



**RI Zones 7A & 8 Institute
Christchurch N.Z.
21-23 November 2008**

Combining Australia's and New Zealand's Institute

Venue - Convention Centre, Christchurch

**Zones 7a & 8 Combined
Australia/New Zealand Institute**

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

2008

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Pre-Institute Trainers

DGsE PDG Judy Magub, Convenor and PDG Rob Crabtree
DGs PDG Ken Linkhorn and PDG Ross Forgione
DGsN PDG Sandra McKersey and PDG Bernie Rogers
District Trainers PDG Matu Rangiuia and PDG Ann White

RI and The Rotary Foundation Personnel in attendance

Theressa Nissen Assistant General Secretary/General Manager of Membership Services (Evanston)
Frank Pezzimenti Regional Head (SPPO)- TRF Seminar and Institute
Joy Walker Club & District Support Supervisor- GETS and Institute (SPPO)
Dele Riley Club & District Support Coordinator- GETS
Joel Smith Fund Development Officer (SPPO)- TRF Seminars and Institute
Robbyn Tarpy Asia Department Manager and Programs Officer, Matching Grants (Evanston)- GETS, TRF Seminar and Institute

Rotary Down Under Board

PDG Vance Hilton Chairman
PDG Des Dawson Vice-Chairman
RID John Lawrence
PDG Colin Thorniley Treasurer
PDG Bob Aitken Secretary
PDG Peter Williams
PDG Terry Edwards
PDG Stuart Heal

Institute Resolutions Committee

New Zealand: PDG Brian Lee Chairman
PDG Welly Choy
PDG John Cole

Australia: PDG Bill Dethlefs
PDG Ross Forgione
PDG Ian Sayers

Institute Presenters

Rtn. Roy Austin
PDG Rob Crabtree
PRIP Bill Boyd
Judge Jane McMeeken
Dr Ian Brooks
Dr Rod Carr
Bruce French
PDG Dick Garner
Rt Hon Don McKinnon
PRIT Ian Riseley
PDG John Tarbutt
PDG Ian Wright

Powhiri

PDG Matu Rangiua

In Memoriam

PRID John Thorne

Reflections

PDG David Graham

International Convention- Birmingham TRF Trustee Ron Burton
PDG Judy Magub

2009 Institutes Chairmen

Zone 8A PDG Phil Lacey
Zone 7B PDG David Oliver

Registrations by Category

Australia	380	
New Zealand	148	
Finland	2	
Papeete	1	
Scotland	2	
USA (TRF 2, RI 2, Other 2)	<u>6</u>	<u>539</u>

Registrations by Category (contd)

RIPE	1	
RIDs	2	
PRIPs	2	
PRIDs	6	
TRF	1	
ARHRF	1	
RDU	1	
SPPO	3	
RI Staff USA	2	
USA Guests	2	
Spouses	10	
Other	<u>3</u>	34
PDGs	183	
DGs	29	
DGEs	29	
DGNs	<u>29</u>	
	270	
Spouses/Partners	<u>235</u>	506
		<u>539</u>

Registrations by District

1390	1
5770	1
5960	1
9450	10
9460	8
9470	6
9500	11
9520	11
9550	8
9570	6
9600	15
9630	10
9640	13
9650	9
9670	8
9680	8
9690	13

9700	6	
9710	6	
9750	5	
9780	7	
9790	7	
9800	13	
9810	8	
9820	9	
9830	<u>13</u>	210

9910	15	
9920	13	
9930	12	
9940	11	
9970	16	
9980	<u>13</u>	80

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Institute Programme

Friday 21 November 2008

- 8.00am Registration
 Australian DGs and DGsE Meeting
 New Zealand DGsE and DGsN meeting
 Sergeants' Meeting
- 8.45am RDU General Meeting
- 9.35am ARHRF General Meeting
- 10.20am **Morning Tea**
- 10.40am RAWCS- AGM
 Disaster Recovery Rotary Action group
- 11.45am Official Pre-Institute Luncheon for VIPs, DGs, Organising Committee
 (by invitation) RDU Sponsored
- 12.00pm **Lunch**- All other participants

First Plenary Session

- 1.00pm Call to Order- MC PDG Rob Crabtree
- 1.05pm Porwhiri- PDG Matu Rangiuia

- 1.10pm KoTane Maori Cultural Group
- 1.25pm Display of Flags by powerpoint- Countries of Zones 7A & 8
- 1.30pm Acknowledgement of Official Party, National Anthems of United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand
- 1.45pm Opening
 - Welcome to Christchurch- Mayoress Joanna Nichols-Parker
 - Welcome to Institute- Institute Chairman, PDG Jim Hudson

First Session Chairman— PRID Ken Collins

- 1.55pm Address- RI Director John Lawrence
- 2.05pm Address- RI President Elect John Kenny
- 2.35pm Address- RI Trustee Ron Burton
- 3.00pm **Afternoon Tea**

Second Plenary Session---Chairman PDG Ian Holyoake

- 3.25pm Call to Order
- 3.30pm Introduction of current District Governors (powerpoint presentation)
- 3.35pm PRIP Bill Boyd- “Now I am a past District Governor- what next?”
- 3.55pm Dr Rod Carr- MD Jade Corporation ‘Leadership in Troubled Times’
- 4.15pm Australian Projects highlights- PDG Dick Garner
- 4.30pm New Zealand Army Band
- 5.30pm Civic Reception for DGs, VIPs and Institute Committee
- 7.45pm Reunion Dinners

Saturday 22 November 2008

Third Plenary Session--- Chairman RID Lars-Olof Fredriksson

- 8.30am In Memoriam---PRID John Thorne (powerpoint)
- 8.50am Roll Call---MC PDG Rob Crabtree
- 9.10am Keynote Speaker Rt Hon Don McKinnon
- 9.40am New Zealand Projects--- PDG John Tarbutt
- 10.00am **Morning Tea**

Fourth Plenary Session---Chairman PRID Brian Knowles

- 10.30am NZ Multi-District Communications---PDG Rob Crabtree
- 10.50am Dr Ian Brooks “Change is What You Must Do”.
- 11.30am Rtn. Roy Austin “NZ Child Health Foundation/Cure Kids”.
- 11.45am PDG Ian Wright ROMAC
- 12.00pm **Lunch**

1.00pm **Workshops**

1. WCS Projects: Multi-District Environment
Led by PDG Stuart Batty and PDG Lou Johnson
2. “Change is What Rotarians Must Do”
Led by Dr Ian Brooks and PDG Bob Aitken
3. “The big Picture- what’s worth doing to advance Rotary”
Led by PRIP Bill Boyd and PRID Barry Thompson
4. “Reaching out to Youth- at home and across the seas”
Led by PDG Chas Woolley and PDG Ian Wright

3.00pm **Afternoon Tea**

Fifth Plenary Session---Chairman PDG Colin Nicholas

- 3.30pm RID Lars-Olof Fredriksson- “Rotary’s Strategic Plan” and “Reflections on Rotary from the Land of Santa”
- 3.55pm Bruce French “Feeding the World”
- 4.20pm Open Forum---Chairman PDG John Cole
- 4.40pm Resolutions Session
Australian Session-----Chairman PDG Bill Dethlefs
New Zealand Session---Chairman PDG Brian Lee

6.00pm TRF Major Donor Cocktails

Evening Programme

- 6.45-7.20pm Pre-Dinner Drinks
- 7.30pm **Grand Garden Party** Guest Speaker Dr Hamid Ikram

Sunday 23 November 2008

8.30am Reflections PDG David Graham

Sixth Plenary Session---Chairman PRID John Carrick

- 8.55am Judge Jane McMeeken New Zealand’s Youth Court
- 9.30am Introduction of DGsE on stage to RIPE John Kenny and RID John Lawrence
Introduction of DGsN (powerpoint)
- 9.55am RIPE John Kenny--- Summary

10.05am Award of the PRIT Ian Riseley TRF Contribution Trophies (Australia and New Zealand)

10.10am **Morning Tea**

Seventh Plenary Session---Chairman PDG Beryl Robinson

10.45am 2009 International Convention Birmingham

Presenters RI Trustee Ron Burton and PDG Judy Magub

10.55am RI Five Year Financial Forecast—PRIT Ian Riseley

Promotion of 2009 Institutes:

11.05am Zone 8A Australia PDG Phil Lacey

11.15am Zone 7B NZ and Pacific Islands---PDG David Oliver

11.25am Institute Resolutions of Appreciation---PDG Brian Lee

11.40am RID John Lawrence---Summary

11.50am Kiwi Farewell--- Christ's College Chapel Choir

12.10pm Close of Seventh Plenary Session and Institute---
RID John Lawrence

Programme Summary

Friday 21 November 2008

Following the Call to Order, Kaumatua PDG Matu Rangiuia gave a formal Maori welcome, with translation. The KoTane Maori Cultural Group then entertained with action songs and haka. The display of Flags of the countries of Zones 7A and 8 was done by powerpoint presentation and was followed by the National Anthems of the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand.

The Mayoress, Joanna Nichols-Parker, in the absence of the Mayor, welcomed all delegates to Christchurch. PDG Jim Hudson the Institute Chairman, introduced distinguished guests and extended a formal welcome on behalf of the organizing committee. RID John Lawrence spoke of the need to 'Share the vision' and for clubs to take control of where they want to go. RI President Elect John Kenny in his opening address emphasized that 'service is our business, caring is our hallmark', we need a 'quantity of quality' amongst our membership. Rotary Foundation Trustee Ron Burton challenged us to 'hear the inaudible, see the invisible and do the impossible'.

Past RI President Bill Boyd sees the role of PDGs in Rotary as a 'think tank', that Old Rotary is not appropriate in today's world, that we all must 'lead the charge'. Dr Rod Carr emphasized the need for leaders to show a path for others and be passionate about what they believe. We must be open to new ideas even if open means vulnerable.

Friday Evening Class Reunions

Held in several venues throughout the city, these proved to be a great success, a reflection on the planning and attention to detail by the organizer, PDG Gerald Austin.

Saturday 22 November 2008

In Memoriam. PRID John Thorne announced the following PDGs and wives of PDGs who had passed away since the last Institutes in a simple but moving powerpoint presentation, followed by the lighting of the Candle of Remembrance.

Australia:

Graeme Fosbery D9450 (86-87), Bill Wrathall D9470 (89-90), Dene Day, wife of PDG Roly Day D9500 (82-83), Gwyn Adams D9520 (80-81), Lionel Catt D9520 (65-66), Robert Northcote D9520 (06-07), Bob Norman D9550 (91-92), Claudette Lawrence, wife of PDG Grant Lawrence D9550 (95-96), Chas Clarke D9640 (83-84), Joan Clarke, wife of PDG Chas Clarke D9640 (83-84), Dennis Rees D9650 (88-89), Murray Bradford, husband of PDG Jane Bradford D9650 (05-06), Pat Clark, wife of PDG Nev Clark D9650 (97-98), Jim Downie D9670 (72-73), Gloria Woodley, wife of PDG Harold Woodley D9670 (89-90), Alan McKinney D9670 (83-84), Roy Parnell D9680 (79-80), Ken Nichols D9690 (87-88), Jack Fitzpatrick D9710 (87-88), Kingston Bond D9750 (79-80), Wynton Thorpe D9780 (72-73), Murray Mitchell D9780 (75-76), Don Haberecht D9790 (95-96), Maurice Denson D9790 (90-91), Ray Salmon D9800 (84-85), Don Pittard D9810 (74-75), Joyce Gilbert, wife of PDG Les Gilbert D9810 (76-77), Harry Oakes D9820 (80-81), Jock Geeves D9830 (81-82), Bette Ogilvie, wife of PDG Harold Ogilvie D9830 (88-89), Leigh Milburn D9830 (92-93)

New Zealand:

Bruce Robinson D9920 (90-91), Jim Ross D9930 (89-90), Ron Horsley D9930 (98-99), Ron Bain, husband of PDG Judy Bain D9940 (02-03), John Hurst D9970 (83-84), Les Dixon D9970 (96-97)

The Rt Hon Don McKinnon stated “now is the time to reverse a lot of bad habits”. We need to grasp what is working and be prepared to ‘reconfigure’ and ensure people are travelling with you. Dr Ian Brooks’ emphasised “Change is what you must do when you cannot keep doing what you are doing now”. People do the change, people make it happen, but people resist change. There is a cost of not taking people out of their comfort zone. Roy Austin spoke on the Cure Kids programme and gave a very generous donation to PolioPlus on its behalf.

Workshops

1. World Community Service Projects---Multi-District Environment

The presentations emphasized a range of genuine partnerships with local communities, the need to meet the criteria established for multi-district initiatives, how funds can accumulate from several sources and an overview of the involvements to date. There was discussion on the use of commission by most organizations versus the use of resources of Rotary thus avoiding commissions.

2. “Change is what Rotarians must do”

We need to change if we are to survive. We need to reflect on existing practices and consider how they look to outsiders eg the use of acronyms, the word ‘fellowship’. There must be a reason to join Rotary and vibrant clubs are the best start. What is our message to prospective new members? What are we presenting? What is it that we do well? We must be more proactive and share the good things we do.

3. “The big picture- what’s worth doing to advance Rotary?”

Solve problems of litigation (re Youth Programmes), introduce a formal training/education programme for new members. Look at our club through the eyes of an outsider looking in, talk to our communities and connect with them. How do we treat new members? Why are we losing members? Clubs are the key to Rotary, we need to do things within our clubs/communities that will make people want to join. What would we like to see changed within our club if we had just joined?

4 “Reaching out to Youth”

Rotaract seen as a viable means to develop membership and to involve youth, but emphasis should be on helping disadvantaged youth through RYE, RYLA and other programmes.

Suggested Rotary should get involved with children at an earlier age...?Interact Conference. Australian Interact numbers growing due to schools encouraging community service.

Youth programmes must remain relevant, “young peoples’ needs are changing and we (Rotary) must also adapt”.

Details of youth programmes now available on the web.

Resolutions Sessions

Australia:

Resolution 2008-01

“That the 42rd Australian Rotary Institute adopt the Report of the 42nd Rotary Institute Zones 7A & 8A Institute”

Proposer: PDG Ron Pickford- District 9780

Secunder: PDG John Wigley_ District 9800

Carried unanimously.

Resolution 2008-02

“That the 43rd Australian Institute receive and adopt the Financial Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the 42nd Rotary International Zones 7A & 8A Institute”

Proposer: PDG Ron Pickford- District 9780

Secunder: PRIT Ian Riseley- District 9810

Carried unanimously

New Zealand:

1) Resolutions Committee Appointment:

“That DG Lindsay McIntyre (D9980) be appointed to the Resolutions Committee”

Proposer: PDG John Henderson

Secunder: PDG John Cole

Carried.

The committee to be comprised of PDG Welly Choi, PDG John Cole and DG Lindsay McIntyre, Lindsay to be Chairman in 2011

2) Council on Legislation:

The meeting endorsed a Resolution submitted from District 9920 to the next Council that the minimum number of members to create a new Rotary Club be reduced from twenty to ten.

3) Taxation Issue:

The meeting agreed that a standard approach should be followed by Rotary Clubs. District 9920 had developed guidelines, which had been added to by District 9940. It was stressed that Clubs, with protection from their incorporation, should run projects but transfer proceeds to their Trusts after the event or prior to the year-end.

4) Standard Trust Deed:

There was discussion on the Standard Trust Deed, which had been developed for all Districts, and it was noted that some tidying up was required. PDGs Ross Craig, Tony Fortune and Pat Waite were preparing the necessary changes, which could be handled centrally for all Clubs' charitable trusts.

Grand Garden Party

A convivial evening was enjoyed by all at the Convention Centre with the floral theme appropriate for the 'Garden City'. PDG Keith de Dulin was MC and the guest speaker Dr Hamid Ikram. Patrons danced to the lively music provided by 'The Dixielanders'.

Sunday 23 November 2008

Reflections was presented by PDG David Graham who told of his Fijian experiences and how Rotary cut across the barriers of race in a manner that no other organization appeared capable of doing.

Judge Jane McMeeken, New Zealand Youth Court Judge, spoke of the issues facing New Zealand youth. Problems relate to the socio-economically disadvantaged, non-attendance at school and involvement with drugs and alcohol at an early age (alcohol a major problem by age 12). The importance of the family and in particular the need for mentoring in disjointed families. The disproportionate numbers of Maori in the youth court system.

RIPE John Kenny in reviewing proceedings noted the calibre of the speakers and especially thanked his Aides, PDG John Henderson and Ellen for their attention.

PRIT Ian Riseley TRF Contribution trophies were presented to:

Australia- District 9800 with a per capita giving of US\$158.07

New Zealand- District 9980 with a per capita giving of US\$158.06.

Outstanding efforts by both Districts.

2009 International Convention, Birmingham. TRF Trustee Ron Burton and PDG Judy Magub presented a colourful promotion for the next International Convention and urged us to attend.

RI Five Year Financial Plan. PRIT Ian Riseley in presenting the financial forecast, spoke of the reduced returns from investments and the need for curtailment of spending.

Resolutions of Appreciation – PDG Brian Lee

Fellow Rotarians, family and friends of Rotary, I have pleasure in moving that this Institute thanks President Dong Kurn Lee for his welcoming message and assures him that all participants will support him in his efforts for the remainder of this Rotary year in “Making dreams Real”.

That this Institute records its sincere appreciation to President-Elect John Kenny and June for their participation in this Institute and wishes them success and enjoyment of their forthcoming Rotary year.

That we record our thanks to Rotary International Director John Lawrence and Janet for their continued leadership of our Zones and to John for his help and guidance as Convenor of this Institute. We wish them every success and enjoyment for the balance of John’s term as Director.

That we thank Rotary International Director Lars-Olof Fredriksson and Nina for their involvement in this Institute and also wish Lars-Olof and Nina every happiness and success for the remainder of Lars-Olof's term as Director and for a safe journey back to Finland.

That we acknowledge with pleasure the attendance of Past President Bill Boyd and Lorna and thank Bill for his valued contribution to the Institute programme and

That we also thank Past President Glen Kinross for joining us at this Institute and trust that he found it enjoyable and worthy of his journey to Christchurch.

That this Institute records appreciation of the input to proceedings by The Rotary Foundation Trustee Ron Burton and his wife Jetta and wishes them a safe return to the United States.

That the Institute is grateful for the attendance and participation by Past RI Director & Treasurer Brian Knowles and Nancy, Past RI Director John Carrick and Jill, Past RI Director and Treasurer Barry Thompson and Past RI Directors Ken Collins and Di, John Thorne and Shirley and Ian Riseley and Juliet and that they all found their visit to Christchurch worthwhile and enjoyable.

That we gratefully acknowledge the help of the Pre-Institute Training and Seminar Leaders and Facilitators under the capable leadership of Zones 7A & 8 Training Coordinator PDG Judy Magub.

The Institute acknowledges the support of RI staff, in particular Assistant General Secretary Theresa Nissen from Evanston, accompanied by Robbyn Tarpy and also Frank Pezzimenti and staff from the South Pacific & Philippines Office.

The Institute acknowledges the support of Rotary Down Under Managing Editor PDG Bob Aitken and for the assistance provided to the Organising Committee and

Acknowledges the valued contribution to proceedings by Guest Speakers, Presenters and Entertainers and

Sincere thanks to the Institute Committee under the capable and dedicated leadership of PDG Jim Hudson, with special mention of Jim's wife Ann for her hospitality and, together with spouses of Committee members, for their unstinting help in the detailed preparations, and

Thanks to all helpers, particularly PDG Tony Fortune, assisted by PDG Bob Young, for organizing and operating the audio-visuals throughout the Institute, MC PDG Rob Crabtree and last but not least the Team of Sergeants.

Moved PDG Brian Lee, carried by acclamation

PDG Brian Lee
Chairman, New Zealand Resolutions Committee

RID John Lawrence in his summary acknowledged the worthiness and benefits of a Combined Institute. He acknowledged and thanked the visiting RI staff and thanked the Organising Committee for their efforts.

A Kiwi Farewell was presented by the Christ's College Chapel Choir and concluded with a rousing haka.

Institute was then formally closed by RID John Lawrence.

Appendix

Pre-Institute 19-20 November 2008

District Governor Nominee Training- *Sandra McKersey and Bernie Rodgers*

The following feedback was provided from DGsN:

All agreed that 2 days was the right length although there could have been more time for discussions.

Venue: Overall agreement that the hotel was 'satisfactory', 'adequate', and the staff 'courteous, helpful and efficient'. However there was general criticism of the room size, resulting in overly cramped conditions, also 'unreliable air-conditioning'. One positive comment 'the small rooms allowed us to get to be a close knit group!'

Catering: General consensus that the area for the tea breaks was too small. The staggering the morning and afternoon tea times was suggested..

Trainers: Rated very high ability, very knowledgeable, relaxed and humorous.

Appreciated 'Sandra's professionalism and empathy and Bernie's sense of humour'. 'Manual provided offered an excellent reference and sets of notes'.

District Governor Elect Training- *Judy Magub and Rob Crabtree*

Combined GETS well received, resulted in large number (46) in the room with positive feedback, the making of new connections and learning from each other. Facilities were adequate but cramped so that methods of training preferred and used by RI could not be used. A recommendation that the U shaped seating layout be used in future with sufficient room size.

The DGsE appreciated the input of senior RI staff members from Evanston and Parramatta but were disappointed that RIPE John Kenny did not meet them as a group. There was positive feedback from the partners who had a separate session led by Janet Lawrence. Prior advice on dress requirements would have been appreciated.

Overall a happy atmosphere of camaraderie and a belief that the DGsE were well prepared for the task ahead. All requirements of RI were met.

District Governor Training- *Ross Forgione and Ken Linkhorn*

An informal environment helped in the establishment of relationships over the 2 days. There was good sharing of ideas throughout the workshop sessions. Room size was considered inadequate, forcing the partners to sit in an outer circle. All agreed with the content of the agenda which had been contributed by the DGs over the preceding months. A suggestion of Australian domination, but almost certainly due to the disparity in numbers from each country.

There were overriding benefits in having the DGs from the two countries together. A much greater understanding of each other's Rotary experiences reinforced relationships and started new ones.

Train the Trainers- *Matu Rangiua and Ann White*

From a formal evaluation 93% of attendees rated the programme 'Very helpful or helpful'. Trainers felt the programme was well researched, prepared and delivered. They enjoyed the experience and thought the leaders complemented each other very well. Some would have preferred more breakout sessions, however feedback

was very positive. Matu commented that "Ann White in full flight was a sight to behold, quite brilliant....her skills and knowledge of the subject were first class and her rapport with the group was excellent".

In Summary

I believe that combining the two institutes was a great success. If this is done in future, consideration needs to be given to adequate room size to accommodate the larger numbers.

Some recommendations:

- The GETS training leader should be more involved in the planning of the Pre-Institute
- An evaluation process should be used for the DGsN training
- Participants be advised prior to the Institute of the dress requirements. (Or if this advice was given, then it should be better highlighted).

PDG Judy Magub Training Coordinator

ROTARY DOWN UNDER - ZONES 7A and 8 INSTITUTE CHRISTCHURCH NEW ZEALAND - NOVEMBER 2008

The Rotary Down Under Board of Directors arrived in Christchurch, New Zealand on Tuesday November 18, to prepare for five days of meetings and promotions at the 2008 Zones 7A/8 Annual Institute.

The Board held its quarterly meeting in the Christchurch Quest Hotel on Wednesday November 19 and concluded the day with a very positive focus group meeting involving club and District leaders over a dinner meeting in the evening.

Thursday saw considerable involvement in Rotary leader discussion groups- Chairman Vance Hilton, Managing Editor Bob Aitken, RDU Merchandise Manager Barry Antees and NZ Manager Beryl Robinson all playing a part. Another very productive planning meeting with the NZ Promotions Committee took place over lunch and into the early afternoon, under the chairmanship of Promotions Committee leader Fergus Cumming.

Directors and staff took part in a series of different meetings on Thursday evening- all very successful.

The all important Annual Meeting with the RDU Council of Governors took place on Friday morning. The much discussed restructure of the company and successful trading during the current year provided a positive atmosphere. The meeting saw the historic first presentation of a glossy RDU annual report.

Chairman Vance Hilton and the Board of Directors hosted an excellent Institute

lunch on Friday- as a means of saying 'thank you' to the incumbent Council of Governors, Institute leaders and other special guests. This was another first for the magazine organization and also provided the opportunity for promotion of various travel offers in conjunction with the RI Convention in Birmingham later this year. RI President Elect John Kenny and his wife June- with RI past President Glen Kinross and RI Past President Bill Boyd and Lorna- were special guests at this luncheon along with other senior officers of Rotary International.

The Institute was superbly organized and all plenary sessions were well attended. Managing Editor Bob Aitken was pleased to assist Dr Ian Brooks with a discussion workshop- "Change is what Rotarians must do"- during the breakout sessions.

The RDU organization would like to extend a sincere vote of thanks to Institute Chairman Jim Hudson and his team for their extraordinary effort in organizing the first real combined Institute for many years. It was an outstanding success.

PDG Bob Aitken, RDU Managing Editor

DISASTER RECOVERY and RELIEF Meeting, Friday 21 November 2008

The meeting was attended by about 30 people and represented 16 of the 23 Australian districts. An update was given by PDG Allan Wilson of the progress initiated in Ballarat and of the international 'Disaster Relief-Rotary Action Group' by PRID John Thorne.

An integrated approach is needed throughout our districts which includes linking to the international Rotary Action Group, making for better coordination at local, national and international levels.

Rotary must continue to develop an understanding of procedures, establish links and form active partnerships at Commonwealth, state/territory and local levels of government and voluntary and community organizations. Rotary needs to follow predetermined guidelines to more adequately deploy our finances and resources.

In most states Departments for Families and Community Services coordinate the recovery of the community. Rotary can establish a visible link to this process to achieve maximum effort. Each participating agency establishes their individual, clearly defined roles for optimum delivery of service.

Rotary's role will be in recovery and rehabilitation. There is need to combine the collective synergies of Rotary districts to increase efficiency and effectiveness.

Rotary will still be there long after the event through rebuilding communities.

There is need to change from an ad-hoc basis by individual clubs and districts to establishing guidelines and principles enabling Rotary to function as a cohesive body of volunteers. Precedence should be given to using disaster funds to defined

projects with appropriate costing. It is recognized that individual clubs will still carry out projects they deem suitable. However a systematic approach will provide a mechanism to better support local clubs in the region of an event. **We are building capacity through an integrated approach.** This approach will also link to the international efforts of the 'Disaster Relief Rotary Action Group' (DRRAG) without the need to introduce any changes to the structure. Their mission expresses the same ideals as we wish to achieve nationally and becomes an important part of completing the integration of Rotary efforts in the event of a disaster.

The following resolution was carried by the meeting:

"In accordance with the resolution passed at the Rotary Institute in Ballarat (2007) the Disaster Recovery meeting has nominated PDG Allan Wilson of District 9500 as coordinator to progress the role of Rotary in Disaster Recovery throughout Australia by linking Rotary Districts with lead Government agencies in each state. This action will lead to the formation of a national committee required by the resolution and will combine and enhance the efforts of Rotary International through the Disaster Relief- Rotary Action Group (DRRAG) under the direction of PRID John Thorne".

PDG Allan Wilson

Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd

Along with other multi-district entities, Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd (RAWCS) took the opportunity to hold its statutory Annual General Meeting at the Institute.

In addition to the required adoption of financial statements and the appointment of office bearers, this meeting and the associated workshop gave the Directors the opportunity to inform the members and Past District Governors of the wonderful results being achieved by the activity centres within RAWCS.

It was also an opportunity to discuss the current activities of the Board as it strives to meet the needs of its members and supporters. RAWCS enjoys the support of thousands of Rotarians who are keen to undertake international humanitarian programs including the payment of fares to travel to a wide range of countries.

The two meetings covered a range of key topics including:

The formation of a "Rotary Australia Fund" which will provide tax deductibility for specific Rotary projects within Australia. Currently RAWCS has the Overseas Aid Fund to provide tax deductibility for international work and the Board believes that a fund which could provide similar tax benefits within Australia was highly desirable. It will be a challenge to get the Australian Taxation office to agree.

The formation of the RAWCS Trust during the year. This is a long-term project to strengthen the financial base of the company so that its activities can be funded without the need to call on the Regions for donations each year. This Trust will bring RAWCS into line with other multi-district entities within Rotary.

- a) The creation of the RAWCS Trust emphasised the need to organize some major fundraising activities to build the corpus of the trust. Only the income from this trust can be used for the company's activities.

The Board has commenced this fundraising with a series of RAWCS Walks. The first walk was undertaken last September along the Kokoda Track and raised \$25,000.

September 2009 will see a second team walk the Kokoda Track and in May 2010 another team will participate in the "Sandakan Death March" walk in Borneo. Fundraising associated with both walks will be added to the corpus of the trust.

- b) The urgent need to improve our promotional and marketing activities and the communication of our achievements to Rotarians across the Districts. The success and rapid growth in our three major activities being Donations in Kind, Rotary Volunteers and Rotarians Against Malaria is a tribute to those who put in the effort and expertise to make it all happen. We have an excellent story to tell and the successful development of the website will play a central role in informing Rotarians and the public about these achievements.
- c) The constant need to assess our risk management procedures to ensure that the company can achieve its objectives whilst managing adverse risks, particularly in relation to the safety of our volunteers. The risks to the company are both strategic and operational and it is important to build a culture of risk identification and a system of internal controls to minimize those risks.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate PDG Jim Hudson and his team on a most successful Institute. It was clearly well planned with stimulating speakers at each plenary session. The friendly rivalry created much humour and an enjoyable atmosphere.

Lou Johnson
Chairman RAWCS

At the Annual General Meeting of Rotary Oceania Medical aid for Children Ltd (ROMAC) I was pleased to report that in the Rotary year 2007-8, a record 47 children have had their lives saved or totally transformed through the efforts of our volunteer surgeons and their teams, Rotarians and people from several ethnic communities on the ground both here and in the children's home countries.

40 were treated in hospitals in Australia and a record seven in New Zealand.

The year also saw an increase in cooperation between ROMAC and other humanitarian organisations such as Interplast, Mercy Ships, Operation Rainbow and Children First Foundation.

The Board, consisting solely of Rotarians (we have no paid secretariat, thereby ensuring that the funds raised from Clubs and individuals, goes directly to looking after the children), is conscious of the increasing demand for limited Rotary funds by several equally deserving Rotary programmes, and is actively investigating support from sources outside Rotary. This is particularly important in these uncertain economic times.

Of some concern, due as much to political pressure as to economics, beds in public hospitals are increasingly difficult to obtain, and a few hospitals have had to close their doors to all overseas patients for a variety of reasons. Consultation with the hospitals and state politicians is ongoing.

ROMAC is very grateful for the support, both financial and in kind, given freely by Rotarians and the Rotary Clubs throughout Australia and New Zealand, and looks forward to your help in the coming years to improve the lives of children in the developing countries of the SE Asia and Pacific region.

PDG Ian Wright
Board Chairman ROMAC
2007-2010

ROTARY PRE-INSTITUTE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR ZONES 7A & 8

Christchurch, New Zealand

21-23 November 2008

	Budget	Actual	Loss/Gain
Delegates - Catering	29,580.00	31,458.00	1,878.00
Trainers - Catering	4,656.00	4,543.70	112.30
- Accommodation	3,680.00	4,715.00	1,035.00
- Resources	2,000.00	1,913.49	86.51
Executive - Catering	1,680.00		1,680.00
- Accommodation	1,280.00	160.00	1,120.00
Convenor - Catering	824.00	412.15	11.85
- Accommodation	640.00	960.00	320.00
Minders - Catering	2,422.00		2,422.00
- Accommodation	1,760.00		1,760.00
VIP's - Catering	2,528.00	645.00	1,883.00
- Accommodation	2,080.00	800.00	1,280.00
District Trainers Seminar		3,155.00	3,155.00
- Less Registrations		2,570.00	2,570.00
Rotary Meeting		3,670.00	
- Less Door Takings		2,280.00	
Sundry		466.65	466.65
	<u>53,130.00</u>	<u>48,048.99</u>	<u>5,081.01</u>
Recovered from Districts			
- Australia		41,922.00	
- New Zealand		10,404.00	
- RI		883.00	
		<u>53,209.00</u>	
Over Recovery		5,160.01	

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(R.J. Hudson) Chairman

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(B.C. Lee) Treasurer

ROTARY INSTITUTE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR ZONES 7A & 8

9-Feb-09

Christchurch, New Zealand

21-23 November 2008

2008- 09 Budget

2008-09Actual Difference

REGISTRATION

Participants No.	350	287	
Registration Fee	165.00		

INCOME

Registrations	57,750.00	47,355.00	10,395.00
Sponsorships	13,500.00	10,599.13	,900.87
Catering - "Package"	53,800.00	43,820.00	9,980.00
Catering - Dinner	48,750.00	38,474.97	10,275.03
Transfers ex previous Australian Institutes		16,927.35	16,927.35
Sundry		603.54	603.54
Interest	1,500.00	2,002.78	502.78
Total Income	175,300.00	159,782.77	15,517.23

EXPENSES

Audio Visual	7,256.00	5,117.63	2,138.37
Bank Charges	100.00	166.86	66.86
Booths	505.00	17.50	487.50
Catering - Package	51,468.00	35,728.57	15,739.43
Catering - Dinner	48,731.00	34,755.84	13,975.16
Committee Expenses	750.00	1,092.00	342.00
Convenor Expenses	1,000.00		1,000.00
Credit Card Charges	3,710.00	3,284.52	425.48
Decorations "Blacks"	2,883.00	166.50	2,716.50
Decorations/Signs/PotPlants	2,000.00	2,106.86	106.86
Entertainment	2,000.00	1,640.13	359.87
Name Tags	3,900.00	1,564.31	2,335.69
Office Supplies	150.00		150.00
Photocopying	1,000.00	276.75	723.25
Postage	3,000.00	1,390.16	1,609.84
Printing	3,000.00	598.59	2,401.41
Programmes/Directory	2,450.00	2,535.76	85.76
Project Fair Screens	1,000.00		1,000.00
Promotion Wellington Institute	500.00	240.00	260.00
Promotion Ballarat	1,900.00	1,896.22	3.78
Report	1,200.00		1,200.00
Satchels	1,150.00		1,150.00
Souvenirs	1,000.00	356.78	643.22
Speakers Expenses	3,000.00	3,850.53	850.53
Speakers Gifts	1,000.00	1,166.92	166.92
Staging	567.00	441.00	126.00
Stationery	2,000.00	1,944.42	55.58
Tables- Registration, Focus Travel	220.00		220.00
Telephone/Tolls	500.00	14.54	485.46
Transport	1,500.00	555.30	944.70
Venue Hire	18,777.00	17,896.08	880.92
Sundry		1,498.39	
VIP Expenses	6,220.00	4,233.72	1,986.28
Total Costs	174,437.00	124,535.88	51,399.51
Surplus/Deficit	863.00	35,246.89	35,882.28
Surplus Pre-Institute	0.00	5,160.01	0.00
Balance of Funds	863.00	40,406.90	35,882.28

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