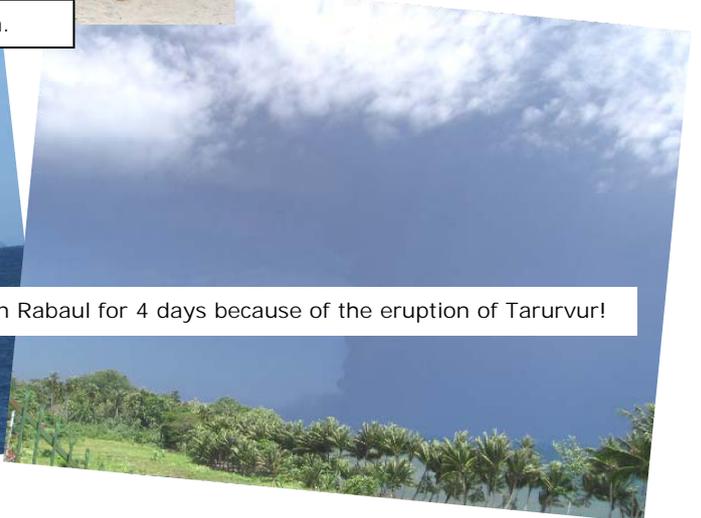
**Book collection points are at:**

- Noosaville - Coastal Drycleaners & Launderers
- Peregian Beach - Home Hardware
- Coolum - Thrifty Link Hardware
- Nambour & Cooroy - Lanhams Home Hardware
- Pomona - True Value Hardware
- Kawana - Home Hardware

or ring Bookfest hotline **5473 5825**



Trapped in Rabaul for 4 days because of the eruption of Tarururui!



## Our Ambassadorial Scholar in Geneva – Kate Del Mar

I have completed my first week of classes at the University Centre for International Humanitarian Law ([www.ucihl.org](http://www.ucihl.org)), and whilst straining under the weight of a very heavy workload, I am nevertheless tingling with excitement after this first taste of a challenging, but very rewarding year. I am thoroughly impressed with the high standard of teaching and the seemingly non-exhaustive range of resources available for students here in Geneva. The course is peculiar in so far as it is run in two streams: an English stream and a French stream. The seventy Masters students are divided into two groups (forty students in the English group; thirty in the French group), according to their language abilities, and each group follows the same subject matter with different lecturers and tutors, and different readings according to the availability of material in either English or French.

The selection of group (English or French) is made by the student himself/herself, keeping in mind that the language chosen is the one in which the Masters Thesis must be written at the end of the year, as well as other required written assignments, and the two series of written exams. I chose to follow the course in English not only for ease of following the subject matter (French would have been possible, but more difficult), but also because the lecturers in English are, I think, more impressive than those lecturing in the French stream.

In order, however, to pick up the international law terminology in French, I have obtained permission from Professors in the French stream to sit-in on their lectures in addition to following the lectures in English. This obviously gives me less time to attend to my private study, but it does allow me to hear the same material explained in a slightly more continental way, and it also allows me to make contact with the students and lecturers in the French stream with whom I would otherwise have no contact with at all.

The student body itself is very mixed, both in terms of gender (slightly more women than men), and in terms of nationality. I am the only Australian student, and there is no more than a handful of students from any one country. This has the distinct advantage of forcing students – each of whom constitutes a cultural minority – to interact with other nationalities. The age of students ranges from early twenties to late thirties with most students clustered around the late twenties age. One of my peers is a Rotarian from the Baku International Rotary Club in Azerbaijan!

The classes take place in two different locations – at one of the main University of Geneva buildings (home to the Law Faculty) called 'Uni-Mail'; and on the other side of the river at Villa Barton, a pink building on the lakefront which houses the Graduate Institute of International Studies. There is a very good tram line that runs between the two, and classes are timetabled to give students time to commute.

The lecturers are fantastic. It is a wonderful experience to be taught, in each subject, by an expert in the field. Most of the leading texts and articles for each subject I am taking are written by a lecturer here. I have five compulsory subjects that I will take throughout the year:

- Public International Law (a general international law course);
- International Humanitarian Law (the law that applies in armed conflicts);
- Human Rights Law;
- International Criminal Law (e.g. prosecuting individuals for war crimes);
- International Refugee Law

In addition, the university has organised for us to have some practical experience in the field by participating in a couple of day courses later in the year that will be taught by leading practitioners. There is thus a course run by delegates of the International Committee of the Red Cross, another course run by representatives of the United Nations, and so forth.

I have been in contact with my host District Governor who has invited me to attend the District Conference and the District Assembly early next year.

Kind Regards, Kate Del Mar



Kate at her first Rotary Club meeting - Lausanne

### News from Brisbane Planetarium

Brisbane Planetarium has an annual focus on its Business Lunch and this year's function which was held on 6 October raised \$20,000 for "Choices", a support group for people with breast cancer, and \$31,000 for the Club to distribute. The guest speaker was a very entertaining John "Knuckles" Connolly, the current coach of the Australian Rugby Union Team, better known as the Wallabies. Knuckles made a very humorous and at times insightful presentation on what international rugby is about, and the characters over the years who made an impression on him. As a forward in his playing days by definition anyone who impressed him must have been very big! A well run and very enjoyable project.

### New class of Rotary Peace & Conflict Studies participants announced

*Inaugural alumni are already putting their new skills to work* (BANGKOK, ---) – Rotary International has selected 22 professionals from 13 countries to study in a new program that teaches theoretical perspectives and practical skills surrounding conflict resolution and mediation.

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program, a three-month curriculum taught at Chulalongkorn University, aims to build conflict resolution skills for promising leaders and professionals who work in

fields involving conflict resolution and mediation.

The program offers an intensive curriculum developed by international and regional experts on peace and conflict studies. It is aimed at upper-level professionals in governments, non-governmental organisations, private corporations, academia, and media agencies. Participants are selected twice a year in a globally competitive selection process based on their professional and academic achievements.

Like the members of the inaugural class, the 22 new participants who begin studies in January 2007 are a diverse group, representing a wide array of professional backgrounds. Their interests and areas of expertise include education, human rights, public health, armed forces, public policy, economic development, and social justice. For example:

- Krishna Adhikari, of Nepal, works for National Human Rights Commission in Lalitpur, Nepal.
- Giovanni Contarin, of Italy, is a director of HIV/AIDS care in Rayong at Saint Camillus of Thailand.
- Maarifa Vincent Ndekezi, of Rwanda, is a resource person in the corporate experiential program and an English language teacher at Green Hills Academy in Rwanda.
- Dunes Harsha Gankanda, of Sri Lanka, is a member of parliament from Ratnapura District and a director of DKD Holding Co. Ltd.
- Shaohua Gu, of China, is the Third Secretary of Organisation and Personal Department at Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs in Beijing.
- Lynne Favinger, of the United States, is an executive director of the Central Mediation Center in Nebraska.
- Hasmukhumar Patel, of India, is the superintendent of Police for the Government of Gujarat.
- Frances Kabosha, of Zambia, is a refugee officer for the Commissioner for Refugees' Office (COR), Zambia.

Members of the inaugural class of Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program completed their studies in September and are already putting their new skills into practice.

"I feel that the knowledge that I have gained will enable me to recommend policies to the government for carrying out conflict management pragmatically and rationally from the operational, administrative, psychological and humanitarian point of view," says graduate Prakash Tewari, an army colonel within the India Ministry of Defence.

Richelieu Marcel Allison from Sierra Leone, regional director of the West African Youth Network says, "I will utilize my skills to help resolve conflicts in schools, halt personal and community disputes and encourage youth to adopt a non-violent approach to conflict resolution."

"My organisation is working on the creation of peace brigades for young people near the borders of selected countries, and I will definitely put into practice what I have learned here."

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program courses are taught in English. Participants earn a Certificate in Peace and Conflict Studies from Chulalongkorn University and The Rotary Foundation. Individuals interested in future sessions should contact their local Rotary clubs or email [Bangkok.PeaceStudies@rotary.org](mailto:Bangkok.PeaceStudies@rotary.org) for more information. Applications are currently being accepted for the July 2007 and succeeding sessions. Additional information, including profiles of participants, is available at [www.rotarychula.org](http://www.rotarychula.org)

# District 9600 Governor's Newsletter — November 2006

## Col's Comments

When the September returns closed on 17 October, there were only 19 clubs still missing. Not really good, perhaps, but much better than usual! This figure was 28 last month, is usually in the high twenties, and has been well into the thirties on several occasions. This is most encouraging.

With 13 late ones now to hand, there are now six "No Returns" for September listed opposite. The number of outstanding returns for August has come down from 15 (as reported in the October Newsletter) to four.

As previously advised, the end of June figure of 1929 is firm and final, with ALL clubs having reported. The July returns have arrived in dribs and drabs, resulting in various totals having been reported, at different times, for the end of July. Now there are only two clubs yet to report for July (Kavieng and Wewak), and so the presently recorded total of 1989 is reasonably firm. This represents a fairly normal drop of 31 members (1929 to 1898) for that time of the year.

Since then the overall net situation has been fairly steady. Up by a net three to 1901 at the end of August, which had become 1900 by the end of September.

With only three months gone to date it's early days yet in the 2006/07 membership growth stakes, but the leading clubs at the moment (excluding any who have not yet put in a September return) are

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Gizo          | 3 (7 to 10)  |
| Kawana Waters | 3 (12 to 15) |
| Caloundra     | 3 (27 to 30) |
| Nundah        | 2 (18 to 20) |
| Nambour       | 2 (29 to 31) |
| Boroko        | 2 (29 to 31) |
| Mooloolaba    | 2 (51 to 53) |

### Welcome to New Members

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

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

**Aspley:** Paul Gillett and Jeff Menck.

**Caloundra Pacific:** Ronald Beattie, Alan Sims and David Winter.

**Kenmore:** Kerri Horsburgh & Ted Horsburgh.

**Noosa Heads Daybreak:** Dawn Hesketh and Janice Watts.

## D9600 Membership and Attendance Report August and September 2006

| Club                 | Club Membership |         |         | Attendance Percentages |           |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------|---------|------------------------|-----------|
|                      | 30/6/06         | 31/8/06 | 30/9/06 | August 2006            | Sept 2006 |
| Albany Creek         | 36              | 35      | 35      | 74.84                  | 79.84     |
| Albion               | 15              | 14      | 15      | 95.38                  | 95.99     |
| Alexandra Headland   | 24              | 24      | 25      | 76.14                  | 78.26     |
| Ashgrove /The Gap    | 42              | 42      | 42      | 65.05                  | 79.88     |
| Aspley               | 46              | 48      | 48      | 69.25                  | 70.55     |
| Bribie Island        | 26              | 25      | 22      | 82.00                  | 89.74     |
| Brisbane             | 67              | 67      | 66      | 53.57                  | 50.52     |
| Brisbane High-Rise   | 51              | 50      | 50      | 73.88                  | 71.84     |
| Brisbane Mid-City    | 62              | 61      | 61      | 64.18                  | 59.75     |
| Brisbane North       | 33              | 33      | 33      | 61.80                  | 71.62     |
| Brisbane Planetarium | 71              | 69      | 69      | 82.47                  | 88.78     |
| Buderim              | 25              | 25      | 26      | 60.00                  | 60.16     |
| Caboolture           | 31              | 30      | 30      | 74.20                  | 72.50     |
| Caloundra            | 27              | 30      | 30      | 84.13                  | 81.67     |
| Caloundra Pacific    | 35              | 33      | 35      | 84.29                  | 75.89     |
| Coolum-Peregian      | 12              | 10      | 9       | 80.00                  | 80.55     |
| Cooroy               | 29              | 29      | 27      | 91.44                  | 87.00     |
| Fortitude Valley     | 50              | 50      | 50      | 74.56                  | 77.19     |
| Geebung              | 12              | 13      | 13      | 88.64                  | 95.45     |
| Gympie               | 54              | 55      | 55      | 84.37                  | 81.32     |
| Gympie-Cooloola      | 45              | 44      | 44      | 84.09                  | 73.30     |
| Hamilton             | 50              | 49      | 49      | 71.00                  | 69.37     |
| Indooroopilly        | 18              | 18      | 19      | 55.56                  | 60.75     |
| Karana Downs         | 21              | 21      | 21      | 76.13                  | 67.85     |
| Kawana Waters        | 12              | 15      | 15      | 86.30                  | 71.66     |
| Kenmore              | 48              | 45      | 47      | 71.92                  | 70.57     |
| Kingaroy             | 21              | 20      | 19      | 62.00                  | 78.85     |
| Kingaroy-Taabinga    | 15              | 16      | 16      | 76.32                  | 84.38     |
| Kippa Ring           | 17              | 18      | 17      | 92.22                  | 97.06     |
| Maleny               | 37              | 36      | 36      | 71.03                  | 76.72     |
| Maroochydore         | 38              | 37      | 37      | 66.67                  | 79.30     |
| Mitchelton           | 25              | 25      | 25      | 89.17                  | 81.25     |
| Mooloolaba           | 51              | 52      | 53      | 73.21                  | 74.64     |
| Murgon               | 20              | 20      | 19      | 58.82                  | 73.84     |
| Nambour              | 29              | 32      | 31      | 62.41                  | 67.44     |
| Nambour 76           | 36              | 33      | 33      | 70.71                  | 73.15     |
| Noosa                | 39              | 39      | 39      | 70.35                  | 74.26     |
| Noosa Heads          | 43              | 37      | 37      | 67.57                  | 65.54     |
| Noosa Heads Daybreak | 32              | 33      | 33      | 63.91                  | 69.35     |
| Nundah               | 18              | 19      | 20      | 91.12                  | 81.25     |
| Paddington/ Red Hill | 13              | 8       | 8       | 80.00                  | 78.13     |
| Pine Rivers          | 19              | 21      | 21      | 76.19                  | No Return |
| Pine Rivers Daybreak | 15              | 16      | 16      | 85.71                  | 62.50     |
| Redcliffe City       | 50              | 49      | 48      | 75.15                  | 78.05     |
| Redcliffe Sunrise    | 17              | 15      | 15      | 73.84                  | 86.54     |
| Samford Valley       | 37              | 37      | 37      | 84.44                  | 83.61     |
| Sandgate             | 18              | 19      | 19      | 77.77                  | 87.50     |
| St Lucia             | 18              | 18      | 18      | 73.61                  | 62.96     |
| Stafford             | 18              | 18      | 18      | 73.61                  | No Return |
| Strathpine           | 16              | 12      | 13      | 86.67                  | 80.00     |
| The Glass House Mtns | 19              | 15      | 15      | 91.42                  | 89.29     |
| Toowong              | 36              | 34      | 34      | 75.00                  | 67.74     |
| West B'ne Daybreak   | 25              | 19      | 19      | 93.42                  | 88.16     |
| Windsor              | 19              | 19      | 19      | 78.95                  | 77.63     |
| Woombye Sunrise      | 23              | 20      | 20      | 95.00                  | 92.30     |
| Boroko               | 29              | 30      | 31      | 95.33                  | 75.13     |
| Bulolo-Wau           | 4               | 4       | 4       | 85.00                  | 62.50     |
| Goroka               | 8               | 8       | 8       | 67.50                  | 50.00     |
| Huon Gulf            | 21              | 23      | 21      | 74.55                  | 74.55     |
| Kavieng              | 8               | 8       | 8       | No Return              | No Return |
| Kokopo               | 11              | 11      | 11      | 85.45                  | 86.36     |
| Lae                  | 20              | 19      | 19      | 62.06                  | 48.93     |
| Madang               | 12              | 12      | 12      | No Return              | No Return |
| Mount Hagen          | 13              | 12      | 12      | No Return              | No Return |
| Port Moresby         | 41              | 41      | 42      | 62.36                  | 69.05     |
| Rabaul               | 7               | 7       | 7       | 96.43                  | 78.57     |
| Wewak                | 8               | 8       | 8       | No Return              | No Return |
| Gizo                 | 7               | 10      | 10      | 52.00                  | 57.50     |
| Honiara              | 34              | 38      | 36      | 56.12                  | 49.31     |
| Totals/Averages      | 1929            | 1901    | 1900    | 75.97%                 | 75.01%    |