

# The Rotary Club of TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT bulletin bulletin bulletin bulletin



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## *Brett's Banter*

Quote of the Week



**24 June 2009  
New member Robert Clifton  
with his sponsor Phil Penman  
and President Brett White's  
first induction for the  
2009 – 2010 year**

## AND FOR THE NEWS

**CONGRATULATIONS – Meg Larkin and team** for a spectacular Official Opening of the Capital Theatre last Friday evening – wonderful showcasing of both amateur and professional groups and individuals – Tamworth certainly has lots of talent “out there”...

**RUGBY & CYCLING WEEKEND – 8 / 9 August** – after discussion the Club will support both – Rugby on the Saturday afternoon and the Cycling on both days. Please put name down on rosters going round the tables at next meeting

**WALCHA ROAD PUB – Saturday, 22 August**- train up and coach back. Cost \$70 per person – monies to be collected from next meeting – first in – looking for 50 participants. Please confirm and pay to Brian Yeo. (*Very successful event last year so book in early*)

**Max Cathcart will be unable to attend as he is getting married that day**  
– Good Luck and Best Wishes Max from all of us....

**MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR “CLUB SUCCESS STORIES”** with specific focus on what is working in growing Rotary Club Membership, the Vision Facilitation Program, your ideas and question time.

**Tamworth Saturday 1 August 10.00am for 10:30am to 12:30pm**  
**Venue to be advised (depending on numbers). Lunch and fellowship at the Service Club Tamworth follows as required.**

An ideal opportunity to meet with the District Management Team and District Membership Committee. **One of the Guest Speakers will be our own IPP Chris Sheppard.** The seminar is open to any Rotarian interested in membership.

Kindly advise your attendance, RSVP by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July to [lenmoss@tsn.cc](mailto:lenmoss@tsn.cc)

**Len Moss - District 9650 Membership Chair 2009/2010 - PO Box 122, Macksville, NSW 2447**



PDG Jane Bradford presents past president Chris Sheppard with a **Rotary International Presidential Citation** for the Club's outstanding efforts in helping to reduce child mortality and make dreams real for the world's children.

## CALENDAR 2009/2010 Events

<b>29 July</b>	<b>Club Assembly</b>
<b>1 August</b>	District Membership Meeting -
<b>2 – 7 August</b>	Gold Coast Golf Trip
<b>8 – 9 August</b>	Rugby on Saturday afternoon / Cycling for weekend
<b>20 September</b>	Pedal the Peel Charity Bike Ride
<b>23 – 25 October</b>	Nelsons Bay – Golfing Weekend
<b>22 August</b>	Walcha Road Pub – train up / coach back
<b>28 November</b>	Christmas Party – Rugby Club – <b>diarise now</b>
<b>22 – 28 February</b>	Australia-wide Campaign for PolioPlus
<b>12 – 14 March</b>	District 9650 Conference, Port Macquarie – Book accommodation early
<b>19 June 2010</b>	<b>Tamworth First Light Changeover – note in your diaries now</b>

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### ANNUAL SUBS 2009 – 2010

Remain the same at \$270.00 – Pay direct to Northern Inland Credit Union  
BSB 802-298

Member no: 64148

**Please note name and amount paid to Bank**

**Invoices handed out today – Please pay as soon as possible**

**Our Treasurer not good with money so recommends “Direct Deposits”**

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### ***GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE [GSE] PROGRAM FOR 2010 promises to be an exciting opportunity for both Rotarians and non Rotarians alike.***

Our District has arranged a pairing with District 5440 in the USA which includes Northern Colorado, all of Wyoming, a slice of Western Nebraska and a whisker of Idaho. This is a District packed full of stunning geographical features; for example Rocky Mountains and Grand Teton National Park [4000 metre high mountains], Yellowstone National Park, Devils Tower National Park, lots of “wild west” towns like Cody, Laramie, Cheyenne to name a few. In addition there will be wonderful opportunities for vocational visits to cattle ranches, tourism places like Jackson Holes and Yellowstone, schools, legal & accounting practices and who knows what else. It is after all the USA.

**The exchange will take place from 3 May through to 7 June 2010.** Your District is looking for a Rotarian to lead the team and we need to select four non Rotarian team members aged between 25 and 40 years. **Team Leader applications close 31 July whilst the team members applications close 28 August 2009.**

**Action:** *If you are a Rotarian, why not put yourself forward for selection. This is a once in a life time opportunity to lead a team of talented individuals overseas.*

- *We are looking for talented team members to travel and represent both Australia and our District*
- *Applications can be down loaded from our District web site [www.rotary9650.org.au](http://www.rotary9650.org.au) [click on Rotary Foundation in left hand column, then GSE in left hand column and follow the prompts]*
- *For further information please contact GSE Chair Alan St Clair 6775 0165 or [alanstclair1@bigpond.com](mailto:alanstclair1@bigpond.com)*

## GUEST SPEAKERS – JOAN DOUGLAS & JIM HAYNES – CAMERATA

**Joan Douglas** is passionate about Tamworth, country music and specifically **Camerata / CMAA College**. Greg Williams spoke to Joan about eight years ago about forming a college for juniors initially with seniors to follow. Joan approached Tamworth City Council and Phil Lyons was very supportive of the concepts and, in fact, donated two scholarships then. This enabled Joan to “sell” the concept to the business community by noting that Council supported the concept and had donated two scholarships and Camerata was on its way. Louise Matthews was also an early supporter and sponsor as well.

Great strides have taken place over the past eight years with one of our students now No 1 on the Hit Parade – very exciting and so many have achieved and grown thanks to Camerata. Both Joan and Jim Haynes have been on the Board of the CMAA – Jim the longest serving member and after much discussion it has been agreed to merge Camerata and the Country Music College into one entity but separate – an Academy effective in July 2010 utilising the incredible facilities of Calrossy including boarding the students and tutors for the first time.

However like all good concepts – money is needed to achieve and maintain this facility in Tamworth and the continuing support of corporate as well as individuals to ensure the funding is available for the students. The youngsters love coming to Tamworth, they hear so much about Tamworth, they know where all the major streets are and particularly appreciate the “Meet & Greet” session where they have a chance to say “thank you” to their local sponsor. They are so disappointed if the sponsor does not arrive for this session so be aware and support and make yourselves available. Moree Council now supports a Talent Quest and sends the winner to Camerata.

Essential that a parent must attend and Jim Haynes does their training and has for the past five years since being “dragged” along to have a look by Joan.... This year there are three students from NZ and one from Papua New Guinea, no students from Western Australia, Tasmania or the Northern Territory.

**Jim Haynes** then spoke about the College, been operating for fourteen years now and Peter Winkler who started the College is here observing Camerata and will probably be the first Director of the Academy next year. The artists who support are delighted with the change to July – it means they are free to concentrate on their careers, shows etc during the Festival without having to begin work on New Year’s Day to be ready for the College etc.

Parents are shown the good, the bad and the ugly about the business, they share ideas, positive thinking and motivation at all times and full involvement by both tutors and parents to achieve maximum benefits.

**Hats Off** continues to struggle but is getting bigger and better every year with an extra concert from next year – Camerata one evening and the College the next evening. It has to be realised that Hats Off is being held at the coldest time of the years, during school holidays which are not necessarily the same dates in every State but it is achieving and growing.

Introduced by Ian Howle and thanked by Neil Lyons

Q What is the current budget requirement for Camerata and the College?

A Currently separate entities so almost double cost – great savings will be made when the two are merged – most of the funding for this is from local businesses and individuals.

A Joan confirmed that the current cost is about \$40,000 for the week for Camerata. Camerata did receive a Grant via the CMAA three years ago and she guards these funds very carefully.

Louise Matthews noted our satisfying and rewarding it is to follow the career of a child you have sponsored and makes your involvement so much more personal. \$350 to sponsor a child this year – corporate usually do the scholarships but individuals can certainly sponsor as well.

Jim Haynes noted that government funding was essential and that Tamworth is the heart of Country Music Development in Australia.

Q What does Camerata mean?

A A 15<sup>th</sup> Century Music School – private and elite – really appropriate name here.

For Scholarships and sponsoring of a student – Joan Douglas can be contacted by email (preferred) – [joandouglas@thepub.com.au](mailto:joandouglas@thepub.com.au) or mobile 0417 233 713.



Neil Lyon thanks our guest speakers Jim Haynes and Joan Douglas for their talks on the Tamworth Camerata / CMAA College merger and the prospective new Academy (July 2010)

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What is an actuary? **An accountant without a sense of humour**

## ARTIST'S CORNER

*A special thank you to “Nutts” for ???? and Bruce Hemmett and Maureen Thornton - just a gentle reminder for next week....*

### Who's Hu??

Hu did what to who to end up in the Poo??  
No – Who did what to Hu to land him in the Poo??  
Was that Shanghai Hu or the Rio Hu?  
But Hu's an Aussie Hu from where tho?  
Who knows and Who cares?  
Hu knows and Hu cares.  
But Hu's now an international who.  
Whose secrets Hu knows?  
Hu's secrets who knows?  
Whoever knows what Hu knows however  
Has put Hu in the Poo to stew!!  
Ahh – it's all Hoo doo ... or did Hu do??

**Nutts to you ☺**

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New fountain in Dowe Street – courtesy Bruce Hemmett

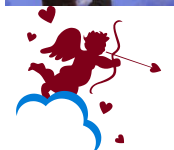
## Club Website

President – <b>Brett White</b>	<a href="http://www.tamworthfirstlight.org.au">www.tamworthfirstlight.org.au</a>
Secretary – <b>Terry Robinson</b>	<a href="mailto:brett.white@freemans.com.au">brett.white@freemans.com.au</a>
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## Birthdays, Anniversaries & Inductions



<b>Birthdays</b>	27.07 Terry Burgess
	27.07 Des Gorman
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	26.07 Jo partner of David Baddams MBE



**Anniversaries** Nil



<b>Inductions</b>	24.07 Graham Dooley (13 years)
	26.07 Alan Coates (14 years)



**Vocational Profile** Graham Nuttall

## VOCATIONAL PROFILE

**Peter Bell's** classification is **window manufacturing** and he is the Sales & Operations Manager for Dengate Joinery and has been with Dengate Joinery for twenty years.

Dengate manufactures timber windows as well as timber doors, door frames and items in solid timber –traditionally carried out by qualified tradesmen being Joiners, Carpenters and Glaziers. This used to be a four year apprenticeship but now-a-days it is difficult to attract people to this business hence computerised equipment has had to fill the gap.

Window manufacturing has now become very technical with the introduction of BCA (Building Codes Australia ) and AS (Australian Standards) and recently Basix.

Windows now have to be physically tested with wind loadings, topography and shielding as well as compliance for human impact such as safety glass for doors, bathrooms and high risk areas such as stairs and swimming pools. Basix specifies the energy rating requirements for windows – have to be measured for heat gain / loss along with solar heat gain co-efficient which is the heat gain from direct sunlight on the window assembly.

Like all aspects of building these days, it has become a very complex industry requiring vastly different skills from the old days of simple timber window frames with sashes.

# Meeting Statistics

Attendance

Make Ups Nil

Visitors Rotarians Nil

Visitors

Heads & Tails

Raffle Maureen Thornton

## Farewell Renat – Tamworth Airport



## WHY I AM A ROTARIAN?

By: KAMRAN I. MAKHDOOM ([kamranismail@yahoo.com](mailto:kamranismail@yahoo.com))

My selection for the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship was what introduced Rotary to me.

An initial impression of "just any other scholarship" soon changed into a world where Rotarians act voluntarily and with their care, love and affection I was attracted and entered into an ever-lasting relationship.

All throughout the scholarship period, the support and concern of the host Rotarians (Dist. 5890) was incredible and unprecedented.

Although I could easily continue my stay in the US, my moral commitment to R.I. and TRF compelled me to return to Pakistan.

I am glad that I honored my commitment. Now I am mentoring new ambassadorial scholars and also serving my community as an active Rotarian. The Ambassadorial Scholarships for Low Income Countries is a wonderful concept. I would love to add to it as much as possible.

Kamran I. Makhdoom,

KARACHI PAKISTAN, Rotary Club of Karachi Cosmopolitan, D3270

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## ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS OR WEEKLY COMMITMENT

The question of weekly meetings is a perennial question that is often brought up as to why people won't join a Rotary Club. With the attendance requirement now at 50% members can choose to attend once a fortnight and still fulfill the attendance requirements. The 50% attendance also includes committee meetings and club projects which may be helpful to some Rotarians.

If club meetings are effective meetings which members feel are worthwhile, they are made feel welcome and the meeting is enjoyable, they will attend as often as they can.

It is up to the individual club how strongly they enforce the attendance requirement. An individual's worth to Rotary should be measured by a lot more than attendance.

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*Don't go round saying the World owes you a living  
The World owes you nothing - It was here first....  
Mark Twain*

**RRIMC NOEL TREVASKIS - INCREASING MEMBERSHIP EASILY!!!!  
TEAMS OF TWO PEOPLE = ONE NEW MEMBER EACH YEAR!!**

With the BEYOND 2000 program it is easy to recruit one Rotarian for each two members in your Club!

I often think that if each Club was to form up into teams of two members and each team made a commitment to recruit at least one Rotarian during the year we would easily increase our membership.

Imagine a district of 1600 Members, 800 teams of two equals 800 new Rotarians, achievable? YES, absolutely, all that is required is for members and clubs to be committed to the ideal of recruiting Rotarians. If Clubs and members grasp the ideal of teams of two working together to introduce one Rotarian each year we could grow Rotary at an incredible rate, that is what BEYOND 2000 can do for your Club.

Batlow is a small village with a population of just over 1,000 people, the Batlow Rotary Club are proof that you can double your club membership, the whole club was committed to the ideal of recruiting new Rotarians, they went from eleven members to 23 members and it all happened in twelve months.

The Batlow Rotary Club adopted the BEYOND 2000 programme developed in District 9710 and followed the criteria. They identified over 30 people in their community and did some research on those people, they sent them the BEYOND 2000 information invitation pack inviting them to a meeting.

South Nowra Rotary Club decided on how many Rotarians they wanted in their club and using the BEYOND 2000 program they identified ten people within their community with the hope of recruiting five Rotarians, they ended up with six.

The program will work for your club if you follow the basic steps, proper research has to be done on potential Rotarians, for example do they have the time, the money, do they care about the community, do they belong to a service club already? If clubs just gather names without doing any real research on the potential Rotarian they will fail with the program. The days of just putting forward names without any real thought are gone.

Once you have identified the potential Rotarian they are sent an information invitation pack in the mail preferably to their home address. They are followed up by the chair of the membership committee within eight days of the pack going out. The team of two who invited them act as hosts at the meeting and as mentors once the person joins.

If you are one of those people who find it hard to ask "someone" to a club meeting then BEYOND 2000 can make it easy for you and other members in your club. With BEYOND 2000 Rotarians don't have to invite potential Rotarians to a meeting; all you have to do is work with your partner in finding names of suitable candidates.

The whole program is easy to implement and if done properly your club will start recruiting Rotarians quickly and easily, importantly it involves the whole Club.

Checkout the BEYOND 2000 programme on the membership website:  
[www.rotarymembership.org.au](http://www.rotarymembership.org.au)

**Note: Another way of looking at increasing and maintaining membership – worth considering....**

## **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 6.30 am**

## **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 6.30 am**

## **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 6.30 am**

## **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 6.30 am**

## **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 6.50 am (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).

## **CORPORALS**

To assist the Sergeant by putting out all Club Property and putting away at the conclusion of the meeting. Need to be in attendance by 6:30 am.

## **CORPORAL ASSIST**

To assist the Sergeant, by putting away all Club Property at the conclusion of the meeting if the Corporals are unable to do so.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:ssegrub@westnet.com.au)

	22 July 2009	29 July 2009
Guest Speaker	<b>DG Neville Parsons &amp; Patti</b>	Club Assembly
Meeter & Greeter	<b>Barry Biffen</b>	Peter Hyde
Door Team	<b>Dennis Johnson &amp; Narelle Langfield</b>	Brian Yeo & Ross Lobsey
Welcome	<b>Dick Davison</b>	Greg Birtles
President Assist	<b>Stephen Mitchell</b>	Meg Larkin
Visitor Assist	<b>Bruce Hemmett</b>	Louise Matthews
Corporal Assist	<b>Patrick O'Connor</b>	Steve Massey
Introduction	<b>Peter Hinchcliffe</b>	Brett White
Vote of Thanks	<b>Brodie Shields</b>	Les Jacob

## CORPORALS FOR COMING MONTHS

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

### When Insults Had Class

*“He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp posts – For support rather than illumination.”* Andre Lang (1844 – 1912)