

DISTRICT 9600 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Nauru joins Rotary

Nauru joins the Rotary Family

The tiny country of Nauru in the central Pacific is 30 km south of the equator and was the latest nation to be welcomed into Rotary. With the charter of the Rotary Club of Nauru confirmed on August 19 it became part of District 9600, which already comprises a section of southeast Queensland plus Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands.

The new club's charter night took place on September 28 with 30 charter members – to the delight of District Governor Eric Wood. Past RI Director John Lawrence and IPDG Walter Buchanan and his wife Margaret travelled to Nauru to officiate at the chartering night on DG Eric's behalf. John's own club RC of Brisbane Planetarium has sponsored the club.



Nauru – Central Pacific

IPDG Walter visited Nauru during his Governor's year in 2009 and met up with many of the charter members. The new club has the benefit of two experienced Rotarians in its membership; Australian High Commissioner to Nauru George Fraser belonged to RC of Tuggeranong in Canberra, while Rod Henshaw belonged to a southeast Queensland club.



RC Nauru bell – formerly RC of Brisbane North's bell.

Clubs around District 9600 contributed different items of club equipment plus donations to help the club establish a good sized project fund. There were 30 gifts in all – one significant item was the club bell, which formerly graced the meetings of RC of Brisbane North. This club recently handed in its charter, but by coincidence it was the sponsor club of Brisbane Planetarium and this final gesture sees the bell pass

down the family line. "It is a bell of considerable bulk with an amazing ring" says PRID John. "Apart from making a big contribution to our excess luggage, it will also liven up meetings in Nauru!"

The charter night was preceded by a Rotary orientation and team building the previous evening. The new Rotarians joined in with great enthusiasm and asked many searching questions about Rotary. PRID John and PDG Walter supplied them with information kits and also spoke in depth to give a comprehensive picture of what it meant for them to belong to a club with such global connectivity. Excitement and enthusiasm grew as the members realised the synergy of their outreach to the rest of the world and in return the Rotary world's interest in them.

A national event

The nation of Nauru is just 8000 strong, so the chartering of the club was a significant event in the life of the community.

Charter members and their partners represent a highly influential sector of Nauru. They include Juliana Pitcher, spouse of the **Acting President of Nauru** HE the Hon. Freddie Pitcher and Katy Le Roy, spouse of the Minister for Education and also Fisheries the Hon. Roland Kun. A guest at the charter night was the Minister for Justice, Health and Sports the Hon. Mathew Batsiua, who having seen Rotary in action pleaded with PDG Walter to be admitted to membership!



Charter party pictured (l to r) Treasurer Seini Puamau, IPDG Walter, PRID John, President Alamanda Lauti, Sec. Joanna Olsson (with her son), Margaret Buchanan and Tony Lawrence

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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

VALE – ALAN McCRAY OAM

Alan McCray was the District Governor D9600 in 1991-92. Alan passed away peacefully at home on 22nd September 2010, with his family by his side.

He will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and best wishes go to Diana at this time.

Eric.

Australian Rotary Health



What do you know about mental health?

In 2008, 2,191 Australians committed suicide. Over three-quarters of them were male. 103 were Indigenous Australians.

While suicide accounts for only a relatively small proportion – around 1.5% of all deaths in Australia, its impact on specific age groups is great. According to ABS statistics, in 2008 24% of all male deaths aged 15-24 were due to suicide. Females did not fare much better, with the median age at death for females who died from suicide just 43.5 years.

From a population of 21.4 million, the numbers may seem small. However, around 6,400 Australians die each year from mental and behavioural disorders, well above the 1,400 deaths attributed to transport accidents. We all know the importance of road safety, but how much do we know about caring for someone who has or is developing a mental health issue?

According to Professor Anthony Jorm and his wife Betty Kitchener, not enough. "First Aid courses teach you how to deal with emergencies like someone having a heart attack, or getting bitten by a snake," says Tony. "However, these emergencies are not common. On the other hand, mental health problems and crisis situations like someone being suicidal are much more common," he explains.

To address this issue, Tony and Betty began running Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) courses as a community service activity. Now, Australian Rotary Health, in conjunction with Rotary Clubs around Australia, are running their own preventative mental health first aid workshops that aim to assist in providing support to community members who are at risk of or who are experiencing a mental health crisis.

By supporting Australian Rotary Health, you can make a difference to your community by helping fund essential programs.

To find out more please visit our website:
www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au
or call 02 8837 1900 for more information.
All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Woody's Wisdom

by DG Eric

The month of September provided a roller-coaster of experiences and emotions. The official visits to Rotary Clubs are continuing and I must thank all members of all clubs for the good will and friendship that has been extended to me.

The memories of these visits will remain with me for a long time. It is with a feeling of pride and wonder that I hear all the good works being conducted by Rotarians of this District on a daily basis.

I was invited to attend the 50th anniversary of Past RI Treasurer Brian Knowles at a function on the Gold Coast, attended by many well-wishers, including Past RI President Glen Kinross. It was most unfortunate that Past RI President Sir Clem Renouf was unable to attend, due to ill health. I am delighted to advise that Clem is recovered now.

Another anniversary was the 60th anniversary of Charter of the Rotary Club of Sandgate, celebrated on 29th September and attended by many past Presidents of the club, including PRIT Brian Knowles, himself a Past President of Sandgate.

The Rotary Club of Nauru charter function was conducted on 28th September, with PRID John Lawrence and Janet and IPDG Walter Buchanan and Margaret in attendance.

The passing of Rosemary Worthington's son and attendance at his funeral was one of the most heart-wrenching experiences I have experienced. To Rosemary and Charles, I extend the hand of Rotary friendship on behalf of the entire District.

It was with a very sad heart that I advised the District of the passing of PDG Alan McCray on 22nd September. PDG Alan was a highly respected Rotarian, whose personal empathy for others will live on as a shining example to all of us. Our thoughts and prayers are with Diana and her family at this time.

Regards

Eric

The Rotary Club of Sandgate Celebrates 60 years of Service



The Rotary Club of Sandgate celebrated 60 Years of Community Service at a gala function held at the Full Moon Hotel Sandgate on Wednesday 29th September. The Club was chartered on 30th September 1950.

District Governor 9600 Eric Wood and Club President Desley Taylor congratulate Rotarian Sharlene Larsen on being recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow. Sharlene received her PHF from Past Rotary International President Glen Kinross AO.

PRIP Glen was the guest speaker and gave an excellent address on the world wide activities and community service of Rotary International. PRIT Brian Knowles, a Past President and former member of Sandgate Rotary Club inducted the club's newest member James Hiller.

The District Governor Elect 9600 Carolyn Krueger proposed the toast to Rotary International and in attendance were past and present members of Sandgate Rotary Club, members of the local community and members from the Rotary Clubs of Geebung, Ashgrove/The Gap, Hamilton and Nundah.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Dear Rotarian,

As you may know, Sunday, 24 October 2010 is World Polio Day. In honour of World Polio Day, The Rotary Foundation is happy to announce 2 for 1 recognition points for every online contribution of US\$100 or more made to PolioPlus during 18-24 October 2010, Central Standard Time.

Rotarians may go to www.rotary.org/contribute to make their online contribution. Rotarians will need to have registered with Rotary's Member Access. Through Member Access, Rotarians are able to access online services and features. Rotarians may register for Member Access at www.rotary.org/memberaccess.

Please note that contributions on www.rotary.org/contribute are in US dollars and will receive a US tax receipt. Donors will need to print the tax receipt at the time of donation. Also, online contributions cannot be made on behalf of another individual, club or district.

We expect to have a high volume of online traffic associated with this promotion. Please allow 4-6 weeks for the promotional points to appear. Once the promotional points have appeared in their accounts, donors may request their recognition materials.

I hope you will join me in contributing online to PolioPlus in honour of World Polio Day. Together we will End Polio Now.

Sincerely,
John T. Osterlund
General Manager
The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

Watch out Polio – Jenny is back!

Kenmore Rotarian Jenny Horton was farewelled recently by Club members as she returned to India to rejoin the Polio Eradication Campaign. Jenny was back in Australia for a 3 week break in her busy schedule working as a Rotary Volunteer and consultant to the World Health Organisation on the Polio Eradication team in India.

In particular, Jenny was farewelled by PDG Rob and Margo Jeffery who always follow closely the reports from Jenny in her newsletter, "Manna from India". The Polio Eradication Campaign is in full swing despite the Commonwealth Games and a heightened terrorist threat as an immunisation program commenced on Jenny's return.

It was a busy period in Australia for Jenny who fitted in 3 major events and attendance at Kenmore Rotary. After meeting RIP Ray Klinginsmith at the RIP Dinner in Brisbane, Jenny joined the 450 Rotarians at the Australian Rotary

Conference in Canberra where she provided a moving update on the campaign.



RIP Ray Klinginsmith at the Australian Rotary Conference encouraged Jenny Horton with other Kenmore Rotarians to keep up the campaign on Polio.

At the request of RIP Ray Klinginsmith, Jenny then represented Rotary International with RID Ian Riseley at the UN DOP/NGO Summit on Advancing Global Health in Melbourne for 3 days. As well as an update on the Polio Eradication Campaign, Jenny conducted a Panel for the Summit which was attended by over 2000 representatives from NGOs involved in health globally.

Anyone interested in keeping up with the progress of the Polio Eradication Campaign in the field can contact Jenny Horton on yen283@gmail.com Alternatively contact your local PolioPlus Chair or representative. This is Rotary's gift to the children of the world – a world without Polio!

The Rotary Club of Hamilton Raffle Results

Raffle Tickets sold at the Glen Kinross 50th Anniversary Dinner:



**Full HD LCD TV
Winner was G. Moody, Ascot
Brisbane.**

The R/C of Hamilton thank you for your support by purchasing tickets enabling us to build more Low Cost Shelters in Bangladesh.

The next round of buildings commences in November and there is still time for your Club to get a US\$2000 donation to us, to have a Shelter built with a plaque bearing your Club name.

Individual donations are Tax Deductible.
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Or Direct Deposit to: Westpac
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Email Ailsa Hay on – haygrant07@bigpond.com
Confirming details of funds donated for Project 65 (Bangladesh).

Yours in Rotary Service
Elaine Morgan
Rotary Club of Hamilton (International Director)

New Generations Month

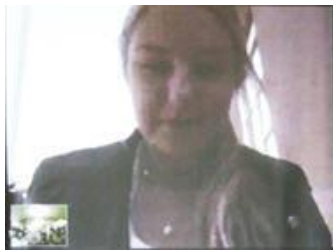
For the conclusion of New Generations month The Rotary Club of Bribie Island had a unique meeting on 30th September. Our inbound Exchange student Petronella Heimer from Stockholm in Sweden gave a talk to the club about her home, family and her time so far in Australia.



Petronella receiving guest speakers gift from President George Grant.

So far there was nothing new or innovative in the meeting. The next speaker was our outbound exchange student Teagan Jones who is on exchange in Helsingborg, Sweden. Teagan (by Skype) spoke to the club about her experiences in Sweden and the differences she has found and the friends she has made in the time she has been there.

Club members were able to ask both exchanges about their experiences. One major point of difference was the school situations and uniforms vs non uniform schools.



This was well received by club members with a 95% club attendance and the parents of our outbunder were at the meeting.

Death of a Loved One.

Greetings fellow Rotarians:

Our daughter, Camille Michener, died in a road accident on 24 July 2009.

Camille studied Medicine at Melbourne University before moving to Perth for her internship year in 2004. She was in her third year of Obstetrics & Gynaecology specialist training at, King Edward Memorial Hospital, Perth.

The KEMH has renamed their annual Clinical Teacher of the Year Award the Camille Michener Award. Similarly, the Albany Hospital Annual Fundraising Ball Committee has renamed the ball in Camille's memory.

In memory of Camille, and in an attempt to support current road safety measures, Helen and I have designed a road safety bumper sticker indicating that the owner/driver of the car has lost someone close in a traffic accident.



Our hope is that the sticker will be taken up in sufficient numbers that it may have an impact: if just once a group of young people in a car back away from encouraging the driver to drive more aggressively because they have noticed the sticker it will be worth it.

We would appreciate it if your Rotary Club would be prepared to promote the stickers in your local community. An individual might like to stick one on their car window, fridge, or on a folder.

As a result of enthusiastic support of its members, *Take Care to Get There* (camillesticker.net) has been adopted as a road safety awareness project of the Rotary Club of Woolgoolga, NSW. I have been a member of the club for five years (President Elect for 2011-2012).

Woolgoolga Rotary has paid for the printing of 10,000 stickers. The club has decided to charge \$1 per sticker (plus 55 cents postage for each 10 stickers ordered) in order to cover costs. If the money received eventually exceeds costs the surplus will be used in other Woolgoolga Rotary projects. None of the money will go to Helen or me.

To order stickers please send a cheque to:

Rotary Club of Woolgoolga
PO Box 436, Woolgoolga
NSW 2456.

Make sure you supply your name and address where the stickers are to be posted.

Alternatively, direct credit to:

BSB 082 887 account number 681600377

NAB Woolgoolga and email your mailing address to:

camillesticker@hotmail.com

Our hearts go out to all of those grieving a lost one.

Thanks for your support.
Norm Michener (& Helen)
Rotary Club of Woolgoolga NSW

RYPEN 2010

RYPEN Camp 2010 was held at Luther Heights Camp site on the 27/28/29 August.

The leaders welcomed 33 students on the Friday evening from Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Maleny, Kingaroy and Gympie.

The participants managed to complete all the activities planned.

However they did cause a challenge to find who had made the best landing capsule with the 'Egg Drop' in that 4 of the 5 eggs survived the landing (from 4/5metres) however only 1 survived the release from the 'capsule'. One was dropped while being unpacked, one was damaged during unpacking and one was not caught during the return to base activities.

Archery, orienteering and the flying fox on Saturday afternoon were enjoyed by everyone and leaders were very impressed with several young people who were very hesitant about getting on the flying fox but with encouragement from their team members took the 'plunge' and then came back for a second turn.

The only criticism would be of Jan Lawton's Archery skills in a word - tinny.

Saturday night saw everyone on the beach at Point Arkwright making sandcastles which become volcanoes. Eleven volcanoes were constructed and fired. It was great fun.

Rotarians please be sure to invite your students & leaders back to your club to tell you about the camp and what it meant to them. The leaders all concurred that it was very successful.



District 9600 Membership and Attendance Report for August 2010

Club Name	(Last Return)	30/6/10	31/8/10	%	Club Name	(Last Return)	30/6/10	31/8/10	%
Albany Creek		32	33	72	Noosa Heads Daybreak		40	32	65
Albion		13	13	88	North Lakes		15	14	86
Alexandra Headland		23	23	68	Nundah		16	16	90
Ashgrove/The Gap		35	36	80	Pine Rivers		21	21	66
Aspley		41	41	75	Pine Rivers Daybreak		21	25	66
Bribie Island		35	37	82	Redcliffe City		45	40	59
Brisbane	(Jul,55)	58	N/A	0	Redcliffe Sunrise	(Jun,14)	14	N/A	0
Brisbane High-Rise		61	60	73	Samford Valley		24	21	86
Brisbane Mid-City		45	52	63	Sandgate		14	14	76
Brisbane Planetarium		67	63	64	Stafford		19	18	65
Buderim		28	28	66	Strathpine		12	10	75
Caboolture		36	37	72	The Glass House Mountains		16	17	75
Caloundra		35	35	84	Toowong		46	46	74
Caloundra Pacific		47	45	86	West Brisbane Daybreak		16	16	84
Cooroy		32	29	85	Windsor		21	21	91
Fortitude Valley		55	56	70	Woombye Palmwoods		13	18	74
Geebung		12	12	88					
Gympie		54	54	81	Boroko		29	29	98
Gympie-Cooloola		39	41	88	Bulolo-Wau		4	30	51
Hamilton		36	35	69	Goroka	(Jul,9)	9	N/A	0
Karana Downs		13	13	75	Huon Gulf	(Jul,20)	20	N/A	0
Kawana Waters		13	12	89	Kavieng	(Jul,8)	11	N/A	0
Kenmore		50	47	69	Kokopo	(Jul,11)	11	N/A	0
Kingaroy		28	27	97	Kundiawa	(Jul,7)	7	N/A	0
Kingaroy-Taabinga		19	18	53	Lae	(Jul,19)	16	N/A	0
Kippa Ring		15	16	70	Madang	(Jul,10)	14	N/A	0
Maleny		37	38	73	Mount Hagen	(Jul,11)	7	N/A	0
Maroochydore		27	28	70	Port Moresby	(Jul,35)	41	N/A	0
Mitchelton		22	21	77	Wewak	(Jul,5)	10	N/A	0
Mooloolaba		53	52	78					
Murgon		18	17	78	Gizo	(Jul,5)	9	N/A	0
Nambour		44	43	58	Honiara		33	28	60
Nambour 76		21	20	78					
Noosa		32	30	54					
Noosa Heads		38	38	57					
Total Members June 2010 1788		Provisional:		Jul 1737			Aug 1775		

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

Albany Creek

Peter Bishop
Lyn Evans
Neil Murray

Bribie Island

Ray Nugent

Maleny

Pat Kuijpers

Caloundra

Barry Stack

Mooloolaba

Carol Hoger

Brisbane Mid-City

Phillip Aggs
Brett Cribb
Michael Evans
Tony Merlo
Collim Myer
Norm Traves
Glen Truscott
Peter Vamvakaris

Fortitude Valley

Mandi Wendt

Pine Rivers Daybreak

Jerome deKretser

Gympie-Cooloola

Noel Holzapfel
Edgar Brus
Eric Sprott

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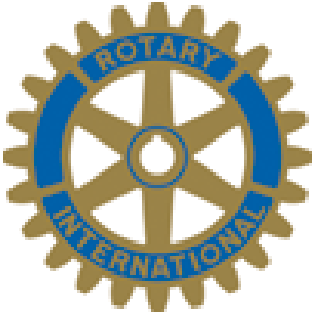
Join us for our 24th Annual Business Lunch and Auction with guest speaker Ewen McKenzie



Presented by the Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium with MC Victoria Carthew

A former Wallaby prop, Wallaby assistant coach and successful NSW Waratahs Head Coach, Ewen McKenzie became Head Coach of the Queensland Reds ahead of the 2010 season and took them from 13th to 5th in his first season in charge.

As a player, Ewen was a member of Australia's victorious World Cup squad in 1991 and played 51 Tests across seven years for the Wallabies from 1990-97. A product of Scotch College, Melbourne, he was the second Victorian born and bred to represent Australia after the great Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop.



DISTRICT 9600's

SPECIAL WINE OFFER

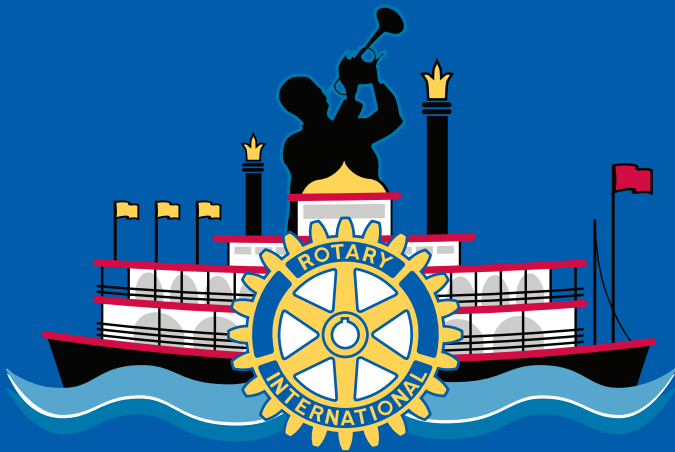
Supporting **POLIO PLUS**

This year The Rotary Club of Caloundra, together with Clovely Wine, is handling District 9600's Commemorative Wine project .

Clovely Estate Winery, a Queensland Vinyard, has been given a four star rating by James Halliday. All seven wines offered Rotary are excellent value with a RRP of \$168.00. The \$100.00 per case to your Rotary Club includes swing tags for each bottle and allows for a mark-up of \$20.00 toward your Polio Plus project. The end cost of \$120.00 is approx. 30% off the RRP.

- Each Club must appoint a member to organise the sale of the wine to members/businesses, send the order with payment to Clovely and nominate a delivery point for the cases of wine.
- Order forms and details of each wine will be forwarded to each Club and be available on our website www.rotarnet.com.au/caloundra. For information on Group/Cluster Wine Tastings please contact your Assst. Governors. For more information please ring Helen Fox, President, The Rotary Club of Caloundra. PH 5438 9110 or M 0419 026 917.

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