

Tweed Torch

Newsletter of 2014/15 District Governor, Wendy Scarlett

Edition 4 | October 2014



District Governor's Update

What a wonderful way to celebrate Vocational Service Month – Broadbeach Rotary held a Gala Dinner to celebrate their 10th Police Officer of the Year recognition. With 20 nominations for the major award the event was very successful with 180 people in attendance – Rotarians and partners, Queensland Police Service dignitaries, nominee police officers and their families and others from their department. Congratulations Broadbeach Rotary.



During October many clubs are highlighting the importance of vocational excellence with Pride of Workmanship nights to be held right across our district.

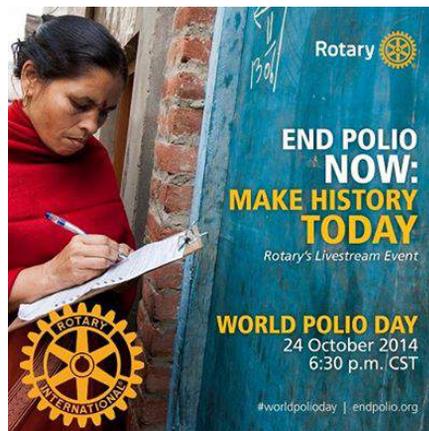
October is also the time for Hat Day where we shine a light on mental health. Thank you to everyone who dressed for the occasion, raised awareness and /or funds for Australian Rotary Health. It was great to see 4 clubs from the Gold Coast combine for a Family Fun Hat Day at Broadwater Parklands – Runaway Bay, Hope Island, Southport and Broadbeach. Working together to raise awareness of mental health and showcase Rotary. Fantastic.

The Group Study Exchange committee has been very busy this month with selection for team leader and 4 team members for our exchange in 2015 with D1461 Denmark. Thank you to the many clubs who nominated candidates for these positions and those who have offered to host. The response shows just how popular this program is in D9640 with a record number of offers for hosting.

World Polio Day is 24th October so I wish you well for your club activities to help end polio.

We are 3 months into our Rotary year and Charles and I have visited two thirds of the Rotary and Rotaract clubs in D9640 and have travelled 12,000km. Thank you to everyone for sharing with us the many ways that you are "Lighting Up Rotary" to making a difference in your communities and across the world.

Wendy Scarlett
District Governor



Inside This Month

- Vocational Service Article
- Police Officer of the Year
- GC100 Bike Ride
- Rotaract Training Weekend
- Rotary Leadership Institute
- District Gallery
- Vale Don Dinneen & Keith Robson
- Cluster 7 Report
- RI President Update / News
- Important Dates & Information

Vocational Service Month

In this month's edition we celebrate Vocational Service Month with an article from Tony Hennessy. We also have pictures from the Police Officer of the Year awards, a great celebration of an important vocation in our community.



www.rotary9640.org

Wendy Scarlett | wendy.scarlett@hotmail.com | 07 5524 4368 | 0407 130 449

Vocational Service

submitted by Tony Hennessy

One of the key tenets of the Rotary organization is the emphasis on the worthiness of all occupations. A Rotary club allocates to each member a classification based on the business or professional vocation in which they live and work. Quite often business and professional people become quite insular professionally as they tend to work and socialize with members of their business or profession. The more specialized they become professionally the narrower their circle of friends seems to be.

A Rotary club provides a refreshing change for those members because it is based on diversity. A dentist in a Rotary club may be sitting with an engineer, a teacher, a town planner or a social worker. The table discussion will be about the town, the community or the nation. It is unlikely to be about dentistry. A variety of vocations will lead to projects of broad interest to communities. But when the Club does need expertise in dentistry there is an obvious member to speak to.

Every member of a club is a source of knowledge in relation to their occupation. They make interesting guest speakers and fantastic contacts for projects and fundraising. The expertise of members should be utilized to ensure the professional running of the club.

Vocational Service is also an important method of taking Rotary to the Community. When Rotary recognizes members of the community for their services to their businesses or the town, then Rotary helps to develop a more prosperous and rewarding Community. "Police Officer of the Year", "Apprentice of the Year", "Pride of Workmanship Awards" and recognition of volunteers all leads to enhancement of the community and a higher profile for the Rotary club that promotes the program. The promotion of ethical behavior in business is easy for a Rotary club. The simple presentation of a 4-Way Test Plaque with recognition that it is presented as an acknowledgement that the business has shown high ethical standards promotes both the business and the Rotary club.

Increasing the diversity of vocations in a club by ensuring that a classifications review tries to find representatives of all professional areas of the community, ensures that a Rotary club has the expertise to work more effectively. It also makes the club more interesting for members and potential members.

Police Officer of the Year Awards Night

Broadbeach Club's Police Officer of the Year event was a great success. The first photo below shows Kurt Foessel from Elanora Police Beat is shown below (first photo) receiving his Police Officer of the Year Award for 2014. He is pictured with DG Wendy and John Monks. The second photo below shows Ray Milton being presented an award recognising his achievement of organising the event for the past 10 years.



GC100 Bike Ride – Rotary Club of Parkwood

submitted by Bruce Rogers

Pedal Power was the order of the day with this year's GC100 when over 300 riders set out from Broadwater Parklands at Southport in races of both 50km and 100km to help raise over \$17,000. Funds raised were divided between Rosie's, ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) and a number of other local and overseas charities. Despite not being as big as other rides in South East Queensland, the GC100 this year attracted riders from as far away as New Zealand, Victoria, South Australia, NSW and from throughout Queensland.

Rosies is well known on the Gold Coast for the work that they do with the homeless through their coffee vans but they are also heavily involved with BBQ's three times a week on weekdays at the Gold Coast, a court support service at Southport where volunteers offer drinks and sandwiches to people going through the court system as well as Rosies volunteers visiting the Numinbah Correctional Centre.

ROMAC does not share the same level of awareness as Rosie's but is a Rotary project to bring children with deformed limbs, horrific burns, heart conditions and other conditions to Australia from third world countries including Bangladesh, Cambodia and Zimbabwe. The operations that these children require are simply not available in their home countries.

This year's GC100 was organised by the Rotary Club of Parkwood with the support of 94.1FM and NikNat Entertainment and long term supporters Condev Constructions, Gold Coast Physio, Cycle Ox and Accent Press. This was the fifth time that the GC100 has been held and was regarded by many as being one of the most successful.

The GC100 will be back again in 2015 and promises to be even better !

Rotaract Training Weekend

submitted by Tenille King



Rotaractors in District 9640 had the wonderful opportunity of attending the 2014 Rotaract Training Weekend which was held on September 27th and 28th at Burleigh Heads Surf Life Saving Club.

There were many inspiring guest speakers who discussed a range of topics such as leadership, communication, motivation, advertising and organisation. The weekend also consisted of breakout sessions and group discussions where each club shared their experience and ideas and was designed to offer Rotaractors a chance to come together and learn valuable information and skills to assist them in their clubs.

On Saturday night the 27th of September, Rotaractors in District 9640 also attended the District Change Over Night. It was a fabulous evening and was a wonderful way to acknowledge each club's effort for the year. Congratulations were extended to the incoming District Rotaract Representative (DRR) Tenille King and to Troy Lawlor for his outstanding job as DRR for the past two years.





Rotary Leadership Institute

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a series of THREE, interactive, fast-moving, one day courses designed to enhance Rotarians' leadership skills and increase their knowledge of Rotary. Courses are fun, topical, interactive, and geared towards all Rotarians' interests including busy business and professional people who want to be more effective leaders in their vocation and club. The Rotary Institute was formed in 1992 for Rotarians on the east coast of USA but has gone worldwide since then and is now conducted in almost all of the Australian districts. In fact we are part of the Australian Southern Division of RLI.

Rotary Clubs are encouraged to select and sponsor at least **two** candidates for RLI annually. We will guarantee that graduates of the course will return to their clubs with enthusiasm, new contacts, fresh ideas, and an enhanced idea of their own potential as Rotarian leaders.

The RLI course comprises THREE one-day mini-courses (all THREE are required to achieve graduation from RLI). The PART 1 course will be run for the first time on Sunday November 30 by an experienced team comprising Harold Busch, Teresa Dawson, Graham Jones and Simone Wong. All of these Rotarians have completed a special facilitator's course and our District is a registered provider of RLI.

It is expected that PART 2 will be run on a Sunday in February and PART 3 in MARCH but that will be confirmed during the PART1 program.

Please contact **Graham Jones** (email: graham.a.g.jones@gmail.com or (M) 0406 040 038) if your club wishes to sponsor a member who is willing to undertake the three parts of the course or if you would like to undertake the course yourself.

District Gallery



All smiles from our inbound Youth Exchange Program students



Induction of Shane Coulter, Michael Browne & Jillian Browne at Maclean with sponsors Anne Farrell and Rebecca Pitson



DG Wendy and Charles holding the Melbourne Cup on its tour of the country last month



DG Wendy and Charles departing our shores on their way to Taiwan



Vale PDG Keith Robson and Don Dinneen



Past District Governor, Keith Robson

3 January 1924 – 4 September 2014

Keith was born in Sydney and attended Fort Street School.

Shortly after joining the Commonwealth Bank he enlisted and became a navigator in the Lancaster Squadron during World War II. Keith flew 24 challenging missions including one where his crew bailed out over Felcourt in France and were safely sheltered back to England.

It was in England where he met and married Thelma and she came to Australia as a war bride. With his peripatetic life style as banker and bank manager, Keith was a member of six Rotary Clubs: Nundah, Lae (PNG), Bathurst, Tamworth North, Gosford and finally Southport in 1985. He was President of both Lae and Bathurst and was an Honorary Member at Southport when he passed away.

Keith was Governor of District 9640 in 1992-1993 and he had a passion for community service. During that year was instrumental in two distinctive initiatives –

1. Relieving the drought in the western part of the District through Rotary-provided goods and supplies; and
2. Supporting the program “Bridging the Gap” which assisted long-term unemployed at the Gold Coast.

Keith was also a great advocate for young people and a long-time chair of the Ambassadorial Scholar program. Rotary recognised Keith with a Paul Harris Fellow and sapphire.

Keith will be much missed by Thelma and his family and, as an esteemed Rotarian across the District, he leaves a warm legacy of special memories.

Don Dinneen

16 March 1938 – 27 August 2014

Rotarians in our District will be saddened to hear of the passing of our much loved Rotarian, Don Dinneen.

Shortly after Don and Gail moved to the Gold Coast in 1982 he set up an accounting business and joined the Rotary Club of Palm Beach. Two years later Don transferred to the Rotary Club of Southport which became his home away-from-home for the next 29 years. Although Don was never President of the Rotary Club of Southport he was always at the forefront of projects like The Courtesy Award, Pride of Workmanship, Meals on Wheels, and the Rotary Club of Southport Youth Centre.

Don also supported Gail in her passion for Gold Coast Sailability – a program that provides sailing experiences for disabled people. In addition to being treasurer and auditor of the Southport Club on numerous occasions, Don was the auditor of District 9640 for three years including the challenging period when the District became a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee.

Don was proud of his perfect attendance record in Rotary and his Paul Harris recognition with sapphire. He truly was an exceptional humanitarian and very special Rotarian.

Don will be much missed by Gail and the family and all of his many Rotarian colleagues.



Don (L) and Keith (R) at Keith and Thelma's 60th Wedding Anniversary

Cluster 7 Report

Cluster 7 group of clubs comprise seven coastal Clubs of *Mermaid Beach, Broadbeach, Surfers Paradise, Gold Coast, Surfers Sunrise, Broadwater-Southport* and then west to *Nerang* ranging in size from 16 members to 42 members. Collectively it is a strong group of Clubs and all are striving to attract new members and in particular, younger members by changing formats, times and types of meeting. On the positive side, the Clubs have achieved some amazing results in various activities of service -

The Community

- *Surfers Paradise* and *Gold Coast* have developed and operate two separate retirement villages near Harbour Town.
- *Gold Coast* operate the Ken Bromley Fund. Recently this fund has given an injured serviceman and his wife from Adelaide a holiday on the Gold Coast.
- *Surfers Sunrise* and *Broadbeach* have sheds. *Surfers Sunrise* acts more like a Men's Shed and has had over one million dollars pass through its doors in 17 years in overseas aid with its wheelchairs, two schools and the House of Hope. *Broadbeach* houses a fully equipped kitchen and is in the trial stages of acting as a meeting place for all Rotary Clubs on the third Friday of the month at 6.00 p.m. where for \$12 you can get a steak, sausage, salad and desert whilst socialising and exchanging ideas.
- *Nerang* is becoming entrenched in the activities taking place at the recently acquired council community grounds at Country Paradise providing opportunity for service and fund raising.
- *Broadwater-Southport* similarly have relocated a chapel from the old Gold Coast Hospital to the Broadwater Parklands.
- *Broadbeach* are the champions of sausage sizzles raising over \$45,000 a year.



Internationally

Surfers Sunrise from their Shed have distributed over 6,600 wheelchairs made at their shed over the last 17 years to third world countries for disabled children. From this shed two schools, one for Thailand and one for Samoa have been built as well as a House of Hope in Samoa to cater for children under 12 who have been victims of child abuse. Now, another school called 'the flat pack school' is being built in conjunction with Helensvale State High School for a Samoan village.

All Clubs have been involved in some form of international aid.

Youth

The RYDA program for the Gold Coast is typical of co-operation between Clubs in a cluster as Cluster 7 operates and services, now, 12 schools per year. Recently a school from the northern end of the Gold Coast joined the program and the Rotary Club of *Jimboomba* assisted with the venue changing from the Southport Community Centre to the Logan Metro Centre.

Vocationally

Broadbeach's 'Police Officer of the Year' has successfully run for 10 years. It recognises three categories of outstanding performance of a Police Officer, a Police Unit and Volunteers in the Police Service. All proceeds go to PCYC.

Fund Raising

Without a doubt *Gold Coast's* 'Bulls on the Beach' has been the most successful fundraiser in the Cluster. It has raised over \$300,000 over 4 years.

This event has finished now unfortunately due to mounting difficulties and is replaced by a Charity Ball.

The above outline touches on only a few of the Cluster 7 group of Clubs activities. There is a broad depth of commitment. Rotary is ALIVE in Cluster 7 !

Rotary International President's Message | October 2014

Gary C.K. Huang



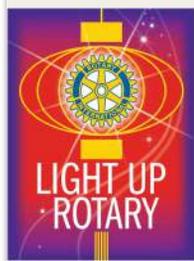
In October 1914, Jonas Salk was born – a man who would change world history by inventing the first effective vaccine against polio. When the vaccine was introduced in the United States in the 1950s, polls indicated that polio was one of the nation's two greatest fears, second only to the fear of atomic war. And with good reason: In the 1952 U.S. polio epidemic, 58,000 cases were reported, with 3,145 deaths and 21,269 instances of permanent, disabling paralysis. Globally, polio paralyzed or killed up to half a million people every year..

Soon after the Salk vaccine was created, Albert Sabin developed an oral version, allowing tremendous numbers of children to be immunized quickly, safely, and inexpensively. In 1985, Rotary's PolioPlus program was born, with a simple goal: to immunize every child under age five against this crippling disease. Thanks in large part to the initial success of PolioPlus, in 1988 the 166 member states of the World Health Assembly unanimously set the goal of global polio eradication.

At the time, the idea was breathtakingly ambitious, and many called it impossible. Today, we are closer to this goal than ever before, with only a few hundred cases of polio reported per year, and just three remaining endemic countries. We are on track to achieve full eradication by 2018 – if we can keep up the momentum that has brought us this far.

And this month, we will mark World Polio Day on 24 October, and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Dr. Salk's birth.

I ask you all to Light Up Rotary this month by doing whatever you can to shine a spotlight on our efforts to eradicate polio. Call your government officials and let them know that polio eradication matters to you. Go to endpolionow.org for inspiring stories about Rotary's work, and share them on social media. And make the best investment you'll ever make, by donating to polio eradication right on the endpolionow.org website and earning a two-to-one match on your contribution from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.



When we eradicate polio – and we will – we'll have brought the world into a better future, and Rotary into a better future as well. We will have proved ourselves, as an organization, capable of great things. And we will have given our children and grandchildren a gift that will endure forever: a polio-free world.

White House Honours Rotary Women for their Humanitarian Service



Senior Rotary leaders gathered Tuesday at the White House to honor 10 women for their service projects, an event attended by members of U.S. President Barack Obama's senior staff.

The Rotary members presented their projects, in the hopes of creating new inroads for government partnerships and support. "This is recognition of the great work that they do but also serves as a great vehicle to inspire others to do similar kinds of things," said Rotary General Secretary John Hewko.

The honorees were selected by Rotary senior leaders and endorsed by the White House from clubs around the U.S. but their projects touch lives across the globe.

Important Dates and Information

Where's Wendy?

DG Wendy will be visiting the following clubs during the second half of October and first half of November --

October		November	
20	Murwillumbah	3	Tweed Heads South
21	e-Club NextGen	5	Nerang
22	Hope Island	10	Burleigh Heads Rotaract
	Mermaid Beach	11	Murwillumbah Central
23	Coomera River	12	Surfers Sunrise
28	Mudgeeraba	12	Murwillumbah Rotaract
29	Ashmore	17	Surfers Paradise
30	Burleigh Heads	18	Southport Rotaract



District Date Claimers

18 Oct 14	Assist A Sista High Tea
19 Oct 14	Ride for Polio (Brisbane to Gold Coast)
24 Oct 14	World Polio Day Sizzle 'n Swing at the Broadbeach Hub
25 Oct 14	Kyogle Bush Turkey Ball
26 Oct 14	Kingscliff Duck Race
4-8 Mar 15	Bavarian Music Festival and Beer Fest
14-17 Apr 15	Ride for Rotary Health (Glen Innes - Goondiwindi)
17-19 Apr 15	District Conference

Important 2014/15 Training Dates

22 Feb 15	Assistant Governor / District Chair Training
14-15 Mar 15	President Elect Training (PETS)
24 May 15	District Assembly (one only)
28 Jun 15	District Changeover



THE ROTARY CLUB OF KINGSCLIFF
2014 Kingscliff / Stand Up Paddle & Duck Race
 Ed Parker Rotary Park-Cudgen Creek-Kingscliff
OCTOBER 26th

TWEED COAST VICTORY GROUP

You'll have a duck'n good time!

SUP \$10 per craft \$20 family @ 10:00am
SUP Dog race \$10 per craft @ 11:15am
Buy a Corporate Duck \$50.00 @ 12:00
Buy a Community Duck \$5.00 @ 1:00pm

Activities from 9:30am DST

You can also register online www.rotaryduckrace.com.au
 E: info@rotaryduckrace.com.au
 Information contact Maggie-anne Leybourne 0401 33 80 35
 All proceeds are going to Rotary projects and local charities



Don't forget you can get more details on the events on this page as well as what else is going on the District Website !