



Rotary Notes

Flood and Cyclone Relief

Rotary clubs such as Samford react to floods and other natural disasters in different ways. Samford Valley Rotary participated in the Community Concert for the flood devastated areas in Queensland and much of these funds will be used in the local area. We have also collected outside the IGA and organised a Bunnings' sausage sizzle for the cyclone damaged area of Tully.

When Samford Rotary contacted the Rotary Club of Tully the day after the cyclone, we heard that all members' homes and farms had been damaged. Some members had lost their entire house and others their cane or banana crops. Samford initially donated \$500 to help members defray some immediate costs.

The Club has now donated a further \$1000 for Tully Rotarians to use on a local project considered a matter of urgency. This may be used to replace children's toys lost from the Community Centre that serves the small communities of Tully Heads and Hull Heads. Both these communities were virtually obliterated.

At the last Samford Rotary meeting a further \$2500 was donated to the Disaster Appeal organised by Rotary District 9600. This fund now has over \$100,000 and will be directed to Rotary Clubs who develop worthwhile projects in badly damaged areas.

Rotary Peace Scholars

Rotary International has funded seven universities from various parts of the world to run programs for carefully selected persons with a dedication to the interests of world peace. The University of Queensland has one of the selected programs and one of their 2010 Peace Scholars Pantea Beigi will be hosted by Samford Valley Rotary with Ian Spiller as her advisor. Pantea is of Iranian origin but now lives in Colorado and at the last meeting of Samford Rotary she gave an excellent address on her involvement in peace endeavours and her plans for future involvement. Pantea who is already well qualified will complete a Master's program in Peace Studies over the next 18 months.

Donation in Kind

Each weekend Rotarians from three or four clubs are rostered to work on the loading of



District Governor Eric Woods receives Flood Relief cheque from President Elect Ian Ruffles.

containers at a Rotary warehouse. These containers are currently being sent to PNG and contain such items as school desks and other school equipment, hospital beds and other equipment and birthing kits. Samford Valley Rotary is involved on the first weekend in March and this program which has been running for over ten years is one of the real successes of local Rotary clubs.

Towel Story

Thank you to the 86 people who found beach towels on Southeast Queensland beaches and returned them to Samford Valley Rotary. These will be delivered to the Sarna family of Eatons Crossing Road and they should be right for beach towels for the rest of their lives.



Peace Scholar Pantea Beigi addresses Samford Valley Rotary.

Samford & District Show Society Inc.

Major Food Stall at the Samford Show

Tenders are invited for the provision of food and operation of the food stall located next to the bar under the committee rooms at the 2011 Samford Show on 16 & 17 July.

Details of the requirements are available to prospective tenderers from the Show Society Secretary, Mrs Ingrid Hutton, telephone (07) 3298 5658.

Tenders should be lodged with the Society at PO Box 242, Samford 4520 and close at 5.00pm on Monday, 11 April 2011.

Show Society representatives, if requested will meet with prospective tenderers to discuss proposals for this project.

No tender will necessarily be accepted.

Powerful Owl Day Club

The newly formed Powerful Owl Day Club meets every Tuesday at Samford Farmers Hall, Main Street from 10am to 2pm

Come along - socialise, meet new friends, join in for quizzes, games, entertainment and guest speakers.

Morning tea is provided. Bring your own lunch.

The cost is \$3.

Interested? Call Ray on 3351 5667.

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