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Japanese Rotarians visit

THE Rotary Club of Okayama Chuo in Japan, a sister club of the Rotary Club of Taree, visited the Manning over the weekend.

The two clubs have visited each other alternatively every five years for the past 19 years.

On Saturday night, September 23, the Rotary Club of Taree celebrated the presentation of the club's Rotary Charter to the club 80 years ago (in September 1937) and were delighted that members of its sister club could attend.

The presidents of both clubs together announced a new sister club youth exchange program.

Each year a student from Taree will visit Okayama for a week, and a student from Okayama will visit Taree for a week. The students would leave on the Saturday and return the following Sunday.

Another highlight of the evening saw Brian Hole awarded a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his long and distinguished service



FRIENDSHIP: Brian and Heather Hole, president of Okayama Chuo Rotary Club Ryuko Yamashita, president of the Rotary Club of Taree David Denning, and (front) Takao and Mineko Iwashiro. **Photo: Ashley Cleaver/Cleavers Images.**

to Rotary.

Harvey Else was awarded an honorary membership in recognition of his decades of service to Rotary.

The sister club relationship is part of Rotary International's ongoing goal to provide goodwill and better friendship among all people throughout the world.

During the meeting, the visiting Japanese Rotarians all sang Waltzing Matilda in English, much to the enjoyment of their fellow Taree Rotarians.

More photos can be found on page 12 of today's Manning River Times.

TAREE ON MANNING ROTARY FUNDRAISER

Ninety people danced the night away at the Centrepont Arcade in Taree on September 16 to raise \$5000 for two local members of the Girls Brigade and the Taree music program of the Australian Children's Music Foundation.

Emily Brybag and Makahley Pressnell are fundraising to go to a youth leadership camp in Perth. Trevor and Tanya Brown's band Circus Mule performed and Taree on Manning Rotary president Terry Kitching thanked all those who helped to make the event a success.

"The arcade looked great, the band were fabulous, the food was delicious and the planning is already under way for next year. Maybe a Christmas in July for a change." The event raised enough money to give \$1000 each to Emily and Makahley, as well as \$3000 for the local music program."

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Presentation of the Rotary Club of Taree's Rotary Charter from 80 years ago. President David Denning, Akiyoshi Osaka from the Okayama Chuo Rotary Club and past district governor Ian Dyball.

ROTARY CELEBRATIONS

Rotary Club of Taree celebrated the presentation of the Rotary charter to the club 80 years ago. Members of its sister club, the Rotary Club of Okayama Chuo in Japan, were in attendance. Photos by Ashley Cleaver/Cleavers Images.



Jamil Ahmad and Hajime Aoyama.



Hidekazu Tanaka and Warren Blanch. Warren and his wife Rhonda hosted Hidekazu during his stay.



Sandra Fishwick, Masako Nakada, Dianne Woollard and Elizabeth Kempers.



Alan Small, Ryuko Yamashita (the current president of the Okayama Chuo Rotary Club) and Jan Small.



Acting governor Murray Difford, 2017-2018 Rotary Club Of Taree youth ambassador Marylyn Sendah and member for Myall Lakes Stephen Bromhead.