May 2018

Darrell’s Discourse: May is Rotary’s Youth Service Month.

Our district needs you and wants you to be involved in our Youth Service. May just happens to be Rotary’s Youth Service Month.

You may well ask ‘Could I be bothered? What’s in it for me if I get involved in youth service?’ You would be surprised! Did you enjoy the Youth segment on the Saturday morning at the Conference? Did you learn something about what we do in our district with youth? Did we upset the apple cart with all the bouncing going on, on stage with the Memorial Candle crashing to the floor? Did it wake you up? Did you mentally adjust your ageing mind to a younger era? Simple answer to all questions has to be a resounding Yes!

Our district is energised by involving the recipients of our youth programs in mentoring, organising and spruiking programs such as RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) 14-16 year olds and RYTS (Rotary Youth Training seminar) 16-18 year olds. The Red Shirts are on their Road to Change Tour to acquaint you with what we do with youth service in our district. Even at MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) the Red and Purple Shirts from RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) 18-28 year olds and from RYTS spruiking was going on to acquaint youth with what Rotarians do in Youth Service. By involving youth in our Rotary programs they form part of out Rotary Alumni and hopefully one day, they will join Rotary. We need you and recipients of youth programs to spread the word about what we do with youth.

Don’t say “I am too old to be involved in youth”. You are not. You are not even too old to host a YEP (Youth Exchange Program) student - one student said “My best host was my oldest host”. My favourite architect, Frank Lloyd Wright said Youth is a quality, not a matter of circumstance. I believe that. Even Pablo Picasso said Youth has no age. When I was new in business in my 20’s, my friends were 20 years older. Now nearly 50 years on, most of my friends are 20 years younger…. and I enjoy that. What it does is it

Time misspent in youth is sometimes all the freedom one ever has. Anita Brookner, British novelist

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keeps me young at heart and my attitudes more aligned to new ideas. Think on how a younger mind set will assist you to modernise your club. Burleigh Heads is one such club with 15 members under the age of 40 and its oldest member is in his eighties. Through youth programs we have our greatest asset. We have the potential through our youth programs to grow our clubs, to modernise them and to keep us young at heart. Be aware of change and adapt to younger ideas. In the last year I know of three Rotary Alumni who have joined Rotary and I know of five clubs with members in their 20’s. [Actually, according to a list provided to me by our webmaster, there are 29 members in 17 clubs born after April 88. ☺ Ed.] So get out there and involve yourself with Rotary Youth. You just might enjoy it.

Darrell Brown, Governor, District 9640

Andy Rajapakse is District Governor Nominee for 2020-21

DG Darrell Brown, in his capacity as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for District Governor, has confirmed the appointment of Andy Rajapakse to govern District 9640 in 2020-21.

Andy is a member of Burleigh Heads Rotary Club. Last year he was our District Membership Chairman and currently is our District Public Image Chairman.

Introduced to Rotary in Sri Lanka, Andy was a Charter Member and a past President of the Rotary Club of Colombo Metropolitan in Sri Lanka. Since migrating to Australia he transferred to Burleigh Heads Rotary in 2013/2014 year and championed the club’s aggressive membership growth. Andy brings in 25 years of Rotary experience in active involvement at Club, District and International levels.

He is a recipient of Rotary International's highest honour to a Rotarian, "Service Above Self Award" for his work in Public Relations & Youth Programs in Sri Lanka. This award is given only to 100 Rotarians each year by the RI Board.

Andy is a great supporter of The Rotary Foundation and is PHF with 4 Sapphires, a Rotary Foundation Bequest Member and a Paul Harris Society Member. He led a GSE Team from Sri Lanka to Denmark in 2006. He is a practising International Marketeer & Public Relations Professional, an active member of the Gold Coast Central Chamber of Commerce and the Australian corporate sector.

Currently Andy is the Chief Executive Officer of Presidential Classroom Ltd, a leading Australian marketing company recruiting promising high school students from Australia, New Zealand and Asia Pacific nations for career focused leadership programs at Harvard University in USA.

(andyrajapakse@gmail.com)

Congratulations on your appointment, Andy!

Looking forward to working with you in these exciting times.

Suzie Annelie (1): RoFUNtary (FUN in Rotary)

FUN or PLAY are tonics we write off as trivial, but they are a crucial engine of well-being. In its low-key, humble way, play yanks grownups out of their purposeful sleepwalk to reveal the animating spirit within. You are alive, and play will prove it to you.

When play is absent, things can go awry. Psychiatrist Stuart Brown for instance, found that lack of play was just as important as other factors in predicting criminal behaviour among murderers in Texas prisons. The common theme among offenders, he discovered, was "play deprivation" as children.

Stuart compares play to oxygen. He writes, “...it’s all around us, yet goes mostly unnoticed or unappreciated until it is missing.” This might seem surprising until you consider everything that constitutes play..... art, books, movies, music, comedy, flirting and daydreaming – just a few!

# FUN is 100% experience
# FUN & PLAY are done for the intrinsic pleasure & participation
# FUN requires no outcome and grounds you in the ‘now’

(1) Suzie Annelie is a Nom-de-Plume
Rotary District 9640 had an active team of 180 housekeeping attendants at the Athletes Village of the recently concluded XX1 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast. The return was a massive $222,720. It wasn’t easy in more ways than one but Rotary came out winning Gold!

When I realised that I would be District Governor during the Commonwealth Games in our area, I appointed then Gold Coast City Council Councillor Margaret Grummitt District 9640 Commonwealth Games Coordinator. Margaret and husband Noel had the bright idea after visiting the last Games in Glasgow that Rotarians could provide affordable accommodation to the families of athletes, an element missing in Glasgow. It would be up to the visitors to provide a discretionary donation to Rotary projects. After much negotiation with GOLDOC, the body organising the Games, the idea was finally bombed by them.

The dilemma - What do we do now?

PDG Brian Heaton suggested that Rotary could become housekeepers to the Games Village as happened in Melbourne in 2006 and in the last London Olympics. This was not a popular idea but we persisted. Eventually the successful housekeeping company, Incognitus, contacted me and needed a commitment within 3 weeks, only a matter of a couple of months before the event.

A mad scramble resulted trying to get Rotarians to commit with little knowledge of the degree of involvement. Many had decided to leave town due to the scare tactics on traffic chaos and a lot had already committed to volunteering work during the Games. Our potential workforce was severely diminished right from the start. We flew two Rotarians up from Melbourne who were involved in Melbourne to acquaint us with the facts. It was a hard sell.

We had to go through a rigorous accreditation and training process but we ended up with 22 teams of 5 people per team and a total of 180 volunteers that included Rotarians from

- Currumbin - Coolangatta -Tweed
- Gold Coast, Parkwood
- Runaway Bay
- Surfers Sunrise
- Summerland Sunrise
- Warwick Sunrise
- Toowoomba North (D9630) and
- Sunnybank Hills (D9630)

plus volunteers from several charity and church groups.

Would we do it again? Yes

Why?

The atmosphere in the village was electric. Comments from volunteers were:-

- It is a once in a lifetime experience.
- It is exciting.
- You can’t experience something like this with the cream of our sporting society in the one place.
- We are doing a good thing.

But then again, other comments were:-

- My back is sore.
- I’m tired.

Was it worth it? Yes. At the end of the games, CEO of Incognitus Paul Lovett presented a big cheque to Assistant Governor David Baguley who coordinated the volunteer work force. Paul praised the team and said that we were the best housekeepers that he had ever had.
What did we do? I was a stripper in the first couple of days. That is one who strips bed linen from beds - not the other type of stripper! Then I made beds all day on some days or made up linen packs. My day 10, my exit day, was toilet and bathroom cleaner which my family ribs me about but my official title was Housekeeping Attendant - just a little different to my normal occupation of Architect. Some of the other housekeeping attendants were Doug Lipp, accountant and District Treasurer; Jo Gorman and Charles Thomasson, fairly new Rotarians. They would do their housekeeping shifts and go back to their normal jobs working late into the night. Everyone pulled together with great camaraderie.

The charities that our hard earned money will support will be the big winners. Some will include:

- Providing crises care and support to families of patients in intensive care at Gold Coast University Hospital who have arrived outside of the Gold Coast at short notice to be with their loved ones in hospital.
- RC Surfers Sunrise’s Wheelchair Project making wheelchairs for children in undeveloped countries out of discarded bicycles.
- Australian Rotary Health PhD Scholarship in Mental Illness.
- Youth with a Mission Rugby Plus using rugby as a vehicle to train young men and women at home in Fiji and giving them an opportunity to serve in regional and outback Australia in communities that love the game and encourage the youth with healthy thinking, eating and living based on Christian values.
- St John’s Crises Care in Surfers Paradise.
- Rotary’s Malaria Vaccine Project.
- A school’s sponsorship of Rotary’s Youth Driver Awareness program.
- Rotary’s Polio Plus and Donations in Kind, to name a few.

What an effort! I am proud to be a Rotarian, proud of our district in rallying to the cause at short notice and raising so much money with a diminished workforce. These Rotarians are people of action. It was truly Service above Self.

Darrell Brown,
District Governor 2017-18

OK, you know that your Editor is reluctant to publish “3 x 4 foot” cheques. But if the amount is in excess of $200,000, I’m prepared to make an exception! © Incognitus CEO Paul Lovett (on left), David Baguley (second from right) and Margaret Grummitt (right)

The youth need to be enabled to become job generators from job seekers.

A. P. J. Abdul Kalam
Sam & I along with some members of the Southport Club joined the Griffith University Satellite Club for a very special Rotary Moment in our District 9640.

Assistant Governor Lea Rickwood inducted four new members: Warren Kinne, Sara McMillan, Jayde Porter and Emmy Stahl to the club. At the same time Griffith Uni Satellite welcomed 14 associate members: Alison Butcher, Tara Bridgeen Yates, Adela Gokovi, Tamara Grant, Heather McNeil, Ryan Kungl, Zoe Ruscoe, Kaitlin Bell, Jevin Gunawardana, Monty Leng, Jilsy Punnasseril, Annika Boeer, Monica Glavin and Michaela Waite.

One of the new members inducted had upgraded from being an associate member to a full Rotarian Member.

There were 40+ attendees at the meeting and the enthusiasm by Chair Sam and Past Chair Paul and members is totally captivating.

This could be any Rotary Club in the District who are prepared to be flexible and think outside the square.

Incoming Presidents 2018-2019 this is your opportunity to follow by example and as part of your planning for the year, give your own Club the opportunity to embrace the sponsoring of a Satellite Club.

Presidents in 2017-2018 there is still 3 months to go in your year and it is not too late.

This is the future of Rotary at its best.

Sandy Doumany, Extension Chair
May is Rotary Youth Services month. It is a time to celebrate our youth programs and the many ways we provide opportunities for young people in our community. District 9640 can pride itself in the enthusiasm and support that it gives to a plethora of programs and that we continue to fill them with eager awardees. I invite you to visit the District 9640 website and look under Youth Services to see the wide variety of programs we offer.

It is remarkable that in this techno-crazy age in which we live, when looking at some sort of screen (even when walking down the street) is a major pastime, that the ancient idea of bringing people together to learn and experience in a challenging environment can still be attractive to young people. All our youth programs have been well attended over the last Rotary year and the feedback from participants is excellent. In fact, a lot of our new awardees find out about our programs from previous awardees for whom their experience has truly changed their lives. Yes, our programs are truly life changing experiences.

But it needs to be said that the techno-age has also caught up with us in positive ways. We now have much broader approach to finding awardees, given the social media opportunities available. Many clubs, about half in the district, are actively involved in nominating prospective awardees to our youth programs. The other half are happy be less involved but usually, when asked, sponsor awardees that has been recruited by the various program committees. So, as well as clubs acting locally, the main ways we ‘market’ our programs is through media such as Facebook and Instagram, direct contact with schools and other organisations in our district, networking, and through alumni.

The marketing for some of our programs has recently undergone a facelift thanks to the expertise of some marketing gurus who now happen to be young Rotarians and members of some of youth committees. Keep an eye out for the new look RYPEN and RYTS marketing approaches and the image that has been designed to be attractive to young people. Go teams!

I would urge all our program committees to have a think about how to modernise their approach to marketing their programs.

One of the other things we have been actively doing in the more senior programs, such as RYLA and YEP is trying to recruit young people to Rotary. At the RYLA camp (see action photo above) this has meant doing more than simply giving a talk about what Rotary does. All committee members actively engage in talking about what Rotary does at every opportunity. It is a matter of making Rotary attractive to young people.

I think we would all agree that our Rotary future rests with our young people, if we can excite them and appeal to their interests. And this might mean adopting the sorts of changes that our committees are using to modernise what we do.

From where I sit, I am quietly confident that the world will be in good hands but we, Rotary, have to find a way to adapt to their needs and move on from ours.

Stewart Hase,  Director Youth Programs.
Rotary takes ordinary people...

This regular section features Rotarians from our District who has attained extraordinary achievements, in the spirit of the first Australian to become Rotary International President, Sir Clem Renouf, who said

“Rotary takes ordinary men and gives them extraordinary opportunities to do more with their lives than they ever dreamed possible”

Col Laurenson, Chair of Donations in Kind - Northern Region

He has been a Rotarian for over 30 years and has held “just about every position, except Club Secretary”, yet relatively few Rotarians our District 9640 have ever met this man. Primarily, this is because up to two years or so ago, he was living and working in our neighbouring district 9630 to the north. And even if you were living in Brisbane, you may only have met Col if you delivered a load of hospital beds, or a load of school desks, or boxes of books, medicines, thousands of spectacles, or computers for sorting and on-forwarding to whatever developing country. Since 2013, Col Laurenson has been in charge of Australian’s Northern Region of one Rotary’s most effective “Recycling” organization: Donations in Kind (DIK).

Secondarily, you may not have met Col simply because he keeps a low profile – he just gets the job done. And a big job it is: I questioned his charming wife Carolyn (yes, behind every great man is a great woman !) for an estimate of how much time: “oh, about 30 hours a week”. And what about the phone calls coming in at all hours of the day? They may not even be included in that estimate!

After membership in a number of Rotary Clubs in the Brisbane region, upon retirement Col joined Surfers Sunrise, due to that club’s connection with DIK with their long running Wheelchairs project and its Wheelchair Trust Chairman, Daryl Sanderson OAM. With a professional background in major international logistics management (for example, he consulted Adani Mining on the planning on how to get their mining construction equipment into the Gallilee Basin), he is ideally suited to organize the collection of goods, sorting, packaging, getting containers and working with third parties on both this side as well as on the receiving end. Third parties include the East New Britain Society, the Brisbane Bougainville Society, both of which provide lots of regular volunteer workers. Others include ‘Computers for Learning’, a project of the Rotary Club of Nundah which refurbishes used computers for distribution via DIK. There is a great team of volunteers coming in every Thursday, preparing items for shipment. They do over 50 x 20’ containers a year.

Donations in Kind urgently needs to find new premises – their current warehouse in Durack needs to be vacated by end of June 2018. Even though representation has been made to the local member of the State Parliament (who happens to be none other than Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk, in her electorate of Inala), so far nothing has materialized. Do you know anyone who could make a few wheels turn?

You may be assured: there is NEVER nothing to do at DIK! Rotarians are Action People!
On Saturday 24th March, I attended this year’s Rotary Peace Fellows Class XV Seminar, along with our editor Franz Huber. We attended Presentation Panels and Breakout Workshops presented by the ten Peace Fellows in the current program at University of Queensland. Their term expires in May or June this year. The Chair of the Peace Centres Committee, Peter Kyle, presented some interesting facts and figures. For example, the fee UQ charges per student for the Masters Course (18 months) is $20,380. [That is approximately 1.3% of the cost of a cruise missile. Ed.] Naturally, additional costs (accommodation etc) are incurred on top of that.

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Rotary Peace Fellowships: it is real? By Ray Higgs

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On 24th March, the Tweed Heads Civic Centre hosted the representatives of 31 nations, ranging from the giants of the USA and Russia, to Spain, Bangladesh and - yes - the North Korean representative was there, flashing his photo around and telling everyone how great he is... 😊

The event was the annual Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA), a hard fought debating contest where each team is assigned a nation to represent. Organizing Committee Chair Patsy Lucas welcomed 31 teams from High Schools across our district.

The winning team was from St Josephs College, Banora Point who represented South Korea.

Three representatives are off to Canberra to compete in the MUNA Nationals.

Recently, the Rotary Club of Ballina on Richmond organized and carried out a major project to rebuild a house that was devastated in the earth Quake in Gatlang, Nepal. (see March edition).

Do we need to show more than this picture?

Date claimer:
District 9640 Changeover Luncheon
Saturday 30th June 2018, 11:30 am
Windara Function Centre
253 Sextonville Road
Casino, N.S.W. 2470
$35.00 per person
To book: click here
Did you know that Bowelscan (the Rotary Project) goes back as far as 1982? It was then when the Rotary Club of Lismore took up the suggestion by three of its members, headed by Surgeon Dr Bill Brand, together with Lionel Phelps and Ted Roberts and got this important project off the ground. In the early years, Rotary members sold kits to the public from street stalls, outside pharmacies, shopping centres etc. That early modus operandi was quite labour intensive with “pen and paper” forms and face to face interaction with the public. [I remember it well, also remember the face some people made when we explained what it was all about… ☺ Ed.]

The next step involved participating pharmacies selling the kits on behalf of local Rotary Clubs. The project grew over the years and eventually went Australia wide. In 2015 a new kit came as a complete package with the public completing the test and posting the used kits to a central laboratory in Sydney.

In August 2017, a decision was made by our National Committee to wind up the Rotary project as the Federal Government had introduced a targeted screening program across Australia. Bowelscan was set up purely as an awareness program (as opposed to a screening program). Over the life of the project, many Australians owe their lives to this very simple process. It was never set up to make money, but like any activity it is inevitable that small surpluses would be generated. The golden rule of those surpluses was that any funds generated were to be donated to a “cancer related entity”, hence our offer to ‘Our House’. [See another article in the November 2017 issue, Page 9. Ed.]

In March 2018, a donation of $44,800.00 was made to Our House Hardship Fund. We wish to acknowledge the great work that the staff and volunteers do at Our House and the comfort and support that they give those patients, residents, family and friends. The funds were derived from Bowelscan activities, over many years, in the Tweed, Brunswick, Richmond and Clarence Valley and from Tenterfield Shire; very much the same catchment area as that for clients to Our House.

Our House is a joint project by Northern Rivers Community Cancer Foundation (NRCCF) and Our Kids. It is a purpose built accommodation for patients, carers and their families who are receiving treatment at the Cancer Unit at Lismore. It also provides accommodation for other patients, carers and their families who require medical attention in Lismore.

Our House is located adjacent to Lismore Base Hospital and North Coast Cancer Institute; and within easy walking distance of the Lismore Shopping Square.
I've no idea why May is designated Youth Service Month

OK, so Rotary International designated May to be Youth Service Month. Isn’t May for the rest of the world designated Love Month (in the northern hemisphere at least)? Up there (over there?) it is now Spring, when nature comes into full bloom.

May could also be named Rotary Acronym Month: YEP, RYLA, RYPEN, RYTS, MUNA, NYSF, HESS, RYDA (coming up for breath now…) Plus, for the uninitiated, some bewilderingly non-descript names such as Earlyact, Interact, Rotaract… Have I forgotten any? Ah yes, there is one in our region, the Conoco Phillips Science Experience which is held in numerous campuses across the nation.

Yes, each one of these is a major Rotary Youth program! I won’t elaborate on details – our webmaster Denis Hallworth has done a sterling job to extensively outline them: go to the District Website: www.rotary9640.org and click on the Youth tab at the top; they are all there. Or, if you are in a hurry, click on this link to download a one-page PDF with all the Youth programs summarized, contact details and all.

Only one of these programs is running in May: RYPEN. (Come on! Go on! Click on the link, look it up!). RYPEN is designed to help senior school students (14 – 16 years old) to get used to the real world. It starts on Friday 25th May and runs till Sunday. By the time you read this, applications will have closed, but if you have a suitable candidate, perhaps give Kathy Smith a call anyway – she may still have a space available, you never know. You find her contact details on the website.

May. Youth Service Month. When I start to extrapolate the sheer volume of Rotary’s involvement, it makes one almost dizzy. Just visualize: some 35,000 Rotary Clubs throughout the world focussing on youth, focussing on providing youth with life training, the stuff they don’t seem to teach at High School, from “every day” kids to future leaders, all the way up to the top Science students who get accepted into the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra and could well be the next Albert Einstein or Marie Curie. Every club, every year, is giving (by my estimate) on average some 10 kids an opportunity to participate in these programs and thus give them a leg up to become future leaders in the community [yes, I know: some of our district’s clubs are vastly exceeding that number]. World wide, 350,000 future leaders, year on year. Will it make a difference? Yep, you proudly may answer this question in the affirmative.

How are we progressing with Kerrie Brown’s ROMAC appeal?

And what about DG Darrell’s goal to raise funds for an Australian Rotary Health Scholarship?

Regrettably, it has only slightly gone up: Only $10,625 of $33,000 so far.
Lauren Hanser, 21, of the Beaudesert Rotary Club has been an active member for almost 3 years! Here is a brief note from her:

Hi, my name is Lauren Hanser. I am almost 21 years old and I have been a part of Rotary for 3 years now. Before that I was a part of the Interact club for 2 years. My goals in life are probably a lot different to most as my main goal is to stay healthy and on top of my medical conditions which were diagnosed when I was 17. I’m happy to say that my health at the moment is the best it can be so I feel really proud of my achievements. Other things I have done throughout my life was walking the Kokoda track in Papua New Guinea when I was 16 and I have now travelled to Cambodia 4 times and helped out in one of the very remote villages. I do plan to go back to Cambodia every year when I have the money to do so. The thing that motivated me to become a Rotarian was in fact when a speaker at the Interact club spoke about what he does in Cambodia. I was so inspired and wanted to make a difference as well. I have benefitted so much from being in Rotary and helping out the Educating Cambodia campaign and I feel that this has now become my purpose in the club and I’m really proud of that. Not to mention I have also made some lifelong friends by being in Rotary as well. Rotary has definitely changed my perspective of things in life and I am excited to see what the future brings being in Rotary and going on further trips to Cambodia to help out more in the village.

I can’t really have any professional goals as I am unable to work for medical reasons. But goals I do have in my lifetime is to make a difference to the world, hence why I’m in Rotary. While in Cambodia, I went to one of the schools to give out donated hats and I assisted with different things such as cleaning up rubbish and playing with the children etc. While in Cambodia I also went to many peoples houses in the village to visit them. This may not sound important but really is. Photo below is of me in Cambodia giving hats to the teachers at one of the schools who later distributed them to the children.

59 Years of Service
On 22nd April 1959 Bruce Waller was inducted as a member of the Goondiwindi Rotary Club by then President Ben Howell. Since that evening, Bruce has given 59 years of continual service to Rotary and the Goondiwindi club in particular. He is a Silver Sapphire Paul Harris Fellow.

Bruce was club President in 1970/71 and has served in many positions including International Director and Club Service Director. A couple of highlights of his year as President include having to change the venue for the weekly meeting at short notice because the Club Hotel had burnt down that day and organising many empty beer bottle collections - the main fundraiser for the club at that time.

Bruce maintained an amazing 100% attendance record for 45 years. Bruce recalls leaving his bed for a few hours one night to attend the club changeover.

He has lived at the family grazing property "Willow Bank" all his life and it has been home for his lovely wife Jan and himself since they married in 1966. They raised their two children, Cameron and Allison there and are now blessed with 3 grandchildren. Bruce still enjoys operating the property and his prized merino sheep flock.

Apart from Rotary, Bruce and Jan have remained actively involved in the Uniting Church, the local Historical Society, Scouting, camp oven cooking and the local fire brigade to name a few.

Our club wishes to acknowledge and thank Bruce and Jan for their wonderful contribution to Rotary and will do so at a meeting on 2nd May and we look forward to celebrating 60 years of service next April.

(article provided by Peter Corish, President, Rotary Club of Goondiwindi)

It takes a long time to become young
Pablo Picasso