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## News from Brisbane Centenary

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### Doing good in a myriad of ways

**Jonathan Majiyagbe**  
Chairman,  
The Rotary Foundation

November is a very special month on my personal Rotary calendar, and I hope that you share my enthusiasm.

All Rotarians can take great pride in the achievements of our Foundation, from our work for polio eradication to our Rotary Centres for International Studies to projects that improve lives every day. And now, we are building on those efforts through our Future Vision Plan.

As a Nigerian, I have seen how The Rotary Foundation is making a difference in my homeland. As Rotary Foundation chair, I have the opportunity to see our Foundation in action throughout the world. I can assure you that your generous contributions to the Annual Programs Fund and Permanent Fund are doing good in myriad ways.

But our contributions to the Foundation go beyond financial support. Rotarian doctors and dentists are serving as volunteers to bring health care to remote, underserved areas. Rotarian families are welcoming Ambassadorial Scholars and Group Study Exchange teams into their homes, establishing lasting international friendships. And millions of children are receiving the precious polio vaccine during National Immunisation Days that Rotarians help organise, promote, and carry out with an eye on good stewardship practices.

As you observe Rotary Foundation Month, keep in mind the many ways that you can contribute. Through our combined support, the Foundation will continue to do good in the world for decades to come.

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## News from the Directors

This week as I have already circulated is a membership meeting designed to think of names of potential members. Please look at the classification list and have some names ready and preferably with some means of contacting these people.

Don't forget next week is an evening meeting at our usual venue with guest speaker Nathan Welch on his Amazon trip. Partners will be welcome. I will need numbers this week, please.

This Saturday night is Guess who's coming to dinner. Names of people wishing to be involved should have been sent to John Woodward by now.

Neville Blomeley

## Rotary News – At Home and Abroad

### It's a world first for GSE

In a world Rotary first, District 9680 from northern Sydney, NSW, and District 5490, Arizona, USA, will conduct an all wheelchair Group Study Exchange in 2009. Past Governor Harold Sharp (picture 6), of District 9680 has finalised the Australian team after interviewing some 30 applicants.

Team leader Jenny Kapp, of the Rotary Club of Crows Nest, NSW, will be accompanied by Andrew Longhurst, Denise Beckwith, Anne-Marie Howarth and Ainslie Whitburn. The team had its first get together in October and according to PDG Harold, "I could not be happier with the team.

"Obviously one is unsure when you select a team whether they will gel and get on, but I was thrilled with the result of our first meeting and especially the leadership shown by our team leader, Jenny," he said.

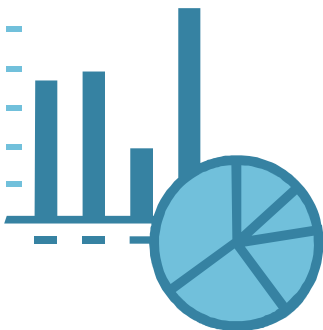
"These young people who are all in wheelchairs are going to make an amazing GSE team."

The team's details are:

1. **Jenny Kapp**, 34, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Crows Nest. Freelance trainer, writer and researcher, Member of the Rotary Club of Crows Nest. Born with Cerebral Palsy, Master of Education, Bachelor of Arts (communication).
2. **Denise Beckwith**, 30, Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ryde, NSW. Senior Advocate for people with disabilities, Member of the Australian Paralympics Swimming team in Sydney 2000 and won a bronze medal. Also won gold medals in the British and Dutch swimming Championships. Born with Cerebral Palsy
3. **Andrew Longhurst**, 34, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Carlingford, NSW. Community worker for Northcott Society, a non-profit organisation looking after people with disabilities. Academic background is in psychology and counselling. Director of Physical Disability Council of NSW.
4. **Anne-Marie Howarth**, 34, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Epping, NSW. Bachelor of Arts, Business Analysis and Project Manager for NSW Housing Commission. Active in sport particularly swimming, skiing and recently completed her first 5km open ocean swim race. She is a member of the Swimming NSW Elite development squad.
5. **Ainslie Whitburn**, 31. Academic background in Arts, Psychology Education and Health promotion. Employed as the disability Officer at Gosford City Council. Was named as one of the Significant Women of the Central Coast of NSW in 2007. The team will travel to Arizona in April, after the arrival of the District 5490 team in Sydney in February.

"The logistics of such an exchange are very challenging but will create a new sense of wheelchair awareness in both Districts. The members of the team have all traveled extensively and to them it's pretty much business as usual," PDG Harold said. ■

Membership meeting



World First for GSE

**From:** Rotaract Club of South-West Brisbane [mailto:rotaractswb@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 29 October 2008 2:21 PM  
**Subject:** Rotaract SWB: Project update and request for support

Dear Rotarians and friends of the Rotaract Club of South-West Brisbane,

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*Rotaract Calendar  
Project.*

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Our club is currently working to produce an A4, full-colour 2009 calendar which will be sold to raise money for the HEAL (Home of Expressive Arts in Learning) program at Milpera State High School.

Milpera is a state secondary school providing English language and intensive settlement services to newly arrived immigrant and refugee students. These students come from over 30 different countries, with 60 per cent being refugees. Many have come from war-torn countries and some 30 per cent have lost one or both parents. The HEAL program uses art and music to help these students deal with their trauma and grief.

The calendar will feature the artworks of local artists and will be sold for \$10 each at the Sherwood Street Festival, in local galleries (including Lilly Lee Gallery and Graceville Gallery) and through our own personal and professional networks. We are also offering local businesses the opportunity to support his project by purchasing advertising space in the calendar - one space per calendar month. For \$200 these businesses will be allocated an advertising space in a prominent position on a calendar page of their choice, and will received five complimentary copies of the finished product.

In addition to selling the calendars within the local community, we are hoping to host a small launch party and will implement a public relations campaign in conjunction with the launch, with advertisers/sponsors being mentioned in all promotional materials.

If you are a business owner in the south-west Brisbane region and would like to know more about this opportunity, please refer to the attached sponsorship and advertising proposal. Unfortunately, as the end of the year is approaching rapidly, we have only a short amount of time to finalise advertising. We would greatly appreciate if you could consider this request as soon as possible. Please feel free to contact me via email or phone if you have any questions or to request deadline extensions.

In the coming weeks we will be posting more information and a selection of the artworks to our dedicated project website. Visit [www.rotaract-milpera.blogspot.com](http://www.rotaract-milpera.blogspot.com) to read about the project.

Kind regards,

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## Steve Irwin Day

Now we need YOUR help!

Hi there,

Earlier this year you contacted us for help with fundraising for a specific event, charity, sporting or community organisation. Now we are asking for your help in return...

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*Support for a Local  
Charity*

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The countdown is on until Steve Irwin Day on November 15, 2008; the biggest and best celebration ever!

Steve Irwin shared with the world his love for khaki, wildlife, the environment, and family. So, the best way we can pay tribute to the one and only Crocodile Hunter is to include these three loves into the celebrations on Steve Irwin Day. We encourage the world to join in by:

- \* Wearing Khaki on 15 November
- \* Having a Backyard Campout 'to get back to nature and wildlife'
- \* Visiting Australia Zoo on 15 November
- \* Holding a fundraising event for Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors Worldwide

Everyone involved in Steve Irwin Day, Backyard Campout and Khaki Day activities will be helping Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors to support various Whale Research projects around the world.

For more information or to register an official Steve Irwin Day event simply go to [www.australiazoo.com.au](http://www.australiazoo.com.au) and click on the Steve Irwin Day banner.

We hope that through your organisation or group you can encourage team members, kids, parents, and members of the community to help us celebrate an amazing man who truly changed our world.

You can start by simply wearing Khaki to your office, school, community group, sporting club or even giving a small donation to Wildlife Warriors Worldwide. Set a target (eg \$100) and then set a challenge to other groups like your own to see if they can raise more money than you for the world's wildlife.

### WIN Ripper Prizes

By setting yourself the challenge, you too will be helping Australia Zoo and Wildlife Warriors Worldwide to continue Steve's conservation dreams. Don't forget to register your participation online!

Feel free to pass this message on to other people who you know would love to be involved on Steve Irwin Day on the 15th November 2008.

We need your help!

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

John Cridland Birthday - 7<sup>th</sup> November  
 Peter and Wendy Tomlin Anniversary – 12<sup>th</sup> November

## Upcoming Events

Guess Who's coming to Dinner – 15<sup>th</sup> November  
 Night Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> November – Nathan Welch – Amazon source to sea  
 Board Meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> November  
 President's at Home – 6<sup>th</sup> December

## Rosters

Duty	12 <sup>th</sup> November	19 <sup>th</sup> November
Chair	Adrian Weber	Geoff Williams
Duty Officer	Royce Noble	Ann Rogers
Fellowship Officer	Peter Tomlin	Graeme Stratford
Rotary Talk	John Woodward	Nick Curry
International Toast	Bruce Wilson	David Harris

## Picture Gallery

### THE FOUR-WAY TEST

- 1) Is it the truth?
- 2) Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



Look out for those pesky penguins

### ROTARY GRACE

Lord, make us more thankful for what we have received;  
 Make us more content with what we have;  
 And make us more mindful of others who are in need.