

# DISTRICT 9600 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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## Top five reasons to support The Rotary Foundation

By PDG Michael Gregory



Daumagini School PNG

By contributing to the Foundation, you advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. Our Rotary Foundation is unique: It belongs to Rotarians and is the one foundation exclusively dedicated to furthering Rotary's programs throughout the world. Rotarians determine which programs to support and the level of funding provided. Because Rotary clubs operate in over 200 countries and geographical areas, Rotarians' reach is worldwide; because Rotarians are business leaders, they know how to get the job done in their own communities. They are truly a global network of community volunteers.

- Rotarians support our Foundation through:
  - PolioPlus and Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge to eradicate polio and give the gift of a polio-free world to the children of the world.
  - Annual Programs Fund, which supports activities going on in the world right now.
  - Permanent Fund, which supports the Foundation in perpetuity, ensuring that The Rotary Foundation will always remain strong and vital.

There are as many reasons to support The Rotary Foundation as there are ways to do good in the world.

By contributing to the Foundation, you help support the Foundation's six areas of focus, which help to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. By giving US\$100 a year through the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative, you become a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member. Contributions to EREY are the primary source of funding for Foundation programs.

Here are a few ways your contributions are making change possible.

### 5. Fighting hunger

The Rotary Club of Bribe Island is using a District Grant to help fund a project where cattle are bred for sale to Foodbank. In association with Arethusa College, this project provides training for young people and food for the hungry.

Our Global Grant Scholarship recipient is teaching farmers in developing countries how to market their crops so as to improve their standard of living.

Projects such as these help address the areas of focus of health as well as economic and community development.

### 4. Reducing child mortality

We are partnering with District 9750 in applying for a Global Grant to continue a project in Oro Province, PNG to replace water tanks that were destroyed by the 2007 flood.

According to the World Health Organisation, 1.8 million children die of diarrhoea every year, making it the second leading cause of death among children under five. Proper sanitation can reduce the rate of child mortality in many communities by up to a third. Water and sanitation is the third area of focus.

### 3. Promoting peace and conflict resolution

Every year we donate a portion of our DDF to fund the Peace Fellowship Program. We are fortunate that one of the Peace Centres, the University of Queensland, is in our District and we have direct access to these exceptional leaders of tomorrow.

Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders in promoting national and international co-operation, peace and conflict resolution. Peace and conflict prevention/resolution is the first area of focus.

### 2. Basic education and literacy

The Rotary Club of Aspley and the District are jointly applying for a Global Grant which will fund a poultry farm at a school in Western Province, Solomon Islands. This will provide both educational and nutritional benefits for the children.

Many Clubs support our Dilly Bag project and District Grant funds have been used in previous years – consider applying for a grant next year.

### 1. Eradicating polio

Around the world, Rotarians are taking millions of steps in walkathons, diving into icy ocean waters and participating in other fundraisers to help Rotary fulfil its promise to rid the world of polio. Since the \$400 million challenge began, our District and Clubs have donated a total of US\$220,289 towards the campaign.

Rotary launched its PolioPlus program in 1985. Since then, eradicating polio has been the organisation's top priority. End Polio Now and help fulfil our promise.

## Rotary Youth Exchange and the Maasai Warrior

The Rotary Club of Nambour was recently treated to a unique and inspiring guest speaker, Sianga Kuyan, who told the fascinating story of his life as a child through to his initiation as a Maasai warrior and appointment as a village leader, like his father and his grandfather were before him. Sianga is married to a former Rotary exchange student, Melanie (nee Nicholls) and they and their baby daughter now live in Brisbane.

There were two fascinating stories revealed during the presentation:



A powerful story about the Maasai and their challenge to survive in a changing and challenging world and a story about the life journey of an exchange student from D9600 who, with her Maasai husband, are working to make a

difference by equipping young Maasai with new skills that will sustain their communities and maintain their rich, supportive, sharing culture.

### The Maasai

The nomadic Maasai live in Kenya and Northern Tanzania as pastoralists who traditionally live in harmony with their environment. They are widely regarded as fearless warriors with a strong sense of community and shared culture. They have stubbornly maintained their rich and dynamic culture over hundreds of years in the face of change and adversity. They have adapted to difficult changes – colonialism, war, independence and unfriendly political agendas. Through all this, Maasai have been able to keep their culture and traditional way of life intact.

### The Maasai Warrior!

As a child growing up in his Maasai community, Sianga was delighted when he was given the opportunity of a rudimentary education, although there were no school buildings, nor were there desks or blackboards. The teacher illustrated lessons by writing in the sandy ground. His education was cut short, however, as he undertook his community commitments to tend the cattle, to undergo his initiation, involving a very painful circumcision and two years of training as a warrior. Then, as a Maasai warrior, it was the duty of his age-group to tend and protect the cattle. It seemed to be an idyllic, harmonious existence.

Climate change and an extended period of devastating droughts, however, threatened the prosperity and culture of the Maasai. Once flourishing herds of cattle were decimated, leading to famine and a reliance of less nutritious purchased foods which, in turn, led to malnutrition and increased disease. This once prosperous people suddenly found that they were unable to support their large families. Sianga's father asked him to help support his family and, as a leader of his people, he set out to do so.

Sianga walked for two days before he reached a road where he was able to hitch a ride and, although he did not know which way to go, he ended up at Arusha. He slept in the streets for two nights before meeting another Maasai who worked all night as a guard for \$20 a month.



The warrior qualities of the Maasai made them ideal for dangerous security work. His friend shared shelter and food with him but the meagre income was insufficient.

Eventually, Sianga was able to get his own job as a guard. His employer was a fair man who paid him over \$60 a month and provided a small shelter for him to live in. After a few months, Sianga wanted to go to school to study English. However, he found that while he enjoyed his studies, after being awake all night at his job, he was too tired and started falling asleep in class. His boss told him of some German tourist who wanted to visit a Maasai village so Sianga agreed to take them. He was delighted when he was paid \$400 for this work. Referrals by the Germans led to more tourist guide work. At last, Sianga was able to assist his family. Many of the Maasai who migrate to the city, however, are not as fortunate as him for there are few jobs, little money, hunger, sickness and AIDS – and a breakdown of culture and the mutual support it provides the Maasai.

### Rotary Youth Exchange profound affects lives!

Melanie Nicholls was a Rotary exchange student sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bribie Island for her exchange in Johannesburg, South Africa in 1993. At the time, Melanie probably did not fully appreciate the profound effect her exchange experience would have on her life and on her contribution towards making the world a better place for a group of desperately needy people, the Maasai, in Africa.

After her exchange, Melanie returned to Brisbane and graduated from university before travelling to Japan and parts of Asia. A couple of years later, she was drawn back to Africa as a volunteer with Mondo Challenge, working in Northern Tanzania. One day, she noticed a very unusual sight for that part of the world – a handsome, young Maasai warrior, who also spoke quite good English, working on a computer in an internet café. Of course, they fell in love and formed a partnership to help Sianga achieve his passion of saving Maasai culture and helping his people create a better life for themselves.

Her exchange experience is directing Melanie (and Sianga) to help young Maasai people to harness the strengths of their culture and to create pathways to new opportunities. Sianga is finally completing grade 13 with plans to study for a diploma in 2011.

If you would like a fascinating, inspiring speaking team at your club, I can thoroughly recommend Sianga and Melanie who have a wonderful, unique story to tell. If you would like to know more about their Future Warrior's project, go to [www.futurewarriorsproject.org](http://www.futurewarriorsproject.org) If you would like to help them make a difference for the Maasai people, I am sure they would be most grateful for your support.

### District Conference - March 25 - 27 2011.

Rotary District 9600 is celebrating their District Conference on March 25th - 27th, 2011.

Venue: Caloundra Events Centre, Minchinton Street, Caloundra.

This may seem a long time away but, it will be here in a flash!

The Conference committee have been busy putting together a terrific program. Elizabeth Grace is still putting together the final touches. There is a great line-up of speakers, including motivational speaker Bruce Sullivan. Listen to the inside story of the use of elephants in the tsunami clean-up and the professional involvement of the Australia Zoo.

This conference will be a good investment of your time. Catch up with many of your Rotary friends from near and far in our District, as well as meeting our International guests from Iceland, New Orleans and elsewhere. We guarantee you

will have fun, as well as taking away lots of new information and stimulating ideas!

It is now time to consider booking a spot in the House of Friendship if you wish to display your project or promote a business. Rick Stinton is looking after the bookings for this area. If you wish to book a site please contact him as follows:

email: [stinton@powerup.com.au](mailto:stinton@powerup.com.au) or phone 5445 2994 or mobile 0408 712 099.

Registrations will be open in January via the 'online' registration form on the web. [www.rotary9600.org](http://www.rotary9600.org)

For our Rotarians with young families we have booked the CWA Hall, next door to the Events Centre. We will have child minding facilities there with computers with games loaned by the Rotary Club of Nundah from Computers for Kids.

The District Governor's Dinner on Saturday evening will be a great night. The theme is 'MARDI GRAS'. Join in the fun and dress for the occasion. See if you can recognise your friends.

Don't forget to mark the District Conference date in your diary now. 25, 26, 27 March 2011.

Keep the weekend free to attend. Come & enjoy.

Jan Lawton  
Chairman D9600 Conference Committee 2010-11.



by DG Eric

One of the highlights for me of the last month was attending the Special Schools' Swimming Carnival, hosted for the 32nd year by the Rotary Club of Nambour 76. This year, 137 students from four Special Schools took part. What a wonderful morning – filled with fun and laughter – with a ribbon for every competitor and drinks and snacks provided. The courage and never-say-die attitude displayed by the students was awe-inspiring. The swimming carnival was started by Merv Doneman, who sadly passed away from cancer only 8 weeks before the carnival, which has been renamed "Merv Doneman Swimming Carnival for Special Schools" in his honour. Merv's widow, Maureen attended the event and handed out the ribbons to the students.

I have received a wonderful reception from all clubs during my round of Official Visits and would like to express my sincere gratitude to all Rotarians for their support and friendship. The "official" visits are almost complete. I would be delighted to attend any club again at any time – you only have to ask!

Nominations for District Governor 2013-2014 have recently been called and I urge all qualified Rotarians to apply. I guarantee you will never be the same again!

I have a real affinity for President Ray's "cowboy logic" – my thought for this month:-

*Honesty is not something you should flirt with. You should be married to it!*

## VTT Team Members to District 6200

I am pleased to advise that selections for the team members for the exchange with District 6200 in Louisiana have now been completed.

Team members are:

Mary Lawrence – sponsored by RC of Albany Creek  
Fisheries Scientist with Fisheries Qld.  
Victoria O'Rourke – sponsored by RC of Brisbane Highrise  
Environmental Planner with the Port of Brisbane  
Kate Winter – sponsored by RC of Caloundra Pacific  
Animal Rescue Team Leader at Australia Zoo  
Rory Jackson – sponsored by RC of Nundah  
Advanced Care Paramedic with Qld Ambulance Service

Reserve team member

Natalie Fraser – sponsored by RC Albany Creek  
Environmental Scientist with BCC

Team Leader is (Alan Biggs) and reserve Team Leader (Tracey Wyatt).

The Incoming Team Members from District 6200 are:

Quenton Fontenot – NSU Associate Professor of  
Biological Sciences (from Thidodaux)  
Robert Routon – State of Louisiana-Office of Coastal  
Protection & Restoration, Civil Engineer  
(from Baton Rouge)  
Chris Bonvillian – LSU AG Center, Graduate Research  
Assistant (from Port Allen)  
Jonathan Gauthier – Environmental Safety & Health,  
Logistics Assistant (from Thidodaux)

These four will be lead by Team Leader Harold Domingue, Rotary Club of Lafayette North. Alternate Team Leader is Michael Peneguy, Rotary Club of Thidodaux.

Brian J Kennedy  
VTT Chair D9600 2010-11

## University of the Sunshine Coast's Rotary Scholarship recipients.



Renae Silver	BA Social work	RC Aspley
Nicole Wilmett	BA Arts/BA Sc (psychology sport & ex)	RC Nambour
Melanie Williams	Human Services	

Nicole - left  
Melanie on the right of Sir Clem Renouf (PRIP)  
Renae - right

Photo taken of ARH Scholarship recipients at the Australian Rotary Health Indigenous Affairs seminar recently held at the University of the Sunshine Coast at Sippy Downs and attended by PRIP Clem and DG Eric.

## How can you help improve Indigenous health?

If you're like most Australians, it's likely that you take your access to doctors, hospitals and education for granted.



But did you know that 24% of Australia's Indigenous population lives in remote Australia, where access to these services and facilities is limited? In fact, because of their lack of access to medical facilities, Indigenous Australians are twice as likely to report their health as poor and one-and-a-half times more likely to have a disability or long-term health condition.

At Australian Rotary Health we are committed to ensuring better health care for all Australians through research, education and awareness. While the majority of our funding is used to support research into mental illness, we have a number of other programs that all work to improve health outcomes for communities around Australia.

One of these programs is our Indigenous Health Scholarship program that encourages Indigenous students to complete a health based degree. Many of the graduates from this program spend some or all of their professional careers working in rural or remote communities, helping to better the lives and the health of the people they treat.

Stacey Lancaster is one such student. Currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Applied Science studying nutrition, food and health at Victoria University's Werribee campus, Stacey says that she has long been interested in using her degree to help people.

"I've always been interested in using food science and nutrition in the development of products that can prevent or help treat disease. Currently, I'm working with pro-biotic bacteria and antioxidants. Both of these have shown to convey health benefits such as the reduction of cancer pathways, allergies, cholesterol and neural diseases such as Alzheimer's," she explains.

Stacey, who graduates at the end of 2010, plans to contribute some of her time to Indigenous communities in need of essential nutritional advice and says that the scholarship, funded by the Rotary Club of Rosebud, has helped reduce the stress of paying bills while studying.

"The scholarship has helped me with purchasing items such as books, a computer and glasses, as well as paying shortfalls in rent," she says. "It has helped me immensely."

An Indigenous Health Scholarship can make the world of difference to a struggling student. For a commitment of only \$2,500 per year, your Rotary club could directly help improve the health and wellbeing of Australia's Indigenous population.

If you would like to know more about this program and how you can help improve the health and education outcomes for Australia's Indigenous communities, please contact Cheryl Deguara, Programs co-ordinator on 02) 8837 1900 or email [cheryldeguara@australianrotaryhealth.org.au](mailto:cheryldeguara@australianrotaryhealth.org.au)

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## Jim Foots will be missed and remembered

Media Release by RC of Kenmore



The Rotary Club of Kenmore recently paid tribute to PDG Sir James ("Just call me Jim") Foots, AO, who died on August 21, 2010, aged 94 and whose life was celebrated in a service at St John's Cathedral, Brisbane.

President Joan Moloney said "Jim Foots will be missed by the many people in the community who were touched by his intellect and his generosity. All Kenmore Rotarians remember Jim with great affection."

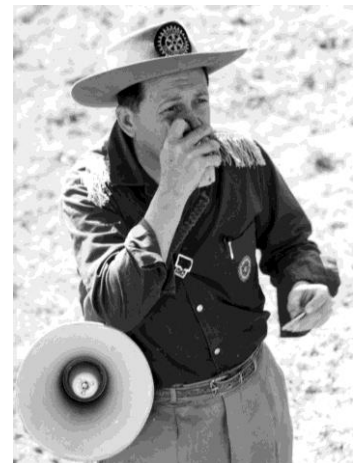
Sir James was an Australian mining industry leader, a distinguished Rotarian and renowned businessman. He graduated in Mining Engineering from the University of Melbourne in 1937 and worked at Captain's Flat, Darwin and Broken Hill before becoming General Manager of Mount Isa Mines Limited in 1955.

In this role and as Chief Executive and Chairman of MIM Holdings Ltd for three decades, Sir James steered the MIM Group through a major expansion in metal production and into a period of product and geographic diversification. He also served as Chairman of Westpac Bank.

Also in this role, Sir James was a very effective member of the Rotary Club of Mt Isa and District Governor in 1963-64. A major legacy of his time in Mt Isa Rotary is the iconic Mt Isa Rodeo which is still running today with Rotary support.

When Sir James moved to Brisbane, he became a member of the Rotary Club of Kenmore in 1973 and was an inspiration for members. Jim was still an Honorary Member at the time of his death.

Sir James was appointed to the University of Queensland Senate in 1970 and served as Chancellor from 1985-1992. He helped establish the Julius Kruttschnitt Mineral Research Centre in 1970 and UQ awarded Sir James an honorary Doctorate of Engineering in 1982.



He established and generously supported the Sir James Foots Scholarships for undergraduates in Mining, Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering. The Sir James Foots Building is a perpetual reminder of his contributions to both UQ and the minerals industry.

President of Kenmore Rotary, Joan Moloney, said Sir James' widespread contributions to the community, business and education included forging relations between research, industry and institutions, many of which continue to this day.

Sir James Foots received many industry accolades including the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy Medal and the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy (UK) Gold Medal in 1987. He was knighted in recognition of his services to the mining industry in 1975 and received an AO in 1992 and a Centenary Medal in 2001.

Jim foots will be missed and he will be remembered.

*Top Photo:*  
Sir James Foots, the University of Queensland Chancellor

*Second Photo:*  
Jim Foots, the Rotarian at the Mt Isa Rodeo

On behalf of District Governor Eric Wood  
it gives me pleasure  
to invite you and your partner to this years

## District 9600 Paul Harris Society Luncheon

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Sunday 14th November, 2010

Tranquil Park Restaurant  
483 Mountain View Road  
Maleny

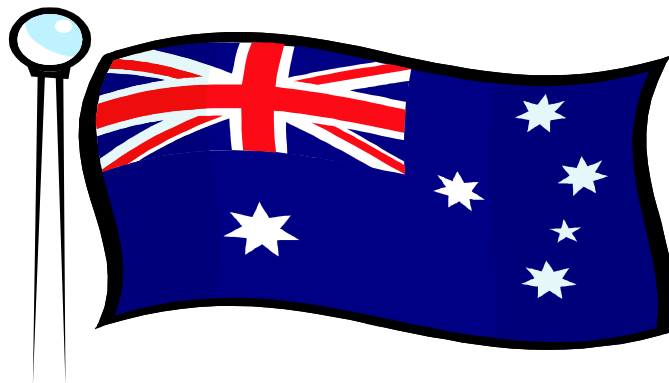
12.00 noon for pre lunch canapés  
luncheon commences at 12.30 pm

### **Cost \$35 per head**

includes 2 course meal, great views & lots of fellowship  
Cash Bar

RSVP  
5th November  
Carolyn Krueger DGE  
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**ROTARY**  
**AUSTRALIA DAY CHARITY BALL**

**Bribie Island RSL Function Room.**  
**Saturday**  
**22nd January 2011,**

**7.00pm to 11.30pm**

**Dress Black Tie /Formal**

**Band SOULED.....**

**Cost \$70 pp**  
**[ includes 3 course meal ]**

**Tickets Available**  
**Kay Benson 3408 1058**  
**Mary Grant.. Richardson and Wrench Banksia Beach**  
**0421529824**  
**Sharon Parsons 34101176**  
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## District 9600 Membership and Attendance Report for September 2010

Club Name	(Last Return)	30/6/10	30/9/10	%	Club Name	(Last Return)	30/6/10	30/9/10	%
Albany Creek		32	34	88	Noosa Heads Daybreak	(Aug,32)	40	N/R	N/R
Albion		13	13	89	North Lakes		15	14	70
Alexandra Headland	(Aug,23)	23	N/R	N/R	Nundah		16	16	86
Ashgrove/The Gap		35	36	74	Pine Rivers		21	21	73
Aspley		41	41	79	Pine Rivers Daybreak		21	25	51
Bribie Island		35	37	82	Redcliffe City		45	40	60
Brisbane		58	55	62	Redcliffe Sunrise		14	14	51
Brisbane High-Rise		61	60	64	Samford Valley		24	21	89
Brisbane Mid-City	(Aug,52)	45	N/R	N/R	Sandgate		14	15	70
Brisbane Planetarium		67	60	71	Stafford		19	19	65
Buderim		28	29	71	Strathpine		12	10	75
Caboolture		36	37	72	The Glass House Mountains		16	17	77
Caloundra		35	35	67	Toowong		46	47	68
Caloundra Pacific		47	41	76	West Brisbane Daybreak		16	14	66
Cooroy		32	29	82	Windsor		21	22	82
Fortitude Valley		55	55	67	Woombye Palmwoods		13	18	72
Geebung		12	12	88					
Gympie		54	52	71	Boroko		29	29	96
Gympie-Cooloola		39	41	66	Bulolo-Wau	(Aug,30)	4	0	0
Hamilton		36	35	64	Goroka	(Jul,9)	9	0	0
Karana Downs		13	14	72	Huon Gulf	(Jul,20)	20	0	0
Kawana Waters	(Aug,12)	13	N/R	76	Kavieng	(Jul,8)	11	0	0
Kenmore		50	47	65	Kokopo	(Jul,11)	11	0	0
Kingaroy		28	27	85	Kundiawa	(Jul,7)	7	0	0
Kingaroy-Taabinga		19	18	56	Lae		16	19	n/a
Kippa Ring		15	14	89	Madang	(Jul,10)	14	0	0
Maleny		37	38	73	Mount Hagen	(Jul,11)	7	0	0
Maroochydore		27	38	77	Port Moresby	(Jul,35)	41	0	0
Mitchelton		22	21	68	Wewak	(Jul,5)	10	0	0
Mooloolaba		53	52	75					
Murgon		18	17	79	Gizo	(Jul,5)	9	0	0
Nambour		44	43	55	Honiara		33	27	63
Nambour 76		21	19	79					
Noosa		32	30	58	Nauru (Chartered 28 Sep)		0	29	100
Noosa Heads		38	38	60					
<b>Total Members June 2010 1788 Provisional: Jul 1737 Aug 1775 Sep 1805</b>									

### Welcome to the following new or relocated members advised in September :

**Albany Creek**  
Iboiya Grezlo

**Maleny**  
Pat Kuijpers

**Windsor**  
Francene Campbell

**Buderim**  
Carol Rock

**Nambour**  
Mark Higgins

**Honiara**  
Wayne Spindler  
Donna Hargreaves  
Bryce Winter

**Karana Downs**  
Lynn Craig

**Sandgate**  
James Hiller