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Please ensure this information is available to all interested members of your Club.

- ✓ **September is New Generations Month. - Ken Raison** Director, Youth Services 2009 – 2010
Throughout September a series of articles will appear in each of the weekly news sheets to clubs. These articles will highlight the numerous programs we, as Rotarians, support and manage to involve young people in our communities.



Youth Exchange Program (YEP)

Whether **your club** participates in Rotary's long-term or short-term Youth Exchange programs, you'll provide the opportunity for **young people** to learn a new way of living, to learn a great deal about themselves, and maybe even learn a new language. They become ambassadors, teaching people they meet about your country, culture, and ideas. You can help bring the world closer – and young people make some good friends in the process. More than 8,000 young people each year have experiences like these through Rotary Youth Exchange.

It's the opportunity of a lifetime – for them and for you.

- ✓ Youth Exchange is one of Rotary International's structured programs designed to help clubs and districts achieve their service goals in their own communities and in communities abroad, fostering fellowship and goodwill in the process. Exposure to different cultures ranks as one of the most powerful ways to promote international understanding and peace.

The Rotary Youth Exchange program provides some 8,000 young students each year with the opportunity to meet people from other countries and to experience new cultures, planting the seeds for a lifetime of international understanding.

The program offers numerous benefits to its young participants and their Rotarian hosts and mentors, as well as to the community at large. Through Youth Exchange, students learn firsthand about all aspects of life in another country. As their concept of the world expands, they mature and develop a deeper understanding of themselves. Immersion in another country's educational system enhances their academic and personal growth. Host clubs and families and the entire community are enriched by extended, friendly contact with someone from a different culture.

Contact Keith Glover District YEP Chair on 6822 1088 (h) or 0428 454 813 (mob.)

- ✓ Rotary has teamed up with Google to make nearly 100 years of *The Rotarian* available free online. Full-color, searchable scans of all issues of the magazine from 1959 to 2008 are now available through Google Books, with more issues to follow. Learn more at http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/090831_news_google.aspx
- ✓ New email Coffs Harbour Secretary joe kretschmar watch.out1@optusnet.com.au

✓ **Global Handwashing Day 15th October 2009**

Last year UNICEF introduced the first ever Global Handwashing Day which was held on October 15th, since then they have decided that it will become an annual event and this year it will again be held on exactly the same date. All Clubs are requested to make contact with schools within their area and endeavour to hold a suitable event in the school during the week of 12th to 16th October. Children are recognized as "The Agents of Change", so if we can get them involved we will get our message across to those that are often affected the most. Because of the Swine Flu pandemic the Medical Authorities have been reinforcing the need for careful hygiene habits and people are very aware of consequences of poor hygiene, therefore, we believe there will be more acceptance and understanding of the importance of hand washing day. As a result, this angle should be referred to at every opportunity. For further information contact: Peter Rostron email:

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- ✓ At their April meeting, [The Rotary Foundation Trustees](#) examined how the global economic crisis has affected the Foundation's ability to support Rotarians' good work worldwide. Like many foundations, we have been forced to reduce program spending, and consequently, the [Matching Grants](#) budget was reduced for 2009-10. Recognizing the vital role that Matching Grants play in improving the lives of underserved communities around the world, the Trustees recently added an additional US\$2.3 million to the 2009-10 Matching Grants budget. These funds were recently made available from reduced grant spending in 2008-09. However, at this time, despite the budget increase, **the Matching Grants budget has been fully committed**. It's a sad state of affairs but The Foundation can only work within its resources and you will all know the reasons that have led to this situation.

One thing it does do is emphasise the importance of Annual Giving and the development of strong District Designated Funds for the future. With the Future Vision Plan only four and a half years away for all of us, it's critical that we add strength to DDF because we are going to have an increasingly dominant say in how it's used. Get more information from PDG Harry Durey or Bruce Allen at Parramatta Office.

- ✓ **URGENTLY NEEDED** - Three Staff Houses for Nurses at Kokoda Memorial Hospital; Each Staff House is estimated to Cost \$ 30,000 to complete.

Clubs may wish to combine to adopt a house to raise sufficient funds. Teams could be organised to erect each house.

This could be a worthy district Project. Donations are Tax Deductible. Contact P D G Bob Young. Phone/Fax 026552 3307

✓ **Vale Ted Burke President Rotary Club of Forster-Tuncurry.**

Ted Burke was born in Glenbrook in 1933. Ted went to Taree High School & was involved in many sports including sailing from age 12. He represented Australia in sailing. Ted also played hockey & basketball. In 1948 Ted became an apprentice mechanic. In 1953 Ted did National Service for 3 years. During this time Ted played in the Army Band & was a mechanic. In 1959 commenced a mechanical business in South Street Forster. In 1999 he was still in business.

Ted joined the Rotary Club of Tuncurry Forster in 1979. He left Rotary in 1983 & rejoined in 1998. Ted became an honorary member in November 2006 then rejoined as a member in April 2007.

Ted became Rotary President on 24th June 2009. Ted is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Ted's funeral took place on Friday 11th September at Manning Great Lakes Memorial Gardens, Pampoola.

- ✓ IPP Ian Croker is the Acting President at Tuncurry Forster and is likely to be through to end of 2009. Ian's contact details are as follows: ian.croker@cba.com.au and phone 0434651775. The Club will have a Club Assembly next week to confirm arrangements for the full rotary Year for the replacement of the late Ted Burke.

- ✓ The next District 9650 RAWCS committee meeting has been re-scheduled to Sunday 8 November at Rotary Lodge, Port Macquarie commencing at 11am. Further details contact Secretary Don McLeod.

✓ **POSITION VACANT - Northern Region ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) Secretary.**

Duties:

1. Attend Northern Region ROMAC Meetings at the Wesley Hospital in Brisbane at 11am on the first Monday of every third month (i.e. September, December, March and June).
2. Prepare and distribute the Agenda.
3. Record, prepare and distribute the Minutes.
4. Prepare "Thank You" letters and send with receipts for donations.
5. Attend to correspondence as required (not prolific amounts).

Qualifications:

1. Basic computer and email skills.
2. A desire to help a hardworking, devoted team of Rotarians from six (6) Rotary Districts in Northern NSW and Queensland and the generous members of the medical profession who tirelessly donate their time to assist the most needy children in the Oceania Region.

Remuneration: A terrific feeling of knowing that you are able to assist children who have no future lead a normal life.

This position is available for immediate start and you will receive willing support from the previous incumbent. Further information is available from Deb Farquhar, District 9650 Service Projects Director by emailing deb@ballyrogan.com.au or Ph 0428 656 660.

P N G REPORT TO EASTERN REGION R A W C S 30-8-09

At the request of the P N G Health Department and Aus-Aid I visited Papua New Guinea during March of this year.

We discussed improvements to Kokoda Memorial Hospital and Health Aid Stations on the Kokoda Track.

Aus-aid is supplying funds to up-grade Kokoda Hospital. They had a P N G Architect draw up plans and building quantity lists. Three quotes are now being sought to determine costs. Plans were drawn for additional three nurse's houses, but it has been stated they are seeking funds from other sources for these houses.

All materials will need to be delivered by air from Port Moresby as bridges to Popenetta have not been rebuilt following the cyclone.

It is estimated two or three volunteer teams will be required to work on improvements at the Hospital and additional teams for building Nurses Houses.

The Rotary Club of Port Moresby has requested our assistance to help them build a new Maternity Ward at Port Moresby General Hospital.

They have secured Kina 2.4 million to do this work. I would suggest up to six volunteer teams may be required. I expect to have plans for the maternity ward pretty soon.

It is hoped Rotary Clubs will support the finance needed for the three Nurses houses at Kokoda as these are needed urgently. One suggestion could be for thirty Rotary Clubs to raise \$ 1000 each to make up the \$ 30,000 needed for one house.

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