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8 July 2009 – Meeting #960



Brett's Banter

Quote of the Week

“I have opinions of my own – strong opinions – but I don’t always agree with them” – George W Bush

Brett's Banter

Thank you to Jane for a great first Bulletin. As Jane is reporting the 'goings on' at the meeting, this will mean less in my report. I am sure you are relieved.

I thought Renat gave a great talk and from the heart. I know he is going through the mixed emotions of leaving his home, his visit from his Mum, his friendships with other exchange student and school friends and now leaving us and going home. It is a lot to cope with, but he has matured and is a credit to his family, country and Rotary. He has been an important part of the Logan and White families and will be missed.

Trudy has enjoyed this experience and wanted to be at our meeting to listen to Renat and we appreciate his kind comments.

We need to include the 'Two minuter' in the meeting program and along the lines of John's request for the two minutes this year to be on the member's vocation. Jim Raymond has nominated someone for the next meeting.

Welcome to Conway Bown, another of David's aviation friends.

Our District Governor, Neville Parsons, will be visiting us on 22 July to talk to us about his strategies and initiatives for 2009-2010. I would request the Board stay after the breakfast meeting as Neville wants to meet with us. This will save scheduling another meeting later that day. **Please note your diaries.**

Brett

AND FOR THE NEWS

GOLD COAST GOLF TRIP – David Hinwood confirmed 48 attendees – **22 are female!** Now seeking prizes etc – please speak to Dennis Maunder as per appropriate gifts and / or leave your gifts with him
Please diarise the next golfing weekend is 23 – 25 October 2009

CYCLING – Gunnedah to Tamworth – freezing cold, dreadful weather yet managed to raise about \$300 for the Club's coffers. Brian thanked those who braved the weather to assist

VOCATION – Apologies to both Jim Raymond and Peter Bell – the Bulletin Editor overlooked the email and left off both our Guest Speaker – Renat and Peter Bell from the Roster

CHALLENGES – Peter and Leonie Bell have just purchased “**INSPIRATIONS**” – for the Quilters this will prove an ideal shopping spree with coffee or lunch breaks in-between.... We wish Leonie every success with their new venture – can't wait to see Peter assisting with sales of quilting materials or will he be just the handyman???

CALENDAR 2009/2010 Events

2 – 7 August Gold Coast Golf Trip
20 September Pedal the Peel Charity Bike Ride
23 – 25 October – Nelsons Bay – Golfing Weekend
12 – 14 March District 9650 Conference, Port Macquarie – Book accommodation early

GUEST SPEAKER – YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT RENAT TAKTASHEV

Renat has spent eight months with us in Australia and has had a good time as part of his overall experiences in life. He tried everything and he has changed. He was not happy to go back to school but enjoyed Oxley High School life and made good friends including an Aboriginal student and gained a lot of knowledge and fun with that student. He would have a lot to tell about Australia on his return home to Southern Siberia. He became used to the idea of a “Maccas” for recess and found the lunch breaks were great for social networking. He also thanked his host mums for packing great lunches for him.

Renat played all the sports that he does not have at home including Rugby, Cricket and hockey – the latter was not his favourite.

The Safari was the most exciting part of his time here – He saw Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne. He saw Kevin Rudd performing in Parliament live so an interesting experience. Saw the “twelve” Apostles but lower number now! Went to Cooper Pedy and our Opals, went to Alice Springs (lots of Aborigines there). Renat climbed Uluru a stunning experience – from the top looking across very flat country; saw Kings Canyon which was amazing – particularly finding seashells and fossilised fish there.

Renat loved the Barrier Reef actually saw a turtle swimming, was fascinated by Frazer Island being just sand. He has made lots of new friends from all over the world – great contacts now and in the future.

Finally he had two great host families in the Logans and Whites and a unique counsellor in David Hinwood. He would particularly like to thank Rotary International for providing such an opportunity and Tamworth First Light for making his stay so interesting and providing him with the opportunity of changing by learning to make his own decisions and having to make choices.

Questions

What was the most exciting part or thing that happened on Safari?

We saw so much, had the opportunity to climb the Harbour Bridge (wet and cloudy day but still spectacular). Ballooning in Central Australia finishing with a chicken and champagne breakfast, Boomerang throwing and it did come back

How did your perception of Australia equate to reality?

Felt I understood Australia quite well through geography at school and that fitted, thought I spoke reasonable English till I went to school and didn't understand a thing all day....

You say you have changed – how?

I have gained 8 kilos, now able to make my own decisions and feel comfortable about my future and where I will be heading.

What culture would you consider taking home?

Australians are very proud of their country, like the traditions that you have such as the singing of the National Anthem, Rotary Grace etc and the Aussie sense of humour

What do you plan to do on your return?

Go to University and study Economics and Business Management – plan to be a business manager and find a new girl friend.

Finally a comment that Renat has a great command of our language and has certainly picked up the Australian sense of humour to take home.....

Renat was introduced by Anne Jacob and David Hinwood thanked Renat for “gracing us with his presence” and presented Renat with our Club banner and an Akubra



2009-07-01 EXCHANGE STUDENT RENAT TAKTASHEV WITH HIS COUNCELLOR DAVID HINWOOD



2009-07-01 RENAT RECEIVING THE AKUBRA FROM HOST FATHER - PRESIDENT BRETT WHITE



2009-07-01 RENAT WITH HOST PARENTS BRIAN LOGAN, TRUDY AND BRETT WHITE

On behalf of the members of the Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light I would particularly like to thank **Jeanette Trewern from Inland Technology** very much for the work she did with the Bulletin last year.

Presenting a weekly Bulletin when you do not attend the meetings and often your generous boss (Peter Ryan) could also not attend, was really quite a feat, particularly as you were fitting this Bulletin into an already busy workload.

As the new Bulletin Editor, I already really appreciate your achievements and am hoping that by the end of this year I will have become an expert in both a software program I dislike intensely and in using the web which I have tried to avoid.

JANE BRADFORD (MRS)

ARTIST'S CORNER

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

*A special thank you to **Simon Chamberlain** for starting this section off with poetry - this week we have photography - next week hopefully it will be a short article (David Baddams) - just a gentle reminder....*



Albino Kookaburra – a very rare sighting at Narrabri featured in the Narrabri paper - Photographer – our own Phil Lyons

Suspect the Fellowettes are going to have a field day this year



Courtesy – Chris Sheppard

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Birthdays, Anniversaries & Inductions



Birthdays 12.07 Barry Biffen

Partners Birthdays 12.07 Leigh Howle
08-07 Narree McIntosh



Anniversaries Nil



Inductions 14.7 Les Jacob (16 years)



Vocational Profile Annette Arthur

Meeting Statistics

Attendance	77%
Make Ups	Nil
Visitors Rotarians	Nil
Visitors	Trudi White, Conway Bown
Heads & Tails	Maureen Thornton
Raffle	Patricia Varley

*Education is the most powerful weapon
Which you can use to change the world
Nelson Mandela*

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**
- **PLEASE** advice **Terry Burgess** – Attendance Officer by email at ssegrub@westnet.com.au

	8 July 2009	15 July 2009
Guest Speaker	Ray Tait	
Meeter & Greeter	Brian Thompson	Bill Moss
Door Team	Campbell McIntosh & Paul Stevenson	Rob Clifton & Michael O'Connor
Welcome	Peter Bell	Annette Arthur
President Assist	Carmen Campbell	Graham Dooley
Visitor Assist	John Glynn	Laurence Hearne
Corporal Assist	Jim Raymond	Phil Heffernan
Introduction	Simon Chamberlain	Ian Howle
Vote of Thanks	Helen Tickle	Neil Lyon

CORPORALS FOR COMING MONTHS

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

When Insults Had Class

"I'm enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend – if you have one"

George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second – if there is one"

Winston Churchill in response