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Brett's Banter - Quote of the week

“I’m not a bad guy! I work hard, and I love my kids.

So why should I spend half of my Sunday hearing about how I’m going to Hell?

Homer Simpson

Well I got through the AGM without too many issues. David’s board for the 2010 – 2011 year was elected. Please note except for the President Elect, the Board is all male. I have instigated an in depth investigation and will get back to the Fellowettes at some stage in the future.

It was good to have the fastest door team in the North West at the head table as it was looking lonely. I am almost sure my President Assist Narelle wasn’t there, but can’t be certain.

The Rotary Club of Tamworth Sunrise, Sergeant of Arms, Bryan Singh was honoured to visit us. A representative of our ‘love child’ made for a few wild comments to PP Vicki. Must admit Bryan looks better without the bandido macho Village People look. Unlike DJ, at least it was visible.

Directors gave a brief rundown of where we have been and where we are heading for the remainder of this Rotary year. Thanks once again to my Board who have been a great support and need very little influence or direction from me.

I have asked Phil Penman to assist with the organisation of a Picnic Cricket game against Sunrise in about April. We still have the cricket gear from the old Quota Cup days. I think Tamworth Apex found it difficult beating First Light so maybe that is a good omen. Once a date has been confirmed I will attend a Sunrise meeting and will use the ole metal glove to the left cheek to instigate the challenge. That should be a surprise to Steve.

Thanks to Louise (not lousie) Matthews and Phil and Robyn Penman for the Christmas Party. Great people, great music, great food, perfect location and some refreshments are the classic recipe for a terrific night.

Avagudone,
Brett

AND FOR THE NEWS

CHRISTMAS HAMPER FOR THE SALVATION ARMY – Please could members donate non-perishable goods OR wrapped children's presents marked for girl or boy for the Salvation Army's Christmas Hampers – to be handed to Captain Stuart Glover on Wednesday, 16 December 2009 - **donations accepted from this week – Thank you**

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE – the dates are 15 – 17 March 2010 – always worth a visit and being involved (**will be celebrating 10 years**)

NORM DEZIUS' back operation appears successful – will know for sure in about six month's time. He and Jeannette should be home this weekend – no doubt, will need a few days to settle into a different routine at home so please contact later next week.... Jeannette would also appreciate a call – in many ways it is harder for the partner. Understand that the pain level has dropped markedly and the headaches have also eased so hopefully Norm is now on the mend - as the pain eases the sense of humour usually returns.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

There will be **no meeting** on the following dates:

Wednesday, 30 December 2009

Wednesday, 6 January 2010

Our first meeting back on **Wednesday, 13 January** will be the **Christening of the ANZAC PARK NEW BBQ** at the usual time 6:30 for 7:00 AM

Billy Connolly Statement of the Century

*'If women are so bloody perfect at multitasking,
how come they can't have a headache
and sex at the same time?'*

CALENDAR 2009/2010 EVENTS

13 January	Christening of the ANZAC Park BBQ
26 January	Combined Rotary Clubs involved all day Bicentennial Park
03 February	Vocational Visit to Oncology Unit
08 February	GSE visit to Tamworth
22 – 28 February	Australia-wide Campaign for PolioPlus
06 March	1,000th First Light Meeting CELEBRATIONS
12 – 14 March	District 9650 Conference, Port Macquarie – Book accommodation early
15 – 17 March	Science & Engineering Challenge
1 / 2 May	NSW Cancer Council – Relay for Life
19 May	Career's Expo - TRECC
19 June	Tamworth First Light Changeover & Charter CELEBRATIONS
29 June	Tamworth Club's Changeover and Anniversary - 20 Years
30 June	District Changeover

The new Board for 2010 – 2011 was duly elected and approved by the members at our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 2 December 2009

President	David Hinwood
President Elect	Louise Matthews
Secretary	Phil Heffernan
Treasurer	Mark O'Connor
Youth	Peter Hyde
Vocational	Peter Bell
International	Max Cathcart
Community Service	Julian Smith
Club Service	Ian Howle

**Congratulations to the new team -
like every previous year -
should prove an interesting year ahead....**

WHY I AM A ROTARIAN



The reasons change with passing time. In 1950, it was because two businessmen I respected had invited me to join, and the leading business and professional men in town elected me to membership in the Rotary Club of California, Pennsylvania, USA.

For several years, it was the warm fellowship in the club, the excellent singing, and a series of community service projects, which attracted me.

In 1955, at the 50th Anniversary Convention in Chicago, I discovered for the first time the wonderment of the internationality of Rotary. Perhaps that is when I truly became “a Rotarian.”

With passing years, new doors opened up... serving as a District Governor, then a Director of R.I., serving twice as Chairman of the Council on Legislation, and serving as Aides to two Presidents. And each time, we made new friends and Rotary took on a deeper meaning as we watched Rotarians perform remarkable acts of "[Service Above Self](#)."

In 1987, the Rotarians of the world made me their worldwide President. Their response, not just in the magnificent PolioPlus campaign, but in extension and membership development, in infusing new life into Vocational Service and Rotaract, and finally in surmounting the obstacle of gender in our membership, proved most fulfilling. The chance to play a leadership role was indeed exciting.

Why do I continue a loyal, working Rotarian after 55 years? Rotary's steady growth in numbers and in service, despite wars and economic reversals, confirmed my judgment that there was a universal, timeless appeal to the combination of friendliness and commitment to service, which had attracted, then held me, as a Rotarian.

And the sense of usefulness is still there, not only in the projects of my club, but in the world arena, where challenges abound, where Rotarians have growing roles to play, and where the future of mankind is yet to be determined.

[Charles C. Keller](#) - (*Law-Corporate Practice*)
President, Rotary International, 1987-88
The Rotary Club of California, Pennsylvania, USA

WESTPAC HELICOPTER CELEBRATES TEN YEARS IN TAMWORTH

YES - this is a full repeat from last week's Bulletin and will probably go in again in the New Year - If any other members wish to join Tim Coates on this ride - please let the Bulletin Editor know so that you can seek sponsorship from members as well.....

TIM COATES has entered the epic bike ride from Lyndoch in the Barossa Valley back to Tamworth to celebrate the **TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY** of the Westpac Helicopter being in Tamworth and is seeking sponsorship from members.... The following is a compilation of information relating to this ride and Tim Coates is only too willing to answer any questions relating to this ride and sponsorship for Tim.....

Barry Walton....

"As you are aware we (Westpac Helicopter Fundraising) are planning a 10 year anniversary ride in 2010 from Lyndoch in the Barossa Valley back to Tamworth over a three week period to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the helicopter being based in Tamworth.

The ride is also being used to promote Tamworth as a tourist destination as well as the Tamworth Country Music Festival to be held in 2011. We anticipate having a dedicated group of 20 riders & 6 Support Crew for the full ride and no doubt will be joined from time to time by others.

This ride will be conducted on Mountain Bikes not road bikes and we will attempt to find as much back road to the towns that we are heading to as possible. Over the next few months I will be attempting to put together for you a proposal package to gain support from companies that you may not have asked before as it is a fundraising and awareness ride to celebrate 10 years of service to the community.

So far I have had discussions with Tourism Tamworth, CMAA, Tamworth Business Chamber, West Leagues and correspondence with Australia Post. We are currently working on Westpac regarding a bus for back up with our usual support vehicles; we also have a couple of prospective National Companies in the wind... We will be fundraising or collecting donations along the way, also Toohey's are on Board in addition I am in the process of contacting the AHA association (AHA Tamworth have donated \$2500) in the various states as well as the Registered Clubs. **When you look at it - it is only 4 months away.**

Also we have picked up Travel World as an incentive sponsor for the highest fundraiser for this ride. They are looking at a 5-7night package holiday either to Tasmania, New Zealand or on a Cruise, further details will be known later so it is not a bad incentive if you can achieve a few good sponsors and top the list with the most amount of Money.

The rider and support crew fee at one price of \$1700. This will cover accommodation, clothing, breakfast and lunches, your evening meals and drinks are at your expense

The ride party leave Tamworth on March 3rd for Lyndoch in South Australia and the return ride commences on the 5th. We have a welcome home afternoon tea at the Westpac Bank around 2pm and end of ride dinner at the Calala Inn Friday night from 5.30pm (March 26th) with the riders from Newcastle's 8 day ride who will join us at Quirindi on the Thursday Night 25th March

We are in the process of developing a Barossa Bike Ride Blog which will enable everyone to access information about the ride, progress and planning. The link for the blog is <http://barossacharitybikeride.blogspot.com/>.

ARTIST'S CORNER

*The idea for this section was to find out about “hidden” talents within our Club’s membership and we have had some wonderful insights to date.... This week is Neil Lyon’s turn – he has a great turn of phrase which will appear in a later Bulletin and today is his talent as a photographer (Phil Lyon is being challenged....) Next week (maybe the week after) we will be hearing from **John Glynn** – what are the chances that it will be on aviation????*

Neil Lyon’s recent whale watching trip off Brisbane







POLIOPLUS PROGRESS (October 2009) IN FOUR ENDEMIC COUNTRIES

Over the last 20-plus years, Rotary has made tremendous progress toward its goal of eradicating polio, and the number of cases has been reduced to fewer than 2000 in 2008. And while the polio virus is stubborn, and difficult challenges lay ahead, the story behind the numbers offers us a hopeful view. Never in the history of our initiative have we witnessed such high levels of both scientific innovation and political engagement in the effort. The development of a new bivalent vaccine offers a promising tool for simultaneously targeting the two remaining strains of the virus. Political leaders like U.S. President Barack Obama have championed the cause in recent addresses, and business and charitable organizations like Google and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have committed significant financial resources to the effort. Progress is also being made at the country level. Here are some highlights of successes in the endemic countries:

Afghanistan: The main challenge to polio eradication in Afghanistan remains security issues that limit access to children in high risk areas of the country. General Stanley A. McChrystal, US Army Commander in Afghanistan has committed to helping address security concerns in areas where vaccinations are occurring. A nationwide campaign was conducted to promote International Peace Day (20 Sep 09) during the most recent polio immunization activities, and this helped vaccinators reach more than 880,000 children, the highest number on record. The Rotary Foundation is aiding in these security efforts by funding temporary shelters on the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan to provide a safe environment where vaccinators can effectively conduct immunizations.

Pakistan: International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robert Scott travelled to Pakistan in August 2009 to confer Rotary's Polio Eradication Champion Award on President Asif Zardari, who recently affirmed his commitment to the cause of polio eradication. Zardari also appointed his youngest daughter, Assefa Bhutto Zardari, as the Ambassador for Polio Eradication. Assefa is Zardari's daughter with former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, and she was the first child vaccinated by her mother during the launch of the country's immunization campaigns in 1994. A stamp has been issued to commemorate the appointment.

India: The number of polio cases in India is down, and they have successfully eliminated all but 1 genetic lineage of the type 1 polio virus, the most dangerous and paralytic strain of the virus. The Indian government recently renewed its commitment to wiping out the disease by pledging \$650 million in domestic funding to the cause over the next 3 years. The new bivalent vaccine holds promise as a tool for addressing persistent outbreaks in the last infected areas of India.

Nigeria: Because of unprecedented support from key political and religious leaders, Nigeria is gaining momentum in its fight against the polio virus. The country has seen a significant drop in cases over the last year, with the current case count of 382 compared to a count of 692 at the same time last year. For the first time Kano, one of the high-risk northern states, is now vaccinating more than 85% of its children. Nigeria has even experienced two non-consecutive weeks in which no polio cases were reported.

For additional information or questions, please contact The Rotary Foundation at (1-866-976-8279) or the International Office serving your area

!!AIDS WARNING!!

To all of you approaching 50 or
have REACHED 50 and past, this email is especially for you...



SENIOR CITIZENS ARE THE NATION'S LEADING CARRIERS OF AIDS!



- ✓ Hearing Aids
- ✓ Band Aids
- ✓ Roll Aids
- ✓ Walking Aids
- ✓ Medical Aids
- ✓ Government Aids
- Most Of All,
- ✓ Monetary Aid To Their Kids!
- ✓ Not forgetting HIV
(Hair is Vanishing)



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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

10.12 – Peter Bell
 13.12 – Meg Larkin
 14.12 – Jeanette Mouatt
 14.12 – John Fogarty



Partners Birthdays

Nil

Anniversaries

Nil



Inductions

11.12 – Annette Arthur (7 years)
 15.12 – David Baddams (8 years)



Vocational Profile

Mark O'Connor

Attendance

85%

Make Ups

Dick Davison, Chris Shepheard, Ron Allen & Maureen Thornton at Tamworth Sunrise

Visitors Rotarians

Bryan Singh – Tamworth Sunrise

Visitors

Chris Celovic

Heads & Tails

Jeanette Mouatt

Raffle

Tim Coates

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

	9 December 2009	16 December 2009
Guest Speaker	Tony Windsor.....	Capt Stuart Glover & Santa Claus
Meeter & Greeter	David Baddams	Barry Murphy
Door Team	Andrew Hawkins & Brian Yeo	Ron Allen & Graham Dooley
Welcome	DJ Jones	Jeanette Mouatt
President Assist	Brodie Shields	Graham Nuttall
Visitor Assist	Meg Larkin	Dennis Maunder
Corporal Assist	Ross Lobsey	Peter Bell
Introduction	Helen Tickle	Peter Ryan
Vote of Thanks	Les Jacob	Paul Stevenson

CORPORALS FOR COMING MONTHS

December **Bill Moss and David Baddams**
January Stephen Mitchell and Ross Lobsey
February Narelle Langfield and Brodie Shields
March Brian Yeo and John Fogarty

!!! MEN STRIKE BACK !!!
In the beginning, God created earth and rested.
Then God created man and rested.
Then God created woman – since then
neither God nor man has rested.