

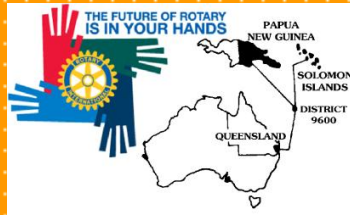
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Rotary District 9600 District Governor's Monthly Newsletter



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Wee Walter's Words

Greetings to one and all,

To say that I am in awe of the outstanding service Rotary Clubs are doing is a gross understatement. As I continue on my official visits to the Clubs in our District, more and more I am amazed at the outstanding actions of Club members, all putting Service above Self.

To you all my sincere thanks. A Chartered Club has certain obligations to Rotary International; so many Clubs are exceeding these obligations and whilst doing so share fun and fellowship. For me to find the words to express my appreciation is just too difficult for me. THANK YOU.

PDG's told me that this year in office would approach being magical, but nothing prepared me for the first two months. If July and August are any example at all, the rest of the year will be one to treasure for the rest of my life.

In September, with the company of my wife Margaret, I continue my official club visits. Finally! After two full years of preparation, the actual work of the District Governor is in full swing. We're so excited!

August was Membership Month, in the weeks leading up to this important time of the Rotary year, I noted an increase in notifications of Clubs inducting new members and a decrease in notifications of Rotarians departing Rotary. You all know already just how important new members are to Rotary. New members are our future. They are the next generation of the family of Rotary. We must always be working to bring more qualified men and women into our clubs, to be sure that our Rotary family continues to grow. We must remember to focus our attention on newly inducted members, so that they will feel at home in our clubs – and remain in the clubs. To each and every Rotarian who has actively repeated the honour extended to them; asking a business colleague, a friend if they would wish to join Rotary, share the fun, fellowship and satisfaction obtained by putting Service Above Self. Well done.

September is New Generations Month. We, as Rotarians, have the opportunities and the obligation to serve young people and to help them in their education and development. Youth is our greatest treasure; they are our future.

In Rotary we have many programs to serve youth. There are local and international programs, programs to support the underprivileged or to sponsor the gifted and talented. Our four structured youth and young adult programs are Rotaract, Interact, RYLA and Rotary Youth Exchange.

"It was the greatest year of my life" is the most-often heard sentence when you talk to an exchange student who just has returned home from the exchange year. It expresses all the pride of the student, because it says "I did it; I have learned valuable information for my life."

All Rotary clubs in this District have the opportunity to gain from these programs. Supporting an Interact club, or conducting a RYLA seminar enables Rotarians to work together, which positively influences their club life. So we get a positive internal effect. Our programs also reach the community. Youth programs do not only involve the participants. They reach families, neighbours, schools and friends. The service of the Rotary club gets known in the community and creates a positive image. Youth programs strengthen Rotary and the Family of Rotary.

1-31 August

Mobile: 23 days
Clubs Visited: 25 (plus 2 Rotaract Clubs: Lae & Port Moresby)
Travelled: 4820 Kilometres (included travel in PNG & SI)
Weight Loss: 1.5kg

Walter

The Queensland Final of STORM THE STAGE



I am sending out an invitation to all Rotarians in District 9600 to come and see the Qld Final of Storm The Stage Competition. We will be presenting 16 finalists to an audience and a panel of four judges. Two of the judges were finalists in previous years. This year's Qld Final is on Sunday, 8th November, 2009. The venue is the Visy Theatre at the Brisbane Powerhouse, at New Farm Brisbane, commencing at 6pm. There will be 10 Musical Theatre and 6 Drama presentations that evening. I can promise you a very interesting and excellent experience.

Each of these finalists has been chosen from heats that were fun at the QUT Kelvin Grove on the 15th August. Judges viewed 46 students to achieve the 16 finalists. The standard of the heats was overwhelming. The finalists are from Pine Rivers, Brisbane, Ipswich and the Gold Coast.

If you attended the 2009 District Conference, and viewed the Youth segment, one of our finalists from 2008 shared his experience about Storm the Stage. Well, he is once again in the 2009 Qld Final with his drama presentation. Joel has other talents, as he has a photographic business and has offered his services again this year to do the photography. Come, enjoy, encourage and support a developing star and assist a young Australian achieve another goal in their pursuit of excellence in their dream of their chosen profession. Is this not a Vocational visit? Maybe it is Youth? But get your club together for an evening out come and join us and you decide! These young performers are a worthy investment of one evening out.

How do you book a seat for the Qld Finals?

Please contact me to book your seat at the Queensland Final of Storm The Stage.

For bookings, please email jan@bnj.com.au or phone (Bus) 5441 1662 or (A/H) 5476 2067.

You can book your place at the Qld Final by contacting me and sending a cheque to The Rotary Club of Woombye Sunrise. (Sorry, there is no EFTPOS or credit facility available).

Now the important information:

The Queensland Final of STORM THE STAGE

- 8th November
- VISY Theatre, Brisbane Powerhouse
- 119 Lamington Street New Farm, Brisbane
- 5.30pm for 6pm start
- Adults \$20 Children under 15 yrs \$5.

Jan Lawton

District 9600 Storm-the-Stage Chair

Check out: www.stormthestage.com.au

Qld Rotary Co-ordinator Storm the Stage 2009

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Congratulations

The RI President John Kenny has announced the following. June and I have invited Dr. John T. Blount, RI Director and his spouse, Patti, to represent us at your district conference on 27-29 March 2010, Caloundra, Qld. Australia.

Dr. John t. Blount
District 5190
California & Nevada

John joined Rotary at age 27, President of his Club at 32 and was District Governor at 40.

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The Rotary Club of Kippa Ring Inc has commenced this Fundraiser. You can also contact Ashley Broad for more information on 3882 6872.

Polio crusader recognised with PHF

For his tireless campaigning and education about polio, Everton Park's Hugh Banney has been presented with a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his service by PRID and National Polio Plus Advocacy Chair Brian Knowles AM during Post Polio Awareness Activities in Brisbane this month.

Hugh's affinity with educating the community about the dangers of the disease is personal – he was diagnosed with polio at the age of 14 in 1945.



Quarantined in a Brisbane hospital isolation ward for many months, the illness did not really feature in Hugh's life again for many years, until he began experiencing the late effects of polio and the subsequent condition of Post Polio Syndrome in the late 1980s.

Hugh was part of a founding group that established the Brisbane Post Polio Support Group in 1990. As convener of the group, which meets bi monthly to discuss issues ranging from healthcare advice to accessibility issues in the community, Hugh has been integral in supporting other members with Post Polio Syndrome and raising the profile of the condition in the community.

He has also worked with Rotary clubs throughout SE Queensland, to educate the public about the importance of vaccinating against polio.

Hugh said everything he had done during his quest to raise awareness about polio and Post Polio Syndrome, was to make the future easier for others.

"As a 14-year-old, it was shocking and painful to have polio, but I have no regrets in my life. Being named as a Paul Harris Fellow is incredible and I'm extremely proud to be able to say I am part of that global club."

Spinal Injuries Association CEO Mark Henley applauded Hugh along with members of the Spinal Injuries Association and polio sufferers. "Hugh is a highly-regarded member and volunteer of our Association and a well-deserved recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow recognition", said Mr. Henley.

The meeting was honoured to have PRID Brian Knowles join for the day. Brian worked tirelessly on the certification of the Western Pacific Region as Polio Free and remains committed to Polio Eradication as National Polio Plus Advocacy Chair and a Trustee of the Australian Rotary Foundation Trust.

Hugh is willing to speak at clubs on his experiences. For information please contact Jenny Horton or Spinal Injuries Association.

D9600 Extension Committee

Our role is 'to initiate and implement programs to extend the influence of RI within the District where it does not already exist'. This simply means to grow Rotary in our district – including Rotaract and Interact Clubs. We are preparing a checklist of the steps to take in chartering a new club, as well as identifying potential growth areas and possible sponsor clubs. We are committed to acting as a resource for all Clubs to ensure the pathway to District growth is both simple and enjoyable.

We are open to your suggestions and available to offer guidance where appropriate to manage the process.

The Committee: Judy Arthur (RC Gympie Cooloola), Russell Thompson (RC Woombye Sunrise), Kelvin Langdon (RC West Brisbane Daybreak), Tony Holmes (RC Maleny).

RI Convention News

Sydney will host the RI Convention in 2014

Dear Rotarians,
The 2014 Rotary International Convention is to be held in Sydney. The Host Organising Committee (HOC) is seeking expressions of interest from Rotarians who would like to play a role in the organisation and conduct of the various activities which are the responsibility of the HOC. The skills we need are summarised as follows:-

- Finance & accounting
- Promotion & public relations
- Arranging & running special events
- Fund raising
- Recruiting & training Rotarian volunteers
- Organising a business expo
- Organising entertainment
- Catering, arranging and supervising
- Relationships with RI, TRF & Governments
- Security
- Organising medical service
- Assistance with obtaining Visas
- General assistance

Interested Rotarians can obtain more information by contacting the chairman of the HOC at the address shown below. It would be appreciated if responses could be received by 30th September, 2009.

This is a great opportunity for Rotarians to become involved in a very significant Rotary event and we look forward to hearing of your interest in assisting the HOC to make the 2014 convention the best ever.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Past Rotary Director/Treasurer Barry Thompson
Chairman Sydney 2014 RI Convention Host Organising Committee Inc.

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Global Economic Crisis & Matching Grants

Dear Rotarians,
At their April 2009 meeting, The Rotary Foundation Trustees examined how the global economic crisis had affected the Foundation's ability to support Rotarians' good work worldwide. Like many foundations, we have been forced to reduce program spending, and consequently the Matching Grants budget was reduced for 2009-10.

The Foundation started processing Matching Grant applications on 1 July 2009 and has received an extremely high volume of applications in excess of those received in previous years. Applications have been submitted for approval in the order of the date they are completed and meet all of the Trustee requirements.

Recognising the vital role that Matching Grants play in improving the lives of underserved communities around the world, the Trustees recently added an additional US \$2.3 million to the 2009-10 Matching Grants budget. These funds were recently made available from reduced grant spending in 2008-09. However, at this time, despite the budget increase, the Matching Grants budget has been fully committed.

As a result of these grants, many outstanding projects have been supported at a time when they are most needed. Clubs and districts that wish to continue to pursue Matching Grants this Rotary Year are encouraged to fund their projects entirely with cash and DDF contributions in lieu of receiving a match from The Rotary Foundation. Sponsors of pending Matching Grant applications will be notified of this option by their grant co-ordinator. Please note that the project budget must be a minimum of US \$10,000 to utilise this option.

Thank you for your understanding as we persevere together through these challenging economic times.

Glenn E. Estess Sr.
2009-10 Chair, The Rotary Foundation Trustees

GLOBAL WARMING & CLIMATE CHANGE

MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SAMFORD VALLEY

Extend a cordial invitation to those fellow Rotarians and their Partners interested in attending our second evening seminar designed to impart and share current scientific understanding of

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and the effectiveness of proposed emissions trading legislation.

You are welcome to join us at **6pm on Tuesday 17th November** for fellowship and a light meal priced from \$15 in the bistro at **ARANA LEAGUES CLUB**, 274 Dawson Parade, Keperra (Ph: 3354 1333).

Followed by a series of 15 to 20 minute presentations by Doctor Andrew Ash, each addressing a separate aspect of this issue and interspersed with discussion periods involving members of the audience. Please be prepared to raise any questions you may have on this important topic.

Individual Rotarians who wish to attend, or representatives of those clubs whose members decide to participate in the second seminar as a club visit, are requested to contact Ian Spiller no later than Friday 13 November (phone 3311 4702 OR email igspiller@optusnet.com.au)

A light supper will be provided during the Rotary seminar and an admission charge of \$10 will be levied to defray expenses. The meeting is expected to conclude between 8.30 and 9pm.

Since the Industrial Revolution CO₂ concentrations around the world have risen 37%, methane 150% and nitrous oxide 18%. The earth's climate change system is very complex, and there are many uncertainties in the science, but Doctor Ash believes there is a strong likelihood that most of the global warming recorded since the mid 20th century is due to increases in greenhouse gas emissions generated from human activities.

As director of the CSIRO Climate Adaptation National Research Flagship, Dr Andrew Ash will provide supporting evidence from the peer-reviewed scientific literature and will examine how we should best adapt to the impacts of climate variability and global warming. After spending more than 20 years in achieving a specialist scientific understanding of how climate, grazing and fire combine to influence the productivity and health of agriculture and ecosystems in northern Australia, he has published more than 120 peer-reviewed scientific papers on related subjects.

Dr Ash believes that Australians are well equipped to prepare for the impacts of global warming since we have a long history of coping with the vagaries of a highly variable climate. This nation also enjoys a high standard of living and so we have the financial and intellectual capacity to adapt and prepare for some of the effects of climate change. Early studies indicate that such adaptation measures could reduce the economic impacts of global warming by 20 to 50 per cents.

Please do not hesitate to contact Ian Spiller on 3311 4702 for any additional information.

Samford Rotary Gratefully acknowledges the support and assistance provided by Arana Leagues Club.

Please send articles to:
dgnewseditor@rotary9600.org

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

**Articles must be approved by
DG Walter first, before being sent to
the editor.**

**Articles can be sent to DG Walter via
email: walmart@bigblue.net.au**

District 9600 Membership and Attendance Report for July 2009

Club Name	30/6/09	31/7/09	%	Club Name	30/6/09	31/7/09	%
Albany Creek	31	31	76	Noosa	31	31	71
Albion	16	16	84	Noosa Heads	42	37	66
Alexandra Headland	21	21	63	Noosa Heads Daybreak	41	41	70
Ashgrove/The Gap	40	38	77	North Lakes	15	15	72
Aspley	42	43	72	Nundah	16	16	83
Bribie Island	34	32	80	Paddington/Red Hill	7	0	0
Brisbane	62	61	45	Pine Rivers	21	21	83
Brisbane High-Rise	55	55	75	Pine Rivers Daybreak	20	18	74
Brisbane Mid-City	54	52	65	Redcliffe City	45	42	80
Brisbane North	32	32	63	Redcliffe Sunrise	14	14	67
Brisbane Planetarium	70	N/R	76	Samford Valley	29	28	84
Buderim	22	22	66	Sandgate	14	14	79
Caboolture	30	32	81	Stafford	21	20	74
Caloundra	35	36	60	Strathpine	14	12	N/R
Caloundra Pacific	54	52	81	The Glass House Mountains	18	18	81
Cooroy	30	31	87	Toowong	35	44	79
Fortitude Valley	52	53	69	West Brisbane Daybreak	17	16	78
Geebung	15	14	94	Windsor	22	22	89
Gympie	51	52	N/R	Woombye Sunrise	17	17	N/R
Gympie-Cooloola	39	40	75				
Hamilton	38	38	81	Boroko	30	29	96
Indooroopilly	9	0	0	Bulolo-Wau	4	N/R	N/R
Karana Downs	15	16	72	Goroka	9	N/R	N/R
Kawana Waters	15	11	75	Huon Gulf	19	N/R	N/R
Kenmore	36	40	69	Kavieng	11	N/R	N/R
Kingaroy	27	29	76	Kokopo	11	N/R	N/R
Kingaroy-Taabinga	18	N/R	N/R	Lae	16	N/R	N/R
Kippa Ring	16	14	97	Madang	17	N/R	N/R
Maleny	37	37	74	Mount Hagen	7	N/R	N/R
Maroochydore	32	32	69	Port Moresby	41	N/R	N/R
Mitchelton	21	21	78	Rabaul	9	N/R	N/R
Mooloolaba	53	53	71	Wewak	10	N/R	N/R
Murgon	17	15	75				
Nambour	47	47	N/R	Gizo	9	N/R	N/R
Nambour 76	24	22	68	Honiara	28	28	58

Total Membership Jun 1850 Jul 1822 (P)

Welcome to the following new or relocated members advised in July :

Bribie Island Ann Rogers	Cooroy Warren O'Neill	Kenmore Fred Clarke Ian Hutcheson	Toowong Barbara Bell Warren Cameron
Brisbane Mid-City Dai Reynolds	Fortitude Valley Keith Cogzell Thomas Triebsees	Des Knight Tim Richards	Jan Cavanagh Caroline Cottmann Alli Funcion
Caboolture Masanja Ngweso Ken Wallman	Gympie-Cooloola Allen Neill	Kingaroy Neil Black Damien Tessmann	Jenny Knowles Raylene McFadyen Peter Turner Ginny Waite
Caloundra Margaret Norman		Noosa Heads Daybreak Maree Thomson	Jan Wickham Graham Wilson