The Rotary Club of
TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT
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Brett's Banter

Quote of the Week

"Human beings are the only creatures on earth that allow their children to come back home"

Bill Cosby

We enjoyed the company of Rowley Thomsett from the Rotary Club of Hall Act, visiting as an official for the Hockey Country Championships, which are a 10 day event and another way of showing off our great City and region to Australia.

Kristy Reading from the Cancer Council attended to spread the message about the 'Relay for Life' being run next year and she is also our GSE nominated candidate for the U.S. trip later this year.

I really enjoyed Jim's talk and as we are of similar vintage, it brought back some memories of good times and back to basics fun in the street without the fear of litigation for injury or being attached physically or verbally. No computers/video games in those days and we made our own fun. The milk bottle with the thick layer of cream at the top and the silver foil cap took me back to the good ole days.

I was saddened to learn this week of the passing of Judy Coates mother and on behalf of the Club members extend our sincere condolences to Judy and her family.

Brian Logan has indicated his desire to allocate the $1,000.00 from his Club person of the year award to the Rotary Lodge at the TBH. The Lodge is in dire need of an internal face list to the two kitchenettes, bathroom heating/ventilation and painting throughout. I have taken the matter to the combined President's it has been agreed to take it on as a project to be undertaken as 24 hour weekend project. This will require considerable planning and obviously receive good media coverage for Rotary similar to Ronald McDonald House. The Rugby and Bike commitments will be over at end of September and we are looking at a weekend in November to start and complete the job.

A reminder that the District Conference will be held at Port Macquarie on 12 to 14 March 2010. It looks like an exceptional program and loads of activities and time to have social interaction. Maybe a chance to tack on a few days as well for golf, beach, fishing or just nothing much really. Let me know if you are interested as most of the Board appear to be going. Accommodation needs to be considered soon otherwise we may have to camp with Neville at Wauchope.

The Interclub Debate will be held at the Tamworth Tennis Club – Treloar Park, on 19 November and we will let you know the topics in due course, but if you are interesting in representing our Club, please advise Louise.

Have a great week. **Brett**

AND FOR THE NEWS

RUGBY & CYCLING WEEKEND – 8 / 9 August – Rosters appear to be full - however an extra pair of hands could ease the workload a little.... If at all possible to give even an hour – it is worth it and **it can be a makeup to assist with your attendance requirements....**

WALCHA ROAD PUB – Saturday, 22 August- FINAL REMINDER
Could the members who are interested in attending please **make their decision and pay this Wednesday, 12 August** – otherwise as the numbers attending appear so low – this fun-filled venture will be postponed to a more opportune date.....

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM – LONG TERM
We are seeking **ONE MORE FAMILY FROM TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT (found one family – now need the second family)** 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.

***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. T**eam 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*

Kristy Reading is our GSE applicant and will be seeking training support from the experts within our Club prior to going for interviews in September – very exciting

GOLF TRIP – first mixed event – still recovering from it – overall 49 players travelling well – only four Rotarians

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*.....

PEDAL THE PEEL – every member needs to be involved on 20 September – including a team from First Light – if able, please speak with Terry Robinson – depending on experience of cyclists – possibly only do the short course....

BLEDISLOE CUP – Phil Lynne from Harvey World Travel organising a trip to Tokyo, Japan – please speak to Michael O'Connor if interested (sorry – don't have dates for it)

SERGEANT – Anne Jacob stepped in for John Treloar and fleeced us well....
NOTE – $72,000 has been raised by this Club for the Rotary Foundation **(OUR CHARITY)** from the Club fine sessions over the past 19 years.

Great Life Lessons
Always Remember Those Who Serve

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10 year old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him. "How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked. "Fifty cents" replied the waitress. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it. "Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream." He asked. By now, more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient. "Thirty five cents"' she brusquely replied. The little boy again counted his coins – "I'll have the plain ice cream." He said.

The waitress brought the ice-cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice-cream, paid the cashier and left. When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish were two nickels and five pennies. You see, the boy couldn't have the sundae because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

GUEST SPEAKER – CLUB MEMBER JIM RAYMOND – PERSONAL PROFILE

Jim is the eldest of four children born on 25 July 1955 near Bellingen on a dairy farm – moved to Port Macquarie when he was 18 months old. Family returned to a Newsagency at Bellingen – wonderful freedom in the country, riding bikes – Sunday mornings up at 4:00 am to collect the papers from Raleigh, then did a paper round

Family returned to Port for Primary and High School – some people attend school because they want to, other because they have to – that was me but I had a great time loved sport not bookwork, played League, Tennis, Golf and Cricket and his team managed to sink the surfboat at Flynn's Beach due to rough seas....

Worked part time including a milk run (bottled milk in those days), builder's labourer at weekends, fishing trawlers (hard work as left at 4:00 am) and experienced all weather conditions....

1973 - First full time position was with the CBC Bank at Port, transferred to Rose Bay, Sydney in 1975 where he met Carmel who was also from Bellingen, her father being the baker at Urunga – resisted briefly and transferred back to Bellingen then 1977 transferred to Cudal. Resigned and joined Public Works in Orange and we moved to Orange and bought a small federation cottage which we renovated with tender loving care.

The Department of Public Works has had many name changes over the past 32 years – as of last week is now the Department of Services, Technology and Administration but us "old timers" still call it the Department of Public Works. I began as a clerical officer then promoted to Bathurst as the Contracts Clerk. This meant travelling to Bathurst every day – winters very dangerous with black ice on the roads and we finally moved to Bathurst for a short period only.

1981 Carmel completed her nurses training and our first child, Melissa was born followed by a brother – family moved to Bathurst and Sarah arrived.

In 1988 we moved to Tamworth and built a new house at Oxley Vale – some 12 years later we sold and moved to our current older home and the renovation bug took hold again.

2003 I was promoted to Project Manager working at Bingara, Warialda and Tingha and various other projects amount to $42M to date.

Once children grown up we have started to travel....
2005 – Perth then Victoria, South Australia and returned via Broken Hill
2007 – Alice Springs
2008 - Overseas – two days in Dubai at 56° - left Tamworth in winter – quite a contrast – visited Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales, Paris and Italy.
2009 - New Zealand to meet Melissa's fiancé, Jamie's parents – wedding in September

Finally Who am I??? I am a son, a brother, a husband, a father, an uncle and a friend and as of twelve months ago I am a Rotarian. Thank you

Introduced by John Fogarty, thanked by Barry Murphy

ARTIST'S CORNER

A "special" thank you to Louise Matthews – what great talent we have in this Club.... Just a gentle reminder to ***Greg Birtles*** *for next week....*

Louise Matthews started attending Art classes at the Tamworth Community College about seven years ago. Much cheaper than a psychiatrist. Incredibly relaxing and fulfilling, not to mention meeting just the nicest people, just ask PP Vicki. Dooley has offered his body for "life drawing" classes but we think he'd be better off offering it to Science.

Image 1 - Debutante Camellia
Image 2 - Terracotta Pots
Image 3 - Cup Cakes
Image 4 - Onslo the Grenadier Guard

"The only real difference between people is the level of education. It has nothing to do with race, religion or cultures. It is the level of education that really affects the stability of the world."

Carlos Canesco - RI President 1984 – 1985
Rotary Convention, Kansas City, Missouri, USA

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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	12.08	Dennis Maunder
Partners Birthdays	12.08	Trudy White
	15.08	Robyn Gorman
Anniversaries	18.08 -	Phil & Robyn Penman (31 years)
Inductions	15.08	Meg Larkin (8 years)
Vocational Profile	Michael Smith	

VOCATIONAL PROFILE - David Hinwood

- Spent thirty years in finance
- Retired for 18 months
- Challenge – started three days a week – now four days a week
- Challenge consists of 352 staff with 600 plus clients
- Challenge covers an area from Gosford through the Hunter Valley to all points to the Queensland border - out to Dubbo and beyond (Bourke Brewarrina etc)
- My position is Client Services North West (Quirindi to Moree) with a staff of 94 and 208 clients.

- There are three group homes in Tamworth supported 24 x 7 – staff sleep over at the home
- Responsible for various day programs
- Two respite centres – one in Tamworth (Allawah House) and one in Gunnedah
- Moree has an Aboriginal Drop in Support Services office.

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A WELL-PLANNED RETIREMENT – from The London Times:

Outside the Bristol Zoo, in England , there is a parking lot for 150 cars and 8 coaches, or buses. It was manned by a very pleasant attendant with a ticket machine charging cars £1 (about $1.40) and coaches £5 (about $7).
This parking attendant worked there solidly for all of 25 years. Then, one day, he just didn't turn up for work.

"Oh well", said Bristol Zoo Management - "we'd better phone up the City Council and get them to send a new parking attendant . . . "
"Err . . . no", said the Council, "that parking lot is your responsibility"
"Err . . . no", said Bristol Zoo Management, "the attendant was employed by the City Council, wasn't he?"
"Err . . . no!" insisted the Council.

Sitting in his villa somewhere on the coast of Spain (presumably), is a man who had been taking the parking lot fees, estimated at £400 (about $560) per day at Bristol Zoo for the last 25 years. Assuming 7 days a week, this amounts to just over £3.6 million ($7 million - or $280,000 every year for 25 years)!

And no-one even knows his name.

Community Service – July / August Report

For the 2009/10 year, the following projects have continued on from the previous year.

Rugby Bar

Our Rotary club continues to provide bar services to the Tamworth Magpies Rugby Club. In addition to normal bar duties, we have established a roster incorporating the 'Gate' and a small 'upstairs' bar. Members without an RSA have the opportunity to assist on the entry gate.

BBQ's for cycling

Two opportunities to raise capital for the club have had positive outcomes. The next opportunity will occur on the weekend of 8/9 Aug 2009 at Loombrah. This will be in the lead up to our new venture of 'Peddle the Peel'.

BBQ's in ANZAC Park

The BBQ's have arrived and are in storage with Tamworth Council. Currently, we are awaiting assistance from Ron Allen in relation to a TAFE course of students to start work.

Projects ongoing

- Bowel Scan
- Xmas Trees
- Carols in the Park
- Country Music Cavalcade
- Country Music Breath Testing

New Programs under Consideration

- A program to improve literary skills
- A program to assist operation CLEFT.
- Upgrade of Kitchen facilities in Rotary Lodge at Tamworth Hospital
- Instillation of exhaust / heat lights in Rotary Lodge at Tamworth Hospital

Other issues for Consideration

- Application for a grant to assist the Cancer Council
- Rotary Melbourne Cup Trifecta Tickets

Bulletin Editor apologises as this was not in last week's Bulletin with the other Reports by Directors.

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WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

There is always a special moment when you are involved in medical missions. A young mother saw her child for the first time post surgery and she could not stop the tears from running down her face. That brief moment synthesizes what we are all about – affecting and changing people's lives. Not only did we permanently improve the life of the child but also that of the family. That too broadens out to the extended community. That makes me proud to be a Rotarian.

Anita Stangl
President & CEO, Alliance for Smiles Inc
President 2006 – 2007 Rotary Club of San Francisco

This morning on the Freeway,
I looked over to my left and there was a
Woman in a brand new Holden Calais
Doing 110 kms per hr
With her face up next to her
Rear view mirror
Putting on her eyeliner.

I looked away for a couple seconds
And when I looked back she was
Halfway over in my lane,
Still working on that makeup.

As a man, I don't scare easily.
But she scared me so much;
I dropped my electric shaver,
Which knocked the meat pie
Out of my other hand.

In all the confusion of trying
To straighten out the car
Using my knees against
The steering wheel,

It knocked my Mobile phone
Away from my ear which fell
Into the coffee between my legs,

Splashed, and burned
Big Jim and the Twins,
Ruined the darn phone,
Soaked my trousers,
And disconnected an
Important call.
Bloody women drivers!!

Fellowettes – who would you say was at fault.....

Attendance	76%
Make Ups	Nil
Visitors Rotarian	Rowley Thomsett – Hall ACT
Visitors	Christine Reading – GSE candidate
Heads & Tails	Skinner
Raffle	Dwone (DJ) Jones

CALENDAR 2009/2010 Events

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
24 October	RI Club of Tamworth Sunrise Charter Dinner – Please diarise now
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
April / May 2010	1,000th Meeting / 20 years – *watch this space*
19 June 2010	**Tamworth First Light Changeover – note in 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"

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August is "**Membership & Extension Month.**"

Chris Sheppeard; Jane Bradford and I attended the District 9650 Membership seminar on Saturday morning. 25 Rotarians representing most zones in the District were in attendance. Some very positive things came out of the meeting as follows:

- Booklet "101 Strategies For Recruiting & Retaining Members"
- DVD from the Rotary Club of Lane Cove, "What in the World is Rotary?", presented by Rotarian Roger Clemson OAM
- PDG Ken Hall has applied for a PR grant to run some TV ads
- "Humanity in Motion" publication put out by District 9680, beautifully presented & sells Rotary
- Business cards offering "Free Dinner" listing meeting times
- DVD player at all functions & events where possible to constantly promote, banners, signs etc
- Club Vision Facilitation Program, may be worth looking at again
- Succession planning, imagines our club in 5 years time, what have we achieved & how did we get there, important to bring in younger members to carry on…the question.."Would you join your club?"
- Need a Club plan in place at Club, Board level, involving Past Presidents & a Committee
- Start feeding Simon for column in NDL…."Why am I a Rotarian", list of projects etc
- Create an "Elevator Speech", ie. When someone asks what your Rotary lapel pin means & what does Rotary do, have the answer ready

That's just a broad outline, but I must say, Chris Sheppeard did us proud with his presentation on sponsoring the "new" Club. **Louise Matthews**

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 ensue 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**

	12 August 2009	19 August 2009
Guest Speaker	**Simon Hall – St Judes**	
Meeter & Greeter	**Tim Coates**	Ron Allen
Door Team	**Robert Clifton & DJ Jones**	Max Cathcart & Graham Dooley
Welcome	**Chris Sheppeard**	Andrew Hawkins
President Assist	**Julian Smith**	Alan Coates
Visitor Assist	**Pat Varley**	Mark O'Connor
Corporal Assist	**Graham Dooley**	Ian Howle
Introduction	**Robert Clifton**	Laurence Hearne
Vote of Thanks	**Norm Dezius**	Phil Heffernan

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

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it."

Moses Hadas