



## Rotary Club of Brisbane Mid-City Inc.

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2006 - 2007**

At our first meeting in July 2006, your board made a presentation of what was at the times referred to as the 2006 – 2007 Club Focus. Some of the aims were not achieved but it's pleasing to look back and reflect on our successes and achievements. Attached to this Report is a copy of the 2006 - 2007 Club Focus. Using that as a benchmark, club activities and achievements can be looked upon in the following way:

#### **Membership**

- Our numbers have dropped to 57 including two honorary members. A disappointment but resignations are always for good and valid reasons including relocation in business, business pressure or other focuses.
- Five new members have been inducted this year – of which four were current Rotarians locating to Brisbane or former Rotarians wanting to again be part of this club.
- Club attendances have increased during this last six months to all but 71%.
- We did explore the charter of a new club in the New Farm/Newstead area. Unfortunately this aim was not achieved.
- The club brochure for promotion of our club and Rotary was published (thanks to Paul Sergeant). All members have sufficient copies to be able to distribute in an appropriate way.

#### **Club**

- Two Assemblies were held throughout the year together with two club information days.
- A survey of members was undertaken focussing on what members would like to see in their club. A number of items have been implemented, with all comments being taken on board.
- The Monitor remained a focus of communication to members and after each board meeting included a report of the business transacted at each board meeting.
- Our website is also an important tool in communication. Our club has been recognised at a district level for its website and use of technology.
- An innovation for the New Year is the digital Monitor. Through the guise of Graeme Kemp and Paul Sergeant, this may be in fact an innovation that Rotary clubs had not previously seen.

## Service Projects

Throughout the year the club participated in the following service activities:

- Clean Up Australia.
- Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.
- Solomon Islands Tsunami collections.
- Supply of one shelter box towards the Solomon Islands Tsunami rehabilitation.
- Joined with the Rotary Club of Brisbane North in hosting a lunch with the Lady Mayoress Lisa Newman.
- Is the ROMAC host club for the Razmidden sisters presently in Brisbane for their treatment of severe burns.
- Continued support for the Drug-Arm Drug and Alcohol Information Centre. The trust deed has been revised to provide a more appropriate structure for the receipt and application of funds for the purposes of the trust.
- Continued the club support of the Queensland Conservatorium Music Annual Bursary.
- Raised over \$18,000.00 towards Rotary service projects – this included such activities as the Melbourne Cup Trifecta, the Lottery, income from wine receipts, the Moonlight Wine Tour.

## Rotary Foundation

- The club contributed \$US100.00 per member to the Rotary Foundation.
- Three Paul Harris Fellow presentations were made to past club presidents Brian McIntye and Dawson Petie and charter member Roger Morton.
- Support of Rotary Foundations included:
  - the holding of a Paul Harris Fellow lunch in February – this may be an annual event;
  - the sponsoring of Juanita Nelson as an outgoing GSE exchange team member to Malaysia;
  - the sponsoring of an application by Janita Phillips for a Rotary Peace Scholarship;
  - the hosting of the GSE Team from Malaysia in March and April;
  - the participation in matching grants for the Foundation programs of Rotary against Malaria, Adopt a Village and Donations in Kind in PNG and Solomon Islands.

## **International Service**

- Donation of \$250.00 towards the cost of a traction machine for the Port Vila Hospital.
- PolioPlus pancake breakfast - \$100.00 raised.
- DIK – collection and distribution of desks, chairs and books from various colleges and secondary schools in Brisbane.
- Medical books collected from Queensland Medical Laboratories and delivered to DIK.

## **Youth**

- Nomination of attendee at Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp – Gerrit Lebbink. Greg Nelson who attended RYLA the previous year addressed our club on 1 September.
- Carson Au attended the National Youth Science Forum in January 2007. Carson spoke to our club in April.
- The club supported Fern Thompsett in travelling overseas as part of the Australian Volunteers International. Ms Thompsett also spoke at our club.
- Storm the Stage auditions were held in October and finals later that month. Our club actively participated in the organisation and arrangements for that event. Further involvement will occur this year and I suspect years to come.
- Karena Lloyd received a sponsorship from the club to the value of \$200.00 for attendance at the International RYLA meeting in the USA.
- All club members have been encouraged to apply for blue cards. Ben Warren has provided assistance in facilitating the applications.

## **Our Weekly Program**

As always the club has enjoyed an interesting mix of program ranging from guest speakers to club fellowship days, Paul Harris lunch and club assemblies. Our own members also had the opportunity to make presentations and give us a little bit more information about who and what they really are.

## **Conclusion**

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Mid-City will enjoy its 30<sup>th</sup> birthday on 15 February 2008. It has a deep and rich heritage with some six current members being charter members. Our club thrives upon fellowship which thrives upon service above self. A rich heritage and richer future.

Keith Carl

Rotary Club of Brisbane Mid-City

## 2006 - 2007 Club Focus



## MEMBERSHIP

1. Have 63 active members by 30 June 2007
2. Maintain existing members enthusiasm and membership
3. Increase number of female members
4. Increase member attendance at regular club meetings to 75%
5. Explore and take steps towards the charter of a new club - New Farm/Newstead

## SERVICE PROJECTS

1. Be involved in and support each of the following throughout the year:
  - (a) Red Shield Appeal:
  - (b) Clean Up Australia
  - (c) Smith Family Hampers
  - (d) The Drug and Alcohol Information Centre
  - (e) ROMAC
2. Continue our club's support of the Queensland Conservatorium of Music annual bursary.

## SERVICE PROJECTS

3. Raise \$21,000 towards Rotary Service Projects
4. Identify and take action towards a longer term project within the city precincts (possibly join with other city clubs to implement)
5. Join with the Brisbane City group of clubs in at least one community service activity
6. Undertake 2 vocational visits - including visits and cocktails in interesting boardrooms

## ROTARY FOUNDATION

1. Contribute at least \$100.00 US per member to the Rotary Foundation
2. Have two new benefactors
3. Continue the club's support of Rotary Foundation programs

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

1. Support and encourage the ambassadorial scholars - mentoring and visiting our club
2. Support of the outgoing GSE team
3. Active involvement in the DIK program

## YOUTH

1. Sponsor at least one student to the Siemens Science Summer School
2. Sponsor at least one student to RYPEN
3. Sponsor at least one student to NYSF
4. Identify and support at least two candidates to RYLA
5. Remain alive to new youth service possibilities and continue to develop relationships with other youth service organisations and schools so we can increase the number of young people to whom we can promote youth opportunities offered by Rotary

## CLUB

1. Hold two club assemblies during the year
2. Provide a report to members at the club meeting immediately following board meetings
3. To regularly invite and receive feedback and comment from members as to club activities, projects and administration
4. Fellowship beyond meetings - outings for the family and social functions for members and partners