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Arethusa College, Bribie Island Rotary beef cattle project

Article prepared by PDG RC Rob Wylie



This is a joint community project between [Arethusa College](#) (a special school serving the needs of students with learning and social difficulties) and the [Rotary Club of Bribie Island](#) (District 9600, Qld, Australia).

[Foodbank](#) (Australia's largest hunger relief organisation) will distribute beef provided by the program to hungry and homeless families through their network of over 300 charities around Australia.



Student Hayden McInnes with Arethusa Principal Kristian Wale and Bribie President George Grant



Kristian Wale (Principal Arethusa College) receiving cheque from National Bank of Australia

The students help to raise and manage pedigree beef cattle. Some are retained for breeding, others will be fattened, slaughtered and donated to Foodbank.

The project is noteworthy because:

- It satisfied requirements of The Rotary Foundation in addressing the alleviation of poverty, hunger, education, and health (mental), and is sustainable in the long term, qualifying for a District TRF grant.
- It provides animal-assisted therapy to the students involved, helping them to develop empathy and responsibility, as well as vocationally-based education.
- It involves a co-operative relationship between a Rotary Club and a community school providing education for students with special needs.
- It has been recognised with a Local Impact Award from the [Schools First](#) Initiative, which is a partnership of National Australia Bank with the Foundation for Young Australians and Australian Council for Educational Research. The \$50,000 award to the school is specifically for expenditure on this project. These awards are made to

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schools that have an established community partnership which is delivering meaningful, positive, student outcomes.

- It is an action-oriented service project which has attracted significant local and regional publicity for Rotary and Arethusa College.

Service Projects

I am hoping to collect summaries of good service projects from around Zone 8 which are worth sharing with other clubs and districts. We won't have room for all of them in this newsletter, but I'll be happy to share with anyone wanting information on a particular type of project. So would like to hear from Districts or clubs telling me what you have done. Please include a summary, contact details, and a couple of photos, and forward to robwy43@bigpond.net.au. The above is an excellent example.

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

*Article by PDG Cathy Roth
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Despite over a million new Rotarians being inducted in the last five years, our numbers remain static.

Why are Rotarians leaving before they have a chance to develop a deep love of, and passion for, this amazing organisation and the incredible work it undertakes across the world? For some, the reasons are valid such as work or family circumstance. But for a number of newer Rotarians, they are expected to know and understand Rotary almost by osmosis. They are inducted and then left to their own devices, increasingly losing interest – enthusiasm wanes and they leave.

Some, though, have an opportunity to attend an RLI session, mixing with twelve to fifteen other Rotarians from clubs across the District, in three fast-paced, interactive days, over a year or so, covering key Rotary topics – from The Rotary Foundation to Service Projects to each of the five Avenues of Service and more – and building on their innate leadership skills. The sharing of Rotary knowledge and other Rotary experiences, through facilitated discussion, lights an excitement in those Rotarians. They go back to their clubs with greater insight into Rotary and themselves, realising that they have a key place, and the opportunities, to take on greater challenges in their clubs and across the world.

RLI is not a Rotary programme. It was started in 1992 within one District to address these very same problems. It is now utilised in over 250 Rotary



Districts, including the six New Zealand Districts, and covering more than 110 countries and Territories. Over sixty past, present, and future RI Directors and Presidents – including our current Director Stuart Heal, and Past Directors Barry Thompson, Ken Collins, John Thorne, Ian Risely, and John Lawrence, and incoming RI President Kalyan Banerjee – are on its Senior Leaders Advisory Board.

To see a Rotarian make the transition from a quiet, non-participating club member, to an involved, enthusiastic leader, is one of the greatest satisfactions for any of us, and consistently, this is the gift that facilitators receive watching their RLI graduates move from “being in Rotary” to “becoming Rotarians”.

Paul Harris handed us the torch of Rotary when we were inducted. It is our responsibility as Rotarians to do everything we can to ensure, not that it just burns brightly during our lifetime, but is handed on to future generations to burn with even greater intensity. The Rotary Leadership Institute is the fuel that will ensure that that torch will burn long into the future.

To find out more on RLI please feel free to contact PDG Cathy Roth on 0418 593 556 or e-mail: cathv.roth@bigpond.com

Simple, Practical, Achievable, Easy
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“Reach Out” ... “Building Communities”

*Article prepared by John G. Thorne
Past Director of Rotary International*



A weekend in October my wife and I had a most enjoyable three days at a conference of the chairs of the Australian Youth Exchange District committees. Also present were many supporters plus a contingent from about 12 other countries. It was exciting and enjoyable because we were involved in a long-time vibrant Rotary program.

In each Australian District, on average, there are 15 students who go overseas each year in the International program and by definition 15 who come to the host District. Let's apply some of the principles discussed in the last issue of this newsletter. If there are 15 students per year, then over the past (say) five years there would be about 75. In those 75 homes there would be about 150 very supportive parents and maybe some other significant adults who are absolutely behind our Rotary exchange program. Indeed because I have nominated just the past five years we could say that almost 100% are currently on our books – on our data base and without much effort we could contact each one.

Generally people stay quite attached to specific programs in Rotary like our Youth Exchange program. I feel it is an obligation to always give a wider perspective of Rotary to all we meet – to all with whom we have contact. This includes both Rotarian families and others.

In the example above I could see that if we personally invited that group of 150 + people along to a “Rotary Update”, then a very high percentage would come and hear about the breadth and depth of our total commitment to world peace – as well as that specific program of Youth Exchange. RI Past President Clem Renouf encouraged us to – “Reach Out” while our current President tells us to Build Communities. It is obvious that Youth Exchange does that, but so do all our other great programs. When we have the chance to easily share the good news with people already in our

reach (the parents in this example), I believe we should take every opportunity to spread the word.

Who should do the inviting? To begin with the responsibility sits squarely on the shoulders of the District Governor of the time but he or she should share the fun and maybe ask YOU to make this a winning activity. Again, a RI Past President (Ed Cadman) said, “You Are the Key”. If we are serious about spreading the word and making a difference – you could do it.

There's a dozen other programs in Rotary that with variations we could tackle like this one – the parents from MUNA, the parents from our science and engineering summer schools, the RYLA graduates and their partners, the many alumni and their partners from our Rotary Foundation ... and more!

In all of these programs and activities we are building up a web of reciprocal trust between good people that will lead safely to good deeds and strong friendships. All we have to do is to take the first step, ask and involve that specific person who is already one of us through a quality program. These ideas offer a wider understanding of the ‘Family of Rotary’.

If any person would like to share with me some successes along these lines, please drop a note via my email.

Thanks. john.thorne@bluebottle.com

“Rotary Charters first Club in Nauru – Congratulations”

The Rotary Club of Nauru was chartered on Tuesday 28 September 2010 during an 'island style' function at the University of the South Pacific, Nauru Campus, which also will be the Club's regular meeting place.

Australian guests joining 30 new club members and local Parliamentarians at the chartering ceremony included Past District Governor, District 9600 Walter Buchanan, and his wife Margaret, representing current DG 9600 Eric Wood and Past Rotary International Director Zone 8, John Lawrence and John's brother Tony (John and Tony were children in Nauru many years ago).

The Rotary Club of Nauru plans to concentrate on services for youth and disadvantaged groups in the community, however, present funds are very limited, club member's initial efforts will largely be directed toward seeking volunteer input from others in the community and, if possible, assistance from overseas.

The new Club will join Rotary's global network of volunteers as a member of Rotary District 9600, which also includes northern Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Australia; Papua New Guinea and The Solomon Islands.

His Excellency, George Fraser, Australian High Commissioner to Nauru, said that he had seen first hand how Rotary could be a powerful agent for good in communities.

“Rotary has a record of successfully establishing institutions such as the blood bank in Bali, rebuilding lives through facial reconstruction or cataract removals and building the future through developing young leaders through the Rotary Youth Leadership Award program,” he said.

“In Nauru, I can see how Rotary will be a catalyst leading importantly to strengthening the national society through building the concept of volunteering, or 'service above self' as Rotary's motto states,” His Excellency said.



PDG Walter Buchanan and RC of Nauru President Alamanda Lauti

Australian Rotary Conference 2010 Presentations

Thanks to Rotary Down Under, PowerPoint and MP3 audio files of most speakers at the Conference are available on line.

Just click on this link [Australian Rotary Conference 2010](http://AustralianRotaryConference2010.com.au) or go to rotarydownunder.com.au and follow the links.

“ A Rotaractor’s Perspective ”

By Mary Kathryn DeLodder

Mary Kathryn DeLodder has been involved in the Family of Rotary for 10 years. She started out as a member of Interact, and then went on to join Rotaract in college. As an undergraduate, she was a member of the Rotaract Club of Murray State University, serving twice as president. Mary Kathryn then attended the University of Louisville for graduate school where she was a member of the Rotaract Club of the University of Louisville, serving as historian. In 2007, Mary Kathryn gathered several friends to charter the Rotaract Club of Greater Louisville, a community-based Rotaract club in Louisville, Kentucky, USA. She served as the Charter President and has since served as the membership chair and community service chair.



“While it is not unheard of for Rotary clubs to have members under the age of 30, many young people in their 20s may not quite be ready for membership in a Rotary club. This may be due to a lack of flexibility in their work schedule, financial limitations, or other family or life constraints. This is where Rotaract offers the perfect bridge into Rotary. Rotaract provides college students and young professionals with a way to connect to Rotary while conforming to their needs and circumstances.

While one of the stated goals of Rotaract is to motivate young people for eventual membership in Rotary, there are certainly many other reasons to sponsor a Rotaract club beyond just the potential to develop future Rotarians. Through Rotaract, Rotarians have the opportunity to help mentor the next generation of community and business leaders. In turn, Rotaractors often bring enthusiasm and energy to their sponsoring Rotary club. Rotaractors and Rotarians often work side-by-side on service projects, thus extending the impact made on the local community. Whether or not Rotaractors choose to become Rotarians will largely depend on

the impressions made by members of the sponsoring Rotary club.

Having been involved in Rotaract for nearly a decade, I have had the pleasure of meeting many Rotarians who have helped to shape me as a leader. I have been fortunate to be included in various club and district functions where I was able to learn about the workings of Rotary beyond my own community. Sometimes, I just invited myself to events in order to learn more. Rotarians made sure I had information, and I was able to use that information to become a better leader within Rotaract. Without a doubt, I can say that I WILL be a Rotarian when the time is right for me. I cannot imagine Rotary not being a part of my life!

As Rotary Coordinators / DGs etc, we can encourage Rotary clubs to be responsible sponsors of Rotaract clubs. Encourage clubs to maintain a strong, healthy, and active relationship with their Rotaract club. Interaction with the sponsoring Rotary club is the key to success for a Rotaract club. Strong connections with Rotaract clubs today will ensure vibrant Rotary clubs tomorrow”.

Amendment to the article published in the October edition of the ROM Newsletter:

“Promoting Rotary External Events During February 2011 ... ”

The National Movie Night is on Wednesday February 23rd 2011 and not the 24th as announced in the October 2010 edition of the ROM. The national release date to the general public is the 24th February.

20th Century Fox has offered Rotary pre-release rights to the movie Conviction. This is a movie that should appeal to Rotarians and is a great opportunity to invite family and friends for an enjoyable night at the movies. The funds raised from this night will go towards the “End Polio Now” campaign and if Rotarians get behind the project it could raise up to \$600,000.00.

“Resources for Rotarians”

Rotary International offers myriad resources to help Rotarians build effective clubs. A few resources were published in the last two months and here are some more for you to explore.

The Rotary Foundation

- [The Rotary Foundation Annual Report](#) – Outlines the major achievements and program highlights of the 2008-09 Rotary year, along with key financial information.
- [Rotary Foundation Facts](#) – Provides a brief statistical overview of the Foundation, its programs, and contribution information.
- [Online contribution forms](#) – Offers the forms you need to contribute to the Foundation.

Youth programs

- [RI Web site: Students and Youth section](#) – Offers ideas for Rotarians and participants in RI and Foundation youth, young adult, and scholarship programs.
- [Abuse and Harassment Prevention Training Manual and Leaders' Guide](#) – Helps club and district leaders create and maintain a safe environment for participants in RI youth programs and projects that involve minors.
- [Interact Brochure](#) – Provides information on Interact for potential members.
- [Interact Handbook](#) – Discusses organizing and administering effective Interact clubs, for both sponsor Rotary clubs and Interact club leaders.
- [Youth Exchange Handbook](#) – Offers guidelines and other materials for Rotarians organizing a district Rotary Youth Exchange program.

“ We want clubs to be assured that they are the most important thing in Rotary, if we don't take care of the Clubs, the Clubs won't take care of Rotary International ”
RI President Roy Klinginsmith

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Zone 7B (New Zealand, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island, Vanuatu, American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Tonga and Samoa).

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