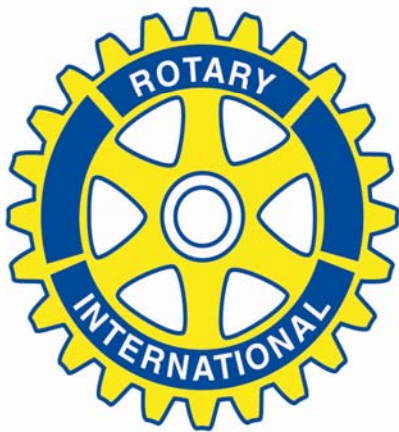


Rotary Club of SURFERS PARADISE CENTRAL INC.



Surfers Paradise 1981: oil on paper, 35 x 55cm



District 9640
Gold Coast, Australia

ROTARY CLUB OF SURFERS PARADISE CENTRAL INC

ANNUAL CHANGEOVER 2009-2010

SATURDAY JULY 4, 2009

SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB

String Quartet Playing from 6.30

7.15 Welcome to Visitors and Guests
Rotary Grace
Loyal Toast
Toast to Rotary International
Response

Bruce Roddick
Geoff Prentice
PP David Bonifant
PP David Bonifant
Dist Govenor Rep.
Past DG Tony Hayes

7.25 Soup

7.35 Acknowledgment of this Clubs :
Past District Governor
Paul Harris Fellows
Charter Members
Rotary International Benefactors
Every Rotarian Every Year
Toast to Partners of Rotarians
Response on Behalf of Partners

Bruce Roddick
Bruce Roddick
Bruce Roddick
Bruce Roddick
Bruce Roddick
John Goldstein
Eric Lugthart

7.45 Main Course

8.15 Entertainment by the Blenders

8.45 Presidents Report and presentation of awards and acknowledgments.

Induction of President elect Richard Flanagan
(Dist. Govenors Representative to take collar from
Peter Watkins and handover to Richard Flanagan.

Incoming Presidents address
Induction of 2009-2010 Board (Pins and Badges Presented)

Special Presentation by Rodeo Chair Kate Kimmorley



Ken Bromley Foundation



Vocational Visits





FUN RIDE ... Kara Low is already dressed for the Bulls on the Beach rodeo event.
Picture: BRENDAN RADKE

Hold on to your rodeo hats

THE buck starts in Surfers Paradise later this month for the second annual Bulls on the Beach Rodeo.

It is part of the national rodeo circuit and will feature 70 elite riders at Gold Coast Stadium at Carrara.

Event co-ordinator Philip Rousenberg said ticket sales for the June 26 event were 150 per cent higher than last year.

"We have had a strong response so far and are expecting more than 2000 people to attend," he said.

"Rodeos provide a fun-filled occasion which can be enjoyed by everyone from teenagers to families."

The event has been organised by the Rotary Club of Surfers Paradise Central and will raise funds for charities. Visit www.bullsonthebeach.com.

Bull riders hang in there for a cause

Rough ride for Peter Alexander and, inset, Kate Kimmorley.

by Milena Stojoska

A DOWNPOUR and change of venue didn't stop 1500 rodeo fans from flocking through the gates opposite Sea World last night.

Surfers Paradise Central Rotary Club volunteers were thrilled when they saw the masterpiece of the second annual Gold Coast Bulls on the Beach Rodeo come together after much doubt.

Most thought the rodeo would be called off after recent torrential rain deemed the Carrara fields unfit to host the event.

But rotary chair organiser Kate Kimmorley held hope.

Ms Kimmorley led the team of volunteers in organising insurance, government approvals, police and other emergency services in only a day and a half, a mission which originally took months of processes," she said. "It felt like we moved heaven and earth to make it all happen."

When the clock hit 7.40pm, anxious crowds finally got what they were braving the cold to see.

Sprinkles of rain began at 8pm and continued into the night, but that didn't stop audiences from cheering on their beloved raging horses and bulls.

Night offered live music and comedy entertainment, children's rides, food stalls and bars for the restless.

Ms Kimmorley said the Rotary's aim was to raise \$100,000 for charities, including Give Me S. for Kids, Ronald McDonald House Charities and Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children.

The bull riding championship winner was Steven Taylor, from Beenleigh.



Bulls on the Beach

President's Report for July 2008 – June 2009

Thank you to all the members of Surfers Paradise Central Rotary Club for giving me the honour of being elected President of our Great Club. It has been a privilege to be part of the most wonderful group of people you could wish to meet.

I would especially like to thank the following people, in no particular order, for their efforts in making the world a better place, and their support of our Club.

The Club Board of 2008-2009 did a wonderful job of supporting both the Club and myself. Without their dedication and commitment, many of this year's achievements would not have been realised. As you know, the most important roles within a club are Secretary and Treasurer, and I would like to especially thank Mark Urquhart and Greg Bowler for filling the giant hole that was left with the departure of Ras Manickan and Michael Jones, in their respective roles. Thank you also to Carol Cheshire, Richard Flanagan, David Baguley, Lynda Hynes, Sue Foscett, and Andrew Csabi, for their service to Surfers Paradise Central.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our Bulletin editor, Chawki Gazal, and our Webmaster Carol Cheshire, for the excellent jobs they have done.

A number of major events occurred in 2008-2009, and I would like to pay tribute to the members that made the dream real.

The Rodeo

Congratulations to the Committee of Kate Kimmorley, Phil Rosenberg, Ras Manickan, Don Stalker, Chawki Gazal, Kevin Stapleton, Bruce Roddick, Nancy Smith, Sue Foscett, and everyone else who was involved, in a truly amazing feat. With two days to go before the event, to move it to another venue, set up in the rain, and raise over \$60,000 for Charity is incredible. Our Club is known as the "Can do Club", and this is an example of why it got its name. Special thanks to our Major Sponsor, President Elect Richard Flanagan.

The Charity Auction Dinner

Past President Sue requested that we align ourselves with a needy cause within our community, and in my year, followed by Richard, we are supporting a wonderful project known as "Families back on track", assisting St Vincent De Paul to provide accommodation to homeless families. Well done to Andrew Csabi, and his team, for organising a very successful fundraising night in May, at the Southport Yacht Club.

The Ken Bromley Wounded Service Personnel Scheme

Congratulations to Ken Bannister and his team on a very successful year. Not only did we have the honour and pleasure of hosting a number of families, be entertained by wonderful guest speakers from the Armed Forces, but also, as the accounts are so well run, it looks like we will be able to continue the programme for many years.

District Conference

It appears we had a record number of members and partners attend the District Conference. The strong fellowship within our Club was very much in evidence, and I thank all who participated.

Polio Plus

Our Club supported a number of fundraising initiatives to assist with our goal of eradicating Polio from the World forever. Thank you to all who participated in the collection of monies at Robina railway station, and the two movie nights that were organised by the district.

Ladies lunch

On the 8th March we had a beautiful fellowship day at Mavis's Kitchen. Thank you to Helena and her team for creating another lovely Rotary experience for us all.

ROMAC Trivia challenge.

We did it again for the fourth year in a row. As the first three teams were all from our club, our chances were pretty high. Thank you to the organisers, and congratulations to John McDonald's table for being the final victors.

Honorary Members lunch

A very memorable occasion, when we got to spend time with many of the great people who help make our club what it is today. Thank you to Carol for organising the day. It was wonderful to see how much it meant to those who attended.

Club Anniversary

We enjoyed a wonderful Rotary meeting, where we celebrated the Anniversary of the formation of Surfers Paradise Central Rotary Club. Thank you especially to Carol Cheshire and John Goldstein for their efforts in making it such a memorable day.

I have detailed the events that occurred in the first six months in my half yearly report

Well, the second six months was just as exciting as the first six months.

We began the New Year in style on the 9th of January with our first guest speakers for 2009. They were great people with a wonderful story. Operation Smile is an organization that spreads love around the world by performing operations that help children smile and laugh in spite of the

physical challenges that they face. Nurse Lee O'Malley of Australia and Dr Alvaro of Brazil were brought to us by John McDonald.

On the 16th of January honorary member and Gold coast city councillor, Margaret Grummitt organized a vocational visit to the Council chambers. We were privileged to receive a special presentation on the proposed Rapid Transport system, and allowed to sit in the chairs normally occupied by our elected councillors. I felt very privileged, being allowed to sit in the Mayors seat, and be King for a day.

Immediate Past President Sue was responsible for our 23rd January speaker, Russell Reardon. Russell gave us a fascinating insight into the workings of the Heart Foundation, and got everybody's attention when he quoted the figures of just how prevalent heart problems are amongst people of all ages.

On the 30th January we proudly announced that the Club was in excellent hands in 2009-2010, by announcing the incoming Board at the Club AGM.

February is World Understanding Month, so Carol put together another excellent programme of speakers.

Raj Miles and the team from the Karuna Bali Foundation gave us a lovely presentation on the work they are doing in Indonesia, in partnership with the United Nations. The programmes are so successful, that the presenters have been asked to organize workshops around the world, and you can actually attend the sessions on the Gold Coast.

Rachel Bryce was invited by our Youth director, Lynda Hynes, to give us an information session on RYTS, and how it changes the lives of the young people who attend. Rachel is another great example of how wonderful today's youth is, and what a difference Rotary makes in the world.

On the 20th February, Carol organized a Club Assembly, the highlight of which was a Committee 4-Way Test Funshop, which indeed contain a huge amount of fun.

Graham Jones, our Assistant Governor, was invited to be our guest speaker, on the 27th February. Graham was kind enough to pay tribute to our Club, and congratulate us on the significant achievements we continue to create.

In March the fun began when we were joined for the official launch of Bulls on the Beach by the great radio duo, Richard and Bridge, of Gold 92.5. It was a highly entertaining lunch, and set the scene for what became a hugely successful event.

Andrew Haggerty joined us, from the Gold Coast City Council, and explained how lucky we are to be literate. Andrew was organized by Carol, on the 13th March.

The 20th March saw us fascinated by a presentation from one of our Rotary World Peace Fellows, Tamara Turcan. Tamara was able to inform us that many of the rights we take for granted are not enjoyed by many other people in the world.

Anyone who is fascinated by the world of sleuthing surveillance, private investigation, and all things fascinating, would have thoroughly enjoyed Keith Schafferius, and his stories of the techniques that are employed in today's world.

April saw a record number of us attend the District Conference. It was a wonderful event, full of great guest speakers, inspiring stories, fabulous entertainment, diverse presentations, laughter,

joy, and amazing fellowship. It made you proud to be a Rotarian, and to get more of a picture how poorer the world would be without Rotary.

On the 17th April we were treated to a unique collection of photographs from the special Library collection entitled "The Old Gold Coast", and there were some gems amongst them. Thank you Kyla Stephanes.

Roland James gave the Club a fascinating presentation on Hypnotherapy, which also contained many lessons that can help us deal with life's challenges in a more balanced way. Roland appeared on the 24th April.

May saw the Club enjoy one of its busiest ever months. The activities began with the Annual pilgrimage to Opera in the Vineyard. For those who have never been, it is one of the must do events. Those who did not travel to Stanthorpe were rewarded with a guided tour of Rosser Park, and lunch at the Benowa Tavern.

During the rest of May we were entertained by Paul Fitzgerald explaining what was going to happen with the Evandale site redevelopment plans.

Our very own, Joachim Ulrich gave us an enthralling presentation on the World crisis from Germany's view. Thank you Joachim, and enjoy your time away from us, and come back soon. On the 22nd May we were privileged to hear from our Ken Baguley awardee, Sophia Kennedy, on how much the Bursary means to her, and the many ways Sophia and her classmates are contributing to Society.

Graham Blackman of Angel Flight gave us an insightful presentation into the workings of Angel Flight. Founded in 1995, in Queensland, it has helped thousands of people receive medical treatment they would not have otherwise been able to access. A great cause, worthy of our support.

June was the month that we attended District Assembly, enjoyed the Honorary Members lunch, supported the District Governor at the Changeover, and participated in the spectacular Bulls on the Beach. Our guest speaker on the 5th June was Gemma Sisia, who gave a most inspiring presentation on The Tanzanian School of St Jude. We had, on that day, as we have had throughout the year, a record number of people in attendance.

In closing, I would like to thank you all for the part you played in making this year the most memorable of my Rotary life. You have all contributed to "Making Dreams Real"

I look forward to seeing you all at the changeover on the 4th of July.

To Richard and the new Board," The Future of Rotary is in your Hands', and I know you will serve Rotary well.

PETER WATKINS
CLUB PRESIDENT 2008-2009

Club Service Director's Report for July 2008 – June 2009

Committee : *Bob Baldwin, Nan Baldwin, Ken Bannister, Andrew Chan, Carol Cheshire (Dir), Chawki Gazal, Peter Laurens, Bruce Roddick, Nancy Smith*

We've come a long way in twelve months. Looking back I can see just what we have achieved and, as director of the Club Service Committee, I hope the rest of the club is aware of the strong support and willing effort by the CS committee that has made our achievements possible. I thank them all for their advice, suggestions, time and effort.

When I first read the Club Service Manual after Changeover, the scope of the Club Service brief was daunting; it referred to special CS projects as well as the smooth running of the regular club meetings. The other committees had clear direction on various projects, so, as our committee was also carrying the Membership portfolio, it seemed wise to concentrate on the practical matters of improving the meetings, with a firm eye on what the members wanted.

1. OUR VENUE :

a) On the plus side : The Panorama Room is a great venue, with the verandah, the view, easy parking and helpful staff. Our first committee meeting in July 2008 discussed what we needed to improve the room set-up. We arranged with the Arts Centre to borrow the red folding screens for banners, the notice pin-board and, when available, a sofa.

At our request, the club secretary purchased the visitors' book, 12 Rotary letter openers as gifts for guest speakers, plus RI 08-09 theme pins and banner for the lectern. Chawki donated 2 extra storage boxes for holding the paraphernalia.

The catering contract with the Arts Centre stipulates a set menu, however the Centre has been very helpful with a small number of special dietary requests for health or belief reasons, also for the occasional chicken nuggets for children. Our regular staff server willingly lends an extra hand when she can, particularly in room set-up or clearing away.

b) On the minus side : The Arts Centre needs a firm commitment to numbers booked 48 hrs beforehand. The booking each week is based on the front desk's Apology register, reinforced by email confirmations from members. Usually the numbers can be predicted within 4 more or less, which the caterers try to handle, although on two occasions the Arts Centre has politely pointed out their difficulties when ten more than expected turned up.

2. OUR MEETINGS :

The monthly RI themes featured in at least one lunch each month. Then, with an eye out for variety, we invited speakers on general topics of interest — many suggested by other members. These included : Homeless people, the GC Art Gallery, Workplace Drug Control, Medical research, Bowel cancer prevention, the USA Presidential election, Rotary in Lebanon, Banking, Operation Smile, the GC City Council, educating Bali's children, Private Investigation, Local Library Collections, hypnotherapy, plans for the Botanic Gardens, Germany and the world economic crisis, Angel Flight and the Tanzanian School of St Jude.

In early consultation with the Club Service Committee, I drew up a standard meeting schedule –

known as the cheatsheet — which gives the rostered chairman a clear guide.

The Southport School Breakfast bookings were handed to the PR Director in August 08, on the grounds these are not truly a club matter so much as public relations.

In collaboration with Vocational Director Andy, the club has had three vocational visits : in September, January and March. Thanks Andy and thanks too to Kate for hosting another great Christmas Party.

In January we began three new items in the regular meeting schedule :

- a) in a return to a former tradition, on the first Friday of each month we share out a small cake amongst those members with an anniversary that month.
- b) the Sergeant's session now includes a Two-up game on the 2nd Friday each month.
- c) the new position of Reporter has been established to add a newsworthy or informative item to each meeting..

Our attendances have increased over the year from averaging 22 members at lunch in August 2008 (not counting guests) to an average of 28 in May 09. Hopefully this is an indication we are doing something right.

3. OUR SUPPORT MATERIAL :

The website has continued throughout the Rotary year, carrying details of club events in advance, listing members and directors, also recent photos of the club and guests and downloadable copies of the Club Bulletin. I maintain the site personally, generally updating it each weekend with information and photographs of club events. Through the year there have been several contacts to the secretary and webmaster by the webpage links.

I regret to report that I have been unable to have our venue updated on the District website, despite five requests to the District webmaster. I wish the incoming Club Service Director better luck.

The club weekly Bulletin has continued to be prepared and emailed to all members throughout the year by editor Chawki Gazal, who has also been a strong support for Club Service, as always.

The leaflet I produced in 2007-98 for enquiries about the club by outsiders is available in an updated version for any member wishing to promote the club.

In May I was able to email a 16-page directory and handbook to members, with the offer of a printed version on request for \$5 to cover my print costs. For the next Rotary year I will update this and change the names and content as required by the incoming President.

4. SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS :

During the past year the Club had reason to be proud of winning the ROMAC Trivia Challenge trophy for the fourth year in a row on 8 May.

Another resounding annual success was the May weekend in Stanthorpe for Opera in Vines, organised by Club Service committee person Peter Laurens.

And last, but never least, Ken Bannister and the Ken Bromley Foundation brought to the Club during the year, six families of wounded servicemen while they were on the Gold Coast for their convalescent holiday. On each occasion, as these men spoke to the club, their thanks gave us good cause to be proud of the Rotary Club of Surfers Paradise Central

Carol Cheshire 29 June 2009

Membership Director's Report for July 2008 – June 2009

Committee : *Bob Baldwin, Nan Baldwin, Ken Bannister, Andrew Chan, Carol Cheshire (Dir), Chawki Gazal, Peter Laurens, Bruce Roddick, Nancy Smith*

Membership is at the heart of any club. Rotary exists for and because of its members, so I have tried throughout the past year to gauge the needs and wishes of everyone in our club. Our committee contains long-serving Rotarians whose counsel and ideas I value and have relied on greatly. Honorary member Jann Davies has also been especially good in shouldering the task of ordering flowers and condolences for our sick or bereaved members.

MEMBERSHIP EVENTS :

In August 2008 we carried out a review of all the professional classifications in the club. The findings clarified all members are accurately described and that in line with RI ground rules we have no more than five members in the same professional category.

Also in August, I represented our club at the District Membership Conference at Robina where I discovered we have reason to be proud that our club is more active, with fewer problems and better attended than most others.

In February 2009 the committee held a club workshop for membership. This was well attended and came up with a lot of good ideas, including a new rostered duty of reporter and revival of attendance figures in the Bulletin.

In May I was able to circulate by email to all members a 16-page directory and handbook that gives all contact details of club members and basic information on meeting procedure. This booklet is not for use outside the club and is available to members on request as a printed booklet for \$5 to cover costs.

On 12 June the Honorary members of the club were invited for a special lunch meeting in their honour. Ten Honorary members attended and apologies were received from Jack Kogler, Yew-Chaye Loo, Helen Watter and Ken Done.

CURRENT MEMBERS

At the end of June 2009 the membership count is 48 plus 15 honorary members. No overall change in active membership; however, an increase by one in the honorary category since June 2008.

Sadly the club lost one member in the past year, Mike Jones, who has regretfully resigned his membership, due to his moving to Brisbane for business reasons. Mike was Treasurer for Surfers Paradise Central Rotary Club from 2005 to 2008.

NEW MEMBERS

While other Rotary clubs seem intent on raising membership by accepting all comers, our concern has been to maintain the original idea of business professionals of management and equivalent level, who are prepared to serve the community with their skills and knowledge. So in January we were delighted to accept Matthew O'Brien into the club, sponsored by PE Richard Flanagan.

Also in January, renowned Australian artist Ken Done AM PDF accepted honorary membership in recognition of his free permission for the club to use his design on our stationery, banners, website and

Bulletin. The club has purchased a limited edition print of Ken Done's painting for display at meetings.

On a personal note :

I thank all the members of this club for the tremendous support and encouragement I have received during this past year. Especially my committed committee and the Board. And thank you President Peter for your faith in me this time last year. I hope you don't regret it.

To the incoming director of Club Service and Membership, I wish you good luck and hope you have as good support as I have had.

Carol Cheshire 29 June 2009

Surfers Paradise Central Rotary Club – Community Service Report 2008/2009

Two years ago a representative of the St Vincent De Paul Society spoke to us about the plight of homeless men with children on the Gold Coast and the positive action the society was taking to provide shelter, training, rehabilitation (where necessary) and ongoing support for these men and their children.

Since that time this project has been named 'Families back on Track' and the society is now well advanced building a facility at Allied Drive Arundel. Our committee has donated \$10,000.00 of building products as a donation in kind to assist with this worthy project. In addition Andrew Csabi organized a fundraising event on behalf of the Community Services committee to raise money so that we might provide a cash donation to the society to be used to assist with the building fitout. The fundraising event was a great success and we raised \$11,300.00 due to the enormous efforts of Andrew.

In the next Rotary year 2009/2010 we will be giving a further \$15,000.00 donation of building materials as a donation in kind. The two donations in kind (\$25,000.00) have been made possible through a member of our club.

While we have not been active in other areas of the community, the 'Families back on Track' project is costing the society many millions of dollars, therefore I believe that all the committees efforts were best served being directed toward this project.

Richard G Flanagan

New Generations End of Year Report 2008-2009

1. Two Students, Tiarny Twyford and Alex McKeom from Aquinas College attended as Guest Speakers to tell us about their life changing experience in Sydney, celebrating World Youth Day with the Pope and 500,000 other young people.

2.R.Y.T.S.

Our club sponsored full costs of \$420.00 to send Ms Rachael Brice ,2008 Varsity College School Captain to R.Y.T.S. at Camp Bornhoffen Dec 6th-12th 2008. Rachael and her Father, Steve and Mother, Maryellen attended our club meeting on 13th Feb and shared their experience.

3. R.Y.L.A.

After a presentation about R.Y.L.A. from Bill White, it was agreed that we adopt/sponsor a youth without financial backing from another club The youth attended the camp Jan 31st –Feb 6th at Tyalgum Retreat. The cost being \$440.00.

4.M.U.N.A

We sponsored a team of students from Marymount College to attend this assembly in a public speaking event on March 7, where the students learn about the United Nations process and international issues from different perspectives. The cost being \$225.00,

5.R.Y.P.E.N.

We sponsored Grace Mairs, a student from Southport High School to attend this seminar at Camp Bornhoffen, Feb 27th-March 1st. The cost being \$230.00

6.Y.E.P.

In a sharing arrangement with Gold Coast Central Rotary Club, we have nominated an outgoing 2010 Y.E.P. student- Helen Douglas, presently a grade 12 Student at St Hildas High School and daughter of Suzi Douglas, Gold Coast City Councillor.

Our incoming Y.E.P. Student is Elise Tillieux., a 17 year old from Belgium. She is expected to arrive mid to late July 2009. Her first host family will be with Eddie Klimowicz. She will be attending St Hildas School.(graciously donated) Margaret Grummit will be the Club Councillor.

We need club support during this time.

Please look into updating blue cards.

7.SIEMENS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE.

We are in the process of nominating/interviewing Ryan Kidd, a budding Grade 9 scientist/student attending All Saints Anglican College to attend this Seminar in August 2009.

8.N.Y.S.F.

We are in the process of nominating a young impressive Chinese student from Sommerset College, to attend this prestigious event. Interviews are continuing.

9.GIRL GUIDES

Money raised through a month's fine sessions to the value of \$350.00 was sent to the Girl Guides of Cambodia (sent to my sister who was living and working there at the time.) In Dec 2008- 17 water filters were purchased and delivered to 17 families

Vocational Services Report 08/09

Vocational Director: Andrew Csabi

Our first vocational visit was to the Queensland Institute of Medical Research. A bus was chartered to pick up the members attending this visit from McDonalds Helensvale where Michael power supplied us with breakfast, coffee and hot muffins. Upon leaving in the bus we proceeded to Brisbane where we had morning tea at the institute followed by a tour of the medical institute which was fascinating. The Queensland institute of Medical Research is pioneering cures for such illnesses as cancer, immunity & vaccines as well as gene discovery. During our visit we were well looked after and on completion of lunch we travelled back to the Gold Coast. Truly inspirational.

Our second vocational visit was organized by Carol to attend a sitting of the Gold Coast City Council Meeting. Margret Grummit organized lunch and our rotary members experienced first hand how the Gold Coast City Council makes and debates its decisions in order to run our beautiful city.

Our third vocational visit was to Rosser Park, Ashmore and then onto Benowa Tavern for lunch. All our members had a fantastic day as the weather was superb. Rosser Park is open 7 days a week to the public and there is an abundance of parking. There are plans for a visitors centre to be built in the near future. This park is truly a Botanic Garden and is a credit to the 'friends of the park' who maintain and care for the park. Rosser Park is on the banks of the Nerang River and is unique with its wildlife including native birds, marsupials & piscatorial species.

Our fourth vocational visit was on location at the Bulls on the Beach venue, being staged at Carrara. This is our second Bulls on the Beach Rodeo and our Rotary Club took the opportunity to view the site, the infrastructure and enjoy the fellowship of lunch and beverage. The idea of the vocational visit being on site is to give all our members an insight of how much work goes into staging the event including fencing the perimeter, infrastructure for the stage, VIP marquee, grand stands, bull arena, food and beverage areas including general areas for the public to enjoy. This is a national event and therefore attracts some of Australia's best bull riders to compete. In the coming years this event will prove to be a hit with families and will bring the true outback spirit to the coast.

In summary, I have enjoyed being the vocational director for this year. This board position allows creativity and encourages fellowship. Once again thank you to all the assistance I received this year to make the above mentioned events a total success.

Andrew Csabi

Vocational Director

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE 2008/09**Director: David Baguley**

Committee: David Bonifant ; Justin Schaffer; Jenny Bao; Kazuaki Fujiwara; Greg Bowler; Evan Nash; Andi von Zeppelin; John Goldstein; Kevin Stapleton

ROMAC Wine

Custom labelled wine from Jindalee Club (District 9630) was sold by club members to generate funds for ROMAC. 36 dozen wine were labelled by International Committee members ready for collection resulting in \$1100 being raised for ROMAC. This project has the potential to raise significant funds in future years.

Group Study Exchange

Candidates were nominated for GSE Team Leader and team members but were not successful in being selected.

RAWCS and International Projects

The Board and Club generously agreed to the donation of proceeds from member collections at weekly meetings to a series of nominated International Projects that supported RI President D K Lee's Theme: **Make Dreams Real** – save the lives of children. Each month the beneficiary was announced and 'Gold Pot' collections, sergeant fines and the proceeds from the auction of gifts brought back from overseas by members were allocated to the following projects during the year. Details of total funds donated are provided in Financial Report.

Month	Project
July 2008	Rotarians against Malaria Adopted the village Teopasino, a sub-village of Teop (Village ID 5838 in PNG). Purchased 45 impregnated mosquito nets for the village with a population of 113
August 2008	RAWCS Project 42/06-07 Purchase of Water Filters for the Rotary Aqua Boxes that were sent to the Yangon Childrens' Hospital and the Community Education School so that children can drink fresh CLEAN water after the Cyclone Nargis hit Burma in May this year. The Rotary Club of Essendon personally carried 4 of the Aqua Boxes to Burma and set them up in each location, however the filters only last for 60,000 litres of water before they need to be replaced. \$300 will purchase enough filters for 90,000 litres
September 2008	RAWCS Project 68/07-08 Rufaguia Primary School Project, Baucau, East Timor. To provide wages for 5 teachers and meals each day for 120 pupils. To build toilets (there are none now), perhaps to provide school uniforms. \$300 would go a long way towards buying a tank for the school - there is no water or electricity on this mountain - the people cart their water from half way down the mountain so daily it is a 2 hour ritual to get water. Because they have to

Month	Project
	<p>carry by hand any tanks that we can get up there - we are going to have to supply at least four smaller tanks rather than big ones - all the tanks will have to be carted up by hand.</p> <p>Note: District 9640 Connection: The three Rotary Clubs in Murwillumbah are working on organising a work party to visit this village to add guttering to the roof of the school, provide tanks to collect the water, and to construct segregated (sexes) toilets. The project is being co-ordinated by PDG John Tregurtha of the Rotary Club of Glen Innes</p>
October 2008	<p>RAWCS Project 13/2005-6</p> <p>Children of the Golden Triangle, Thailand. This is an ongoing project which began in 1994 to provide basic rights to Thai Hill Tribe children. The Akha Training Centre provides food, protection, health care, bedding, clothing, school uniforms, education and vocational training. The children also gain confidence and a positive attitude towards life and a hope for their futures. See their website www.childrengoldentriangle.org \$360 will sponsor one child for a year, providing food, clothing and school expenses.</p>
November 2008	<p>Girl guides in Cambodia via Lynda Hynes sister to purchase</p>
December 2008	<p>RAWCS Project 64/2007-08</p> <p>This project provides low cost cleft surgery and speech therapy to disadvantaged children in Bangladesh. The average cost per child is \$200. There are over 170,000 untreated cleft lips and palates in Bangladesh and between 3,000-4,000 children are born with a cleft lip or palate every year in Bangladesh. The problem for these children and adults is not that they were born with a cleft but that they were born poor.</p> <p>Operation Cleft is administered by the Operation Cleft Australia Foundation Trust, a fund managed by the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central. The Fund is an approved Tax Exempt Charity in Australia and has Deductible Gift Recipient registration with the Australian Tax office.</p>
January 2009	<p>Operation Smile</p> <p>Throughout the world, Operation Smile volunteers repair childhood facial deformities while building public and private partnerships that advocate for sustainable healthcare systems for children and families. Together, they create smiles, change lives, heal humanity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation Smile Australia medical volunteers participate on Operation Smile cleft lip and cleft palate medical missions worldwide. • Operation Smile Australia has brought 25 children to Australia under our World Care Program for craniofacial surgery.
February 2009	<p>Birthing Kits for Solomon Islands - \$US3 per kit</p> <p>A birthing kit works by providing the 7 cleans required for a clean birth environment.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clean birth site—preventing delivery onto the floor. 2. Clean hands—to prevent the birth attendant transmitting germs to mother and baby. 3. Clean ties—to prevent bleeding from the umbilical chord for mother and baby. 4. Clean scalpel—to reduce infection caused by other implements. 5. Clean gauze—to wipe away birth canal secretions from the eyes, which decreases future eye infections. 6. Clean umbilical chord—washing and drying the stumps prevents infection

Month	Project
	7. Clean the perineum
March 2009	<p>Joint RAWCS Project with the Rotary Club of Malacca, Malaysia</p> <p>“Trade Qualifications for Impoverished Teenagers”</p> <p>To provide loans to impoverished sons of fishermen in the Portuguese Settlement to undertake and complete a two year Trade Course at the Midas Group of Engineering Colleges, Melaka, Malaysia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$300.00 would go towards the annual cost of \$1,500.00 to assist a young person to gain a trade qualification • Once the student has completed the course he or she will in time repay the loan to the Rotary club of Malacca. • This project is helping break the poverty cycle by providing education. In time this project should be self sufficient. • The day to day management is undertaken by the Rotary club of Malacca.
April 2009	<p>East Timor has one of the highest maternal and child mortality rates in the world – 830 mothers in every 100,000 live births and 85 babies in every 1,000 live births.</p> <p>The Maternity Packs project aims to contribute to a reduction in these extremely high rates by taking away one of the reasons a women doesn’t go to a health facility to give birth, which is shame at not having basic supplies for either themselves or their new baby.</p> <p>Matching Grant opportunity - US\$20 each kit</p> <p>being prepared by the Rotary Clubs of Coomera River Midday, D9640 and Mount Isa SouthWest, D9550 in partnership with Alola Foundation to provide Maternity Packs for East Timor.</p>
May 2009	<p>Bhattedande Village Sanitation Project, Nepal</p> <p>Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) Project 66/2007-08</p> <p><i>Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dee Why Warringah</i></p> <p>To improve sanitation and hygiene for a rural village in Nepal, population 400, cultural group Tamang, through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • construction and installation of toilets into 70 households • using <i>septic</i> or <i>biogas</i> systems, as appropriate • using local expertise and labour • improving access to quality drinking water • education on sanitation and hygiene.
June 2009	<p>Goats Are Great for Families</p> <p>The gift of a dairy goat represents a lasting, meaningful way for you to help a little boy or girl on the other side of the world. Goat – US \$120 through Heifer International.</p> <p>Goats can thrive in extreme climates and on poor, dry land by eating grass and leaves. The gift of a dairy goat can supply a family with up to several quarts of nutritious milk a day - a ton of milk a year. Extra milk can be sold or used to make cheese, butter or yogurt. Families learn to use goat manure to fertilize gardens.</p> <p>Goats often have two or three kids a year making it easy for Heifer recipients to pass on the gift of a goat to another family in need. This great investment allows our partners to lift themselves out of poverty by starting small dairies that earn money for food, health care and education.</p>

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AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS

Silvia Levasco, from Italy was studying English at Bond University. Silvia arrived in October and returned home early this month. She excelled in her English and did our Club – and herself – proud by winning Best Student acknowledgement. Silvia will resume, hopefully, employment in the Bio-molecular research area.

Nadine Pruess, from Germany, also studied English at Bond and was still a student of Occupational Therapy which she has resumed on her return to Germany in January.

Both students had the opportunity to travel to New Zealand and Sydney and parts of central Australia.

Our Club is indebted to Nancy and Bob Baldwin for their constant assistance and participation in nurturing these students during their stay in Australia. They make sure these students are fully aware of the way Rotary works which is evident with their constant participation in Rotary functions.

ROMAC

Our Club was a huge participant of the Rotary Club Gold Coast Central Trivia Night. We had 30 attendees and deservedly won the trophy yet again. Funds from this evening go towards ROMAC. Cost to the Club was \$500.00.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Douglas Brown, District Chairman of Rotary Foundation visited our Club during the year and made a general presentation of how Foundation Funds are invested and spent.

AG Graham Jones, from Southport Rotary Club visited our Club several times during the year highlighting the importance of donations to Foundation and particularly Polio in order to raise funds to match Bill Gates donation.

Tamara Turcan, from Estonia spoke as Peace Scholar.

We have an individual Foundation Donation of \$1000 this year.

POLIO ERADICATION

An individual contribution of \$1000 was made through the Club by one of our Rotarian Club Members. He would prefer to remain anonymous.

A team of collectors worked hard on the Robina Railway station collecting from commuters. We achieved \$688.20 on the day.

We have had a person donation of \$1000 made to The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust in the current year.

David Baguley, International Director, has been instrumental in nominating various Foundation beneficiaries of our Gold Pot collection over the year and his report will detail the various amounts and beneficiaries.

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