

The Rotary Club of TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT bulletin bulletin bulletin bulletin



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Brett's Banter

Quote of the Week

“The average woman would rather have beauty than brains, because the average man can see better than he can think”

The Club's first Assembly for this Rotary year highlighted to the members the full program of events, projects, schemes and fellowship planned for this year. There is not a lot of room for extra activities in the calendar and the year is very well mapped out and looks great. Thanks to all the directors and their committees for shaping the 09-10 year.

Jane will no doubt give a summary of the directors' verbal reports, which Terry will need in writing for the minutes.

Thanks to Jane for clarifying the issue with John Boag of the President Elect Chairing the meeting in my absence. David is able to chair the meeting as opposed to presiding over the Club.

Thomo's comments about Club etiquette were well presented as there is a fine line between funny comments/banter and interjecting/interrupting the meeting. I like the quips from the floor (I won't throw stones), but I now realise how hard it is to be heard over numerous conversations whilst someone is standing to address the meeting.

Board meeting next Tuesday at Tamara Private Hospital at 5.30 pm.
I have Combined Presidents meeting on Wednesday and will summarise the main issues to the Club the week after.

Great to see Past President Dr. John Trollor again at our meeting. Still looks fit and healthy and still playing vet's hockey, must be the cold Bathurst air.

A reminder about our 1,000th meeting and 20 year celebration around late April. Plans are afoot for a book to be produced and Terry will need assistance with collation and stories. Any ideas please let me know.

Have a great week – Brett

AND FOR THE NEWS

RUGBY & CYCLING WEEKEND – 8 / 9 August – As the Club has agreed to support – more names are needed for both the Cycling and Rugby on the Saturday. **Please put names down on rosters** going round the tables at next meeting. Both good fund raisers for the Club.

WALCHA ROAD PUB – Saturday, 22 August- train up and coach back. Cost \$70 per person (Train, Meal, Coach) – **Please confirm and pay at the door next week (05.08.2009)** – looking for 50 participants. Menu is interesting with choices!!!

Entree	Soup (Clam Chowder) Garlic Prawns served on a bed of rice Deep Fried Camembert
Main	Rump Steak – Béarnaise Sauce Chicken Mignon Nile Perch Fillet – all with vegetables in season
Dessert	Chocolate Pudding Sticky Date Pudding Apple Crumble
Afters	Tea & Coffee with Rum Balls

DEFENCE & EMERGENCY SERVICES CHARITY BALL –

Funds raised for the Black Dog Institute –

Where Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre

When Saturday, 8 August 2009-07-30

Dress Black Tie or Dinner Uniform

Cost \$120.00 per person

Includes 3 Course meal, wine, beer and entertainment

Corporate Tables available – ***First Light should have at least one table***

Tickets through Tourism Tamworth – 6767 5300 or www.visittamworth.com

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM – LONG TERM

We are seeking **TWO FAMILIES FROM TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT** to volunteer to host Swedish Exchange student Felix Frankenberg as of January 2010. Felix will be initially hosted by Ken & Di Hall and then Peter & Val Godden from Tamworth Rotary for the first half of his Exchange period. Please contact Annette Arthur to confirm interest – mobile 0418 243 835 or email arthura@ramsayhealth.com.au If any First Light member would like to have Felix join them for a weekend during this period please feel free to contact Ken on hallkr@tpg.com.au or 6765 7021.

1,000TH MEETING on 28 APRIL AND 20 YEARS SINCE CHARTER – OUR BIRTHDAY IN MAY 2010)– Brett White feels these are great excuses for “**CELEBRATIONS**” - We have time so let the suggestions / ideas flow forth – leave your ideas with the door team as you pay each week – *surely there will be a prize for the most original suggestion.....*

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. The District needs to select four non Rotarian team members aged between 25 and 40 years. Team members' applications close 28 August 2009.

Action: *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 [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*

CLUB ASSEMBLY REPORTS – JULY 2009

YOUTH – Annette Arthur

1. Booked Tamara Conference room for 1st Tuesday of each month for Rotary Board meetings;
2. Developed a **Rotary Youth Notice Board** at Tamara Private Hospital to post all items of interest for parents in case their students miss it at their schools;
3. Norm Dezius has a **Rotary Notice Board in place at Oxley High School**;
4. **National Youth Science** (applications closed 20/5/09) Norm had posted and thought he had one interested student;

A We received application from Oxley student: Jade Sommers who was unable to make the interview process due to work commitments and sent correspondence to thank TFLR.

B Second applicant: Russell Cooper who noted TFLR as his club for Peel HS. Have not received any returned correspondence from Russell re attendance at Walcha interviews last weekend

Note – Russell did attend the interview at Walcha and has been short listed to attend (PDG Jane Bradford on one of the interview panels – confirmed both attendance and acceptance)

5. Printed brochures for the **Australian-NZ Exchange YEP Short-term** and have sent copies to Oxley (via Norm), Carinya and TPH Notice Board; applications close 31/7/09. Nil applications received.

6. **RYAG Dairy**- incorrect dates on their brochure- notified Wingham to correct. Have distributed new brochures to High schools etc;

7. **Public Speaking Competition:** Copied application forms and have distributed to Schools etc; application close 28/8/09

8. **RYAG Equine**- developed brochures letter etc in draft format for John to review and form joint Vocational & Youth committee and set date. Hoping to have before Easter 2010 at ALEC; will need to discuss accommodation nearby ALEC.

Anyone interested in being part of this Committee please let me know.

9. Have developed a **Rotary Program for Schools**- still some missing dates & information on Rotary Calendar to complete this prior to distribution.
10. Distributed copies of **Honeywell Science competition** and sent to schools & TPH notice board; no noted closure on applications. Course held 6-11th Dec 09.
11. Distributed copies of **RYAG Beef** and sent to schools & TPH notice board. Applications close 13th Sept, held 21-25th October 09.
12. **YEP Long Term**: Met with Felix Frankenberg (Swedish Exchange Student) last meeting and message in the bulletin seeking 2 x families to host Felix commencing Jan 2010. Please let Annette know if interested.
13. **RYLA** manual will be out in August from District for all clubs.
14. **Science & Engineering Challenge**: Have request information from Tim Coates to send to schools and place in School Program. To be held in March 2010.

CLUB SERVICE – Louise Matthews

- President Brett would like to see a focus on fellowship & fun while still committed to service
- Following list of allocated positions so far, please nominate or assist where ever possible if you wish
- Also following are suggestions so far for fellowship activities, again please nominate or assist. Always looking for more or alternate suggestions
- 20 year/1000th meeting celebrations. Terry B is willing to put together the history. Wanting suggestions for marking this occasion. Some so far have been media coverage & putting together a book. Would like to see Charter Members giving we newer members a history lesson over the next ten months eg 2 minute profile
- Storage container project has been taken on by Heff
- Jim Raymond is doing a great job as programme coordinator, so keep the suggestions for guest speaker coming
- The new format & content of the Bulletin is fantastic, but Jane needs the contributions to keep coming in & in a timely manner
- We will again be endeavouring to achieve a Presidential Citation for the year. The parameters for this seem to be quite achievable & are focused on membership, public image of Rotary, community & vocational service, funds for eradication of polio etc
- Education & understanding about Rotary Foundation for new & older members alike

FELLOWSHIP

- Progressive Dinner??????????
- Guess Who's Coming To Dinner-
- Clay Target Shooting-May 2010
- Future's Restaurant TAFE-Early 2010
- Woolshed Dance/ Woolbrook –March 2010
- Walcha Rd Train/ Dinner-August **Yeoy /22/8/2009**
- Dance Lessons/ R&R/ Linedance??????????
- Hunter Valley March/April 2010
- White Water Rafting Feb 2010
- **Xmas Party 28/11/09 (Rugby Club) R&R Dancing**
- Games night, darts/bowls??????????????
- **Invite "New" club to BBQ meetings 13/1/10**
- Cooking course with Brian Logan (TAFE?)
- Family tennis day – Hinwood
- Salamander 24th Oct fellowship, coincide with Golfers??

CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR

- Attendance & History**
- Sergeant at Arms**
- Bulletin**
- Program**
- Welfare Officer**
- Catering**
- Webmaster**
- Public Relations**
- Public Relations Assistant**
- Membership**
- Public Officer**
- Corporal & Club Equipment**
- Corporal Assistant**
- Rotary Foundation**
- Storage Container**
- Social Sporting & Fellowship**

LOUISE MATTHEWS

- Terry Burgess
- John Treloar
- Jane Bradford (Tech Assist – Brodie Shields)
- Jim Raymond
- Paul Stevenson
- Brian Logan
- Bruce Hemmett
- Simon Chamberlain
- Laurence Hearne
- Chris Sheppeard
- Michael O’Connor
- Ron Allen
- Weekly Roster
- Brian Thompson
- Phil Heffernan
- Nominate for Event

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT – Vicki Cooper

This year we would like to undertake the following projects

- **Sponsor a Child** (approx \$45 per month) right through to 18 years of age. The Club will see this child grow and we may be able to put this child into some of the Rotary projects. This is an area that we can make a major difference and create a life offering opportunities that would never have existed for that child.
After Club discussion Vicki is to provide further information with accurate costings etc – overall the Club supported the concept.
Note Members may also be interested in sponsoring a child from the same village
Note Payment from the Sergeant’s fine session with rest to Foundation as usual – to be considered
- **GSE** – We appear to have a candidate – more details to follow
- **Operation Cleft** – feel monies should be spent in research as to why this is so prevalent in Bangladesh – generate an overall cure rather than individuals – still to be assessed

VOCATIONAL – John Worldon

This year to continue

- Two minute Vocational Profiles (Jim Raymond organising these)
- Aiming to have four vocational visits – the first will be to the SES to present a cheque for monies raised from the “Pedal the Peel” Event in September
- Suggest Youth / Vocation should work together for RYAG Equine
- Pride of Workmanship to be organised for next year (Tamworth Club to Chair this year)
- Careers Expo – all hands will be needed as getting bigger every year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE – Brian Logan

Apologies Brian – the Bulletin Editor did not take notes and did not receive a Report to include this week – will include for next week when Report received.

ARTIST'S CORNER

A “special” thank you to Paul Stevenson & Simon Chamberlain – most of us can relate to these. Just a gentle reminder to Louise Matthews for next week...

An Irishman was terribly overweight, so his doctor put him on a diet.

'I want you to eat regularly for two days, then skip a day,
and repeat this procedure for two weeks.
The next time I see you, you should have lost at least 5 pounds.

When the Irishman returned, he shocked the doctor by
having lost nearly 60 pounds!

'Why, that's amazing!' the doctor said, 'Did you follow my instructions?'

The Irishman nodded...

'I'll tell you though, by jaesuz, I t'aut I were going to drop dead on dat third day.'

'From the hunger, you mean?' asked the doctor.
'No, from the bloody skippin'

All Paul's own work

The Undergrad's Lament

*Someone's curry
Left in a hurry*

*And now lies
Among the leaves*

*The morning after the afflicted soul
Lies abed and sorely grieves.*

Simon Chamberlain

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*“If you plan for one year – plant rice
If you plan for ten years – plant trees
If you plan for a hundred years – educate children”*
Confucius

WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

By Garry Krischock - District 9640

It is not for the money
It is not for the fame
It is not for any person's gain
It is just for the love of fellow man
It is just to lend a helping hand
It is just to give a little of self
It is to do something you can't buy with wealth
It is not medals worn with pride
It is for the feeling deep inside
It is the reward down in your heart
It is the feeling you've been part of
helping others far and near
That makes you a Rotarian.

These days I am retired and am active in the Rotary Club of Runaway Bay on the Gold Coast and still enjoy the great sense of pleasure and reward I personally get from my Rotary involvement.

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HE'S MY BROTHER



Two young boys walked into a pharmacy one day,
picked out a box of tampons and proceeded to the checkout counter.

The man at the counter asked the older boy,
'Son, how old are you?'
'Eight,' the boy replied.
The man continued,
'Do you know what these are used for?'
The boy replied,

'Not exactly, but they aren't for me. They're for him. He's my brother. He's four.
We saw on TV that if you use these you would be able to swim and ride a bike.
Right now, he can't do either.'

Club Website

President – **Brett White**
 Secretary – **Terry Robinson**
 Treasurer – **Michael Smith**
 Bulletin Editor – **Jane Bradford**
Board of Directors

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2009 - 2010

Club Service – Louise Matthews
Community Service – Brian Logan
International Service – Vicki Cooper
Vocational Service – John Worldon
Youth Centre – Annette Arthur

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Inductions



Birthdays

06.08 Peter Hinchcliffe
 07.08 Ross Lobsey
 08.08 Robert Clifton



Partners Birthdays

Nil

Anniversaries

09.08 - Ron and Hellen Allen

Inductions

Nil



Vocational Profile

David Hinwood

CALENDAR 2009/2010 Events

2 – 7 August	Gold Coast Golf Trip
8 – 9 August	Rugby on Saturday afternoon / Cycling for weekend
22 August	Walcha Road Pub – train up / coach back
20 September	Pedal the Peel Charity Bike Ride
23 – 25 October	Nelsons Bay – Golfing Weekend
28 November	Christmas Party – Rugby Club – diarise now
22 – 28 February	Australia-wide Campaign for PolioPlus
12 – 14 March	District 9650 Conference, Port Macquarie – Book accommodation early
End April	1,000 th Meeting – <i>watch this space</i>
19 June 2010	Tamworth First Light Changeover – note in your diaries now

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 – Please pay as soon as possible

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

Attendance	82%
Make Ups	Nil
Visitors Rotarians	Nil
Visitors	PP Dr John Troller
Heads & Tails	Jim Raymond
Raffle	Skinner

CHARITY DONATION

- **Large commercial style Canon IR3300 multi function unit.**
- **Suitable for small office or team and can be networked.**
- **Has scanning, copying and faxing.**
- **Multiple drawers and electronic document storage etc**
- **Will give away free to a charity**
- **If you know of any charity that may have a need for this unit put a good story together and speak to Brett White**

Great Life Lessons – Pickup in the Rain

One night at 11:30 pm, an older African American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rain storm. Her car had broken down and she desperately needed a ride. Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car. A young white man stopped to help her, generally unheard of in those conflict-filled 1960's.

The man took her to safety, helped her get assistance and put her in a taxicab. She seemed to be in a big hurry, but wrote down his address and thanked him.

Seven days went by and a knock came on the man's door, to his surprise a giant console colour TV was delivered to his home. A special note was attached which read

“Thank you so much for assisting me on the Highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes but also my spirits. Then you came along. Because of you I was able to make it to my dying husband's bedside just before he passed away. God bless you for helping me and unselfishly servicing others.”
Sincerely – Mrs Nat King Cole

Didn't know that koala's were predated by Arctic sea creatures, guess you learn something every day !
Brodie Shields



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AUTHORITY OF POPULAR CULTURE

THE NARWHAL

NATURE'S UNICORN

\$13.99

For centuries, the Narwhal was the great mystery of the sea. With the body of a whale and the horn of a Unicorn, many people believed that these fascinating creatures were harmless inhabitants of the icy waters of the Arctic Ocean. Recent studies, however, have exposed the secret agenda of these mysterious mammals and the true purpose of their extraordinarily long pointy tusks.

The studies revealed that millions of years ago, penguins, snow seals and koalas ruled the earth. For sustenance, they feasted upon whales, dolphins and other sea mammals to the point of near extinction. But the Narwhal went into hiding beneath the ice of the North Pole, biding their time, planning their revenge and sharpening their tusks. Finally, they reemerged, tusks gleaming with newfound magical power, and fought back against the adorable creatures that threatened their existence. The battle was long, and many Narwhal were lost, but their strong will and sharp tusks were enough to stave off the cute ones temporarily.

Now, once a year, in a continuous effort to keep their enemies at bay, the Narwhal leave their homes to embark on a treacherous migration to Antarctica in the hunt for baby penguins and seal pups. Many will not return... Along their journey, they will spend time in Australia, swimming upstream to the inland habitat of the koalas, where they will actually leap out of the water to spear the deadly koalas from their perches high in the Eucalyptus trees.

MAGICAL TUSKS

Not All Narwhal tusks are the same!
Each one has unique special powers!

CRYSTAL: mind control, hypnosis, global communication
ONYX: instant paralysis
RUBY: drains the blood of its victims
ICE: freezes water, creates icebergs, chills beverages

NATURAL ENEMIES

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
- **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

	5 August 2009	12 August 2009
Guest Speaker	Jim Raymond	
Meeter & Greeter	Peter Ryan	Tim Coates
Door Team	Phil Penman & Judy Coates	Robert Clifton & DJ Jones
Welcome	Terry Burgess	Chris Sheppard
President Assist	Phil Lyon	Julian Smith
Visitor Assist	Jeanette Mouatt	Pat Varley
Corporal Assist	Graham Nuttall	John Treloar
Introduction	John Fogarty	Robert Clifton
Vote of Thanks	Barry Murphy	Norm Dezius

CORPORALS FOR COMING MONTHS

- 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

*“He has all the virtues I dislike
and none of the vices I admire.”*

Winston Churchill