

DISTRICT XVI'S FIRST Z CLUB

District XVI's first Z Club, established early this year and chartered on May 17, is a thriving concern with a current membership of 53 boys and girls, all students at the North Rockhampton State High School, one of three large state high schools serving this central Queensland city of 55,000.

As the first club in the district, one of the early problems was the name - in Australia and New Zealand the letter Z is pronounced "zed", not "zee"! So the "Zed" Club it has become.

The club has received excellent press, television and radio coverage since its establishment and under the guidance of the school's deputy principal, Zontian Adele Freeman, the club has been actively involved in community service projects and fundraising as well as social activities.

A banner presented to the club on its charter night and t-shirts printed for the members by a Zontian have ensured that the club makes a visual impact in public appearances.

The club has already conducted a toy drive for a local children's home and has participated in Z walkathons - one of them in pouring rain! A talent quest for secondary school students is arranged for August and the club hopes to be able to donate a Sri Lankan well later this year.

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