



DISTRICT 9600 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Greetings,

Today, Friday 13th January, will mark the first 12 months without a case of polio in India's history - an important milestone in the fight against polio.

One of only four remaining polio endemic countries in the world, India has battled to get the upper hand in the fight against polio. As recently as 2009, India recorded the highest number of polio cases in the world. Many said it would never stop the spread.

But since then, nationwide collaboration has changed this story.

One year polio free is a remarkable achievement. One that deserves to be celebrated.

Polio survivor and Indian cricketing legend B.S. Chandrasekhar gives an interesting interview on www.youtube.com/watch?v=96X4GaCHi8M&feature=player_embedded, on why he is a better bowler than a batsman.

Over the past decade an army of vaccinators, religious leaders, community and health workers, including volunteer Rotarians have come together with the Indian government to immunise at risk children. Visiting homes, schools, brick kilns, remote communities and mobile migrant groups, polio eradication teams deliver **780 million vaccinations a year.**

Their remarkable achievement shows what is possible with collaboration, local leadership and good governance, in the fight against infectious disease and extreme poverty.

India's achievement shows just what is possible in the fight against extreme poverty and preventable disease... but their fight against polio isn't over. To continue to halt the spread of polio, India must continue to roll out vaccination programs across the country, and mobilise health workers to fight this disease.

Although India occupies only 2.4% of the world's land area, it supports over 17% of the world's population. India has a population of 1,210,000,000 (yes, that many 00s is correct) 1.2 billion people. Only China has a larger population. Almost 40% of Indians are younger than 15 years of age. So let us ponder for a moment and take pride in being a Rotarian and the difference that Rotary and our world partners have made to the millions of children that we have saved from a lifetime of suffering from the dreadful effects of this debilitating disease.

You may also like to view Bill Gates on www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVpxnR8ay_E&feature=relmfu

Happy New Year to all and may you have a safe and prosperous 2012.

*Together in Rotary Service,
Carolyn Krueger,
District Governor*



"Now as the Rotary New Year begins, I wish you all of the prosperity which your good deeds merit.

May all things you ought have be yours.

May your charities rank among your necessary expenditures.

May you not fall into the popular error of thinking that happiness is to be found in outdoing your neighbors.

May it always be yours to look beneath the veneer of life to the solid substance which lies beneath.

May you be builders, not mere climbers.

May you be able to appraise life's blessings at their real worth.

May you be free to act in accordance with the dictates of your own conscience and good judgment.

May you not be slaves to meaningless customs, social or otherwise.

May you shun the groove followers.

May you have vision to discern the right and health, strength and will to do it.

THAT IS TO SAY, I wish you a happy New Year."

Paul Harris 1916



Literary assistance, Solar & water projects Ablution blocks, and Medical assistance.

Two weeks as a Rotary volunteer amongst beautiful islanders has changed me. Gizo is one of the 992 Solomon Islands. It is remotely situated in the Western Province which our team travelled by heavily laden open boats over water that was sometimes rough.

Previous project teams had erected toilets and water tanks in the villages and some had to be completed. These make a big difference to their lives. On this trip we installed solar panels at schools to provide electricity for power points and overhead lights. We also provided a TV, a DVD and a CD player plus two PCs to the schools. A follow up team will visit in March 2012. Gordon Watson (Caloundra R/C) was our electrician who worked tirelessly in oppressive heat. He also taught willing apprentices the art of electrical wiring. Army nurse Rae Guyder (Bribie Is. Rotary) trained island nurses in skills and equipment while Denise Baker (Caloundra Pacific R/C) endeared herself to children and library staff with books. Ted McKeown (Sydney Cove) & Tim Richards (Tweed Heads R/C) were both exceptional.

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Pippa's passion was rewarded tenfold

"We were treated like royalty in places we visited. Sometimes the celebrations were so elaborate we were truly overwhelmed. We were provided with beautiful local food and waited on hand and foot. I knew this was something not many would experience.

The people on the islands love Rotarians, and if they know who

you are, will shake your hand in the street, at the markets, at the airports, in the hotels and anywhere at all. Rotary is an organisation with the truest intention to make the lives of the people easier and more comfortable; to bring them clean water and sanitation; to help with the education and the health care of the children and to show by example goodwill and universal accord. I would like to thank Rotary for giving me the opportunity to experience life and to learn from it. I will never be the same person as the one who left Australia two weeks ago. I will know more about that part of the world and the difficulties



faced by those people in developing countries. I have seen children and devoted parents and the villages that raise those children. I have seen an ocean so clear and so blue that I felt it in my soul, and smiles from children that would light up the rooms brighter than the televisions. I ate lobster as much as I could, I drank gin and tonic, in moderation of course, rode out tropical storms and wondered at an ocean of glass, saw the flying fish fly and the turtles come up to breathe.

I also saw hospitals falling down and starving dogs. Such a need to lift their standard of living, but

such an opportunity for us that want to help others in need."

Pippa Bensley

Rotary Club of Samford Valley QLD

JANUARY... BUSY! BUSY! BUSY!

January is '**Rotary Awareness**' month, a very busy month, where our outbound **Youth Exchange** Students depart for their year abroad... a year of learning a new language, fitting in with families in their chosen country, enjoying new foods and packing in the best 12 months of experiences that will give them a lifetime of memories. Likewise it is the time that we bid farewell to our inbound YEP students. We hope you have enjoyed your time with us... your families are waiting to welcome you home... we will miss you.

I'm sure that everyone will join me in thanking Ashley Broad and the Youth Exchange Committee for the wonderful work they do. Australia is recognised world wide for the high calibre of our YEP experience.

This month we also have 28 students participating in the **National Youth Science Forums** being conducted in both Canberra and Perth. The dedication of Mr 'NYSF' Derek Jones and his team is amazing particularly the 'aunts and uncles' who accompany the students as chaperones.

The Science Experience program is being held this year between 18th-20th January. Students will attend at Griffith Uni; QUT, Brisbane; and UQ, St Lucia.

Thank you to Bob Newton and your team for the ongoing success of the Science Experience for our young people.

We are all looking forward to the above participants talks and presentations back to their sponsoring clubs. And please, if your club has not been involved in one of the above projects for a while, I urge you to consider sponsoring someone in next years programs.

One thing to consider here is... we know what we are doing! But are we telling everyone else? Are we getting the message out there? Have our clubs organised their local papers to interview our YEPers or our NYSFers, etc.? When we hear these young people talk about their experiences at club level isn't it great.

So why don't we invite the press and let our local community enjoy the stories as well.

Remember January is ROTARY AWARENESS Month.

HUMANITY IN MOTION BOOKS

Whilst on the subject of ROTARY AWARENESS, has your club distributed 'HUMANITY IN MOTION' books to your local doctors, solicitors, accountants, car dealers, etc, for their waiting areas?

This is a great publication, it is designed to raise the awareness of Rotary, but it can't do that if we don't distribute it out there in the general community.

It also makes a lovely gift for guest speakers; present some to your local media and politicians - we do need their help from time to time and to give them an update on some of the projects undertaken by Rotary in Australia certainly helps in the process.

There is an area on the back cover for each club to place a sticker with club contact details and meeting time.

Copies can be obtained from PDG Eric Wood.

A VERY SPECIAL CD

Graham Bird is a member of the Rotary Club of Wingham in District 9650 and has produced a wonderful CD titled 'Graeme Bird & Friends - Reflections', cost \$26.50.

25% of the proceeds from the CD sales will go towards the eradication of polio.

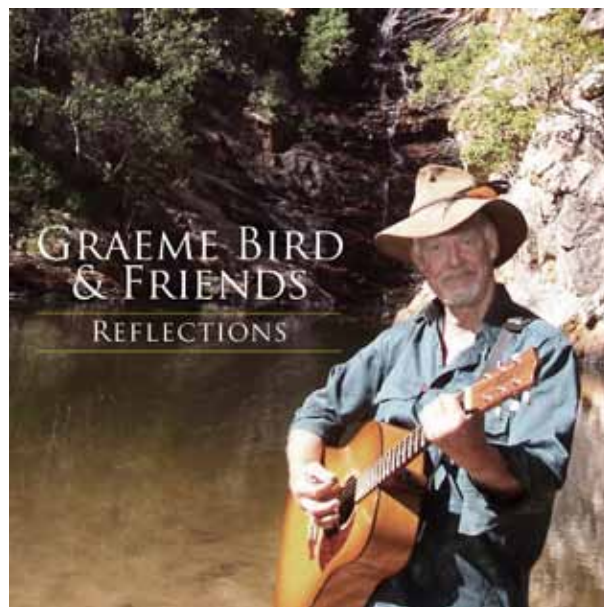
Graeme is a very interesting man with a special passion for both music and the desire to rid the world of polio. Having suffered polio himself as a child, Graeme is very keen to assist with its eradication. One of his main motives for becoming a Rotarian was to help end polio in a positive manner. The CD is his first step in his campaign.

This album is a diverse mix of 13 songs from alternate country to songs from the heart, all with a special flavour of the Australian way of life.

For a sample - <http://youtu.be/j-mRS4gljNQ>

For an order form - graemebirdmusic@skymesh.com.au

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IMPORTANT DATES.....

Refer to pages 73 - 77 in the District Directory:

February - **PIN IT FOR POLIO** - see *December DG's Newsletter*

February 11

RC Nundah, 50 Years of Rotary Service dinner for Lloyd Mackay,

Tino Babao - garamut@bigpond.com.au

February 23

Promote Rotary Day

www.rotarydownunder.org

'100 Ways to Celebrate Rotary Day'

Also February 23

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel Film Night

March 23 - 25

'Share the Spirit' D9600 Conference

The Events Centre, Caloundra

May 6 - 9

103rd Rotary International Convention - Bangkok

For more info - George and Mary Grant

bribie@inet.net.au

May 18

Australian Rotary Health HAT DAY

SHELTERBOX IN THE PHILIPPINES

Together we can continue to make the world a better place in 2012! Let me tell you how ShelterBox has teamed with Rotarians in Mindanao over the Festive Season – when most of us have taken a well needed break – to bring shelter and hope to many affected by the flooding there. RI Governor George Hayoy of D 3870 in southern Philippines emailed me on 17 December asking for ShelterBox help. He wrote: “Early this morning (December 17) Iligan City and Cagayan de Oro City were hit by floods due to typhoon ‘Sendong’. Flash flooding has occurred and lots of families have lost their homes. We would like to avail of these shelter boxes which we feel most needed because the evacuation centers are full and unhealthy for lack of facilities.”

I am proud to say that ShelterBox has now provided more than \$500,000 worth of tents and associated gear to help rehouse many of those left homeless. Philippines ShelterBox Chairman Jess and other Rotarian leaders from outside the affected region have travelled to the area and worked with DG George and Rotarians there to rapidly deploy assistance. This is an heroic effort and undertaken in a region where it is hard to guarantee personal safety. The photos and stories below give a more graphic account of our impact.

My task is now to rally support to help restock our famous Green Boxes in readiness for the next unforeseen event. Australian Rotarians and clubs have remained generous supporters and I ask for your help in keeping the SHELTERBOX name high on their agenda. The reason why we can respond so quickly lies in our system of maintaining stocks at a high level and placed strategically around the world. International and local transport companies are also magnificent supporters who enable us to move boxes to the disaster regions.

Of course, this is just one of the many ways in which our two countries have worked together to assist many needy Filipino communities, bringing tangible results and building much goodwill.

*John Lawrence,
Past Rotary International Director*

*ShelterBox Philippines Chairman
PDG Jess pulls out all stops to
deliver ShelterBoxes now!*



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(Iligan City) Lenida with her kids. “our house went down like a deck of cards, a loud crashing sounds tore down the front side, banana tree trunks went inside the house brought about by the cascading floods, my husband Jose got hold of the trunk and each of us hold on to it. Then the back side of our house gave way too by the force and we are all swept away, my husband was on the backside of our children making sure everyone get a firm hold. I was in front of them, then suddenly, he just submerged, I tried to pull him but the current swept us farther. The next day, when the water subsided, we saw the destruction and look for my husband, every person we pass by, we would ask if one saw whom. I was told that they saw Jose, we run to the site, and saw his body dangling in an electrical lines”. We all kneel down and cried. I could not look at his face, I know he died horribly”.

“With this gift from ShelterBox, you give us hope, we thank you so much for a new beginning in life”.

Please also review this video from National Philippines TV seen on 30 December news item (It is in Tagalog language – but the pictures tell their own story of Rotary and ShelterBox delivering immediate aid to typhoon and flood victims - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGTrZGI C1NM&context=C31d0cceAD0EgsToPDsklhQE7LWMf-8wVGbhJJGkNa>)

CONFERENCE CORNER
23-25 March 2012
THE EVENTS CENTRE, CALOUNDRA
Share the Spirit
Friday night be captivated by the
20 strong all-male choir
‘NEW WORLD VOICES’
Not to be missed!

District 9600 Membership and Attendance Report for November 2011

Club Name	(Last Return)	30/6/11	30/11/11	%	Club Name	(Last Return)	30/6/11	30/11/11	%
Albany Creek		28	29	68	Noosa Heads		38	33	83
Albion		12	12	97	Noosa Heads Daybreak		18	19	83
Alexandra Headland		23	24	90	North Lakes		11	7	57
Ashgrove/The Gap		35	35	72	Nundah		17	16	89
Aspley		37	35	87	Pine Rivers		22	23	77
Bribie Island		35	41	86	Pine Rivers Daybreak		28	26	71
Brisbane		50	47	50	Redcliffe City		43	45	68
Brisbane Airport		18	23	69	Redcliffe Sunrise		17	19	87
Brisbane High-Rise		62	65	63	Samford Valley		25	18	79
Brisbane Mid-City		53	53	57	Sandgate		15	14	78
Brisbane Planetarium		57	54	63	Stafford		19	18	86
Buderim		33	33	66	Strathpine	(Jun,11)	11	NR	NR
Caboolture		27	26	63	The Glass House Mtns	(Jun,16)	16	NR	NR
Caloundra		37	35	75	Toowong		45	42	73
Caloundra Pacific		43	46	78	West Brisbane Daybreak		10	10	92
Cooroy		25	27	93	Windsor		21	19	86
Fortitude Valley		56	59	69	Woombye Palmwoods		15	14	68
Geebung		10	9	100					
Gympie		51	50	82	Boroko		29	26	90
Gympie-Cooloola		46	44	60	Bulolo-Wau	(Jul,2)	2	NR	NR
Hamilton		32	31	76	Goroka	(Jul,10)	9	NR	NR
Karana Downs		17	17	76	Huon Gulf	(Sep,14)	20	NR	NR
Kawana Waters		17	17	74	Kavieng	(Jul,2)	2	NR	NR
Kenmore		50	50	66	Kokopo	(Jul,11)	11	NR	NR
Kingaroy		29	29	81	Kundiawa	(Jul,7)	7	NR	NR
Kingaroy-Taabinga		15	14	74	Lae		16	21	47
Kippa Ring		12	12	87	Madang		14	18	47
Maleny		36	32	62	Mount Hagen	(Jul,16)	15	NR	NR
Maroochydore		27	29	51	Port Moresby		39	31	53
Mitchelton		17	16	65					
Mooloolaba		49	49	80	Gizo	(Jul,6)	6	NR	NR
Murgon		17	17	78	Honiara		24	30	65
Nambour		38	38	59					
Nambour 76		18	19	71	Nauru	(Jul,9)	9	NR	NR
Noosa		31	30	63					

Total Members June 2011 1717 Provisional: Jul 1707 Aug 1687 Sep 1697 Oct 1703 Nov 1700

Welcome to the following new or relocated members advised in November :

Albany Creek

Jeanine Mewburn

Aspley

Paul Wilson

Bribie Island

Geoff Jenkins

Brisbane High-Rise

Caroline Stewart

Brisbane Mid-City

Celeste Neander

Caloundra

David Fraser

Pine Rivers

Robert Batty

Redcliffe Sunrise

Anita Ball

Yvonne Jones

Honiara

Martin Wynne

Exsley Taloiburi