

# History of the Rotary Club of Nambour 76

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## Key Dates

16/12/1975

Ray Sadler, D.G. appoints Col Grimes as special rep for new club in Nambour.

22/04/1976

A meeting of 8 potential members was held in Col Grimes' office.

18/05/1976

Formation meeting held at Cane Growers Hall. There were 18 prospective members and 4 transferees from Nambour. Club names suggested were Nambour-Maroochy, Nambour-Marutchi & Nambour 76. Meetings are to be Wednesday 5.45 for 6 at The Big Pineapple.

26/05/1976

Charter applied for with a membership of 27.

15/06/1976

Charter Granted

01/09/1978

Fire at venue destroyed most equipment. Venue eventually settled at "The Big Cow"

02/06/1982

Venue change to Big Pineapple

22/06/1983

Flood forces cancellation of changeover night

19/03/1988

Club wins Sir Lionel McCray Trophy for best overall club in the district

12/09/1995

Combined meeting with Nambour for DG Basil Shaw's visit.

21/02/1996

1001 st meeting & 91st Anniversary of Rotary Combined meeting to celebrate with Nambour & Woombye Sunrise clubs. PHF presented to Merv Doneman.

29/03/1996

District conference - Convention Centre, Brisbane. Attended by 9 members & partners. Combined with District 9630.

04/04/1996

Combined GSE hosting meeting with Woombye Sunrise. Team from District 5220 in California. Stayed from 4/4/96 to 8/4/96. Team leader Gordon Kennedy (RC of Madera Sunrise) hosted by Bill & Judith MacKenzie, Sue Brause from Stockton hosted by Woombye Sunrise, Kitty Chapman from Lodi & Janice Johnson from Tracy hosted by Bob & Cathy Bauman and Jennifer Sanzeri from Murphys hosted by Bill & Helen Turner.

08/05/1996

Lester Mallett resigns as President Elect due to ill health. Subsequently Hugh MacVean agrees to take over as President 1996/97. Bruce Lawton moves to Club Service Director & President Elect and Rob Warren will be Membership Development Chairman for 1996/7.

26/06/1996

Changeover Night

President - Hugh McVean

Secretary - Gordon Downing

Treasurer - Doug Welse  
President Elect & Club Service - Bruce Lawton  
Community Service - Bernie Bruton  
Membership Development - Rob Warren  
International Service - Bob Trinder  
Vocational Service - David Turner

16/10/1996  
DG Brian Doyle visits.

21/03/1997  
District Conference, Caloundra. Friday night function at Corbould Park voted as 'best ever' by those who attended.

28/06/1997  
Changeover night combined with Woombye Sunrise. President - Bruce Lawton, Secretary - Doug Welsh, Treasurer - Bill Turner, Club Service - Bob Trinder, Community Service - Bernie Bruton, Youth Service - John Ison, Vocational Service - Tony Haley, Membership Development - John Stevenson, Vice President - Peter Bennett, International Service - Hugh McVean, PHF's awarded to Ross Jackson & Tom Couacaud. President Bruce's wife Jan is also inducted as President of Woombye Sunrise Club. It is believed that this is only occurrence of husband and wife team as presidents in Australia, and possibly the world.  
PHF's presented to Lester Mallet, Tom Couacaud & Ross Jackson

13/08/1997  
DG visit by DG Boyd Fay

12/11/1997  
Peter Crosby nominated & elected President Elect

27/03/1998  
District Conference at Caloundra

11/07/1998  
Presidential Citation for 1997-98 presented by DG Henry Bodman at changeover. PHF's presented to Peter Bennett, Rod Whiting, Steve Gibbins.

13/09/2000  
DG Judy Magub made her official visit, accompanied by Asst District Gov Jan Lawton.

30/03/2001  
District Conference, Caloundra well attended by club members. Congratulations to ADG Jan Lawton from Woombye Sunrise club who was organising chairperson.

06/06/2001  
Function held at Big Pineapple to mark 25th Anniversary of Charter. Attended by many past members and their partners. Held now to avoid conflict with Show Gatekeeping.

30/06/2001  
President's Changeover Dinner. Meeting for 04/07/2001 cancelled in lieu of meeting held Saturday 30/06/2001 at Nambour Golf Club. Vanessa Jones inducted at President's Changeover Dinner

29/08/2001  
Official visit by DG Bill Dethlefs (Maroochydore Club) and wife Noela.

15/03/2002  
District Conference, Caloundra, held from 15th to 17th March

03/07/2002  
Club Changeover at Rosemount Gardens

06/08/2002  
Combined Meeting held at Sunshine Plantation on Tuesday night. Organised by Woombye Sunrise. All profit to go to Polio Plus.  
Guest speaker was Carolyn Barker, CEO of Aust Institute of Management.  
Topic - Challenge of Running a Membership Based Organisation  
Clubs attending - Maleny, Nambour 76, Nambour, Woombye Sunrise, Glasshouse Mtns.

18/09/2002

AGM held with accounts passed as presented.

02/10/2002

DG Russ O'Malley and Di made their official visit to the club. Partners night.

23/10/2002

Meeting moved to Nifty's Cafe for this week only to enable discussions re venue at Commercial Hotel. Some members are dissatisfied with meal standard.

06/12/2002

District Conference – Toowoomba. 6th to 8th December Conference held early and, for a change, outside D9600 as time constraints imposed by World Convention in Brisbane in June 2003.

18/05/2003

District Assembly this year will be at Burnside High School (organised by Asst Gov Bruce Lawton). The club will assist with parking in the morning. Expected attendance is around 300/350. Well attended by our incoming officers

04/06/2003

Normal Meeting cancelled as World Convention is being held in Brisbane from 01/06/2003 to 04/06/2003. Attendance at Convention was 23, including spouses.

25/06/2003

Combined changeover held with Woombye Sunrise and Nambour 76 at Big Pineapple. Installation of incoming Presidents was performed by DGE Tony Holmes from Maleny club. The combined meeting was held to celebrate 10 years for Woombye Sunrise. Meeting was well attended by both clubs at Big Pineapple

Margaret Bradburn was recognised for her Service to the Community with a Paul Harris Recognition Award, presented at the combined changeover and 10th anniversary dinner at Big Pineapple. Daughter Tracey Bradburn accompanied her.

## Fundraising Projects

01/03/1977

First Nonicle, a satirical newspaper. 8000 copies sold @ 30c ea. Profit was \$577 from sales. Total Nett Profit was \$3643.73.

06/10/1995

The club manned the gates Cottage craft expo for two days.

10/05/1996

Cent Auction organized by the ladies raised \$2600

13/06/1996

Club manned show gates at Nambour Show

28/06/1996

Club manned Garden Expo gates at showground.

04/10/1996

Cottage Craft Spectacular. Club manned the gates again and supervised car parking.

12/06/1997

Sunshine Coast Show. Club manned the gates again

04/07/1997

Club manned the Garden Expo gates again & earned \$3189

11/06/1998

Sunshine Coast Show 1998. Club manned the gates again. Revenue collected was \$ 116046 for a return to the club of \$3500,

03/07/1998

Club manned Qld Garden Expo gates. Revenue collected was \$84,000 for a return of \$3000 to the club.

26/09/1998

Auction of surplus radio equipment. Mix Fm auctioned equipment when they relocated to Maroochydore. Nett proceeds to the club was \$1506

17/06/1999

Club manned the Sunshine coast show gates again. Good weather and good reconciliation of tickets and money

14/08/1999

The community service committee under the direction of John & Ett Ison organized a Strawberries & cream stall at the sugar festival which raised about \$900 to be donated to the Cittamani building fund.

15/06/2000

Gatekeeping at Sunshine Coast Show

This year combined with the Olympic Torch Relay through Nambour on show day 16th June. Entry to the show was free on Friday until 2pm. About 20,000 passed through the gates during the free period.

14/07/2000

Gate keeping for Annual Garden Expo 14, 15, 16 July

12/08/2000

Annual Sugar Festival held in Petrie Park. Club held stall selling strawberries & cream

04/01/2001

Scottish New Year Festival Held in Petrie Park, Nambour. Approx \$1037 raised. To go to Mater Hospital Appeal.

14/06/2001

Annual Sunshine Coast Show - Gate keeping. Proceeds raised \$3500.00

06/07/2001

Annual Garden Expo 6, 7 and 8 July.

11/08/2001

Members again ran the strawberries & cream stall at the Sugar Festival.

01/01/2002

Club members assisted at Scottish New Year - ran the bar. Profit for day was just short of \$700, which was donated to Bridging the Gap \$350.00 and Cittamani Hospice \$350.00

14/06/2002

Annual Show Gatekeeping 14,15,16 June

05/07/2002

Qld Home & Garden Expo 5, 6, 7 July

05/10/2002

Sugar Festival changed to October this year

01/01/2003

Scottish New Year Day. Members again ran the bar at Petrie Park.

## Vocational Projects

20/07/1977

First School visit night

12 Nambour High Students invited to meeting & were invited back the next week to run the meeting.

06/12/1995

Pride of workmanship awards presented to

Vince Dienfenbach - Cane Growers

Rob Pollard - Commonwealth Bank

## Terry Young - Rod Smith Parts & Bearings

02/05/1996

Shine on Awards. Club's nominee, Don Harrison, received a major award.

11/10/2000

Vocational Evening at Maroochydore Police Communications Centre in lieu of normal dinner meeting.  
Dinner in form of BBQ provided by Voc Serv Director Ray Orr.

18/10/2000

Vocational visit to Nambour Hospital Renal Unit arranged by Marg Bruton. Very informative and well attended by members and partners.

14/02/2001

Vocational Excellence Awards were presented at a partners' night at Commercial Hotel.  
Recipients were :-

Allan Burton - Sunridge Stockfeeds  
Fiona Brady - Nambour Plaza Pharmacy  
Andrew Watson - BWJ & MA Bruton Bricklayers  
Graeme Rolleston - Whelan Electrical

23/05/2001

Club members visited the hydro-electric plant and sewerage treatment works beyond Palmwoods.  
Later had a sausage sizzle at Dave Turner's place at Palmwoods.

20/06/2001

PHF awarded to Ricky Thomas, Sister in Charge of Renal Unit at Nambour Hospital

25/07/2001

Vocational Night at John Stevenson's Qpak factory at Palmwoods. Well attended by members & spouses.

09/11/2001

Vocational Night - Sunshine Coast Hospital Buderim

23/01/2002

Normal meeting was held at Kunda Park Brewery, in conjunction with Woombye Sunrise

04/09/2002

Members visited the Mail Exchange at Burnside, followed by dinner at Nifty's Cafe

16/10/2002

Vocational visit to QPak (John Stevenson) new factory at Kunda Park. Also attending were members of Woombye Sunrise Club and some from Buderim club.

26/03/2003

Normal meeting held at NAMTEC in Matthew St Nambour.

02/04/2003

Vocational Visit - Shrapnell Downing & Elks. Members attended at SDE workplace, hosted by Gordon Downing and his workmates.

07/05/2003

Pride of Workmanship Awards were presented to Simon Watts, sponsored by John Stevenson, and to Don Larup, sponsored by Brian Bruce.

## Community Projects

05/04/1979

Meeting to discuss new retirement village  
Enterprise Estates P/L would donate 14 acres  
Clem Renouf would donate his RI president salary to project

Nambour & Nambour 76 would donate \$13000 each  
A company with 3 directors from each club would be set up

06/08/1980

Amalgamation of the retirement village project with Sundale proceeds with each Rotary club having 2 nominees on the Sundale management committee.

07/04/1984

Opening of Rotary Village by RI President Bill Skelton

08/07/1995

Several members again helped out at the survey at Nambour hospital for the Skin & Eye Disease Study.

25/10/1995

Special schools swimming carnival

30/10/1996

Special schools swimming carnival

04/10/1997

A good turnout helped move Cittamani from Palmwoods to the old Red Cross building near Nambour hospital.

29/10/1997

Biggest yet Special Schools Swimming Carnival with about 200 competitors.

04/05/1998

Members assist at Crossroads Family Picnic. Bruce Lawton, Kev Whelan, Ron Garrett, Keith & Elaine McKinnon helped out on the day. Crossroads is a Uniting Church group helping adult mentally handicapped people.

21/10/1998

Special schools swimming carnival. 20th time this event held. Over 200 participants

27/10/1999

Special Schools Swimming Carnival held again with schools from as far as Gympie & Caboolture

01/04/2000

Cittamani Hospice moves to permanent home at Palmwoods. The club again assisted with the move and donated \$10000 towards the purchase as well as a \$5000 loan from the club account. Similar loans were also provided from some club members.

12/04/2000

President Bob was pleased to make a presentation to Capt. Steven White of the local Salvation Army. Our club assisted them with a van some years ago, which they use for their local charity work. It still bears the Nambour 76 logo on its side.

Tonight we donated \$2000.00 to the Salvos to assist them with replacement of that van. Sorry it wasn't more, but keep up the good work.

05/08/2000

Club assists in minor role with Cittamani's Open day.

25/10/2000

Youth Director Bob Smyth organised the swim carnival this year. Another resounding success with school attendance down due to events and other commitments. Assistance provided by Nambour High School students, Telstra ladies and partners.

14/02/2001

Cheque for \$1000 presented to Alan Cameron from the Mater Hospital Appeal from Scottish New Year Day.

28/03/2001

Ms Alex Moore, director of Cittamani, attended meeting to thank the club, and to present us with a cheque for \$5000.00, which was a repayment of the loan made by our club approx 12 months ago. She expressed Cittamani's gratitude for our faith in their organisation, and for the work done by the club to help Cittamani establish at Palmwoods.

05/09/2001

The Salvation Army hosted the club members and their partners at a dinner to say thank you to us for our assistance over the years.

30/10/2002  
Special Schools Swimming Carnival

10/12/2002  
Quota Park Project – Handover. Several members attended the official handover of various projects to the Nambour Adventure Playground Committee. Nambour 76 has been responsible for the construction of a Music Pavillion. The club owes huge thanks to Brian Bruce who has been instrumental in its construction.

## Youth Exchange

01/01/1980  
Exchange student Leigh Allsop to Japan

07/01/1980  
Exchange student Fumiko Tanimoto from Japan

15/12/1984  
Exchange student Fiona Botham to USA

12/12/1985  
Exchange student Elizabeth Berglund from Sweden

18/01/1988  
Exchange student Ella Bawden from S. Africa

18/01/1990  
Exchange student Debbie Smith to Japan

18/07/1990  
Exchange student Maria Hermansson from Sweden

18/01/1993  
Exchange student Cathy White to South Africa

18/01/1993  
Exchange Student Patrick Hencie from South Africa

18/01/1995  
Exchange student Sarah Robinson to Denmark

18/03/1995  
Exchange student Fe D'Acampora from Brazil

19/01/1996  
Exchange Student Sally Cleaver departs for Japan

30/07/1996  
Exchange student Natalie Santilli arrives. Natalie is from Hamilton, Canada. First host family is Keith & Leila Thomson. Second family is Digby & Chris Cleaver (parents of Sally in Japan). Third family is Bruce & Jan Lawton then Bob & Wendy Trinder and Peter & Marilyn Crosby.

27/01/1998  
Guilhermen Costa e Silva or Gee arrived from Brazil. His sponsor club is Jabaquana in Sao Paulo. Councillor is Gordon Downing and first host family is Hugh & Coral McVean. Also hosted by Bernie & Margie Bruton and David & Chris Turner. Returned January 1999.

17/01/1999  
Beth Stevenson, outbound exchange student departed for Richland, Oregon USA.

03/03/1999

Takaaki Furutani (Futta) - inbound exchange student arrived from RC of Kanazawa West in Japan (D 2610). Councillor is John Stevenson. Hosts are Russ Stepensen (Nambour), Rod Hamilton (parent of an outbound student), Hugh Macvean and Bernie Bruton.

22/07/2000

Exchange Student Thibaud Queneuille arrives from France. Host club is Bordeaux-Entre Deux Mers, Gironde, France. District 1690

16/01/2001

Exchange Student Carly Turner arrives home from her 12 months in Germany.

15/05/2002

Jeannie Manhart from Vienna Austria is our incoming student to arrive in July. Jeannie is sponsored by the RC Salzburg West. Arrived 17/07/2002. Jeanny returned home on 25/06/2003 after a stay of 12 months. Several club members farewelled her.

## Youth Projects

26/07/1995

Mia Kelly chosen for CRA National Youth Science Forum

21/01/1997

Sam Woolrych nominated successfully by Nambour 76 to attend the CRA Science Youth Forum.

14/01/1998

Rio Tinto National Youth Science Forum. Joel Elroe, one of 3 applicants to our club was selected to attend. Tessa Barrett nominated by the club for the 1999 forum.

14/04/1998

Steven Legge attended RYLA camp.

14/05/1998

Iain Hauf, Jarrod Covey, Lisa Angus & Phil Powers attended the RYPEN weekend camp. Nick Woolrych & James Stevensen selected and attended the Siemens Science Experience.

15/07/2000

NYSF Candidate Julia Markwell selected to attend Canberra NYSF in January 2001

07/10/2000

Youth Exchange International Night held in Woombye town hall, well patronised by youth exchange students, their host families and friends. Function hosted jointly by Nambour 76, Woombye Sunrise and Nambour clubs.

05/07/2001

Natasha Herrington has been accepted by the club as our nominee for NYSF next year. She was then selected by District to attend NYSF next year

28/08/2001

Interact Club, Nambour High. Interest meetings held, with good response. Youth director Bob Smyth will now move forward with coordinator Roz Brain to hold more meetings and set up the club.

06/10/2001

Normal meeting on 10th Oct moved to 6th Oct International Night in an effort to get members to attend the combined International night at Woombye Hall for the Exchange students of District 9600. Meeting was poorly attended.

30/01/2002

Interact from Nambour High visits. President Sarah Humphrey and VP Christopher English attended our meeting. Guest speaker was Asst Gov Sheryl Gregory who spoke about her Interact experiences. DG Bill Dethlefs visited, taking the opportunity to talk to the Interactors from Nambour High School.

02/11/2002



International Night at Woombye Hall for Youth Exchange students. Mostly conducted by Woombye Sunrise, with some help from us and Nambour club. net proceeds of approx \$2600 will be split between DIK and Polio Plus by the three clubs.

27/11/2002

Nambour High Interact Club members visited tonight. President Ray presented their Charter

19/02/2003

Jonathon McMurray has been accepted as this clubs RYLA candidate.

## Members' History

05/07/1995

PHF to Bob Trinder

19/06/1996

Grace, wife of member Keith McKinnon died of cancer.

30/12/1996

Resignation of long time member Keith Thomson

01/02/1997

Lynn Bennett dies of cancer

23/02/1997

PHF awarded to Bruce Lawton at combined Paul Harris birthday breakfast meeting at RSL Nambour,( Nambour, Nambour 76, Woombye Sunrise)

08/10/1997

PHF presented to David Lanham, a long time resident of Nambour and the current senior member of the Lanham Hardware business.

15/07/1998

Lester Mallet dies after long fight with throat cancer 15th July 1998. Virtually all the club members formed a guard of honour to follow the hearse from the funeral chapel. The funeral was conducted by Ett Ison (wife of club member John).

02/12/1998

The club was shocked to receive the news that Peter Bennett died suddenly at work at 3 pm.

16/06/1999

PHF awarded to Gordon Downing

10/07/1999

The Peter Bennett Award will be awarded annually. It is to take the form of a Trophy which will be presented at Changeover by the Incoming President, to a Member of the Rotary club of Nambour 76.

The Award is to commemorate the work done by Rotarians who have "gone that extra mile" in service. It has been named to honour, in particular, the service of Peter Bennett Bennett who died suddenly in December 1998, leaving his only son, Nicholas, an orphan.

President Bob is to be congratulated for his foresight in the inauguration of this Award. It is fitting that members of our Club be recognised for "going that extra mile", and the first Awardee, Bill Smart, is indeed a worthy recipient.

28/06/2000

Peter Bennett Award presented to Bob Sellars

12/07/2000

Brian Bruce elected as President Elect for the coming year.

25/09/2000

Induction of First Female member. Colleen Barrett was inducted at changeover night.

19/02/2001

John Ison - Resignation from Club.

06/06/2001  
PHF awarded to Hugh McVean

17/06/2001  
Death of Member : Bill Smart passes on. Survived by wife Fay. Funeral was held at Buderim Crematorium. Majority of members attend to form Guard of Honour.

20/06/2001  
New Member : David Buckton inducted.

27/06/2001  
Bruce Lawton received the Peter Bennett Memorial Shield for "Going that Extra Mile". Presented by President Bernie Bruton.

24/07/2002  
Graham Robertson was the recipient of the Peter Bennett Memorial Shield for "Going that Extra Mile" by last year's President, Brian Bruce, as it could not be presented to Graham at Changeover dinner.

14/08/2002  
New Member - Norma Tharme was inducted tonight. Sponsored by Hugh McVean

18/09/2002  
We reluctantly and sadly accepted Bob Trinder's resignation from the club. We wish him well.

12/12/2002  
Resignation - Vanessa Jones. Vanessa's resignation received with regret. Vanessa has resigned from Commonwealth Bank, and we believe she will probably shift from the area

02/04/2003  
New Member Andrew Supple inducted

## Social Events

21/10/1995  
Progressive Dinner  
1st course Rod & Hazel Smith  
2nd course Ross & marlene Jackson  
3rd course Tom & Joyce Couacaud

01/06/1996  
Progressive Dinner  
1st course - Merv & Ellie Lingard  
2nd course - Rob & Sue Warren  
3rd course - Bob & Wendy Trinder

23/10/1996  
Middle eastern Night

09/12/1998  
A vocational night to witness a cane fire and harvest at Ron Garrets turned into a Christmas Party which was voted by all attending as the best social function for a long while. The night was organised by Merv & Ellie Lingard, Ron & Jill Garrett and Marilyn Crosby. 57 paying guests plus several club guests attended.

29/07/2000  
Christmas in July function held at Valentines was well attended by club members. Also some members from Woombye Sunrise.

04/12/2000  
Normal Dinner Meeting for Wednesday 6th December moved to Monday 4th December, and held at Ettamogah Pub. The evening was hosted by Mooloolaba Club, and is an annual event. The night was shared by several Sunshine Coast clubs, and held in honour of the Youth Exchange students on their Sunshine Safari.

13/12/2000

Christmas Party held at Rosemount Gardens Nambour.

26/08/2001

Social BYO Lunch Balsa Park, Kawana

20/02/2002

Interclub Visit to Maleny

25/03/2002

Meeting at Cooroy Club on Monday 25/03/2002 in lieu of normal meeting night on Wed 27/03/2002

21/04/2002

Social Tennis Day at the McVean's place - well attended.

13/11/2002

Partners night at Characters Restaurant. Venue was changed to Characters at Woombye to allow for partners to attend, especially those who remembered Glen. Guest speaker was Glenn Paoletto, a former member of this club. Proceeds from the night will go to Polio Plus

04/12/2002

Annual Christmas held at Nambour Heights Bowls Club. Well attended by nearly all members and partners.

05/03/2003

The Great Debate ! Nambour 76 versus Woombye Sunrise. A great night, with Woombye Sunrise declared the winner by an independent adjudicator from Toastmasters.

## International Projects

29/07/1996

FAIM trip to Bema PNG. Merv Lingard & Bob Trinder with 2 Woombye-Sunrise members went to Bema mission in PNG to start the construction of a girl's dormitory block at the mission school. Subsequently the club sent several items of a wish list to Bema.

15/01/1997

Julie Henning selected as a team member for GSE to France. Sponsored by Nambour 76.

24/11/1999

The club nominated two candidates for the GSE team visit to Brazil (D4590) in April May 2000. Bronwyn Champness (33), an Occupational Therapist at Sundale Garden Village has been selected in the team and Steve Smith (32), Maintenance Engineer at Moreton Mill was selected as first reserve.

17/02/2001

Club Hosts Ambassadorial Scholar Ginger Bandoni. This is a first for the club. Ginger comes from Merced, California.

13/03/2002

Bob Sellars has organised a consignment of 50 crates of books and blackboards to go to DIK in Brisbane via Murrumbidgee Transport.

26/02/2003

Ambassadorial Scholar Mimi Fong arrives from Macau, China. She will study business at UQ. Hugh McVean had previously agreed to be her counsellor. On 23/04/2003 Mimi, addressed the club with a very interesting talk on Life in Macau.

## Directors Reports 10/07/1999

## Report of Peter Crosby, President 1998 1999

The Rotary Year was one in which our Nambour '76 club faced its difficulties, its sad and poignant times : responded in true Rotary maturedness, and moved on to assist our community Locally, at District level and Internationally.

All of us are important to our club and cause, so, confronted with three resignations followed by another two, with numbers weakened, we received the sad news that Lester Mallet, after a long battle with cancer, had passed away on July 15th 1998. Mrs Kay Mallet, your Rotary friends acknowledge your pain, salute you and your family's bravery, and offer support where we can. With no warning Rotarian Peter Bennett passed away on December 2nd 1998. Certain club members have been very much involved in Pete's estate matters, the raising of his son Nicholas. Each and every Rotarian realises we have a role to play in the development of Peter's son Nicholas. With Lester and Peter being called to the "Order of Higher Rotary Service", we mere mortals will not forget their Rotary involvement, efforts, and fellowship, and as club members we were so fortunate to be enriched by their membership.

Our Club received from Rotary International, the World President's Citation for club participation and excellence in the Four Avenues of Service, signed by both the R.I. President Jim Lacy, and District Governor Henry Bodman. Late November, District Governor Henry visited our club. His main concerns were with the ageing of club members, the difficulty in inducting new young members, and a new and different financial stream of club revenue. He was very vocal on the lack of Rotarians stepping up to accept the role of future club president. It was this visit which stimulated the club to be awarded the above mentioned World President's Special Citation.

The Aitape Disaster Appeal was well covered in the speech given by DG Henry and taking into account the magnitude of this disaster, together with prior board approval, our Rotary Club presented DG Henry with a cheque for \$2000.00, being our contribution towards overcoming this great human tragedy.

Whilst on the subject of International Aid ( to PNG ), out of our commission proceeds for the 4SS/Mix FM auction of \$1506.00, we sponsored two eye care nurses for PNG with our cheque for \$1000.00.

Nambour '76 Rotarians , their families, and friends certainly set the benchmark when it comes to Youth. The young people of today are tomorrow's Rotarians, tomorrow's parents, tomorrow's civic leaders. As per the report by Youth Director Bruce Lawton, ours is a busy programme catering for the brilliant, the struggler, and the less fortunate. We sent home Gui Silva earlier in the Rotary year to Brazil, we farewelled Beth Stevenson (daughter of Rotarian John and Alison Stevenson) for twelve months to Richlands, USA, and then at District Conference in March, we received our current inbound exchange student Takaaki "Futta" Furutani from Japan for his stay with us.

For the twentieth year, our club hosted the Sunshine Coast Special Schools Swimming Carnival. Over two hundred of these disadvantaged kids participated. Again, our club answered the call to provide the BBQ lunch for many disabled and intellectually handicapped people from "Cross Roads", supported by the Uniting Church pastoral care. On the subject of community support, our club presented a cheque for \$500.00 to St Vincent de Paul and \$500.00 to the Salvation Army for their Community Welfare work, and \$500.00 to the Rotary Health Research Fund to assist with cancer research. Further, our club sent \$2000.00 to Rotary International to support the Rotary Foundation and its world wide work.

The highlight of this Rotary year was the presentation of a Paul Harris Recognition Award to Gordon Downing. Gordon, you bring dignity to the list of similar Awardees. Indicative of our club strength, the numbers attending the District Conference and the District Assembly are certainly a credit when viewed in the light of tough business conditions.

The Sundale Constitution matters have finally been resolved in the form of a recently ratified new constitution, adopting matters relating to our club membership on the Sundale Board, being of similar thrust to our club's stand.

During the Rotary year, I felt honoured that our club bestowed the role of "Protector of our Charter" upon my shoulders. My appreciation and thanks I offer to the Rotary Board and Rotarians for their support throughout the year. I have endeavoured to do the bidding of the club as a whole, and to this end, the advice, and loyalty of our full membership will be remembered for a long time to come. Marilyn and I are very grateful for the support from our club and club friends during the stressful cancer operation and treatment procedure. We both thank you all for the well wishes and kind gestures. In the year of "Follow Your Rotary Dream", my hope would centre around our Rotary Club strengthening, in quantity and quality with the processes of time. To this end, I hand our Charter on to

President for this Rotary Year, Bob Trinder. Bob, my best wishes together with those of all our great club go with you for a rewarding Rotary Year; one of Rotary acting with Consistency, Credibility and Continuity.

Peter Crosby, President 1998 1999.

## **CLUB SERVICE Report (Director Bill Smart)**

As I write this report, I reflect on where the last 12 months have gone. It seems only weeks since the new board took office, yet the club has held 50 weekly meetings as well as other social functions.

After many years meeting at the Big Pineapple, a change of venue was made to the refurbished Commercial Hotel in Nambour. Although some teething problems were experienced, things are now sorted out. I would like to thank David, Robert and Terry for their continued cooperation. Club funds are now improved by running our own bar.

Our membership suffered a blow early in the year. Resignations were received from Steve Gibbins, Rob Warren, and Rod Whiting. We also had the sad loss of Lester Mallet and Peter Bennett.

Membership increases have occurred with the addition of Allen Collishaw and Bob Hardy.

Meeting attendances have been reasonable, not top of the range and not the bottom either. Several members need to look at their meeting attendance responsibilities for an improvement in this area. Remember the 60% rule!

We welcome our newest Paul Harris Fellow, Gordon Downing.

Our club hosted a meeting of clubs north of the Maroochy River at the Ginger Factory. This was to meet and greet the members of District 3120 Group Study Exchange Team from India. Full support was received from one club, but it varied from mediocre to nil. A pity, because a good time was had by all, in spite of the rain and poor amplification problems.

Nambour '76 supported the Aitape Tidal Wave appeal to the tune of \$2000.00. As well, local district organisations received our support as usual. The club organised and conducted the clearance auction for radio station 4SS. Funds raised from the auction were committed to sponsor two eye care nurses for PNG.

Fellowship was enjoyed by all who travelled from Imbil to Gympie on the steam train "Mary Valley Rattler". It was well supported, enabling members to receive the benefit of group booking. Our thanks to Merv Lingard for his efforts.

Rotary partners nights were well attended as was the fund raising night run by our "daughter" club, Woombye Sunrise. This was held at David Turners transport depot. It turned into being a vocational night, with David conducting tours of his business premises, including a spell in his cool (cold!) rooms. Thanks David. Our other vocational night was a visit to Ron Garrett's cane farm. Our club Christmas party was also held here.

I wish to offer a big thank you to all members who have helped me in Club Service during the past year. I did not do all I set out to do, but enjoyed doing what has been done.

I wish Bob and his team the very best for a successful 1999-2000.

## **YOUTH SERVICE - Report (Director Bruce Lawton)**

Annual Swimming Carnival for Special School Students Oct 98

Ten Schools from Bundaberg to Woody Point and Redcliffe were invited to participate in the 1998 Carnival. Six attended, with approx. 140 students taking place in events.

'76 members and their partners pitched in to make the day a very memorable one for the special school students. Entertainment by Mr Magic again.

The business community again supported this event with every one approached providing a "small

donation" of goods to assist fill up the sample bags.  
Volunteers from Nambour High School and from Telstra both helped in and out of the pool.  
Sincere thanks to them. Good to see the youth from NHS so keen to help the special school youth.!!

Arrangements are in place for the Carnival to again be held in October 1999

National Youth Science Forum (Rio Tinto and Rotary)

We received only one application for January 1999. This was from Tessa Barrett. A good quality application.

I accompanied Tessa and her parents, Debra and Patrick, to Uni of Qld St Lucia in October 1999 to the NYSF orientation evening. What an eye opener to see the confidence in tomorrow's scientists.

Tessa was selected to attend Canberra in January 1999, and was so well regarded that she was invited to return to Canberra in January 2000 as "Staff". Quite an honour.

Tessa was also invited to attend the "1999 Canadian Science Fair" in May this year. After a lot of vigorous fund raising on their part, Tessa successfully raised the \$6500 needed to attend. Tessa attended and is scheduled to be Guest Speaker at our Club meeting on 21st July.

Our Ladies also organised a fund raising BBQ on 22nd May to assist her. This was a great night, well attended by the club, as well as a nefarious Pirate!!

NYSF January 2000 Canberra

We have interviewed two students from Matthew Flinders College- Nick Woolrych and Rebecca Koch. We couldn't separate them, so the club agreed to sponsor both students if they are successful at District Interviews at Carseldine Campus of the QUT on July 11th. This will now be in the hands of incoming Director John Ferguson.

R.Y.LA.

Rod Smith again did all the work here. The club was able to sponsor Robert Sims to attend this years RYLA camp.. He was invited to attend a couple of club meetings, and was invited to briefly relate his experiences to the club. It was evident that he was most appreciative of the opportunity to attend.

Sunshine Coast Recreational and Educational Park (Doonan)

Following on from DG Henry Bodman's initiatives, our club attended a car rally which terminated at the park. Most Sunshine Coast clubs were represented to inspect the facilities for disadvantaged youth on the Sunshine Coast. The park draws its "occupants" from the three Shires and is in fact very strongly supported by all three Mayors. Whilst we did not end up helping the park directly, it is obvious that this facility will, in time, fill a big need for the Sunshine Coast.

Nambour High

Students from Nambour attended a meeting in March to observe our meeting procedure and then came back the following week to actually run the meeting. Most impressive young people and very capable.

Other Applications were sent out to all High Schools in the immediate area to seek participants in various other youth activities, but despite some follow up phone calls, we did not receive any applications back for projects such as RYPEN, Siemens Science Experience etc.

I wish to thank President Peter for the opportunity to be Director. I don't know who got most out of the year, me or the kids that the Club helped.!!

All the best to the incoming Director John Ferguson.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT (Director John Ferguson)**

Crossroads/Uniting Church - Yandina School

This particular service provide an outing for many disabled people, ages ranging from 10 to 50 years. As Rotarians, we endeavour to satisfy their appetites by providing a BBQ lunch. Yandina State School give us access to their covered courtyard, canteen servery, and kitchens.

The members assisting this exercise are to be commended for their attitude and patience in handling these less fortunate people.

Police Citizens Youth Club.

The break up BBQ for the young people was held at the PYC Nambour. Again our club rallied to

the call and hosted this event at short notice. Such a shame that PYC members attending was so poor.

#### Sunshine Coast Show

The show this year proved to be quite successful. The numbers were up, with some 45000 passing through the gates. There is no doubt that the fine weather had a bearing on these figures. The attitude of the public was quite pleasant, with few exceptions, the weather again assisting in this aspect. There were one or two recalcitrant cars owners, who, having parked their vehicles incorrectly, were subjected to a few words of wisdom. The manning this year was good, however members should be aware that it is necessary to cater for all contingencies where unforeseen circumstances may prevent members from attending and therefore an extra effort may sometimes be required.

Comments on communication and organisation by show personnel will be part of a comprehensive changeover report.

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT ( President Elect Bob Trinder)**

Our membership for 1998-99 remains stable at 37 members.

The two newest members inducted this year, Allen Collishaw and Bob Hardy, will be a definite asset to the club. They, together with their wives Heather and Wendy, are most welcome.

Fellowship remains high at each meeting as does attendance with an average of approx. 82%. All of this must be a tribute to President Peter and to the varied and interesting guest speakers organised by our programme director, Bill MacKenzie.

I sincerely hope that this happiness and contentment within the club continues forever more.

## **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT ( Director Alan White)**

#### Rotary Youth Exchange

Our club has an outbound student in Beth Stevenson (daughter of P.P. John and Alison Stevenson) who is hosted by the R.C. of Richlands in District 5080 in the USA. Beth corresponds regularly and we now have a scheme in place for our club to respond.

We have an inbound student Takaaki Furutani (Futta) sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kanazawa West in D2610 in Japan. Futta is currently staying with his second host family, David and Chris Turner. Futta is soon to make his presentation to the club concerning "Walkabout" tour. I am currently Futta's counsellor.

Interviews were conducted earlier this year to select an outbound student for the next Rotary year. The successful applicant, subsequently confirmed by the District Committee, was Carly Turner, daughter of David and Chris. For the interview procedure I was joined by Coral McVean and Gordon Downing, thank you both, it was a fascinating experience - we have some remarkable young people in our community - any of those interviewed would have done us proud! Consideration should be given to transferring the R.Y.E. programme to the Youth committee in line with D9600 structure.

#### Donations in Kind

We have received a good number of school text books which will be forwarded to needy schools in the Solomon Islands and PNG. These books may be out of date for our education system, but are invaluable to less favoured schools overseas.

#### International Toast

When the I.S.D. is not away or forgets, each week at the beginning of our meetings, we propose a toast to an International club. All clubs toasted this year have one thing in common, they were all chartered in 1976, the same as our own club.

#### Ambassadorial Scholarships

These functions seem to fall into a grey area between International Service and the Rotary Foundation Committee. I am grateful to Bob Sellars for assuming responsibility for these during the past year, and for doing such a good job.

Thank you President Peter for an interesting and challenging year. It was a pleasure to serve. Just remember - if your feet smell and your nose runs - you could be upside down.

## 28/06/2000 Annual Change Over Reports

### From Wendy Trinder, Ladies President, and wife of President Bob Trinder

Hi Ladies,

Well, I sat here trying to remember what we have done this year and opened my diary - I filled a foolscap page.

July - started with Bob's country and western changeover. Nobody wanted to dress up, yet what great fun it turned out to be. Then a freezing cold morning tea when 5 turned into 14.

August - great fun with the strawberries and cream at the Sugar Festival followed that night by the billets from the Science Train. Then a quiet dinner at the Commercial became a very noisy night.

September - saw some of us helping to sort drugs for DIK at Tennyson, and the 50th Anniversary Dinner for Nambour Club.

October - Dr Adele Green wrapping up the Cancer Study, also the swimming carnival that is so rewarding for all those who take part.

November - Bob and I were doing make-ups in South Africa and Egypt.

December - We hit the tarmac running, with the Christmas party theme - a storybook character. The photos of some of our members are priceless.

January - Carly off to Germany and Beth back from America. Such excitement and so many tears! Congratulations to Alison for her PHF on the same night as Beth gave her report with her very strong accent.

February - Another morning tea and then the great picnic on Chambers Island followed closely by the combined Clubs' breakfast at Rosemount to celebrate Rotary's 95th Birthday.

March - saw another morning tea, this time at Montville. We said goodbye to Futta and we had a wonderful night organised by Bob Sellars for the GSE team at the Waterfront Hotel.

April - finally we moved Cittimani to their own premises in Palmwoods. The District Conference at Gympie turned out to be one of the best ever. A very late breakfast at the Loaded Crust, but an enjoyable morning anyway. We also had breakfast with the Bauman's and found that Bob and Cathy hadn't really gone nuts.

May - a huge month - we raised \$630 (which is to be put aside to eventually buy an ECG machine for the Renal Dialysis Unit at the Nambour Hospital) at our Progressive Dinner and had a wonderful night of fellowship and song. Half the Club, it seems, gathered for the Ten Tenors on Mother's Day at Harry's on Buderim. Watch out for the next one with the candelabra, the lace tablecloth and the bowl of roses. Unfortunately, the camping weekend was cancelled, but Ellie and Merv have promised another chance later in the year.

The Zone Luncheon for the DG's wife was at Verandah's with Raelene Boyle as the Guest Speaker. A very moving day for those who attended. The 25th saw a fantastic night at Brolga's, as always. The Friendship through Flowers and the International Night at Windsor Club provided more diversity and great fellowship.

June - and we are counting down, the Show Ball and the show gates with the Olympic Torch crowds.

Throughout the year some of us were busy making preemie baby bonnets and booties for the intensive care nurseries. Our new DG Judy has indicated she would like the practice to continue, so do keep knitting.

I would like to sincerely thank all those who were such an inspiration and help to me over the past 12 months, and to those who have given such kind words of encouragement, you will never know how much I appreciate you. Looking back, I wonder why I was so apprehensive about the year ahead. The friends that Bob and I have made in Rotary are very special to us.

Margie, if you enjoy your year half as much as I have enjoyed mine, you will always remember a wonderful time in your life. Good luck, I am sure you will receive lots of love and support from the whole Club.

Thank you, Wendy.

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### YOUTH SERVICE - JOHN FERGUSON

This year correspondence was received for the following activities:-

1. Rotary Youth Exchange
2. Matched Student Exchange and Cultural Exchanges
3. R.Y.P.E.N. - Rotary Youth Program on Enrichment
4. R.Y.L.A. - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
5. Information Technology School
6. Rio Tinto National Youth Science Forum
7. Handicapped Children's Swimming Carnival

Of the seven activities noted above the Club was actively involved in four, these being:-



- Rotary Youth Exchange
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- Rio Tinto National Youth Science Forum
- Handicapped Children's Swimming Carnival

For the benefit of the incoming Youth Director, the following programme is in chronological order:-

June - July Departure of Northern Hemisphere students  
 August Arrival of Northern Hemisphere students and orientation weekend  
 September Youth Activities Month  
 October Selection for Rio Tinto National Youth Science Forum  
 December Second orientation for inbound and outbound students.  
                   Sunshine Safari for inbound and outbound students  
 January Rio Tinto National Youth Science Forum in Canberra  
 February Applications called for outbound students by Clubs  
 April Nominations from Clubs for Outbound Students exchange close.  
 May 21 day Australian Safari for inbound students

The year 1999/2000 was relatively smooth sailing for the Youth Directorship. The activities the Club was involved with provided a great deal of satisfaction for all members concerned. Special mention goes to Rod Smith for his active and ongoing involvement with R.Y.L.A. - the programme definitely benefits from his knowledge and commitment. The Swimming Carnival gave all members a sense of achievement in helping those less fortunate than ourselves - congratulations and thanks go to all concerned. It was encouraging to see our own Exchange Student, Futta, together with some of the other inbound exchange students from Nambour High School, literally "getting their feet wet" and helping during this event - it gave so much pleasure to kids who are so disadvantaged, and I think this event, above many others, gives us all pause for thought.

The Club had an excellent representative for the Rio Tinto National Youth Science Forum in Nick Woolrych. Students from all over Australia attended this forum, and Nick was one of a handful that was selected at the conclusion to attend the International Science Exhibition in Canada - a great achievement for a very bright young man. Recently I was involved in the interview process for the current year's nominees for the Science Forum, and again I am amazed at the depth of talent and ability that our younger generation appear to be blessed with - it would appear that our future is in safe hands!

In closing, I must add my own appreciation for being involved in a new generation and extend my thanks to the members of my Committee and Club members for their support.

Good luck to the incoming Board for the year ahead.

John Ferguson  
 Youth Service Director

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE - JOHN ISON

As Community Service Director for the past year, I wish to thank President Bob, the Board, and club members for the assistance given to me in organising and carrying out projects during this time. Further, I wish to thank the wives and family members who have also become involved with us.

It's been a busy year, but very enjoyable.

Top of the list in service given to the community this year has been to Cittamani Hospice.

First... Many members and others joined together at the 1999 Nambour Sugar Festival to cut up hundreds of strawberries at our Strawberry and Cream Stall. This delicacy proved to be very popular, and this - plus native tree sales - netted about \$1000 for Cittamani operating costs.

Next... during the year, we were asked to assist Cittamani by giving their headquarters in Hospital Road a face-lift, as the building was looking quite dilapidated. Once again, members became very involved, and after lots of rolling and brushing of paint over a couple of week-ends, the building looked quite spic.

Both of these projects were very good, as everybody involved joined together, and work turned into quite happy social events. Later on, the Community Service fellows helped to move Cittamani out of this building that had been recently painted, but this did not detract from the work done because of the companionship generated during the repainting.

The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund benefited from raffles that we promoted, in which first prizes were trips and accommodation for either the NRL or the AFL Grand Finals. Sadly...we didn't promote a winner.

In December last year, we organised a visit by a District 9600 RI Officer, along with the Queensland Health - Health Promotion Officer, to address the club on the District's major project - "Better Health For Working Men". This resulted in a donation by the club to this project, the aim of which was to help fund the costs of a mobile van whose purpose is to visit and educate workers at the workplace on key health issues.

In May this year Nambour 76 club once again supported the Crossroads Organisation (a Uniting Church Group for handicapped people), by supplying and cooking lunch for about 150 people at their annual picnic at Yandina School. We had both a very good roll up of members, and a very good day- the food much appreciated by the recipients.

The Grand Finale of the year was manning the gates at the Sunshine Coast Show. This year was unusual because of the Olympic Torch being brought into the showground on Friday- Peoples Day. This event caused a flurry of activity around town, with new roadwork and turnstiles (when they eventually came), a new half-finished car park, and no entry fee on the big day. Many organisational changes during the planning and manning, but once again the club handled the project very professionally.

In conclusion, I once again thank everybody who helped me during the year, I congratulate the club on its Community Service ethics, and I wish the incoming Director - Bob Hardy - best wishes for 2000/1

John Ison. Director 1999/2000.

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## **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE - JOHN STEVENSON**

The International Service Committee was responsible for a number of initiatives this past year of 1999-2000.

### **YOUTH EXCHANGE**

Our continuing student Futta left us in March this year. From a quiet, shy and slightly reticent young man, Futta developed into an outgoing and mature person following his time with us. It was still not always apparent, though, even at the end, whether he totally understood everything said to him. The Club owes a debt to the host parents - the Stephensons, the Turners, the Hamiltons, the McVeans and the Brutons. It takes a special kind of family to take on the responsibility, and 76 should be most grateful to these people.

Beth Stevenson arrived back from the U.S. in January having had a most successful year with the Rotary Club of Richland, in the state of Washington. She spoke to the Club about Youth Exchange in glowing terms, and thanked the Club for the opportunity she had been given.

Carly Turner left (also in January) for her exchange in Germany with the Rotary Club of Schwetzingen/Waldorf. All her e-mails indicate that she is having a wonderful time and benefiting from the experience. Apparently her command of the language has gone ahead in leaps and bounds.

Our Club combined with the clubs of Woombye Sunrise and Nambour to host all Inbounders and Outbounders at an International Weekend on 9/10 October at the Hungerford Hall in Nambour. It was a most enjoyable function, culminating in a Surf Awareness session arranged by the Rotary Club of Maroochydore. A Raffle was run over the weekend to raise funds for D.I.K. It realised enough funds to finance two containers to go to the Solomons and PNG.

### **GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE**

With remarkable astuteness from our Foundation Chairman, Bob Sellars, our Club was able to sponsor two members of the five person team from District 9600. Bronwyn Champness and Steve Smith left our shores in late April for Brazil for an experience of a lifetime. The Club was able to subsidise them both to the tune of \$500 each to assist with their uniforms. A club raffle, which was supported by most members of 76, helped raise this money. They returned to Australia on June 10th, - very tired, but thoroughly satisfied with what they had been able to experience.

### **KITS FOR KIDS**

The Club supported this program to send school stationery to kids in the Solomons. We are very grateful to the people at "Squiggles" Nambour for their assistance in the favourable pricing of these kits.

### **DONATIONS IN KIND**

There have been numerous contributions to this scheme. Of particular note were the Computer packages and book supplies, which were sent down to Bill Waterfield at Tennyson. President Bob seemed to be always loading his trailer for a trip down.

### **SUMATRAN SPONSORSHIP**

The Club continued its project in "Sponsoring Education for Orphan Children" in Sumatra. This project has been an ongoing one with IPAC, and we received a nice letter (with translation) from our current student.

### **INTERNATIONAL TOASTS**

The Committee endeavoured, each week, to propose an international toast to another Club (usually in a ski-ing area) for a large part of the year. Unfortunately, this dropped off when the International Director was unable to attend Wednesday meetings for a period of time.

International Service Committee

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## **CLUB SERVICE - BERNIE BRUTON**

The year has already gone and I am still learning about club service. So I must first thank President Bob for all his help, and also all the many members whom have been a great help throughout the year.

This year we have received resignations from Steve Scott and Bill Mackenzie. As all past members they will be missed. New members are past member Bob Smythe and Brian Bruce

Attendance has been very good with some weeks at over 100%.

A well-deserved Paul Harris Fellowship Award was presented to Alison Stevenson with a Sapphire Pin to John Stevenson.

Bill Mackenzie gave us a great range of guest speakers covering a wide range of subjects

We had a club visit from Maleny club, a visit from Coolool club, shared a breakfast with Woombye and Nambour and celebrated Nambour's 50 years with other local clubs

This year we proudly sponsored two team members. Steve Smith and Bronwyn Champness on the G.S.E. Team to Brazil and will soon hear how the trip went.

There were a number of ladies nights, vocational and social events organized through the year all were very enjoyable

In ending I think the club has worked well together for a happy time in Rotary Service.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Bernie Bruton  
Club Service Director

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## VOCATIONAL SERVICE - ROSS JACKSON

I looked at the start of this rotary year with excitement, thinking that, after having completed so many full on working years, and now thrust into retirement, Marlene and I would have heaps of spare time!! How foolish, I do not really know how we had time to work. The novelty of being free soon became a juggling act of organizing dates of rotary functions and meetings, fishing trips, golfing events, interspersed with touring trips in our camper trailer and visits to Newcastle and Charleville to see our family and grandchildren.

You know!, somehow, amid all this activity a program of Rotary vocational events (all playing to packed houses) seemed to materialize and fit in. Remember our visit to the channel 7 studios and our lovely hostesses, Jennifer Nichols and Rosanna Natoli. We saw Rob Brough and the crew in action and really found out what happens in a TV studio. Thanks to President Bob for the initial introduction. The dinner at Sizzler's proved a success and a dessert heaven for 'Corby'.

Our visit to Heatons international fern nursery just showed us what a local family with plenty of foresight and hard work could achieve. The nursery is a credit to them and a boon for our town and district. We learnt how to look after our ferns with love and attention!! Remember the beautiful foliage of the fern that Peter so tenderly pruned to nothing, killed all the parasites with a blow torch and proceeded to cut into three plantable portions! Well, I took home the leftovers, potted them into a new batch of potting mix and carefully nurtured and watered them until they passed into plant heaven. Thanks to the Heatons for an interesting night and thanks to all those who contributed to the BBQ and sweets.

The success of our pride of Workmanship Awards was guaranteed with 4 awardees, all highly appreciative, but humble recipients. Denise Mitze, Bar manager of the Nambour Golf Club, Scott Williamson for Sunshine Coast Packaging and the Crushers League Club, Darren Thomas for Lindsay Gardens Retirement Village and the Sunshine Coast AFL umpires association, and last but not least, Peter Mackenzie, service manager from Gary Crick Mercedes. All are highly respected and held in high regard by their employers and customers for outstanding service to their respective industries.

Our final event for the year was the dinner meeting at the TAFE College's Brolgas restaurant in Nambour where we were treated like royalty and received the epitome of cuisine and service. We all agreed, if this were a cross section of hospitality personnel available to the cost then we would be very well served over the future years. These events are so important to the college for the final evaluation of their students. I suggest to the incoming vocational director that this night of fellowship continue.

I was your On To Conference Chairman for the district conference at Gympie and although a little disappointed at the small attendance by the club, I fully realise the pressures of family and business in today's world. I rated the fellowship at the conference to be one of the best on record and strongly advise members to support our new president Bernie by attending next year's conference at Caloundra, another great venue and close to home.

As we leave the 1900's, the year 2000 and enter the new millenium in 2001, we have seen a lot of changes in Rotary, and indeed changes in our own club's disposition. Although all decisions made by the club may have not received 100% support, it will be seen that members dissenting will still support our club, the ideals of Rotary, our President and board to the fullest. I look forward to the club's strong growth and fellowship into the future.

Thanks everyone, for your support throughout the year.

Ross Jackson Vocational Service Director

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## MEMBERSHIP - ALAN WHITE

This has been an eventful year with the Club making the decision to accept nominations from female prospective members. This is a milestone in our Club's history and we hope it is a move which will see a rejuvenation of our membership which currently comprises mainly old dodderers like me, including 5 whose combined years of Rotary service plus their, age add up to the magical 85 at which time they have applied for attendance exemption.

Club membership recorded a net gain of 2 for the year. The first increase in annual membership since 1992/3.

The Club accepted with regret the resignation of Bill McKenzie who had served the club in many capacities and whose enthusiasm will be missed. To offset this loss, we inducted Brian Bruce (General Engineering) and welcomed back past Rotarian Bob Smyth (Welfare Services). Our first lady member and past Rotarian Colleen Barrett (Photographic Services) is scheduled to be inducted on our changeover night.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Our Club initiated a "Rotary Expo" which was conducted in the Plaza Shopping Centre in Nambour and held in conjunction with the Rotary Clubs on Nambour and Woombye Sunrise. The display was aimed at raising public awareness of Rotary's contribution to our community with the spin off of attracting new members. The event was moderately successful and there are lessons to be learnt. We were successful in having the local press report some of our activities.

### SPECIAL PROJECTS (Cittamani Hospice Building Fund - Fundraising Coordinator)

In memory of Club members and their families who had experienced the loss of loved ones and the support given to them by The Cittamani Hospice Service. The Club accepted the challenge of coordinating a fundraising appeal for \$200,000.

The fundraising, commenced just over 12 months ago has resulted in The Cittamani Hospice Service moving into its new permanent freehold home at Palmwoods last month.

Raising the \$200,000 was only made possible by the support both financial and moral given by a number of individuals and organisations.

The Club would like to express its appreciation to PDG Doug Biggs for his vital assistance in our successful application to The Sylvia and Charles Viertel Foundation.

Other major donors were the Q'land Health Dept (in recognition of Cittamani's unique service to the Sunshine Coast community). Cittamani itself through donation from grateful clients. The Rotary Club of Woombye Sunrise, the Inner Wheel Club of the Sunshine Coast and of course our own Club, which not only made a very significant donation but also has made a 12-month interest free loan to the building fund. At the last minute 4 members of our Club made up the funding shortfall by providing interest free loans to the Fund. All in all a magnificent effort and our Club should feel proud to be associated with this wonderful service. When Cittamani has had time to settle in we will have an Official Opening and our Club will be involved.

Alan White  
Membership Director  
Public relations Chairman  
Special Projects - Fundraising Coordinator

## 30/06/2001 Annual Reports

### International Service

The major function that the International Committee was involved in was the Youth Exchange Weekend organised in conjunction with the Nambour and Woombye-Sunrise Clubs. This was held at the Woombye Hall last September. The students, as usual, surprised us all with the varied talents they produced in their Stage Concert.

There were a large number of consignments sent to Bill Waterfield at Donations in Kind. The new address seems to be working well. Such things as computers, books, pharmaceuticals were despatched over the year, and now we have the promise from Bill for 5 Computers to send to Vietnam for Bede Evans. The transport has yet to be organised.

Bede Evans visited the Club in May to give us a most interesting presentation on his experiences and work in Aquaculture in Vietnam. Many "76" people rallied to donate a large amount of clothing for him to take back to the local population in his area. Additionally there is a quantity of text books to go to Vietnam when transportation can be arranged. These will be sent with the promised Computers.

One of the highlights of our year has been the arrival of Ginger Bandoni our Ambassadorial Scholar from California, US., who is studying at UQ. She is hosted by Reg and Cathy Wheeler who are her Counsellors.

The Club sent ten Kits for Kids to the Solomon Islands, thanks to the good folk at Squiggles in Nambour, who gave us a most competitive price. These kits contain learning materials for the school age children in the Solomons.

A large consignment of material remnants, wools, cottons, threads, needles and other sewing items were despatched to the Rotary Club of Boroko PNG for the Lady Carol Kidu Project which aims to teach sewing skills to PNG women. Thanks are due to Bob Smyth, the Salvation Army and Meg White for their contributions to this project.

Rotary Foundation donations were given to Polio Plus (\$2500), and the Annual Programs Fund (\$2300). This has enabled a number of Paul Harris Fellows to be recognised.

Our Youth Exchange Student, Thibaud leaves us on July 8 to return to the Bordeaux region of France where he will probably learn to imbibe the red stuff at last! He has been a quiet and well behaved young man who has been most content in being part of all the four host families involved. A word of thanks should go to the McVeans, Turners, Bruces and Stevensons, as well as the Counsellors - the Trinders, for making T-Bo's stay enjoyable. During the year, the Club decided not to be involved with Youth Exchange over the next 12 months.

In finalising this report, it should be noted that a large part of the "International" year involves the Foundation, and in this fact the Club has been particularly blessed with the untiring work of Bob Sellars. Without Bob's input, the "International" year would have looked somewhat meagre. His understanding of how the Foundation works, and the numerous programs available has been invaluable. I commend him to the Club for his sterling work.

## President's Report

I can't believe the year as President has finished. It has been a challenge but very enjoyable the fellowship within the club has been great, my aim of gaining 10 new members didn't happen but the quest for new members is still alive and well and on going. This year we have had 3 members resign Allan Collishaw through transfer of job, John Turner for health reasons and John Ison. The passing of Bill Smart was the saddest of all, his hard working smiling face and devoted service to Rotary will be missed by all.

The induction of David Buckton is the first step in an upward trend. We have survived the first year of ladies in our club with no mass resignations, and Colleen has survived the milestone soon to be joined by another lady.

My other goal for the year of starting an Interact Club is taking shape at Nambour High School, with support from the school and some members of staff we hope to have it up and running in the not to distant future. Many thanks to Bob Smyth for his hard work and support in this venture.

This year we have continued our normal activities such as gate keeping, disabled swimming carnival, cross roads Bar-B-Q etc.

This year we added the running of the bar for the scottish gathering on new years day to our adgenda of community service. It was a great pleasure to give the \$1000.00 we raised to the Mater Childrens Hospital. We have again supported programmes such as Donation in Kind, Kits for Kids National Youth Science Forum, R.Y.L.A. Seimons science experience and Shaftsbury Campus. The club also donated to Bridging the Gap, the Nambour Historical Society, Polio Plus, Rotary Foundation, Queensland Cancer Fund, Salvation Army Nambour Hospital Renal Unit, and the Nambour Burnside Chaplaincy Committee, so together we have had a busy year doing the things we do.

One of the highlights of my year was being involved in the clubs 25th Anniversary, a night I throughly enjoyed as did many others.

The awarding of 2 P.H.F's to 2 very deserving people our own Hugh, and Nambour Hospital's Renal Unit manager Ricki Thomas was another great moment, as was the presentation of 4 Pride in Workmanship Awards.

I would like to thank my family for their support and help through out the year, as I did Rotary things in their time. Thanks also to my very hard working board without their help the year would not have been as successful or pleasant.

Thank you 76 for allowing me to be your president for the year 2000 - 2001 it has been an honour to serve in this capacity. To Brian and the incomming board I wish you the best for your year and I hope you will enjoy it as much as I have this year.

Bernie.

Jordan's say

It seemed just like yesterday when Dad became President of Nambour 76 Rotary Club and then it started week in week out he would nag and nag me to teach him how to use the word processor and e-mail services on our computer so he could write his president report every week, I thought that was a chore by itself, but in the end he eventually got the hang of it.....

On second thoughts no he didn't! Never mind Dad you'll get the hang of it one day. It has been really interesting and a fun year for both of us I think! On a final note Dad and the rest of the Rotary boys (and Colleen) thanks for letting me be apart of this great year.

X - Preso's son      Jordan Bruton.

FINALLY      a word from Margie

Thanks ladies for the year, although in many ways it has been a more quiet affair than other years I have had a great time meeting you all as you have welcomed me into your lives, from not knowing any of you it seems only such a short time ago to enjoying spontaneous chats, reassures me that our world is much too large or too small take your pick not to have time to reach out to one another, we enjoy a special kind of kinship, even if we're not all that alike. In the most mundane things there are common threads that bind us, it may be the reason we like china instead of paper or why a navy sweater is never a bad buy, or why the national anthem still gives us goose bump, or just another chance to support the men we love in their Rotary Quest. We have welcomed Colleen and enjoy her input. Life is short we shouldn't miss a minute...

Finally, have a wonderful year Gwen, we are all only a phone call away, what a comfort.....

Margie

## Community Service Report

Well, where did the year go and what Community Service projects did we get involved in during that time.

As everyone will remember, we started the year off with the gates at the Garden Expo and finished off with the Sunshine Coast Show. Both of these are good income spinners and help to keep the Community Service fund liquid. Other positives from these two activities are that they really help us to stay on our toes when it comes to our footwork and traffic management skills especially when we are trying to negotiate with difficult people.

We weren't fortunate enough to get involved in the Sugar Festival this time (phew), but it is back on the agenda for the coming year.

We were invited to help out with the society of St Andrew of Scotland New Years Day Gathering by running the Bar. We received great support from our Club members and sold out quite a few times. No, we weren't the ones drinking! With the experience under our belt, we should be ready for those thirsty Scots next year. Net profit of \$1000 was donated to the Mater Hospital Trust in Brisbane in recognition of the number of children from the Sunshine Coast who use their facilities.

In November last year, the Club decided to take up the challenge of promoting Driver Education to our Youth. This project is in its infancy and some Club members have volunteered to come up to look at the facilities that Roadcraft Driver education provide at Gympie. This will happen early in our new year. Mr Robin Bailey from Roadcraft has spoken at a Club meeting. High Schools in the Sunshine Coast area already use this facility which has the support of Qld Education Dept. We are really hoping that we can get this Project up and running this coming year.

Early May this year, the Club provided and ran the Bar B Que for the annual Cross Roads gathering at Yandina Primary School. Cross Roads donation to our Club for providing this service was gladly donated back to them. What a wonderful job they do and I think the club is privileged in being asked to help.

Well, that has been our year. A special thanks to all the Club members who helped out and a special thanks to all our wives, spouses, partners, children and others without whose help, we would not have been able to do what we did.

See you again next year  
Bob Hardy  
Director 2000/2001

## President's Weekly Notes 2003-04

23/07/2003

After a collaborative effort with Hugh we now have the new bulletin format on track.

Another job that has been delayed due to lack of time is establishing our dues for the year and all going well we should be able to have a figure available for tonight's meeting.

A few points of interest have come from the last two meetings. As November is foundation month Bob Sellars is looking for some ideas for a function during the month. Belly dancing was mentioned but didn't get as lot of support as we have no bellies left after being on Jacko's herbalife.

Last week Brian Bruce announced that our candidate for National Youth Science Forum, Nicholas Doblo has been successful - continuing a string of successes for our candidates over the last 7 years.

We missed out on any report of Grahame Colley's talk on the future of Moreten Mill. Suffice to say that despite a long history it would seem that the sugar industry on the coast is just not profitable any longer and the closure of the mill seems inevitable. I believe there are still some offers on the table so we can only wait and see what happens.

Tonight we welcome David McMurray from the Salvation Army and we look forward to his presentation.

Stop Press: Our new club computer has just been delivered to my office. This will be used this year by Secretary Norma and in future years by either the secretary, treasurer or any other club officer who has the need.

28/07/2003

I sat in on the International Service committee meeting after last week's club meeting. The main item of discussion was a proposed fund raiser for our Rotary Foundation commitment. The proposal is that we repeat last year's Melbourne Cup Box Trifecta which has the potential to raise about \$2500. Last year the onus fell on only a couple of members to sell all the tickets in the last few days. This year, with a bit of forward planning we should be able to spread the load and end up with a very successful result. The proposal will be put to the club tonight and I urge everyone to give Bob and his committee our full support.

Several members have indicated they would be willing to advertise in the bulletin and/or the handbook. I have included a sample of the \$25 ad below. A \$50 ad would cover both boxes. Anyone interested see me with some copy on a first come first choice basis.

13/08/2003

Being President of the Rotary Club of Nambour 76 is all good at the moment. First we have had a very successful strawberries and cream stall at the Sugar Festival (and a request to do it again at the Multicultural Festival in September). Then we have had our first partner's night for the year which was an excellent night where we were treated to the "Mystique of Harry Potter" by 14 year old Stephanie Whelan.

Although I couldn't be at the Sugar Festival for very long I did notice while I was there how smoothly everything happened and how well everyone worked together to get the job done. It's a credit to everyone how well it all went off but special thanks to Helen and Ross for some excellent pre planning. Having said that we will need someone else to help out for the September stall because I am taking the Community Service Director to Hawaii in September for some well deserved R & R. Back to last week's meeting and there were two noteworthy events that night. First the presentation of a Paul Harris Fellowship to Maureen Hungerford allowed us to recognize a lady who has given a lot in time and energy to Nambour for many years. We also got to have our first look at Nicholas Doblo who we are sending to the National Youth Science Forum in January. We look forward to seeing more of Nicholas, especially after he has returned from the forum next year.

20/08/2003

Last Sunday Helen & I went to the District 9600 Youth Exchange Orientation at Margate to meet our outbound Exchange Student to Finland, Kathy Gregora. The students had been in camp for the weekend with the inbound students, some of who had only been in the country a few weeks. It was a great opportunity for the students to mix and to learn about the countries they will be visiting. The Youth Exchange Committee put in a lot of work on the weekend to explain to both the inbound and outbound students what is expected of them and also to explain the duties of the students' counsellors.

Kathy is with us tonight for the first of what I hope will be many visits. Make a point of introducing yourself to her so she gets to know as much as possible about us and the club before she leaves for Finland in January.

We have busy time coming up in September - we will be helping with the Relay for Life on 20th -21st and the next Strawberries & Cream on the 14th. The red book will be circulating tonight so don't forget to put your name down. Also keep in mind that sellers will be required for the Melbourne Cup Trifecta tickets during October.

27/08/2003

Like me, I'm sure we are all saddened by the passing of Coral McVean's father Russell Mathews last Saturday. I know I speak for everyone in extending our sincere sympathy to his widow Vi and to Coral, Hugh and their family. I didn't know Russell but I am sure he will be sadly missed by his many friends and family.

After missing last week's meeting with a bout of the flu it is good to be back in the chair again. My thanks to Bob Sellars for conducting the meeting last week. Tonight is one of those nights in Rotary that I always find very interesting as we get to hear a little about the life and time of our almost newest member, Ian Greggery.

I have heard from Bob Smyth this week that he is unable to devote time on Monday's to attend the Interact meetings at Nambour High School. While this is a great shame, Bob, like us all must put his work first. The Interact club is just hanging in there at the moment and we need someone who can undertake to work with them by providing a continuing presence at their meetings and giving them some guidance and support as they carry out their various projects. What I would like to see is someone attend every week during term and other members attending on a roster basis as we have been doing. They meet in P block at Nambour High at 12:50 every Monday for about 30 minutes at most. Be ready to volunteer tonight.

10/09/2003

District Governor Tony Holmes will be visiting the club next week for his official visit for the year. As I guess everyone knows by now, Helen and I will be away. I am presuming that DG Tony and Assistant Governor Jan Lawton would like to meet with the board prior to our meeting so I hope that the rest of the board will be able to meet with Tony in this way. Details may have to be arranged during this week.

At the club assembly last week a few suggestions were made. One was for some social activity and Hugh has again offered his courts for a tennis day sometime soon. Another possibility is the Opera in the Rainforest run by Maleny Club at Mary Caincross Park in October. What do you think?

A major service project is still a high priority and with this in mind I have had some discussions with the manager of Namtec, Andrew Marney who has some revolutionary plans to help the youth of Nambour and the Sunshine Coast. I have an appointment with Andrew when I get back from holiday so watch this space.

01/10/2003

It's good to be back from our short break but it was a shame that Helen and I missed the DG visit and the two projects on successive weekends but these things happen and the timing was out of our hands.

There are a couple of things that need finishing off - one is the volunteer suitability applications. Most members have returned the forms to me or Norma but if not please do so as quickly as possible. Remember that due to insurance requirements our board has decided that every member must get a "blue card".

The other issue is our dues - I believe there are still some to be paid so if you fit in this category see Asst. Treasurer Ian Greggery as soon as possible.

Don't forget to get behind Ross Jackson and his drive for new members. Three names from each of us before next week.

08/10/2003

As many of you may recall it was mentioned at the last club assembly that nothing ever happened after a visit to the club a few years ago of a representative from CPR 2000. The idea behind that organisation was that a few of our members would be trained in CPR and then these members would train the rest of the club. As a result of that comment Kevin organised last week's guest speaker from the QATB to speak to us on CPR and related topics. While the original CPR 2000 project has merit I would suggest that a proper QATB training course in CPR and/or First Aid would be the way to go.

Perhaps we can get enough members to enrol in a course and do our bit towards creating a greater awareness of First Aid and CPR

Projects coming up include the DIK visit on the 25th and the Special School Swimming Carnival on the 30th as well as selling trifecta tickets for the Melbourne Cup. Get your name in the Red Book.

15/10/2003

After some delays I finally had a chance this week to talk to Andrew Marnie, the manager at Namtec about what we can do to assist them. We spoke about a few projects and it seems that the ways we can help fall into two categories. First, we can assist financially by some ongoing sponsorship of one of the training courses offered by Namtec and second, there are a couple of mentoring projects that members may like to get involved in at a personal level. The board will be discussing this on Monday night and I plan to have more discussion at the club assembly night on 5th November.

Another local project we may like to get involved in concerns a talented young Nambour wheelchair tennis player who is having trouble raising funds to compete in national and overseas championships. We will have more details later.

Our contingent to the Rotary Foundation Seminar last Sunday did more than sit and listen and they have signed us up to be part of a matching grant scheme involving the Rotarians Against Malaria program. Our contribution of \$850 to come from the Melbourne Cup sweep proceeds will go towards a \$20,000 project to supply anti malaria materials to a group of villages in PNG. Bob Sellars will have more details tonight.



I have on record two birthdays and anniversaries this week. Di Buckton's birthday is on the 20th and Bob & Lex Sellars celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary yesterday.

22/10/2003

Just a quick note this week. The board has approved in principle our sponsorship of a Namtec training program and after attending the Namtec AGM yesterday I am convinced that we are on the right track supporting this very worthwhile organisation.

29/10/2003

instead of my notes this week I will include this email from Jeanny which I am sure is much more interesting reading.

Hi Ross,

It's great to hear from you.

I am sorry I couldn't answer straight away, but I left to Italy shortly after receiving your mail. We stayed there as a kind of exchange at some Italian girls' places, who are going to come and live with us in March. It was really great, although I worked out that my Italian might need to be improved, but with pencil, paper and the use of my hands I was able to explain almost everything I wanted;-)

During our stay in Novara, we also went to Milano, Torino and the large Maggiore. I think Milano is absolutely brilliant! Have you ever been there? The 'duomo' is just marvellous with all its little statues! I also like the large Maggiore very much as there is a beautiful castle and garden on one of the islands.

School has started again and I am all very busy with homework, projects and other things. My week is usually pretty full, with drawing lessons, volleyball, scouts and tutoring, but I enjoy it, I rather have it that way, that boring;-)

I do think of Australia very often and I do miss my life there. When leaving, it was like leaving a life that one has just managed to fully establish. But nevertheless I don't dislike being home, and yes, I think I have settled back in.

Fortunately I am still in contact with many people from Australia and the other exchange students. In less than two weeks time we will have a little meeting in Belgium with a couple of the exchange students. I will travel to Stuttgart, where Marc, the German boy, lives, and the next day we will take the train to Bruxelles to meet the Belgians and some of the French girls! I am really looking forward to that, because it's gonna be awesome seeing everyone again.>

Austria is pretty cold at the moment. We are having 2-5 degrees in the morning and it hardly ever gets warmer than 10 degrees. Tomorrow we are expecting our first bit of snow, which is quite early this year.

I hope everyone is well in the land downunder

many regards to everyone,

don't forget me

Jeanny

05/11/2003

Hugh has left me a whole page this week and as there are few things to report, that is just as well.

Some not so good news to start - Paul McDonald was not successful in his GSE team application and he has been encouraged to apply again next year.

Bruce Lawton & I represented our club at the Donation in Kind working party on 25th October. We both worked in the computer room preparing old computers to be sent to PNG. As a first time visitor there I was amazed at the scope of the operation and the extent of the great work being done. We did identify a shortage of good mice (Mouses?) so that may be a way our club can help.

We have had 3 successful events in the past week - the visit to Trueline Smash Repairs last week which was extremely well organized by David & Di Buckton, the Special Schools Swimming Carnival last Thursday and the Melbourne Cup trifecta. Andrew Supple has done a tremendous job on the swimming carnival and there was a great roll up of helpers on the day. Andrew also takes the prize as the top seller of trifecta tickets and Bob Sellars and his team had sold out of the tickets by last Saturday.

A few items to discuss at tonight's club assembly

Volunteer Suitability Applications - we have 4 members still to complete their forms.

Publicity - We have a contact with Nambour News and a district brochure is planned.

A "feel good" letter from a Rotarian in WA about what Rotary can do with a little perseverance.

Namtec - We plan to sponsor a course on an ongoing basis and there are two mentoring schemes in which members can be involved.

Music Pavilion - plan for completion.

12/11/2003

I was very distressed this week to hear the news that Bob and Wendy Hardy's granddaughter, Ellen Elizabeth, born four weeks premature to their daughter Mary was not strong enough to survive and was taken off life support after only one day. Bob & Wendy are now with Mary and Trent in Mt Isa and I am sure I speak for everyone in the club by saying that our thoughts and prayers go with them.

On a much happier note our South African exchange student from 1992-93, Patrick Henchie paid a flying visit to Nambour this week while in Australia to watch some Rugby Union. He was only here for a short time but he called on a couple of people and I believe there was much hugging and laughing in the Ray White office that morning. Patrick acknowledges that he has been a terrible correspondent but you can get even if you wish - his email is henchi\_p@mtn.co.za and he works for a mobile phone company called M

19/11/2003

At the board meeting this week there were a few items of interest.

Bob Sellars reported that the profit from the Melbourne Cup Trifecta was \$2335. A great job by Bob and all the sellers. Of the proceeds, \$850 was already earmarked for the Rotarians Against Malaria programme and the board decided to allocate another \$1000 towards a school desks project in PNG. More details of this later.

The Interact club at Nambour High School is starting to pick up. Their meetings are becoming more organized and there are good prospects for some new members next year.

A small but enthusiastic working party attacked the music pavilion last week and adjusted the levels in preparation for laying the floor. Unfortunately we are not able to get the timber for the floor until February but once we have that there is only a couple of weeks to get the pavilion completed.

Following the visit to DIK last month the board ratified the decision to donate some PS/2 mice for the recycled computers for PNG and we have now provided 50 mice at a cost of \$171.

You will see the dates for our Christmas party elsewhere in this bulletin. The board also decided that there will be no meetings on December 24th and 31st but the New Years Day function where we run the bar at Petrie Park will count as a meeting.

26/11/2003

There is more news this week on what we can do with the trifecta proceeds. Bob Sellars proposed \$1000 towards a school desks project. We have been matched with the Rotary Club of Wewak for this project with the desks to be made in Port Moresby. With Matching Grant funding from Rotary Foundation our \$1000 would become \$3000. As it happens Nambour club is planning the same thing so the two clubs will combine the funds and get more desks made and shipped for the same money due to some economy of scale with the transportation.

Another great example of Rotary in action.

