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1 July 2009 – Meeting #959



Brett's Banter

Quote of the Week

"The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese"

Congratulations to Rob Clifton, our newest Rotarian. My first and hopefully not my last induction. A great privilege to induct a new Rotarian and especially someone I know to be a nice bloke, husband, father and community member.

Renat is back and will attend the next meeting, which will be his last in Australia. Renat will be our guest speaker and give us a summary of his time with us and his recent YEP tour. Thanks to Brian Yeo for travelling to Port Macquarie to pick up Renat and Carlos for the Coonabarabran Club.

Chris Sheppard spoke to us about the progress of the Rotary Club of Tamworth Sunrise (unchartered). All looks good and relatively painless process to date.

David Hinwood informed us of the Gold Coast Gold trip and the fact that 22 golfers going are women. Watch out, next they will want the vote.

Vicki Cooper asked for assistance this coming weekend to assist Helen Burrows move to her new home in Upper Street.

Terry Robo reminded volunteers of the catering obligation for the local Bike race meeting.

John Treloar was well and truly inducted at the Sergeants Dinner/Mess. A great night as always.

We enjoyed John Worldon's 2 minuter on Vocation and his vocation and he actually finished on time.

Welcome to two guests of David Baddam's, Mark Blake and Steve Maltby from the aviation fraternity. Great to see Quinn visit our club and hope that she makes a decision in our favour after visiting a few clubs in our city. We need to get the female quota back up to 20% to comply with the by-law.

Peter Hinchcliffe spoke about his life and career and gave a fascinating and light hearted talk. From DMR to doing a MBA to Flinders Uni and finally finishing study at age 44. From Turramurra to Tamworth where he and his family have been for 4 ½ years. New home and now new consulting rooms being built. He's not going anywhere soon. The text book next to the operating table was really funny...he was kidding, right?

Brett

AND FOR THE NEWS

Tamworth Sunrise – IPP Chris Sheppard confirmed that the new Club is progressing well – still needs volunteers from First Light to continue to assist on Fridays for immediate future

Gold Coast Golf Trip – David Hinwood confirmed 40 attendees – **22 are female!** – Board meeting at Brian Thomas's Board Room at 5:00 pm on Monday, 29 June 2009 **Please note** there are two more golfing weekends in August and October – will have dates in as soon as the Bulletin Editor receives them from David Hinwood

Youth Exchange – Renate has been away on the Inland Tour for the past three weeks and thanks to Brian Yeo returned back to the Whites on Monday evening. He will be our Guest Speaker next Wednesday, 1 July 2009 and departs shortly after for home – his time with us, Tamworth and Australia over.

INDUCTION – ROBERT (ROB) CLIFTON – first for Brett's year - what a positive start!!!

Phil Penman introduced Rob Clifton to those present... Rob went to Riverview, is married – wife Jennifer - has four children and is a pilot with Qantas so will join the other enthusiastic aviators in our Club and President Brett White completed the induction and Rob's classification will be Aviation. **WELCOME!!**

VOCATIONS – Chairman – John Worldon confirmed a slight change to member profiles this year – He would like members to talk about their actual profession instead of what members have done in Rotary – keep it short (two minutes as before) and he would "Lead the Way" today....

John Worldon is a Surveyor – He went to the University of NSW for four years to obtain his degree – he then had a couple of years out in the field gaining experience then basically "you are on your own". There is a massive shortage of surveyors in NSW – only 700 in total should be double that number and only eight in Tamworth. Most properties have Torrens Title and these need to be guaranteed. He is on the Registration Board for Surveying and any complaints against a surveyor go to the Board

CALENDAR 2009/2010 Events

2 – 7 August Gold Coast Golf Trip

20 September Pedal the Peel Charity Bike Ride

12 – 14 March District 9650 Conference, Port Macquarie – Book accommodation early

GUEST SPEAKER

Peter Hinchcliffe provided a very interesting profile at relatively short notice.... Peter's father was in the last war at Milne Bay, New Guinea and he was colour blind - on being released from service he studied Law and started a rural practice at Condobolin. However to be closer to family in Sydney the family moved back to Turramurra. Peter was born in Sydney the middle one of five children and their time was spent between church, school and sport and he attended North Sydney Boys High School.

Left school with no real idea of what his future would be so commenced with the Department of Roads and was involved with the Western Distributor around Darling Harbour. Off to University to obtain an Arts Degree then back to a government department then to St Vincent's Hospital - a great job. Off to Westmead in Administration and did so well with rosters he gave all the Ward Clerks the same day off!! Did not help future prospects at Westmead.

Peter then obtained a Master of Business Administration at Business School and moved to Adelaide for eight years where he met Kim Davidson and to ensure that she could not get away he married her. He and his wife did their internship together returned to Sydney - went to Westmead, disliked it, tried Orange and finally did Ophthalmology at the Sydney Eye Hospital Did a locum at Port and finally he and his family moved to Tamworth four and a half years ago..... Best decision he has made and as Brett mentioned earlier - is in the process of building a new surgery and a new home so will be with us for a while yet....

Peter now plays hockey with Brett White to keep fit....really enjoys home life and feels he has the best of all worlds with his work - he sees patients from birth to death - he does both medical and surgical work, he treats all members and extended family members and feels privileged to live in Tamworth and be a member of such an entertaining Rotary Club!

Peter was introduced by Brian Logan and thanked by Julian Smith

WHY I AM A ROTARIAN?

By: Catherine M. Ricci

When someone asks me why I became a Rotarian and what do we do, it is not an easy question to answer. I became a Rotarian for many reasons.

The most profound was the fact that I myself have had to rely on a Local Food pantry for help at some point. Having five children at home with two in diapers and being a single parent all at once can be a somewhat overwhelming experience. No matter what you do for a living. I wanted the children in a good school, and paid for it dearly. It was then I had to turn to the local food pantry in my area, after a lot of soul searching. I was embarrassed that I even had to go there, but I was out of diapers and had just paid the rent. I had nowhere else to turn, so I went.

When I went there I was greeted by a very nice woman with a Rotary Pin. She helped me, she listened, and she understood. I was not a slacker or lazy. I worked hard for what I had, and hated having to go for help. She showed me more respect and dignity than I could ever imagine. I remember the Rotary Emblem prominently displayed above her head.

I do not think I will ever be able to pay back that one act of kindness. Ever. I went back over the years and volunteered there whenever I could, but always in the back of my mind I thought I could do more. *There had to be more.*

Two of my children grew up, one died, and two were left at home. Then I found myself moving to New York State. I thought a change would be nice, a better place to raise my other two children.

I ended up with a terrific boss who asked me, “Hey, would you like to join Rotary”. He tried to explain about Rotary, how it wasn’t just the food pantry I should recognise it by. He then took me to his father who was also a Rotarian. His father was a passionate man who showed me a project he had done for an Orphanage in South America. It was an oven that used no more than the sun to cook for them. The passion in his eyes reached my very soul and a realisation came to me. This was my “More”, the rest of the story so to speak. However, it turned out to be only the beginning.

I have been a Rotarian now for almost eight (8) years. In that time I have learned that Rotary is many, many faces. Literally.

- ✓ It is the face of the Tsunami Victim proudly displaying the new boat to replace what was lost. He can now support his family once again.
 - ✓ It is the face of African Children being immunized for Polio so that they will grow up without the added burden of being crippled.
 - ✓ It is the face of the man who has been given the chance for clean water for his village through a Rotary Foundation Grant.
 - ✓ It is the face of a child who was given a Shelter Box to use after Hurricane Katrina hit the golf coast.
 - ✓ It is the face of that little boy or girl who will sit down to a Thanksgiving meal they may not have been able to afford.
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- I have learned the power of the community and when combined what a force it becomes.
 - I have learned compassion is out there and all over the world.
 - I have learned peace is possible.
 - I have learned children can be fed and no one should go hungry.
 - I have learned that there are many Rotarians who know how to show dignity and respect to others.
 - I have learned that everyone should have a chance to learn to read.
 - I have learned what “More” truly means.
 - The best part of it? I am in the midst of it all.
 - Working, giving time and money when I can. Truly being a part of the world. Attending Seminars and functions that opened my eyes to the many things that Rotary stands for. The mass quantity of volunteers Rotary has is so enormous that it boggles the mind.
 - So can I give back that dignity and respect I got so long ago from a single Rotarian occupying a small place in the world? I doubt it. However, I can sure spend the rest of my life trying.

Catherine Ricci
District 7170 AG 2006-07
District 7170 Foundation Treasurer

ARTIST'S CORNER We would like to every member to supply
“something” for this corner whether it be poetry, photography, short
article, photograph of your art work left to your imagination

This piece was inspired by a visit to Villers Bretonnaux and the Australian War Memorial
cemetery. The cemetery lies between VB and Fouilloy thus early that Sunday morning we could
hear the church bells calling the faithful. We then jumped into the car and headed back to Calais
for the Chunnel..

Fouilloy Bells

The sugar beets in windrows lie, along the travelled lanes
All summer's growth in hillocks dumped; await the miller's gains

Stolid men stump the fields, shotguns held to port
They trudge along the woodlot's edge, among the stubbles short

The dulling light of October late, sets them in relief
While searching for the game birds shy; scratching for some wheat

Along the fallowed rills, chalk lumps random lie
The earth in its winter bare, under a fog soft sky

The carillon calls the faith, for the Sunday prayers
Their charming peals echo out, rend the sodden air

Head stones white, mark the ranks, where the fallen lay
They came to France for the cause, they didn't plan to stay

The Dominion's best, shot to bits, in this soggy piece of hell
Now their days in slumber spent; caressed by Fouilloy's bells.

Simon Chamberlain

The Big Bad Wolf said “I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down”



The little pig says “Buzz off or I'll sneeze on you!”

Club Website

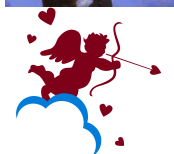
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Birthdays, Anniversaries & Inductions



Birthdays 01.07.... Helen Tickle
 02.07.... Max May

Partners Birthdays Nil



Anniversaries Nil



Inductions Nil



Vocational Profile

Meeting Statistics

Attendance	77%
Make Ups	Nil
Visitors Rotarians	Nil
Visitors	Rob Clifton, Steve Maltby, Mike Blake, Quynh Lam
Heads & Tails	Annette Arthur
Raffle	Annette Arthur
Rotary Profile	Skinner

*If at first you do succeed
 Try not to look too astonished*

PRESIDENT ASSIST

To ensure members who are rostered for the duties of, Meeter and Greeter, Door, Visitor Assist, Welcome to our Members & Guests, Introduction of the Guest Speaker(s) and Vote of Thanks are present and if they are not to find a replacement and ensure those people's names are updated on the President's Running Sheet.

Select the Table Order (after the head table).

Need to be in attendance by 6.30am

DOOR TEAM

To record the attendance of our members and guests, collect meeting dues, and if possible balance the cash float i.e. monies paid = money received.

Need to be in attendance at 6.30am.

MEETER & GREETER

To meet & greet our members & welcome guests to our Club at the top of the stairs and to hand name badges to members. Also ensure any guests of members or visiting Rotarians are introduced to the Visitor Assist to ensure they are made feel welcome.

Need to be in attendance at 6.30am.

VISITOR ASSIST

To ensure any visitors to the Club are felt welcome by introducing yourself to them and other members and guests of our Club. To also include them in fellowship before and if necessary make sure they are included with several members for breakfast and are not left on their own.

Need to be in attendance from 6.30am.

WELCOME

To publicly welcome our Members & Guests (following the introduction) to our meeting when called upon by the President or his/her substitute.

Need to be in attendance by 6.50am (or earlier)

INTRODUCTION

To make yourself known to our Guest Speaker/s, assist them to the head table and sit with them. During breakfast find out some information about the guest speaker which will assist you in your introduction.

VOTE OF THANKS

To move a vote of thanks to our guest speaker, and present a little thank you gift (ensure you have it before the meeting commences and take notes during their presentation to ensure your thank you is informed).

CORPORAL ASSIST

To assist the Sergeant, by putting away all Club Property at the conclusion of the meeting.

MEETING ROSTER

- When rostered on and you can't make it – **PLEASE** find another member to fill in for you
- Make sure that you let both the President and President Assist know before the start of the meeting
- If the above not organised the **Sergeant** will love you
- The starting time for the **DOOR team and MEETER & GREETER IS 6:30 AM**
- If you know you are going to be away for an extended period (holidays etc) – **PLEASE** advice **Bruce Hemmett** by email at bruce.013@decorama.com.au
- **Please give at least TWO week's notice so the roster can be amended**

	1 July 2009	8 July 2009
Guest Speaker		
Meeter & Greeter	Pat Varley	Brian Thompson
Door Team	John Worldon & Maureen Thornton	Campbell McIntosh & Paul Stevenson
Welcome	Max Cathcart	Peter Bell
President Assist	Norm Dezius	Carmen Campbell
Visitor Assist	Andrew Hawkins	John Glynn
Corporal Assist	Mark O'Connor	Jim Raymond
Introduction	Anne Jacob	Simon Chamberlain
Vote of Thanks	Max May	Helen Tickle

Corporals for coming months

July	Mark O'Connor and Paul Stevenson
August	Maureen Thornton and Peter Bell
September	John Glynn and Jim Raymond
October	Annette Arthur and Graham Dooley
November	Laurence Hearne and Barry Biffin
December	Bill Moss and David Baddams