

The Rotary Club of TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT bulletin bulletin bulletin bulletin



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Brett's Banter

Quote of the Week

**“A bar tender is just a pharmacist
with a limited inventory”**

Not only was it great to have Bob Lumby as a visiting Rotarian, but also as a surprise guest speaker. More of a surprise to Bob as we gave him 5 minutes notice. Bob is from the Erina Club and fortunately has given a few talks in his time and spoke about the 'Bed Lifter' invention and also some St. Judes information including stories from his attendance at the wedding of Gemma Rice and Richard Sisia in Tanzania.

'Guess who's coming to dinner' - looks like we have many members involved as Hosts and Guests and should be a success once again. Thanks to Peter Ryan for organising this social event.

'Pedal the Peel' is fast coming up and we need all available members to assist in various roles or to just pedal the Peel. A few members are going to do the 16 k ride and we need to beat those young whipper snappers in Sunrise, so may need to consider technique and tactics. Bag of cat heads should help.

Phil Penman gave us an overview of the financial services industry and the key elements of successful long term management of investments as opposed to the quick buck principle.

Apparently Max Cathcart is still wearing the honeymoon grin. Must have organised a repeat prescription.

Next week we have Mr. Tidy Towns, Rotarian and Boy Scout, Paul Ying to bring us up to date on the award process and our success.

Be kind and thoughtful.

Brett

AND FOR THE NEWS

PEDAL THE PEEL — every member needs to be involved on Sunday, 20 September with a **7:00 am start** – Roster being sent round weekly – understand we have at least one team entered, possibly an all female team will be entered.... both from First Light – please speak with Terry Robinson – should be a day of fun and laughter and for others hard work, chatter and fun.....

Next exciting item - chartering the Rotary Club of Tamworth Sunrise on Saturday, 24 October 2009 at 6:30 pm - venue to be confirmed

Couple of changes here - **1,000TH MEETING** will be Wednesday, 10 March 2010 and our charter was on 28 May 2010 so we have two excuses for – Brett White's "CELEBRATIONS" - Don't forget to put your ideas forward – leave your ideas with the door team as you pay each week – surely there will be a prize for the most original suggestion.....

CALENDAR 2009/2010 Events

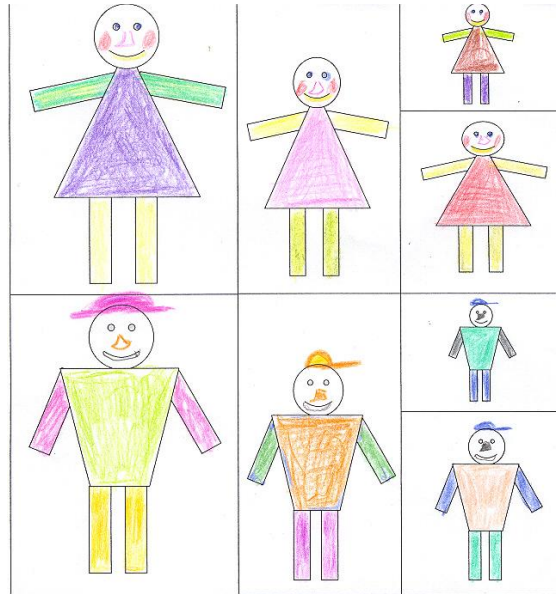
20 September Pedal the Peel Charity Bike Ride

10 October	Guess Who is Coming for Dinner
23 – 25 October	Nelsons Bay – Golfing Weekend
24 October	RI Club of Tamworth Sunrise Charter Dinner – <i>Please diarise now</i>
15 November	Family Tennis Afternoon (Self Catering) 1.00 – 5.00 pm (Moore Creek)
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
10 March	1,000 th First Light Meeting
12 – 14 March	District 9650 Conference, Port Macquarie – Book accommodation early
01 May	First Light will celebrate turning 20.....
19 May	Career's Expo - TRECC
19 June	Tamworth First Light Changeover – note in diaries now
29 June	Tamworth Club's Changeover
30 June	District Changeover

ARTIST'S CORNER

One of the ideas for this section was to find out about “hidden” talents within our Club’s membership and we have had some wonderful insights to date and these are two contrasting examples from possibly an unlikely source – **thank you Phil Heffernan** and a gentle reminder to **Steve Massey** for next week’s bulletin.....

The Artist



The Thinker

BUILD PEACE

The paradox of our time is that
We have taller buildings **but** shorter tempers
Wider freeways **but** narrower viewpoints
We spend more **but** have less
We buy more **but** enjoy less
More convenience **but** less time
We have more degrees **but** less sense
More knowledge **but** less judgement
More experts **but** more problems
More medicines **but** less well-ness
We have multiplied our possessions **but** reduced our values
We talk too much, love too seldom **and** hate too often
We’ve learned how to make a living **but** not a life
We’ve added years to life **but** not life to years
We’ve been all the way to the moon and back
But have trouble crossing the street to meet our new neighbour
We’ve conquered out space **but** not inner space
We’ve cleaned up the air **but** polluted the soul
We’ve split the atom **but** not our prejudice
These are the times of world peace **but** domestic warfare.

It is not beyond our reach to bring about change. We can build peace, understanding, tolerance and love. Start today, make the change and see the difference..... Isn't that why we joined Rotary???

VOCATIONAL

Phil Penman – been involved in Financial Planning for 25 years in Tamworth. His company is “Hillross - Tamworth” and he has over 400 clients who have some \$60M between them. Financial Planning is probably now the most over regulated business in Australia – on meeting with a new client, the first hour is outlining to prospective new clients what can / can’t be done before even asking how you can assist this prospective new client. He belongs, as any good financial planner should, to the Financial Planning Association and feels there should now be a University degree for anyone wishing to become a Financial Planner..... He also recommended only seeing “Certified” Financial Planners and noted that he is a “strategic adviser rather than an investment adviser”. Robyn is his Practice Manager and Suzy Clegg is the right hand person who has proved to be a great asset to the business.

GUEST SPEAKER

“Out of Diversity comes Opportunity”

Bob Lumby is a member of the Erina Club - he has been a Rotarian for twenty one years and during that time has also been a member in Dubbo and South Queensland.

He has worked with Gemma (Rice) Sisia since she first went to Tanzania and also attended her wedding. *Diversity* – he was asked to bring over 36 boxes and could not persuade Egypt Air to take them – *Opportunity* – he persuaded various other guests to accept the boxes as part of their luggage so a successful ending.

Gemma’s wedding was like no other – it lasted over 24 hours and the collection box at the church went round many times – too many foreigners too good an opportunity! The wedding was to be small – 85 people invited and over 500 arrived – very different concept of a wedding over there.

The School of St Judes has some 800 students with over 30,000 wanting to go there!!! Now have the Boarding facility and in the top echelon of schools in Tanzania with an average pass rate of 86%.

Bed Lifter - Diversity – nurses, house-keepers, carers have bad back injuries caused by lifting patients, moving heavy beds etc. *Opportunity* – a bed lifter which can lift a single through to king-size bed very easily and eliminates back injuries etc. The person who designed this won New Inventors, NSW WorkCover and Australian WorkCover Award.

Went to America to try to promote this bed lifter, met a Singaporean Government Minister who is now sponsoring into every hotel in Singapore – current order is for 18,000 bed lifters. Can now employ older people because a major OH&S issue has been overcome.

Tamworth – a few motels have installed the bed lifters also in Queensland and should sell well in NSW with some 28,100 in home care alone. Cost \$400 per lifter. It is fitted to the bed, needs electricity so needs a power point close by, press a button, the bed is lifted so easy to make and / or assist a patient out of bed.

Bad Odours - Diversity – Homes and motor vehicles sometimes have a strange or bad odour. *Opportunity* – An acquaintance has offered Bob the franchise which he has accepted. This man took eleven years to come up with the product. It is a sachet of crystals. Open the sachet and put in ten drops of water and within a couple of hours the odour has gone.

Q How does the bed lifter work?

A Attach under the bed, connect to power and lifts up to hospital bed height easily.

Q St Judes School – Simon Hall was our guest speaker and it seemed everything was going well – is further help being sought?

A Most of the furniture etc is now built in Tanzania so a transport issue has been overcome. However with the global financial situation, more PR work is required to obtain and maintain continuing funding.

Introduced by Brodie Shields – thanked by Brian Yeo

For a “without warning” speaker – Bob provided us with a very interesting and varied Guest Speaker spot – he certainly knows how to turn “Diversity into Opportunity”

**Brian Yeo thanking our
impromptu speaker –
Bob Lumby -
Rotarian from the Erina Club**





Dick Davison thanked our guest speaker – Russell Hooper – Our National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) nominee who will be one of the inaugural intake in mid-January 2010 travelling to Perth, WA Spoke to us on 09.09.09

John Glynn thanked our guest speaker – Kathryn Cramer – College of Counselling Spoke to us on 02.09.09



Are you lonely ???
Don't like working on your own ?
Hate making decisions ?

Then call a MEETING !!

You can
SEE people
DRAW flowcharts
FEEL important
FORM subcommittees
IMPRESS your colleagues
MAKE meaningless recommendations
ALL on COMPANY TIME !!!!



MEETINGS
THE PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE TO WORK.



Youth Exchange Program (YEP)

Whether **your club** participates in Rotary's long-term or short-term Youth Exchange programs, you'll provide the opportunity for **young people** to learn a new way of living, to learn a great deal about themselves, and maybe even learn a new language. They become ambassadors, teaching people they meet about your country, culture, and ideas.

You can help bring the world closer – and young people make some good friends in the process. More than 8,000 young people each year have experiences like these through Rotary Youth Exchange.

It's the opportunity of a lifetime – for them and for you.

Youth Exchange is one of Rotary International's structured programs designed to help clubs and districts achieve their service goals in their own communities and in communities abroad, fostering fellowship and goodwill in the process. Exposure to different cultures ranks as one of the most powerful ways to promote international understanding and peace.

The Rotary Youth Exchange program provides some 8,000 young students each year with the opportunity to meet people from other countries and to experience new cultures, planting the seeds for a lifetime of international understanding.

The program offers numerous benefits to its young participants and their Rotarian hosts and mentors, as well as to the community at large. Through Youth Exchange, students learn firsthand about all aspects of life in another country. As their concept of the world expands, they mature and develop a deeper understanding of themselves. Immersion in another country's educational system enhances their academic and personal growth. Host clubs and families and the entire community are enriched by extended, friendly contact with someone from a different culture.

Contact Keith Glover

District YEP Chair on 6822 1088 (home) or 0428 454 813 (mobile)

POSITION VACANT - Northern Region ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) Secretary Duties:

1. Attend Northern Region ROMAC Meetings at the Wesley Hospital in Brisbane at 11am on the first Monday of every third month (i.e. September, December, March and June).
2. Prepare and distribute the Agenda.
3. Record, prepare and distribute the Minutes.
4. Prepare "Thank You" letters and send with receipts for donations.
5. Attend to correspondence as required (not prolific amounts).

Qualifications:

1. Basic computer and email skills.
2. A desire to help a hardworking, devoted team of Rotarians from six (6) Rotary Districts in Northern NSW and Queensland and the generous members of the medical profession who tirelessly donate their time to assist the most needy children in the Oceania Region.

Remuneration: A terrific feeling of knowing that you are able to assist children who have no future lead a normal life.

This position is available for immediate start and you will receive willing support from the previous incumbent.

Further information is available from Deb Farquhar, District 9650 Service Projects Director by emailing deb@ballyrogan.com.au or Ph 0428 656 660.

Global Handwashing Day - Thursday, 15 October 2009

Last year UNICEF introduced the first ever Global Handwashing Day which was held on October 15th, since then they have decided that it will become an annual event and this year it will again be held on exactly the same date.

All Clubs are requested to make contact with schools within their area and endeavour to hold a suitable event in the school during the week of 12 - 16 October. Children are recognized as "The Agents of Change", so if we can get them involved we will get our message across to those that are often affected the most.

Because of the Swine Flu pandemic the Medical Authorities have been reinforcing the need for careful hygiene habits and people are very aware of consequences of poor hygiene, therefore, we believe there will be more acceptance and understanding of the importance of hand washing day. As a result, this angle should be referred to at every opportunity.

For further information contact: Peter Rostron email: pee.kays@bigpond.com

WHY I AM A ROTARIAN: STUART WILLIAMS

I belonged to a marvellous service club that was founded in Australia in the thirties, APEX, that was based on almost the exact foundations of Rotary. I became a national leader in that organisation and that enabled me to regularly have contact with the leaders and members of other service organisations. Apex threw you out at 40 and promoted the idea that you could move on and make your mark in the community in other ways.

I was so impressed with the calibre and friendship of the service club people I had met that I was determined to continue in the broader movement. Lions insisted I join them and a PDG promised to take me along. Guess what, in eight months he never did! My dentist, an outstanding Rotarian, Richard Kleine, knowing of my passion and record of community service one day asked my wife whether I was still in Apex. She told him -"No". Richard invited me to Rotary the next Monday night.

Rotary has now been an integral part of me for over 20 years. It has allowed this very ordinary man to be involved in extra ordinary experiences and achieve amazing things.

I have chaired the District 9810 Youth Exchange committee and in eight fun filled years seen that marvellous program change the lives of families and especially the young people involved. I have seen the smile on a blind lady's face after we totally repainted her house and she was so grateful. I have taken a team of amazing young women to Colorado as part of a GSE team and seen the results of that life changing experience. I have developed life -long friendships from that GSE experience and have been back to Colorado twice as a result. Coloradans have also visited my home in Melbourne, Australia. I have wept at four international conventions as speakers have outlined Rotary's achievements in attempting to make a better world and I shed tears at Columbine High School exactly one year after the shooting.

I have a passion to make a difference and Rotary is so diverse and can throw up so many varied challenges that the organisation continues to excite me. The Foundation that has as its aim to do good in the world fits so comfortably with my beliefs.

In truth I am a Rotarian because of the quality of friendship that has been shown to me. Yes I am a Rotarian because it makes my life more complete and it provides wonderful challenges that are often missing in our daily existence.

PP Stuart Williams - Rotary Club of Forest Hill, Dist 9810 - Melbourne, Australia

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2009 - 2010

Club Service – Louise Matthews
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Birthdays, Anniversaries & Inductions



Birthdays Nil

Partners Birthdays 16.09 – Patricia Burgess



Anniversaries Nil



Inductions 19.09 – Barry Murphy (16 years)



Vocational Profile Rob Clifton

Attendance

74%

Make Ups

Dick Davison – Tamworth West

Visitors Rotarians

Bob Lumby – Erina Rotary Club

Visitors

Nil

Heads & Tails

Bruce Hemmett

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
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- 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

	16 September 2009	23 September 2009
Guest Speaker	Paul Ying – Tidy Towns	
Meeter & Greeter	John Fogarty	Judy Coates
Door Team	Phil Lyon & Jeanette Mouatt	Chris Sheppard & Julian Smith
Welcome	Dennis Maunder	John Treloar
President Assist	Barry Murphy	Pat Varley
Visitor Assist	Graham Nuttall	Ron Allan
Corporal Assist	Peter Ryan	Andrew Hawkins
Introduction	Terry Burgess	Phil Penman
Vote of Thanks	Rob Clifton	Tim Coates

CORPORALS FOR COMING MONTHS

September John Glynn and Peter Hyde
October Phil Heffernan and Graham Dooley
November Laurence Hearne and Barry Biffin
December Bill Moss and David Baddams

**UNCLEAR THINKING AND WRITING
(USA WELFARE DEPARTMENT)**

I am forwarding my marriage certificate and six children.
I have seven, one died, which was babtised on half a sheet of paper.