



41st Rotary Zone Institute

Zones 7A & 8A

Conrad Jupiters

17th – 19th November 2006



WELCOME TO THE GOLD COAST INSTITUTE NEWSLETTER NO. 5 – OCTOBER 2006

ARE YOUR BAGS PACKED AND HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

Thank you to the large number of Rotarians and Partners who have already registered and booked accommodation.

We look forward to many more joining us at Conrad Jupiters for the *Gold Coast Institute*. But, the clock is ticking down and we need to know now if you want to be part of the Rotary crowd.

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ACCOMMODATION:

We have now used up our allocation of rooms at Conrad Jupiters and the hotel is fully booked out on Saturday.

Accommodation is available nearby at:

- ❖ **Sofitel Hotel**, 81 Surf Parade Broadbeach
Tel: 1800 074 465.

Apartments are available with a reasonable three night package at:

- ❖ **Belair Resort** opposite Pacific Fair and the **Phoenician** with a central booking number.
Tel: 1300 553 800 contact Mike

LATEST NEWS

DRESS CODE PRE-INSTITUTE AND INSTITUTE:

Casual business attire is recommended for all sessions, except Saturday Night Beach Party. The Opening on Friday, it is requested that a jacket and tie be worn.

RESOLUTIONS:

We have included in the newsletter the resolutions we have received. This gives everyone the opportunity to be fully aware of what will be put before the Resolutions Session. Please contact our Resolutions Chairman PDG Paul Street if further information required. Telephone: (02) 6251 9588
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INSTITUTE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS:

We have received a number of nominations for committee positions but unfortunately do not have sufficient numbers to fill all vacancies. The committees are very important to the institute and for them to work effectively they require a full complement of numbers.

We have decided to apply under the Rules of Rotary International Institutes for Zones 7A & 8A. The Rule 6.070.5 which in part reads “In exceptional situations late nominations may be accepted”.....

The positions available are the following:

- ❖ **Siemens Science Experience National Committee Representative:**
One member to be elected 2007-09
(Siemens located in Melbourne)
- ❖ **History & Archives Committee:**
One member to be elected 2007-09
- ❖ **Rotaract Representative Training Committee Chairman:**
One member to be elected 2007-09
(Training in Melbourne)
- ❖ **RYPEN Committee:**
One member to be elected 2007-10

Please note the closing date for nominations to fill these vacancies is **Friday 3rd November 2006.**

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Institute Chairman

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RESOLUTIONS TO THE 41ST ROTARY ZONE INSTITUTE
ZONES 7A & 8A

RESOLUTION 2006-01

“That the Institute adopts the Report of the 40th Rotary Zone Institute Zones 7A & 8”.

Proposer: PDG Brian Coleman D9680

Secunder: PDG Phil Lacey D9690

RESOLUTION 2006-02

“That this Institute receive and adopt the Financial Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the 40th Rotary Institute for Zones 7A & 8A”.

Proposer: PDG Brian Coleman D9680

Secunder: PDG Phil Lacey D9690

RESOLUTION 2006-03

Liability Excess Fund

- a) *That this Institute resolves to administer a fund accessible by an Australian District who should suffer a molestation claim under the National liability policy. Such a fund to be established by way of voluntary contributions from Districts, or District Committees.*
- b) *The establishment and annual reporting on such a fund be subject to review by Rotary International Zone 7A & Zone 8A incumbent District Governors and District Governors Elect at each Institute.*

Proposer: PDG Peter Kaye D9550

Secunder: To be called for

Reason:

With the introduction of Certification, RI has effectively shifted the liability to Districts for claims resulting from molestation under the Youth Exchange Program. All Districts are exposed to the threat of being sued for negligence as a result of a molestation event from YEP, or any other Rotary Program.

The current excess applicable to a molestation claim under the Rotary Liability policy is \$50,000, which could potentially bankrupt some Districts.

Whereas all Districts participate in the National Insurance Program, it follows that all Districts should make provision for this excess.

Effect:

The establishment of a pool is seen to be the most equitable way to relieve those Districts who would otherwise be unable to fund the \$50,000 excess. Furthermore, such a fund would provide assurance to Rotarians that they would not be called upon personally to contribute financially, should their District be unable to meet this cost.

This prudent measure would remove any negativity towards Club participation in Rotary Youth Programs, and any negative impact to membership would also be removed in the knowledge that provision had been made for the excess in the event of a claim.

RESOLUTION 2006-04

“That this Institute recommends that Districts pay an annual levy (*assessed annually*) to facilitate the training of District Insurance Officers and the funding of the National Insurance Committee. (*eg. for year 06-07 calculated at approximately 20 cents per Rotarian i.e. \$280 per District - invoiced and payable simultaneously with yearly District insurance premium*)”

Proposer: PDG Ross Forgione D9630

Secunder: PDG Doug Pascoe D9450

Reasons and effects:

At the 40th Rotary Institute Zones 7A & 8A in November 2005 at Penrith NSW, a resolution was adopted which includes a requirement to train District Insurance Officers (DIOs) – it also determined that the National Rotary Insurance Committee would –

- ‘investigate and recommend for District approval a method to ensure that the Committee is adequately funded to perform its function’.

Rotary is made up of autonomous Clubs and Districts spread throughout Australia, Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea and some Pacific Islands. Our Clubs and Districts could be exposed to unidentified risks which may already exist or which can arise from time to time plus we also have specialist organisations such as Interplast, ROMAC and RAWCS with international exposures. We differ from most traditional organisations requiring insurance because we have a ‘bottom up’ approach to our Club activities.

Rotary in Australia manages many of its risks by purchasing Insurance cover. It is therefore essential to have a Broker providing advice; analysing claims trends and risk management issues; testing of the market on price and availability of cover; negotiating with this Committee and with Insurers; placing the covers; billing and collecting premiums from Districts; plus assisting with training, claims and ongoing queries about cover, new risks, policy conditions and risk management throughout the Rotary year.

Training of our District Insurance Officers will involve this Committee as well as our current Insurance Brokers (Aon). It is also essential that we as a Committee meet with our Brokers and Underwriters/Insurers annually to be able to properly fulfil our obligations to Rotarians in Australia.



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