



## ROTARY DISTRICT 9600 LITERACY NEWSLETTER

October, 2010

I hope many clubs celebrated **International Literacy Day** around the 8th September and that you were able to extend your knowledge of some aspect of Literacy. In my own club at Samford Valley we had a guest speaker who addressed local adult literacy needs. Our speaker told us about the Queensland Council for Adult Literacy (QCAL), a voluntary non-profit organisation representing adult literacy in Queensland. The organisation 'promotes quality provision of programs, professional development, research and curriculum development.' Their website is: [www.qcal.org.au](http://www.qcal.org.au)

Their website contains lessons for helping adults who need extra assistance with literacy. They are always looking for tutors, so if you think you may be able to volunteer further information can be obtained by emailing [info@qcal.org.au](mailto:info@qcal.org.au)

### DISTRICT LITERACY AWARD

I have spoken with clubs who are working towards a District Literacy Award and this is wonderful news. The first activity related to celebrating International Literacy day in September and the second occurs March, the month set aside for literacy activities. Any three other self-selected activities/donations or educational experiences can count towards achieving the award. Further information is on the D9600 website. All activities for the Literacy award need to be completed by April 30, 2011.

### AUSTRALIA POST BOOK PACKS

You may remember in previous years that Australia Post has marketed a range of packs of quality children's books at very special prices. New packs are available again this year and are now in local post offices. Your club might like use some of these along with other resources and make a donation to a local school or early childhood centre. It is definitely worth taking a few minutes to browse the latest catalogue. Some examples of the wonderful specials are:

- **Mem Fox stories:** (Koala Lou; Night Noises; A particular Cow & Tough Boris). Cost \$14.99 per pack of 4.
- **Pamela Allen stories:** (Shhh! Little Mouse; Mr McGee and the Perfect Nest; Inside Mary Elizabeth's House; Black Dog). Cost \$14.99 per pack of 4.
- **Roald Dahl novels:** (Matilda; The Twits; George's Marvellous Medicine; The BFG). Cost \$19.99 per pack of 4.
- **Graeme Base books:** (Animalia; The Sign of the Seahorse; My Grandma lives in Gooligulch & Jungle Drums). Cost \$19.99 per pack of 4.

These packs also make great gifts for Christmas.

## RESOURCES ON THE WEB

The following websites may be of interest because of their Literacy content and the Gapminder is a recent one I located that has free interactive world statistics (i.e.. health; education; income; life expectancy etc.) that may be downloaded to your computer and shared (without the internet) at club meetings. These resources are particularly valuable when looking into planning and supporting International projects.

### **The Google Literacy project**

<http://www.google.com/literacy/>

### **The Little Big Book Club**

<http://www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au/region.php>

### **Trevor Cairney's Blog – Literacy, families and learning**

<http://trevorcairney.blogspot.com/>

### **Gapminder – unveiling the beauty of statistics for a fact-based world**

<http://www.gapminder.org>

## TALES FROM A DILLY BAG

In recent weeks I have had the pleasure of visiting Rotary clubs at Maleny and Noosa and speaking to them about the D9600 Literacy project, *Tales from a Dilly Bag*. Kits purchased during Round 6 are currently being delivered and as soon as these are in schools and early childhood centres we will have provided a total of **46 Dilly Bag kits** to enhance early literacy through enhanced storybook reading opportunities while supporting young Indigenous children and their classmates. Round 6 was our biggest round so far and 13 kits were ordered. Five kits were delivered to D9680 in New South Wales where Rotary clubs in the Gosford area have purchased kits for their local schools.

**Round 7 closes very soon on 22<sup>nd</sup> October** and the sponsorship form is attached to the newsletter. This round will enable us to finalise the kits and deliver them prior to Christmas so that schools will be able to use the kits from the beginning of the new school year.

Yours in Rotary

*Janelle*

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# Sponsorship Registration Form

## *Tales from a Dilly Bag* District 9600 Literacy Project

Tales from a  
Dilly Bag



### ROUND 7

Closing Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2010.

Rotary Club of ..... agrees to sponsor a class/classes of young children by purchasing ..... kit/s of materials at a cost of **\$750.00** per kit.

Sponsoring Rotary Club contact person: .....

Details for the contact person: Tel: ..... Email: .....

Nominating your school/centre (please list below)

School/Centre name/s: .....

If you are not sure of a school/centre for your sponsorship, contact Janelle Young for assistance.

**Please note:** If your club wishes to sponsor a school/centre located outside of D9600 an additional cost for transportation needs to be considered. Contact Janelle to discuss as kits have been sent to Rockhampton and Townsville in previous rounds.

Please complete this Sponsorship Registration Form and send it with your cheque to:

Mr Don Richards  
Rotary District 9600 Treasurer  
PO Box 693  
Strathpine Q 4500

**Cheques to be made out to:** Rotary International District 9600

**Please forward a copy of your completed sponsorship form to Janelle Young by scanning and emailing the form to [jyoung14@gmail.com](mailto:jyoung14@gmail.com).**

Kits for ROUND 7 will be ready for clubs to deliver to schools/centres in late November 2010.

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