

Rotary Club of SOUTH BUNBURY (INC)

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Wednesday
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Bunbury:

Parade Hotel
Monday
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Wednesday
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NEXT MEETING: Wed, September 7th, 2011

Next week's speaker

Glaucoma – is your eyesight at risk?

Judy Saunders

Judy is one of Glaucoma Australia's three Educators and travels throughout WA and SA conducting glaucoma meetings. She has had glaucoma herself for 20 years.

Duties:	September 7 th	September 14 th
Host & Grace	Rob Prestage	Roger Veen
Properties	Naru Pal	Jim Wilkinson
Properties	Les Pike	Trevor Wilson
Reception	Eli Ghasseb	James Hayward
Reception	Boyd Brown	Ian Robertson
Introduction	Dawn Naylor	Don Spriggins
Thanks	Clive Pearson	Jim Stephen
Ticket Sales	Wally Jones	Neil Sinclair
Fines	Kevin Coote	Kim Rudd
Raffle Spinner	Kevin Connop	Kevin Connop

LIFE'S LITTLE CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Terry Coote 10th

David Keyser 13th

WEDDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Helene Honeybell 10th

Anne Miles 10th

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

**Early warning, warning,
warning**

4-Way Speech Contest

Meeting of 14th September

One of the best and most motivating
meetings of the year

Flood Relief Appeal

Kevin and Terry Coote, through the Rotary Club of South Bunbury, made donations to the Queensland and Carnarvon flood appeals. Please read the update on where the funds used at the end of this edition.

Unlike last week's guest speaker, Deb Wilkins from the Leukaemia Foundation, was appalled by the references made about certain members diminutive stature - hence our suntanned President's comment on the club going feral in her absence.



Ben paying homage to Bill Gates, the great God of technology and kindred spirit of the under 30s and Ray Philp



Boyd and Jenny Brown



David Miles, Bunbury's new Justice of the Peace, practicing his interrogatory eyeballing technique on the obviously guilty James Hayward.



The funds raised by the sausage sizzle were donated to the Leukemia Foundation in place of the club's support for Light The Night. This is the night of the DGs visit.

Greg James looking remarkably well and hurling his usual torrent of pointed one liners



Sandro's sizzled sausages raised \$1,250. Sandro presents the cheque to Deb Wilkins of the Lukaemia Foundation.



Kevin promised us a short fines session...well I guess it was short in one respect



John Carey is reminded of how much he has missed out on in his years away from the club by master of the tall story Les Pike....and no, Les, they can't all be true



Flood Relief Appeal Update follows below

I am Past District Governor Errol Wildman and District 9630 Flood Relief Coordinator and have been working with a Group of Dedicated Rotarians from each of the Toowoomba Clubs. (I am a member of the R/C of Toowoomba)

I will give you a view as it happened.

I was in hospital on the 5th January when the District Governor asked me to be the Flood Relief Coordinator for the Western Region, Dalby, Chinchilla, Condamine, and St George.

As the Western Region was well known to me and I had a lot of friends in Rotary in the region, it was easy to say yes, as I thought I could be of service to the Clubs.

Before I was able to get my head around the needs of the Western Region Toowoomba, The Lockyer Valley, Ipswich and Brisbane were flooded. Although Toowoomba and the Valley had been flooded before this was no ordinary flood. The speed and volume of water surpassed anything we had encountered before. The savagery of the flow shocked everyone, everything in its path was whisked away, Trees, Fences, Sheds, Cars, Houses and People just ripped away by the turbulent mass of water and debris. It shocked everyone.

As I was now the person to coordinate the Rotary District Response I met with the Presidents of the seven Toowoomba Clubs. It was decided to research the best way to assist, ask for Goods or Cash. It was resoundingly resolved that raising funds to assist those who had been flood was the best way to go. (the Victorian Bush fire recovery groups advised against goods as they had 48,000 m² of shed space packed with donated goods and at the peak had 39 paid staff and 1500 volunteers for three months to sort the goods. Over Eight Million Dollars was spent on these goods) Also as Rotarians we had no means of storing and handling Goods.

Through the generosity of Green Ridge press and the Chronicle a public appeal was launched. A Flood appeal web site was set up in I believe record time of 48hrs.

While we, as a working Flood relief group were working on the wider picture, Clubs were in full action across the District . Rotarians in Brisbane were active in both the weekend clean ups with, shovels ,buckets, mops and equipment in all areas that were flooded. Rotarians were active in Toowoomba, Clubs first helping their members to clear the mud, carpets, equipment, and all non recoverable goods from their businesses. Then they moved on to assist whoever else they could.

The Lockyer Valley was a different case all together. The police made it a Crime Scene and basically locked the area up. The Army, and SES, Federal Police had total control. Those flooded had only minimal access.

We decided to research all the small community organisations in the area to see what assistance they needed. Rotarian and member of the flood Relief Group, Phillip Charles, went from town to town assessing the needs. We supplied BBQ's, Fridges, Sporting equipment, to a wide range groups from Withcott, to Lowood. This assistance was funded through the Rotary Club of Gatton Lockyer President John Schollick. It was great to see these bodies getting back to what could be called normal activities in the Community. Assistance was also given by individual Clubs as their research identified ways to assist.

It was a decision of the Flood Relief Group that the District Flood Relief would be distributed to the affected Communities through the Clubs.

In Brisbane, Rotary Clubs were independently receiving financial donations from Rotary Clubs around Australia and the World. These Clubs sought the best means of assisting with

these funds and used further funds from the District Flood Relief account as needed. In the Ipswich, and Goodna area many businesses and homes flooded. The complexity of the Premiers Fund and Insurance claims meant we had to wait until a clearer picture emerged of just how to be of assistance.

We did receive many trailers of Goods. Even after saying we did not want to handle goods. Many Rotarians from our District and District 9640 sorted and distributed pallets and pallets of goods. The most amazing item we received were Love Boxes. Yes Love Boxes, They were approximately the size of a shoe box and were filled with personal goods to suit a certain age or sex or family. Each was supplied with a personal note from the person who supplied the box. Some 11,000 of them were received. (these boxes were regarded highly by those who had their homes destroyed in the Victorian Bush fires) A few ladies in South Australia and Victoria arranged the same to be delivered to Queensland. A couple of the organisers came to Queensland to assist in the distribution. I can tell you that they were well received and we could have distributed more.

We were advised that the Cotton On Foundation have raised a considerable funds to assist those flooded. We arranged a meeting with the Mayor Steve Jones of the Lockyer Valley Regional Council as to what projects could be considered for these funds should the Foundation wish to support Rotary's Funds. It was clear, the Grantham Butter Factory should be purchased for renovation to the Grantham Community Centre as the Community had indicated that this would be a lasting memorial to those who had lost their lives. It was where they sought shelter, received food and clothing and goods. Secondly the Murphy's Creek Community Centre, as their Hall was flooded and the Progress Association had been asking for a new Centre. Thirdly assistance with a heliport in the valley.

The Rotary Club of Toowoomba South's President Brian Baker accepted to be the lead Club for the Grantham Butter Factory refurbishment. With assistance of the Cotton On Foundation they have purchased the Butter Factory and are in discussions with the Regional Council and the Community as the refurbished building. State of the art meeting room's a small cinema, large conference area, offices, coffee lounge, museum for the Dairy industry are all in the consideration. The project is expected to be over a million dollars and much in kind assistance has been offered. More cash funding is required although the Flood Appeal fund is holding dedicated funds for the Centre.

The Five Rotary Clubs of the Redlands and the Rotaract Club held a Mega Garage Sale and committed the proceeds to the Murphy's Creek Community . This commitment was the catalyst that enabled us to consider the funding of the Murphy's Community Centre. The Murphy's Creek Community Centre became a reality with Rotary District 9830 (Tasmania) and the Tasmanian Government funding to build the new centre. We have just had a visit by PDG Ted Richey from D9830 and he has signed the MOU between the Lockyer Regional Council and District 9830 (Tasmania) for the Building of the Community Centre. In all a project in excess of one Million Dollars fully funded. The Rotary Club of Toowoomba East P Ross Watt and PP Mark Payton have accepted the responsibility as the lead Club and are acting on behalf of the Tasmanian Rotarians. With D9830 total funding and commitment to the Community Centre and the funding from the Redland Clubs we will be putting the Heart back into that community.

While all this was being worked on, the Rotary Club of Toowoomba PP Andrew Tilly and P Guy Adamson have supplied Thousands of Dollars for Food, Fuel, Furniture, and White Good vouchers for those flooded in the valley. They have also supported with funds and physical assistance the 'Fence a Farm' Project in the MT Sylvia area.

The Rotary Club of Ipswich North PP Les Thornton has been actively involved in the ‘Putting Warmth Back Into Homes’ project supplying thousands of square metres of internal linings and fitting to make homes habitable again. This project has been picked up by the Goodna Club’s PP Terry Cupitt and they have a similar project in the Goodna area. With a proven method to assist this programme has now been taken up by the Rotary Club of Toowoomba Garden City P Katrina McDougall for those flooded in the Lockyer Valley.

We have heard that over 100 homes were flooded in Oakey but had little information. The Rotary Club of Toowoomba City P Dennis Bateman has now some contacts and they are progressing with assistance.

In the West direct donations from Rotary Clubs from around Australia have given the Rotary Clubs of Dalby, Chinchilla and St George the funds to support those flooded in their towns. The Rotary of Club Pittsworth supplied the playground equipment to Condamine and are assisting families in the Lockyer valley.

In the Mt Sylvia area communications were lost as there is no Mobile Phone coverage and over eighty kilometres of phone land line were washed away. Through the Rotary Club of Toowoomba North PP Brian Douglas and P Brian Hoyle a UHF Repeater Station has been purchased and consideration to the supply of hand held UHF radios is being researched by the Rotary Club of Toowoomba.

The Rotary Club of Jindalee assisted the Meals On Wheels, the RSL and the Little Athletics Club to get back into operation with financial help.

Funds have been received from the public and Corporations from around Australia however the Rotarians Australia wide and from around the world have contributed Millions of Dollars to assist those flooded in our region.

Two areas need special mention. A Christchurch Club sent funds to us and when the Earthquakes struck we were going to send the funds back to them but they said ‘no keep the funds we sent them to you’ we are receiving assistance. A Club in Japan said the same as we were going to return their donation with interest.

To date in excess of three million dollars have been provided to this District D9630 to assist those flooded. All fund have and are being distributed to those flooded through Clubs in the affected areas.

Not one cent of donated funds has been used in management or other costs, all funds Donated have and are being used for those who have been flooded.

IT IS NOT OVER YET

The grass is green the houses washed but many are still not in their homes and are waiting for assistance from the Premier’s Fund or Insurance. The Rotarians in this District and other affected areas in Queensland are still assisting.

Past District Governor
Errol Wildman
Flood Relief Coordinator for District 9630
For DG Debbie James
And PDG Anne Brand