

\$\$\$ on the rise to combat polio

Editorial Director Janis Young, of the R.I. Communications Division, advises that the official total of R.I. contributions to Polio Eradication has now been increased from \$US600 million to \$US650 million. This is a significant increase as a result of recent corporate and government giving.

Looking ahead literally at Erina

The Rotary Club of Erina, N.S.W., will conduct a Rotary Literary Competition to stimulate thought and debate about the future of Rotary International. Details were released by Rotarian Beulah Gross. Theme of the literary article competition is *The next 100 years – where is Rotary headed?* The Erina club has offered a prize of \$A250 to be donated to the charity of the winning author's choice, and the winning entry will be published in *Rotary Down Under*. Articles must be at least 500 words and not exceed 750 words. Entries will close on December 30, 2006. There is no entry fee and no entry form is required but interested writers should contact Beulah Gross on (02) 4369 5855 or email rachil@aapt.net.au – for information on conditions of entry.

Inland jaunt was a RYE insight

Eleven Rotary Youth Exchange students who visited Port Augusta, S.A., and surrounding districts in early March, 2006, showed the internationality

of Rotary. They were from Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, France, Brazil, Finland, Sweden, the United States of America and Denmark. They are being hosted by South Australian families in Port Lincoln, Whyalla, Port Augusta, Port Pirie, Gawler, the Barossa Valley and Adelaide. It was the first opportunity for students to meet again since October, 2005, and also to meet two students who arrived in South Australia in January, 2006. The visit began with time at the pool in Port Augusta and tea at Rotary Park with the Rotary Club of Port Augusta. The group travelled by car to Warraweena Conservation Park with drivers Louise Clements, Sean Holden and Peter Perkins, a representative of the Rotary District 9500 Youth Exchange Committee. Located 35kms east of Beltana, Warraweena was a sheep station and the homestead and shearers' quarters are still functional. Due to some late-night conversation the trip was fairly quiet with a few shut eyes, but the students got a good look at the Flinders Range and some local fauna. Hosts at Warraweena were Gina, Stoney, Nadine and Selena Steiner. They spoke about the park and its endeavours as well as taking the group on a historical tour. At

night the visitors were entertained by Aaron Stuart, Kahran McKenzie, Juanella McKenzie and Regina McKenzie with scary stories. They also spoke to the students about their Aboriginality and relevant issues. They helped the students to develop their understanding of Indigenous people in Australia. Travel home was via the Prairie Hotel at Parachilna and the Yurumbulla Caves. More time in the pool at Port Augusta was appreciated.

Ginninderra helps Myanmar young

Disadvantaged children from remote areas of Myanmar are being given education and training opportunities through a joint project by the Rotary Club of Ginninderra, A.C.T., and the National YWCA of Myanmar. The club was prompted by a first-hand account by a past Australian Ambassador to Myanmar of the educational needs of many children from outlying areas and of efforts by the Myanmar YWCA to address them. With Rotary



The Rotary Club of Ginninderra has formed a partnership with the YWCA through which children aged from 10 to 15 years are accommodated during term time in Yangon in Myanmar.