



**DG Ed McKinnon
& Jean**

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Rotarians & Friends:

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**Rotary International
President 2007 - 08
Wilfrid J. Wilkinson
and wife, Joan**

August is Membership Month and PP Bruce Lynch from Bunbury is the first Membership Director of 9460. His report to the Board meeting on 10th August outlined his thoughts for the year.

The first opportunity Members will have to discuss those thoughts, and to add theirs, will be a combined Board meeting and discussion group to be held in Katanning on the 9th September 2007. An invitation to attend has been forwarded to Clubs by PDG Peter Brown. Please look out for it.

If Rotary was a business, our stock in trade would be our membership. We are like a professional company which relies upon its staff to promote its services and activities and to sell time to their clients. The only difference for Rotary is that our profits are returned to the Community to assist those in need. As with professional companies, staff and membership come and go as other aspects of their lives influence them and their families. Planning for retraining, replacement and retirement are all factors in running a successful organisation.

Our job, as leaders, is to make Rotary the organisation of choice for those business people who wish to make a difference and for those who wish to share their good fortune with others less fortunate. To do that, we need to be more than a charitable organisation. Prospective members also need to identify Rotary

as a business organisation where they can mix with other business people, to learn from them, to receive assistance when assistance is needed, and importantly, to have some fun. **ROTARY SHARES** is a theme which embodies all of those aims.

The Club Newsletters continue at an extremely high standard. Reports of new Rotarians being inducted into our Clubs indicates that our aim of 1200 members by the end of the year will be reached.

I have now visited thirteen Clubs in our District and the reception from each and every one of them has been magnificent. Jean and I have been impressed with the variety of programmes that Clubs are involved with and how those Clubs interact with their communities. Our thanks go to them. Our particular thanks go to Bob and Judy Boord in Esperance, John and Joan Johansson in Wagin, Brett and Patricia Belstead in Bunbury, Peter and Christine Molinari in Katanning and Peter and Carolyn Brown in Albany for hosting us during our visits.

DG Ed McKinnon



*Rotary Club of Collie welcomes
Fay from Inner Mongolia.*



*President Muray Meaton
presenting a Paul Harris
Fellow to PP Ross Ballard.*



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**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ITEMS
28th day of the prior month**

District Governor's Visit Schedule

27-Aug-2007	Monday	Harvey
29-Aug-2007	Wednesday	Busselton Geographe Bay
30-Aug-2007	Thursday	Collie
3-Sep-2007	Monday	Margaret River
4-Sep-2007	Tuesday	Applecross
5-Sep-2007	Wednesday	Safety Bay P.K.
10-Sep-2007	Monday	Bunbury
11-Sep-2007	Tuesday	Busselton
13-Sep-2007	Thursday	Pinjarra
17-Sep-2007	Monday	Mosman Park
19-Sep-2007	Wednesday	Fremantle
20-Sep-2007	Thursday	Cockburn
24-Sep-2007	Monday	Bridgetown
26-Sep-2007	Wednesday	Palm Beach
2-Oct-2007	Tuesday	Mandurah Districts
3-Oct-2007	Wednesday	Mandurah City
8-Oct-2007	Monday	Fremantle Port
15-Oct-2007	Monday	Kwinana
22-Oct-2007	Monday	Melville

DISTRICT INSURANCE

As in previous years, the printing of the District Directory must take place before the charges (if any) of the following years insurance coverages are known.

As some changes have occurred, it is necessary for me to pass on to Rotarians so that they are aware of these changes and may amend their directories accordingly.

The changes that have occurred are to our benefit and along with some reductions in our premiums, can only be described as a bonus for the manner in which we have conducted our programs resulting in a minimum claims experience.

The amendments are as follows:

Page 42 – under the heading “Limit of Cover”, change \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 cover and change the excess from \$5,000 down to \$2,500.

Page 43 – under the heading “Travel”, change Baggage Claims Limit any one item from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Also amend in the area of “Electronic Equipment”, a \$250 excess applies to any claims in that item.

Page 43 – under the heading “Medical Expenses”, whilst no monetary coverages are listed in regard to the Medical and Additional Expenses area of this section of the policy, it has been amended upwards from \$1,000,000 to “Unlimited”.

Page 44 – under the heading “Caravan/Trailer Insurance”, amend the excess condition shown as \$35 (a mis-print) to \$500 and add “\$1,000 if on hire”.

As mentioned earlier, some significant upward levels of coverage have been achieved whilst in some areas, reductions of applicable excesses have been achieved.

If you are unsure of your insurance position in regards to programs you are planning, do not hesitate to contact Jim Trotter, District Insurance Officer.

FOUNDATION NEWS

Past RI President Bhichai Rattakul has handed in his resignation as Chairman of The Rotary Foundation, effective 1 August 2007. Past RI President Bhichai, however, will complete his term as a Trustee to the end of the 2007-08 Rotary year.

Past RI President Bhichai wishes to convey to all Rotarians his deepest regret over his decision to resign as the chairman of The Rotary Foundation due to his health and that of his wife and to inform each of you that all travel arrangements and engagements that he has made prior to his resignation as Chairman of The Rotary Foundation after 1 August 2007 have to be cancelled.

TRF Vice Chairman Robert Scott will succeed Past RI President Bhichai as Chairman as of 1 August for the remainder of the 2007-08 Rotary year. Should you wish to consult with Trustee Scott regarding his travel schedule, please direct your inquiries to Ann Fleming, ann.fleming@rotary.org.

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH RESEARCH FUND

ARHRF-funded research leads to \$640,000 NHMRC grant

Professor George Patton and a team from the Murdoch Children's Research Institute have received \$640,000 from the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) to continue a world-first study which will examine how mental health (and illness) is transmitted from one generation to the next.



The researchers are following up children born to subjects in the *Victorian Adolescent Health Cohort*. This was a landmark longitudinal study which followed the health and wellbeing of around 2000 adolescents from the age of 14 to the age of 28 (from 1992 to 2006).

The research involves interviews of parents (during pregnancy and beyond), pre-school teachers and the children themselves, as well as collection of DNA and perinatal data. It is expected that over the next decade around 2200 children will be recruited to the project.

The researchers are looking at how to break intergenerational cycles of mental disorder through looking at genetic and environmental influences and how these interact. Thanks to ARHRF funding, interviews and DNA collection are well under way and several of the major research tools have been designed. The research team are very grateful to the ARHRF and Rotary for their assistance, which put their project in a strong position to be considered for the NHMRC funding. *“Without the ARHRF, this important research opportunity would have been missed”*, said Patton.

Donations to ARHRF are tax deductible and can be sent to: ARHRF, PO Box 779, Parramatta, NSW, 2124. Telephone (02) 8837 1900 or Email arhrf@arhrf.org.au.

PRESIDENT WILKINSON SHOWS THE WORLD ROTARY SHARES

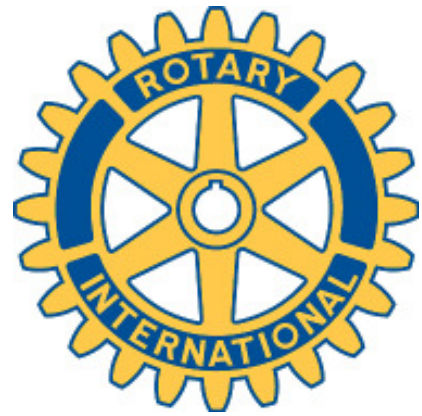
Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, 2007-08 RI president, has launched the new Rotary year as the year to “say yes to Rotary.” The RI theme, *Rotary Shares*, is a reflection of his commitment to share Rotary with others through service and recruiting new members.

Wilkinson, of the Rotary Club of Trenton, Ontario, Canada, sees the concept of sharing as a motivating force behind Rotary work. “In choosing this theme, I thought about how much of Rotary is about sharing. We share our time, we share our talents, we share our money with others who need our help,” he told incoming district governors at the 2007 International Assembly in February.

In a time of dwindling participation in service organizations worldwide, Wilkinson emphasizes the importance of commitment to membership expansion. “It’s not always an easy thing to invite someone into Rotary. Too often, we hear no. And no one likes to hear no. It’s easy to get discouraged. But you have to expect those no’s, and know when to ask again - and when to move on to find a yes somewhere else.”

Equally important to Rotary’s future, says Wilkinson, is attention to programs for youth. “Working to strengthen our programs for youth helps ensure a new generation of responsible, ethical, and volunteer-minded people. [They] are our link to the future of Rotary.”

This article is excerpted from the July 2007 issue of Rotary World.



WHY IS MEMBERSHIP GROWTH IMPORTANT TO ROTARY?

As we start the new Rotary year, let’s reflect on some of the reasons that membership growth is important for Rotary.

- Membership growth increases Rotary’s capacity for service.
- New Rotarians bring fresh ideas, new interests, and increased energy to clubs.
- More members increase the volume of support for The Rotary Foundation.
- Diversity in membership ensures that the club is relevant to the entire community.
- Service-minded individuals are given the opportunity to help their communities through Rotary.
- More members create a larger network for both local and international fellowship.

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION MONTH

New and younger members ensure the future of Rotary and its work.

Start thinking about the new membership development initiatives your club or district can undertake throughout August to celebrate Membership and Extension Month. Consider scheduling the program topics for each of the month’s meetings to focus on a different facet of membership development, such as:

- Developing a prospective member information packet
- Mentoring programs for new members
- Increasing club presence in local media

Find these and other topic ideas on the [Membership Minute Archives](#) page on www.rotary.org.

REGIONAL RI MEMBERSHIP CO-ORDINATORS

If your club is looking for new ideas or innovations to address specific membership development issues, consider contacting your regional Rotary International membership coordinator, or RRIMC.

Every year, the RI president appoints 44 Rotary leaders to serve as RRIMCs. Their mission is to support clubs and districts in achieving membership growth. These dedicated volunteers are knowledgeable about membership development strategies and techniques as well as specific RI programs related to membership growth. They are supported by 80 RI membership zone coordinators, or RIMZCs.

You’ll find the names and contact information of the 2007-08 RRIMCs on the [RRIMC page](#) of www.rotary.org and in the 2007-08 *Official Directory*. Feel free to contact your local RRIMC or RIMZC with any membership development questions or issues you might have throughout the year.

DISTRICT 9460 ORGANISATION 2007 - 08

District Board:

District Governor:
DG Ed McKinnon

District Governor Elect:
DGE Zaki Dorkham

District Governor Nominee:
DGN Keith Hopkins

Secretary: Rtn Ednamay Foston

Treasurer: PDG David Barton

Administration:
DGE Zaki Dorkham

Foundation: PDG Peter Brown

Membership: PP Bruce Lynch

Public Relations:
Rtn Gary Brennan

Projects: PP Marilyn Barton

(Projects Sub-Committee)

International: PP Frank Wheeler

Vocational: PP Alan Lush

Community:
PP Graham Wheeler

New Generations:
PP Malcolm Wills

Youth Exchange:
PDG John Simmons

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PP David Donaldson
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PDG Jim Trotter
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District Protection Officer:
PP Keith Quayle
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ATTENDANCE FIGURES

NOTICES

Club	Mtgs	Members # +/-	Month %	Mthly Rank	Prog %	Prog Rank
Albany East	4	35 -1	78.00	21	70.69	24
Albany Port	4	24	80.00	16	80.15	4
Applecross	4	40 1	83.70	13	71.43	20
Attadale	3	36	94.00	2	74.59	11
Booragoon	4	23	84.60	10	76.99	6
Bridgetown	3	12	77.77	23	70.96	22
Bunbury	4	41 -1	76.00	26	71.45	19
Bunbury Cent	NO REP	18	0.00	35	54.47	37
Bunbury Lesch	4	39 1	77.40	24	74.38	13
Busselton	4	14	92.80	3	72.16	16
Busselton G'bay	4	26 2	84.39	11	76.01	9
Cockburn	4	26	77.90	22	66.17	33
Collie	4	34	89.17	5	76.04	8
Esperance	3	43 -1	79.20	19	72.63	15
Esperance Bay	4	39	76.00	26	70.74	23
Fremantle	4	27 2	60.56	33	66.70	35
Fremantle City	4	29 1	37.93	34	49.18	38
Fremantle Port	3	7 -1	86.67	7	69.76	25
Gnowangerup	3	12	86.00	8	59.62	36
Harvey	3	28	84.10	12	74.52	12
Katanning	3	28 -1	76.49	25	71.03	21
Kojonup	NO REP	37	0.00	35	67.73	28
Kwinana	3	28	79.70	17	75.13	10
Mandurah	3	44	69.61	31	66.24	32
Mandurah City	4	24	80.36	15	76.38	7
Mandurah Distr	4	17 -1	70.60	30	74.18	14
Manjimup	3	39	73.40	29	67.28	29
Margaret River	3	36	78.72	20	66.33	31
Melville	4	43	81.24	14	81.72	2
Mosman Park	4	26	87.00	6	80.35	3
Mt Barker	1	14	100.00	1	83.38	1
Narrogin	3	19	79.63	18	69.56	26
Palm Beach	NO REP	32	0.00	35	65.70	34
Pinjarra	4	34 -1	74.70	28	71.74	18
Rockingham	3	23	68.40	32	71.93	17
Safety Bay P.K.	3	11	92.59	4	78.45	5
South Bunbury	NO REP	50	0.00	35	69.50	27
Wagin	3	15 -1	85.70	9	66.85	30

Total Members: 1,073 Month of June 2007

VALE

PP Doug Timms – sadly passed away recently. His passing was a sudden end after enduring a couple of years of his debilitating disease. PP Doug's rotary life started in Scarborough & he resigned from the Rotary Club of Margaret River 2 years ago. He had been a Rotarian for some 35 years. A memorial service was held at the Uniting Church, Tingle Ave, Margaret River. Our thoughts & sympathy are extended to Barbara & their family.

PP Alex Hartz - It is also with great sadness that we record the passing of PP Alex Hartz, a former member of the Rotary Club of Mosman Park and Paul Harris Fellow. Alex joined Rotary in 1953 and was President of West Perth before joining Mosman Park. Some members will recall Alex running the movie theatres in Mosman Park and Cottesloe during the 1950's after his war service. For many years he performed the work of Attendance Officer and is remembered with great affection for his support of all our endeavours over many years, his sage advice and dry sense of humour. Alex had a private funeral. The thoughts and best wishes of all members and partners go out to all the Hartz family at this time.

INNER WHEEL

District A40 Chairman Olive Lovitt reports that all Inner Wheel A40 Clubs have had their changeover functions with some of the Rotary Presidents attending. In order to "COMMUNICATE OUR VISION" (their theme for this year) they are hoping through their Extension Officer Maureen Betts to encourage more Rotary interaction with members attending some of their Club functions. Inner Wheel have fourteen Clubs in the whole of WA with much hard work in services provided by them as well as the fantastic friendships of course.

Final word is that Inner Wheel across Australia has reached the goal of \$1,000,000 for the Cord Blood Research fund and still the work goes on. Cord Blood Day is May 9th 2008. They are sure that the Rotary WA Cord Blood Bank will follow a similar pattern with the seed well and truly sown which can only grow stronger. Any queries may be emailed to Olive Lovitt A40 Chairman lovpo@westnet.com.au

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

John and Helen are the result of Mandurah City's recent advertising campaign in the local newspapers utilising RI's PR grant. The campaign was aimed at generating awareness of Rotary in the community and promote an information evening where they had 7 potential candidates turn up.



Rotary Club of Mandurah City inducts two new members. Helen Davis & John Mason with partner Sue warmly welcomed by President Karen

KEY EVENTS & TRAINING DATES

Outbound GSE Team depart for Scotland District 1010	7 September 2007
Multi District Rotary Foundation Seminar	9 September 2007
Storm the Stage – Complete District Finals	15 September 2007
Outbound GSE Team returns from Scotland District 1010	9 October 2007
President Elect Training Seminar, Bunbury	14 March 2008
District Conference, Bunbury	14-16 March 2008
District Assembly, Collie	4 May 2008
International Convention, Las Angeles, USA	15-18 June 2008
District Change Over Dinner	30 June 2008

A full list of events can be found in the District Directory.

LAST WORD

He who cannot change the very fabric of his thought will never be able to change reality, and will never, therefore, make any progress.

- Anwar Sadat

We see things not as they are, but as we are.

-Henry Major Tomlinson