

The Rotary Club of TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT bulletin bulletin bulletin bulletin



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Brett's Banter

Quote of the Week

Heaven is Where:

The Police are British,
The Chefs are Italian,
The Mechanics are German,
The Lovers are French and
It's all organized by the Swiss.

Hell is Where:

The Police are German,
The Chefs are British,
The Mechanics are French,
The Lovers are Swiss and
It's all organized by the Italians.”

This meeting we were joined by Pierre Steyn from BAE. Pierre with the French/German name from South Africa generated considerable discussion about the current tender process and future of our flight training facility.

The consideration of East Sale does not appear logical and it is sad when politics influence rational decisions and the use of tax payers' money. We all hope sanity prevails and this great facility remains a viable influence on the Tamworth economy for many years.

Welcome to Rotarian John Bamford and our guest Quynh, once again. It looks like Quynh has made her decision and we look forward to having another fellowette in our Club. Still within the 20% by-law rule.

Really looking forward to train trip and night at Walcha Road. A great winter venue, with good food, good wine and good people. Thanks to Brian Yeo for his efforts organising this month's social function.

Anyone interested in spending a week, from next weekend, in an old car touring from Forbes to Gold Coast to assist Outback Links, please let me know.

If you have not signed a Child Protection form, please see Terry Robinson. He will go through the folder and identify those in the Club who haven't signed a form as well. Just updating the paperwork. Should probably be part of new member's kit.

Remember to donate blood if you are able. It may be your own life or someone close to you that is saved by the work of the Red Cross.

Avagudone, - Brett

AND FOR THE NEWS

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

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.

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]

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 – Wrap up meeting plus finalising plans for October golfing weekend at 5:15 pm on Monday, 24 August at Brian Thompson's office.

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....

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.....*

Norm Dezius is quite unwell with severe pain from a back injury – **Members, please find time to call in and / or make a phone call – Norm's number is 6760 8106 – it will make him feel so much better to think others care....**

Greg Birtles deserves our congratulations – he has just completed and passed all his exams to become a solicitor – will be an extremely interesting change defending clients from the Police Prosecutor.... His graduation will be on Saturday, 10 October 2009.

Child Protection Forms – if anyone has not completed this form, please see Maureen Thornton – this possibly only applies to newer members but if in doubt, please see Maureen.

GREAT LIFE LESSONS – The Obstacle in Our Path

In ancient times a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the King's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear but none did anything about getting the stone out the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and shoving and straining he finally succeeded.

After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

The peasant learned what many of us never understand.....

Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

CALENDAR 2009/2010 Events

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| 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 |
| 19 November | Inter-Club Great Debate – Tamworth Tennis Club, Treloar Park |
| 28 November | Christmas Party – Rugby Club – diarise now |
| 26 January | Combined Rotary Clubs involved all day Bicentennial Park |
| 22 – 28 February | Australia-wide Campaign for PolioPlus |
| 12 – 14 March | District 9650 Conference, Port Macquarie – Book accommodation early |
| April / May 2010 | 1,000 th Meeting / 20 years – <i>watch this space</i> |
| 19 June 2010 | Tamworth First Light Changeover – note in diaries now |
| 29 June 2010 | Tamworth Club's Changeover |

GUEST SPEAKER – Pierre Steyn – Project Manager, BAE

Pierre is South African, has been in Australia for six years and in Tamworth for the past three years. He provided us with some very interesting information with some basic facts provided. The Australian Defence Force (Air Force, Navy and Army) and the Singapore Air Force are currently at BAE. Once chosen flight training is for six months and some 650 students go through each year.

Pierre has a staff of 68 working for him with some 25 contractors as well. BAE own the facilities but not the land and including 18 permanent staff with Singapore Air Forces there are 120 permanent staff overall.

Very interesting overview with a considerable number of questions answered informatively.

Introduced by Laurence Hearne and thanked by Phil Heffernan



**19.08.2009 – Phil Heffernan
Thanking guest speaker –
Pierre Steyn –
Project Manager - BAE**

A little girl asks her mum, 'Mum, can I take the dog for a walk around the block?'
Her mum replies 'No, because she is on heat.'
'What does that mean?' asked the child.
'Go and ask your father. I think he's in the garage.'

The little girl goes out to the garage and says, 'Dad, can I take Lulu for a walk around the block? I asked Mum, but she said the dog was on the heat, and to come ask you.'

He took a rag, soaked it in petrol, and scrubbed the dog's backside with it to disguise the scent, and said 'Ok, you can go now, but keep Lulu on the leash and only go around the block.'

The little girl left and returned a few minutes later with no dog on the leash..
Surprised, Dad asked, 'Where's Lulu?'
The little girl said, 'She must have run out of petrol about halfway round the block, so another dog is pushing her home.'

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH

Who is “Someone?”



In Clubs there is always “Someone” you can rely on to do those things that need doing; “Someone” is always willing to volunteer. However, when it comes to recruiting members or asking people to a Rotary meeting, everyone leaves it to “Someone” else to do it.

RI President John Kenny has asked that every Club have a net increase of their membership by one Member this year. Every Club should be able to achieve this target

However there are some Clubs who have no idea how they are going to achieve the goal of increasing their membership. Just recently I was visiting a Club where their President told me that they hadn’t inducted any new members in the last five years. They are also a single gender club. Clearly their future doesn’t look very bright as a club. “Someone” in the Club has to take responsibility for membership, and that “Someone” should be the Club Membership Chair. The Membership Chair should be “Someone” who is passionate about membership; they need to be “Someone” who has had a good record of bringing in new Rotarians.

This Club is waiting for “Someone” to ask “Someone” to their Rotary meeting, but it seems to me that no one can find “Someone” who has a passion for membership. They don’t have “Someone” who has been active in bringing new members into the Club.

If every club in the world was to increase their membership by a net gain of one new member over the next twelve months we would have a worldwide increase of over 33,000 members. Most Clubs would achieve this easily if they decided to go beyond being a token dual gender Club and embraced being a balanced Club with a balanced membership. A balanced membership is a true representation of the local community.

The month of August is Membership Month, all Clubs should be focusing on launching their membership goals and programme for the rest of the year. Membership shouldn’t be the focus for just one month it has to be the focus for the whole year. Increasing membership just doesn’t happen; “Someone” has to take the initiative. We need to make sure that membership is spoken about at every meeting. “Someone” has to make sure that everyone is involved in membership. “Someone” should get their Club involved in a membership recruitment programme such as BEYOND 2000 or Club in a Club. All Clubs need to have an effective recruitment and retention programme in place in their clubs. “Someone” has to make sure it is going to happen!

We can achieve our goals with membership; all it needs is for “Someone” to say “I can do that.” Are you “Someone?”

RRIMC Noel Trevaskis

Courtesy of “Membership on the Move” – August 2009

AUGUST – MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH

PART II

To be effective our Rotary Club needs members. Our ability to serve the community, support the Rotary Foundation and develop leaders capable of serving Rotary beyond the Club level is directly related to the strength and size of our membership base.

Because membership in Rotary is by invitation only, we must reach out to family, friends, business associates and other community members by asking them to join.

New members bring important benefits to the club, including:

- Increased capacity to serve the community
- Future leaders
- Diversity
- Fresh ideas, interests and energy
- Long term continuity of the Club and Rotary itself

To recruit high quality members we need to follow these steps:

- Identify
- Introduce
- Invite
- Induct

Identify professional members of the community from groups such as:

- Local businesses
- Chamber of commerce
- Local and regional government offices
- Current and past Rotary exchange students or GSE members
- Partners and our own or extended families

Introduce them to Rotary International programs such as Polio Plus, our own Club's service efforts, such as the Liberty Swing, BBQ's in Anzac Park and Brian's proposal to revamp Rotary Lodge. Tell them about the benefits and responsibilities of membership. A prospective member who has been introduced to Rotary by enthusiastic Rotarians and is informed about the Club's projects before joining is more likely to become involved and remain active.

In assessing someone's qualifications for becoming a member consider the following:

- Is the individual beyond reproach?
- Is the reputation of the individual's business or organisation exemplary?
- Is the person service minded?
- Can they meet the financial obligations of membership and attendance at weekly meetings?
- Are they committed to getting involved in Club projects and programs and committees?

At a date yet to be specified we will show a 10 minute DVD produced by Roger Climpson, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Lane Cove. It's titled "What in the World is Rotary?" and is a wonderful tool to lend to a prospective new member to explain more about the organisation.

Hopefully everyone has read the article in our last week's Bulletin - **R.I.P. (One Rotarian)**. It is vital that we constantly be on the lookout for quality new members to replace ourselves. BUT it is equally important to make sure as a group we look out for each other to ensure every one of us is getting the most out of belonging to this organisation. As the article said "**Membership Month is designed to help us focus on the Survival of the Species....the Rotarian Species.**"

LOUISE MATTHEWS - CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR



This is what happens when your kids take away your licence and the car keys.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION TRUSTEES HAVE MADE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2009 – 2010 DUE TO THE GLOBAL CRISIS – THEY ARE BEING CAUTIOUS

- 1 The Foundation will not award new Volunteer Service Grants, Rotary Grants for University Teachers or Cultural and Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships. Under the Future Vision Plan, these programs are already slated to be discontinued after the 2010 – 2011 awards year.
- 2 The World Fund allocations for Matching Grants and Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) grants were reduced and 3-H grants will only fund new projects that are part of the USAID alliance to improve water and sanitation
- 3 Funding has been suspended for the Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries, Regional Scholar Seminar Grants and the Rotary Alumni Celebration at the 2010 RI Convention

Polio eradication funds and District Designated Funds (DDF) are not affected by the cutbacks. Districts are encouraged to use their DDF to fund humanitarian projects but may not use DDF to support eliminated programs or grant types.

Why I Am A Rotarian

I had occasion years ago to make some statements as to why I am a Rotarian. One statement was that Rotary provides a vehicle for fulfilling that natural instinct in people of goodwill everywhere to care and to volunteer time for the needs of their neighbours. Another was our worldwide fellowship.

As the years have gone by, I find that my conclusions are being reinforced in my club, in the district and in our Rotary world.

The fellowship that abounds at club meetings generates true friendship. The friendship has a way of spreading to the local community. Civic responsibilities are enhanced and community needs are met.

The same fellowship is present in all the clubs in the District, at District conferences, Rotary Institutes and Conventions. Some of the best friends are made not only in the local clubs but also in the district, Zones and indeed around the world.

Rotary makes me feel as much at home in Nigeria as it does elsewhere. In all the places, I am surrounded by Rotarian friends. I am in company of a global community united by common values; delightful members old and young of the Family of Rotary.

As Rotarians we define those values and reflect upon them in a number of ways: the object of Rotary, the Rotary International Mission Statement, the Annual President's theme, the Declaration of Rotarians of Businesses and Professions and the Four Way Test.

But for most of us or indeed all of us, it comes back to the three simple words "service above self", otherwise translated as "Lend a Hand".

For me, Rotary is one great gateway that leads to many doors - the chance to meet great people you would otherwise never meet, to learn about cultures you never knew existed, to break bread with otherwise total strangers and so break down the barriers of ignorance and intolerance, to support a strong Rotary Foundation and its programs and participate in a crusade for building world understanding and peace.

An organization with a track record of 100 years of humanitarian service, a catalyst and supporter of global effort to eradicate polio and architect of the Rotary Centres for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution commends itself for membership.

Whereas nations and governments carry out programs for their citizens in fulfilment of obligations to do so, Rotarians execute projects that meet the needs of people no matter where, not because of their gain or a duty to carry out the project. Their joy is the ability to volunteer and their benefit is opportunity to serve.

Jonathan B. Majiyagbe
Rotary International Past President 2003-04
The Rotary Foundation Trustee
The Rotary Club of Kano,
Kano State
Nigeria

PROGRAMS OF ROTARY – AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND THE PACIFIC NATIONS – (New Section)

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (NYSF)

The NYSF provides a unique experience for some 280 of Australia's best Year 11 high school students who are interested in science. For two weeks during the summer vacation, successful awardees come together in a stimulating environment enriched by the input of acknowledged experts in science and technology. They are challenged, enthused and explore scientific opportunities, identifying possible career pathways for their own development.

The Forum is based in Canberra (and for the first time a group will go to Perth, WA) where students reside at tertiary institutions and have access to university and to industry and related research staff and facilities.

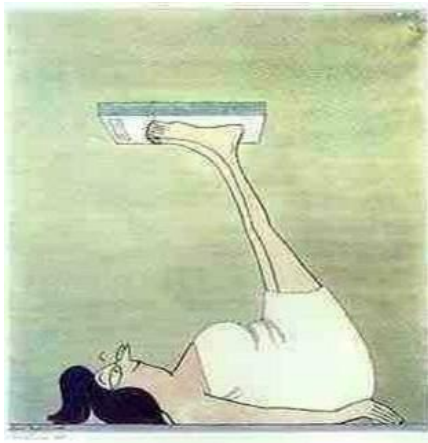
Rotary Clubs across Australia are responsible for the final selection of participants, interested students lodging application forms to Rotary Clubs of their choice. More than half the total cost of the Forum is covered by University, Government and Industry partners. Most sponsoring Rotary Clubs choose either to subsidise or pay in full the student fee component.

The Forum is staffed from a base of volunteer academic staff, Rotarians and past awardees. The National Science Summer School Inc Council, which body includes nominees of Rotary, determines policy matters. Management and implementation are undertaken through a secretariat under the leadership of the Director.

In summary, the NYSF is a dynamic mix of seminars, debates, workshops, visits to laboratories and supervised social activities. It encourages excellence, helps develop communication and interpersonal skills, teaches time management and promotes the values of a balanced lifestyle. It is science orientated. In New Zealand a similar program operates.

Note: Russell Hooper is our guest speaker next week – he will be in the first group to travel to Perth WA – very exciting for him.

HOW TO WEIGH YOURSELF



I can't believe I was doing it wrong all these years.....
We must get the word out.

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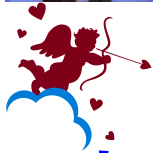
Club Service – Louise Matthews
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Vocational Service – John Worldon
Youth Centre – Annette Arthur

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Inductions



Birthdays Nil

Partners Birthdays 01.09 – Lynne Birtles



Anniversaries Nil

27.08 – Max Cathcart (6 years)
30.08 – Michael Smith (3 years)



Inductions



Vocational Profile Laurence Hearne

Attendance 95%

Make Ups Nil

Visitors Rotarians John Bamford – Tam North

Visitors Quynh Lam

Heads & Tails Skinner

Raffle Skinner

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**
- **Leave of Absence** - If members are going to be away for an extended period (holidays etc) please remember that a notification (letter) be sent to the Club Secretary noting date of departure and date of return and requesting "Leave of Absence" from the Club.
- **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

	26 August 2009	2 September 2009
Guest Speaker	Kathryn Cramer - College of Counselling.	Russell Hooper – NYSF
Meeter & Greeter	Neil Lyon	Campbell McIntosh
Door Team	Max May & Bill Moss	Jim Raymond & Brian Thompson
Welcome	Maureen Thornton	Paul Stevenson
President Assist	Michael O'Connor	Helen Tickle
Visitor Assist	Peter Bell	David Baddams
Corporal Assist	Simon Chamberlain	Barry Biffen
Introduction	Carmen Campbell	Greg Birtles
Vote of Thanks	John Glynn	Dick Davison

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

*"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening.
 But this wasn't it."*

Groucho Marx