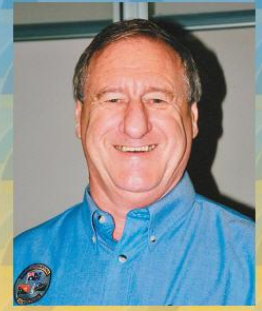


DISTRICT 9600 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Youth Youth

A WHOLE NEW WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

Each and every year, 6,800 young people from around the world enjoy a profound experience that often changes their lives forever. It also brings joy to about 20,000 families who accept them as their own son or daughter, another lifetime gift to them and to the world. We need go no further than our wonderful Jenny Horton to ponder on the impact the Rotary Youth Exchange had on the direction of her life, or of our recent D9600 Ambassadorial scholars Kate Del Mar and Victoria Toal.

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program is, always has been and will continue to be a powerful force which puts into practice the Rotary objectives of international friendship, goodwill, understanding and peace. RI President Carl Wilhelm Stenhammer declared, at his Chicago Convention that: "there would be no more wars if every young person had the opportunity of being a Rotary exchange student". What a powerful endorsement! What a worthy goal to strive for! Our new RI President, Ray Klinginsmith, shares similar sentiments. His goal for his convention in New Orleans is to have 150 exchange students attend to carry the flag of their country during the opening ceremony. Not only that, but his desire is to have an exchange student from every developing country in the Rotary world. Is he committed to the objectives of the Rotary Youth Exchange program? You betcha!

Unlimited opportunities for young Papua New Guineans and Solomon Islanders

RI President Ray's initiative is opening up a whole world of new opportunity for two delightful young ladies from D9600: Maryann Puia sponsored by the Rotary Club of Honiara and Serah Gahuno sponsored by the Rotary Club of Goroka. It is many years since D9600 sent a student from PNG on exchange, and as far as I know, there has never been an exchange student from the Solomon Islands. The Central Southern Youth Exchange Multi-district are offering our students a one way exchange to enable them to play this proud role of carrying their countries flags in New Orleans.

The opportunities being provided to Serah and Maryann will certainly be life-changing for them. They will experience a vastly different culture in the USA, being accepted by new families who will give them an abundance of love and care. They will share their lives with others and have others share their lives with them. They will mature as young adults, enriched in their personal lives through the experiences they will have of seeing Rotarians working together to make this a better world. They will develop close friendships with exchange students from around the world and, in so doing, will develop a profound understanding of others and of themselves. They will become members of their American communities.

Just as Connor Ryan, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Gympie, is experiencing a different world of opportunity in Austria right now (see photograph below), Serah and Maryann will have their lives transformed forever as Rotary Exchange Students in the USA in 2011. All Rotary Clubs in D9600 have the opportunity of transforming young lives through the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Be involved!



Connor Ryan, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Gympie, learning some new life skills on exchange in Austria

Low Cost Shelters Bangladesh

Forty two Low Cost Shelters built at the Heather Kinross Rotary Shelter Bangladesh were completed and opened on the 10th March 2010 by Kalyan Banerjee during a visit to Bangladesh. Kalyan Banerjee will serve as the RI President 2011-12.

These Low Cost Shelters were built to commemorate Glen Kinross's tenth anniversary as RI President.

To celebrate Glen Kinross's 50th year in Rotary, as a district project, it is planned to build a further 40 units at a cost of US\$2,000 a unit. This construction will be supervised by PDG M Jamludin (Jamal) and the Rotary Club of Narayanganj Midtown D3290. Jamal has confirmed there is a need and that space is available for these forty Low Cost Shelters.

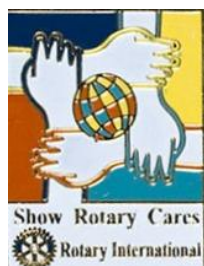
Each unit will display a plaque naming the Benefactor or Rotary Club.

The Low-Cost Shelters was an initiative of Glen Kinross RIP 1997-98 and Glen's theme was "Show Rotary Cares".

Over ten thousand houses (low cost shelters) have been built in 18 countries. The value of the scheme goes far beyond the acquisition of building.

"It is a life-changing experience for some of the world's most underprivileged people" Harold Sutcliffe (R/C Hamilton).

Donations are tax deductible.
Please make cheques payable to: RAWCS NR OAF
Forward to: PDG Ailsa Hay, PO Box 753 Morningside 4170
Or Deposit to: Westpac Bank BSB 034-058 Account number
198 342 and email Ailsa at havgrant07@bigpond.com
confirming details funds for Project 65 (Bangladesh)



Show Rotary Cares

All enquiries contact Gary Lillicrap 0418 181 381

Woody's Wisdom

by DG Eric

I have recently completed all the official visits to clubs in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. Official visits to mainland clubs are now underway.

August is Membership Development and Extension month. It is a fact that Rotary membership world-wide stands at 1.2 million. It is also a fact that in the year 2000, there were 1.2 million members. During the last 10 years, Rotary world-wide has LOST 1.1 million members! From this set of facts, it is obvious that we do not have a problem in inviting new members into our clubs world-wide – the problem is that we appear to have difficulty in RETAINING the members we have. How many members has YOUR club lost, without anyone attempting to ascertain the reason for that member leaving? Do you follow up members who haven't attended for a couple of weeks or so, to find out the reason why? Membership development and certainly retention must be the responsibility of every member.

I attended the Rotary Club of Caboolture on 2nd August to hear the presentation by Tom Henderson OBE, CEO and Founder of Shelterbox. This was followed up by a meeting of District Governors, including myself, D9570 and D9630, with Tom Henderson, at the home of PRID John Lawrence. Direct and, occasionally, confronting, questions were put to Tom in relation to the situation with Shelterbox Australia. I can report that Tom did not flinch in his open, honest and transparent responses. We came away accepting that Shelter Box (In) Australia is back on track and certainly "open for business". Donations are still to be sent via RAWCS, until further notice, with all funds being transferred to the UK. The suggested donation for a Shelterbox is \$1,000.00.

On behalf of District 9600, hearty congratulations are extended to PRIP Glen Kinross on the occasion of his 50th anniversary of his membership. A formal dinner to honour PRIP Glen will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Hamilton on 17th August.

The District will be hosting RI President Ray Klinginsmith on 19th August, with a dinner planned for that evening. Limited seats are still available, if you would like to attend.

Regards

Eric

Membership numbers for PNG/SI clubs at 1st July.

Boroko – 30
Bulolo-Wau – 2
Goroka – 9
Huon Gulf – 20
Kavieng – 8
Kokopo – 11
Kundiawa – 7
Lae – 19
Madang – 10
Mount Hagen – 11
Port Moresby – 35
Rabaul – 0 (club closed)
Wewak – 5
Gizo – 5
Honiara – 28

Friendship Exchange

By Judy Xavier, Chair, Rotary Friendship Exchange

One of Rotary's poignant programs is the Rotary International Exchange program for Rotarians and their families. Participants experience other cultures and build friendships by staying in the homes of Rotary members in another country. This program advances international understanding and peace through personal contact across borders while developing interclub relationships.

Herewith an interest from one of the Clubs in the US. District 7430 located in southern Pennsylvania.

Cindy Hornaman, District 7430 Friendship Exchange Chair
email:

hornamca@ptd.net mobile phone: (610) 360-4875.

Hope Rotarians in our district take advantage of this marvellous exchange program.

News from PNG

Rotary Club District Governor visits PNG

By Oseah Philemon Post-Courier, Thursday July 15, 2010

Rotary clubs throughout PNG are being visited by their new district governor, Eric Wood from Australia. Mr Wood is the governor for District 9600 which covers part of Queensland, PNG and the Solomon Islands.

Apart from Port Moresby, Governor Wood has visited Aitape to inspect a hospital built by Rotary following the 1997; tsunami, Wewak, Madang and Lae.

He will visit Goroka, Kundiawa and Mount Hagen clubs before heading to Rabaul, Kokopo and Kavieng.

Governor Wood is being accompanied by assistant district governor Rio Fiocco from the Port Moresby Rotary Club. He will visit Honiara and Gizo in the Solomon Islands after his PNG visit.

On Tuesday evening he attended a meeting of the Rotary Club of Lae where he gave an account of his visit to the Momase centres.

He told his fellow Rotarians he was downhearted to see the condition of Boram Hospital in Wewak and how he held a newly-born baby in his hands as the mother lay in pain from childbirth.

He expressed his concern about the condition of the hospital for mothers and children and urged Rotarians to help the hospital. In Madang Governor Wood said schools needed desks for the children. In Lae yesterday he visited the Special Education Centre where he inspected facilities for helping children with hearing and eye problems, the physiotherapy resources and the state of their other facilities. He even had a look at the toilets used by the children.

He later visited the wheelchair services centre and the National Orthotic Prosthetic Services Centre at the Angau Memorial Hospital where artificial limbs are manufactured for people who need them.

Last night he attended a meeting of the Huon Gulf Rotary Club in Lae before heading to Goroka this morning. Governor Wood told Lae Rotarians he wanted to visit PNG and Solomon Islands before the Australian-based clubs so that he could bring them the "needs and wish lists" from the two Melanesian countries and ask them to do whatever they could to help people in the two countries. The Lae Rotary Club briefed Governor Wood about their initiatives to raise funds for charity and the need for more help from overseas Rotary clubs as they continue to receive more requests from schools, hospitals and the community for assistance. They include the black tie ball in early August and the charity golf day on September 16.



Photo:
Eric Honune, hearing aid specialist at the Lae Special Education Centre watches as District Governor Eric Wood tries out the hearing aid.

RYPEN 2010



RYPEN is the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment Camp 27-29 August 2010.

RYPEN is a weekend camp held once each year. RYPEN targets young people in the 14 to 17 age group. It is a personal development program developing leadership skills by communicating ideas, problems and social experiences that will assist young people in forming their own values and moral standards.

It is not necessarily for the top students, school representatives or the obvious young leaders. The ideal candidate is the teenager who will benefit from confidence building, encouragement, a guiding hand or simply the chance to learn more about their own capabilities. This year the Saturday afternoon activities will be Archery and Orienteering as well as the flying fox.

Approximately 45 students currently participate in each camp. They are divided into groups with two young adult leaders (mainly Rotaractors) being responsible for each group. Rotarians are also present at the camp to deliver and oversee the program. The District RYPEN committee is composed of Rotarians and Rotaractors who are responsible for compiling the reviewing the program.

All Rotary Clubs in the district are asked to sponsor students. The cost to sponsor a student in 2010 will be \$180. If your club wishes to sponsor a participant but are unable to source a suitable student you may consider sponsoring a Camp Leader.

This year the RYPEN camp will be held from Friday 27 – Sunday 29 August 2010 at Luther Heights at Coolum.

Brisbane participants will be transported to Coolum by bus. Sunshine Coast clubs will have to make arrangements for transporting their participants to Luther Heights.

An application form is available from Elizabeth Grace RC Nundah or on the RYPEN page of District 9600 website.

If your Club would like someone to come and talk about RYPEN please contact, in Brisbane, Elizabeth Grace elizabeth.grace@bigpond.com or phone 356 6091.

All participants are awarded a Certificate of Attainment and it is expected that the students and leaders sponsored to RYPEN would return to their sponsor club to receive the Certificate and to speak to Club members about their experiences at camp.



Please send articles to:
dgnewseditor@rotary9600.org

Deadline for articles –
The last week of the previous month.
i.e. If the article is for July then it needs to be received end of June

Articles must be approved by
DG Eric first, before being sent to the editor.
Articles can be sent to DG Eric via email:
ericwood@bigpond.com

District 9600 TROPHIES & AWARDS

STILL LOST !!! **Keep Looking!**

At the District Trophies and Awards presentation at the DG's Changeover Dinner three District Trophies could not be presented because they have apparently been mislaid somewhere in some Rotary Club's storeroom, or Club Member's garage.

The particular trophies missing are the:

Mike Ivess Club Electronic Communication Trophy

For the best District 9600 Club Website

Alan Ward Memorial Shield for Vocational Service

For the best District 9600 Club conducting a Vocational Service Programme

The Ray Black Trophy

For the Runner-up Club with the Best Attendance record in District 9600.

Would **all** Club Presidents and Secretaries please search their Club's stores and Member's memories in assisting in the recovery of these valuable District 9600 donated assets.

Please contact PDG **Boyd Fay**, at **3868 1414** or boydshirleyfay@bigpond.com if any evidence, or suggestion of their whereabouts becomes available, so that they can be presented to the rightful winners for 2009-10, respectively: The Rotary Club of Buderim; The Rotary Club of Caloundra Pacific; The Rotary Club of Windsor.



2010 ROTARY



CHARITY RACE DAY

CORBOULD PARK , CALOUNDRA

SUNDAY 12th September 2010

**Bring own Picnic / buy food
there.**

General Entry—\$10 pp

Or

Covered Lounge Area— \$15 pp



Champagne Garden \$30pp

Lunch Platters can be

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Booking essential

Restaurant Luncheon \$55pp

Buffet Lunch , Drinks Available

NB Table of 10 only \$50 pp.

Booking essential



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FASHIONS

ON THE FIELD

Both Male and Female

District 9600 Membership and Attendance Report for June 2010

Club Name	(Last Return)	30/6/09	30/6/10	%	Club Name	(Last Return)	30/6/09	30/6/10	%
Albany Creek		31	32	71	Noosa		31	32	63
Albion		16	13	85	Noosa Heads		42	38	68
Alexandra Headland	(Feb,23)	21	N/R	N/R	Noosa Heads Daybreak		41	40	73
Ashgrove/The Gap		40	35	76	North Lakes		15	15	73
Aspley		42	42	60	Nundah		16	16	90
Bribie Island		34	35	82	Pine Rivers	(Feb,21)	21	N/R	N/R
Brisbane		62	58	50	Pine Rivers Daybreak		20	21	72
Brisbane High-Rise		55	61	70	Redcliffe City	(Feb,45)	45	N/R	N/R
Brisbane Mid-City	(Feb,45)	54	N/R	N/R	Redcliffe Sunrise	(Jul,14)	14	N/R	N/R
Brisbane North	(Feb,31)	32	N/R	N/R	Samford Valley	(Feb,24)	29	N/R	N/R
Brisbane Planetarium		70	67	62	Sandgate		14	14	81
Buderim		22	28	74	Stafford		21	19	59
Caboolture		30	36	76	Strathpine	(Jul,12)	14	N/R	N/R
Caloundra		35	35	71	The Glass House Mountains		18	16	88
Caloundra Pacific		54	47	83	Toowong		35	46	73
Cooroy	(Feb,32)	30	N/R	N/R	West Brisbane Daybreak		17	16	73
Fortitude Valley		52	55	78	Windsor	(Feb,21)	22	N/R	N/R
Geebung		15	12	93	Woombye Palmwoods	(Apr,13)	17	N/R	N/R
Gympie		51	54	83					
Gympie-Cooloola		39	39	71	Boroko		30	29	97
Hamilton		38	36	74	Bulolo-Wau	(Jun,4)	4	N/R	N/R
Karana Downs		15	13	69	Goroka	(Jun,9)	9	N/R	N/R
Kawana Waters		15	13	83	Huon Gulf	(Apr,20)	19	N/R	N/R
Kenmore		36	50	71	Kavieng	(Jun,11)	11	N/R	N/R
Kingaroy		27	28	94	Kokopo	(Jun,11)	11	N/R	N/R
Kingaroy-Taabinga	(Feb,19)	18	N/R	N/R	Kundiawa		0	N/R	N/R
Kippa Ring		16	15	80	Lae	(Jun,16)	16	N/R	N/R
Maleny		37	37	69	Madang	(Feb,14)	17	N/R	N/R
Maroochydore		32	27	70	Mount Hagen	(Jun,7)	7	N/R	N/R
Mitchelton		21	22	75	Port Moresby	(Jun,41)	41	N/R	N/R
Mooloolaba		53	53	81	Rabaul	(Jun,9)	9	N/R	N/R
Murgon		17	18	59	Wewak	(Jun,10)	10	N/R	N/R
Nambour		47	44	75	Gizo	(Jun,9)	9	N/R	N/R
Nambour 76		24	21	79	Honiara	(Apr,33)	28	N/R	N/R

Total Membership: June 2009 1850 Provisional: July 1822 Aug 1815 Sep 1809 Oct 1820 Nov 1829 Dec 1827
Jan 1814 Feb 1812 Mar 1822 Apr 1828 May 1832 Jun 1821

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

Brisbane High Rise

Barbara Leddy

Caloundra

Graham Baker
Genta Tsukimori

Fortitude valley

Hayley Albertson

Gympie

Heather Cranney

Hamilton

Glenn Dumbrell
Matthew Kyte

Gympie-Cooloola

Lynne Wilbraham

Kenmore

Alan Biggs
Ian Simpson

Kingaroy

Val Hooper
Elizabeth Waters

Mooloolaba

Nell Jeffrey
Craig Levitt

Nambour 76

Bob La'Frenais

Pine Rivers Daybreak

Seath Holswich