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13 January 2010 – Meeting #992



Brett's Banter - But Dave's Rave

Quote of the week

"If it is true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?"

George Carlin

What a great start to the New Year; we had 45 assemble for breakfast at the new barbecues in Anzac Park – funded by the Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light.

For this, our appreciation goes to Ron Allen, Julian Smith and various committee members who have put a lot of time and effort into achieving the end result over the last two years.

A big welcome back to Norm Dezius who is recovering very well from a major operation of his cervical spinal column; he is much freer of pain. Norm was ably assisted by his wife Jeanette and is looking forward to coming back and participating with the club in the not too distant future.

Welcome also to our member's guests, Peter, Di & Paul.

Don't forget, help is needed with the following events:

1. **Brian Yeo** – Country Music Cavalcade marshalling at 6.30 am – about 12 helpers are required. Contact Brian Yeo
2. **Bob Kirchner** is seeking assistance throughout the 10 days of the Festival in ushering and selling raffle tickets for the Smokey Dawson Tribute Statue – contact Brian Logan
3. **RYAG – Equine** – assistance is required to form a committee for this event in April/May 2010. Contact Annette Arthur
4. **FAIM trip to Papua New Guinea** will now be April/May 2010. anybody interested in this great experience please contact Vicki Cooper.

Once again, a big thank you to Brian Logan, Steve Mitchell, Tim Coates and Michael Smith for their assistance in preparing the setting up/cleaning up for our New Year breakfast which as usual, went off without a hitch.

Don't forget next week is back at the Sanctuary Inn - Happy New Year to you all.
David

AND FOR THE NEWS

Great to welcome back Norm Dezius – he has been through so much with his back, but on the mend at last.... Norm also extended his thanks for making him feel so much part of the group and particularly Phil Heffernan and Paul Stevenson for the support and friendship they have offered over the past months.

GSE Team will be here 18 – 20 February 2009 and each Club will billet – We have a 29 year old Librarian – Meg Larkin will organise her vocational tour of the Library etc – just need the accommodation – please contact Vicki Cooper as soon as possible re billeting. - 0412 802 215. Recommend we attend Tamworth Sunrise on Friday, 19 February for the GSE team presentation.

Papua / New Guinea trip will be early May 2010 for about two weeks – if interested, again contact Vicki Cooper – 0412 802 215

ATTENTION VOCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEES:

Annette felt too many members away who have since said they would be interested in supporting – looking at May 2010 to hold the RYAG Equine program.

Annette Arthur and John Worldon will organise another meeting but would appreciate “volunteers” for the following areas to come forward – catering, group supervision both day and night, letters seeking sponsors and letters to schools seeking students, suggestions for guest speakers. Please contact

Annette Arthur – 0418 243 835 or

John Worldon – 0412 374 371 to express your interest.

Congratulations to Neil Lyon who will be moving back to Sydney later this month to begin work as the Deputy Editor for The Land newspaper based in North Richmond – he will be sadly missed by his fellow Rotarians....

COUNTRY MUSIC CAVALCADE

Brian Yeo is seeking volunteers for Saturday, 23 January 2010 at 6:30 AM – only a couple of hours to organise floats into correct positions etc – easy work – please contact Brian Yeo on 0428 594 147 or he will contact YOU at breakfast next Wednesday!!!

CALENDAR 2009/2010 EVENTS

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

Husband and wife are shopping when the man picks up a crate of Tooheys and sticks them into the trolley.

What do you think you're doing?' asks the wife

'They're on special, only \$30 for 24 cans', he says

'Put them back. We can't afford it,' says the wife and they carry on shopping...

A few aisles later the woman picks up a \$60 jar of face cream and sticks it into the trolley.

'What do you think you're doing?' asks the man

'It's my face cream. It makes me look beautiful,' she says

The man replies... 'SO DOES 24 CANS OF TOOHEYS AND IT'S HALF THE BLOODY PRICE' !!!

CALL FOR SUGGESTIONS for *DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2012-13* **Closing Time and Date: 4pm Friday 19 February 2010**

In accordance with the requirements of the Rotary International (RI) By-laws Article 13.020 and the Code of Policies of RI District 9650 Inc Article 4.05.2, your District Governor is seeking suggestions from the District Clubs for consideration for the position of District Governor for 2012- 2013. The successful candidate will follow Jo Wilkin (2010-2011) and Barry Hacker (2011-2012) as District Governor of District 9650.

Nominations are to be in the hands of myself, the District Secretary at 9 Marsden Crescent, Port Macquarie 2444 by **4:00pm Friday 19 February 2010**.

When considering suggestions for District Governor, attention is drawn to Rotary International Bylaws Articles 15.070 through to 15.090.

The Nominating Committee for Governor will meet on Thursday 11 March 2010 to consider the selection of a suitable candidate for District Governor Nominee. Laurie Barber, District Secretary.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

A reminder for Vocational Services chairpersons, Presidents, secretaries, Uncle Tom Cobley and all ...

With the approach of longer breaks and fewer club meetings it's time to start thinking about ***Applications for District Awards*** - of which there are two in Vocational Services which will be awarded at Conference:

District Award to Clubs for outstanding Vocational Services project/s - the PDG Kevin Harges Award – see page 17 of your *Vocational Service Director's KwickStart Manual* - or see the same information on the 'Vocational Service' section of the District web page - follow the link to 'Rotary Awards for Vocational Excellence' which is located above the list of committee members. Applications (on Club letterhead) close no later than Friday January 29th 2010.

Rotary Award for Vocational Excellence - pages 7 - 8 of your *Vocational Service Director's KwickStart Manual* and 'Vocational Service' section of District web site. Nomination form is available on the 'Vocational Service' section of the District web page - follow the link to 'Rotary Awards for Vocational Excellence' which is located above the list of committee members. **Applications close no later than Friday, 29 January 2010.**

Mini-Vocational

Neil Lyon is the senior writer for “The Land” which is printed in North Richmond and Neil has been with Rural Press for 21 years. The Land is a state wide paper covering farming issues. Neil travels considerable distances for a story including the photography for his stories. Like any daily paper, he still is controlled by deadline pressures. All stories go on line once the paper is printed.

Neil was born on the land – broad acre farming and wanted to stay in the country if not actually “on the land” and has enjoyed his years with The Land. The paper has a low turnover of readership and a strong sense of loyalty by its readers – in fact many feel they have the “right” to ownership and the “right” to comment about articles etc – the paper is read by 2.2 people each week.

After 15 years in Tamworth Neil will be taking a promotion and moving to North Richmond at the end of January as the Deputy Editor. One of the things he has most enjoyed in his time in Tamworth is his ten years as a Rotarian and wonders what he will find with the Rotary Clubs in Richmond....

SMOKEY DAWSON MEMORIAL APPEAL

Bob Kirchner appreciated the opportunity to speak with Tamworth First Light today – he was seeking the Club’s support over the week of the Festival to promote the sale of raffle tickets - \$5 per ticket – books of 20 tickets for business houses to possibly sell and / or donate to the Appeal – tax deductible to make it more attractive. He was seeking groups to attend the major venues for a couple of hours prior to the concert to sell the tickets such as AELEC (Rodeo particularly), TRECC Awards Night, the Last Roundup and possible Wests and West Diggers.

Would also appreciate marshalls this Monday evening for the Memorial Concert for Smokey Dawson at the Tamworth Town Hall plus ticket sellers.

The Memorial Appeal is aiming to raise \$75,000 minimum and if we could sell all raffle tickets that would be \$5,000 towards the Appeal. Main prize is \$2,000 for RM Williams products.....

Those who are interested please contact Brian Logan on 0428 426 191 **URGENTLY**



CHRISTENING THE NEW BARBECUES AT ANZAC PARK





WEDNESDAY, 13 JANUARY 2010



PHIL PENMAN – PERSONAL PROFILE

Phil was third child born in the “bible belt” of Sydney at Beecroft in 1955 to Bruce and Delma Penman. Dad was a solicitor in the Crown Solicitor’s office and later became the Public Solicitor for NSW. Chris – elder brother – is now General Counsel and Vice-Principal of Melbourne University and Gillian heads up Uniting Care NSW based in Sydney. The family attended the Beecroft Methodist Church – his father singing in the choir every week. Phil preferred the outdoors and sports (still does). A Wal Howard used to hand the hymn books out at church every Sunday and some of would give him a bet of cheek on occasions. Some years later I met his brother –Stan Howard – who was on the GIO Board and subsequently discovered that our ex-Prime Minister was also a brother....

In 1956 met the new boy next door – Peter Taylor – a keen cricketer who also played for Australia and became a National Selector and was on the enquiry panel for the infamous drug enquiry for Shane Warne. For the next 20 years played sport with Pete both in the backyard and in the field and often going on holidays with the family to Terrigal or their property at Bellata.

Spent many happy days at the Sydney Cricket Ground watching cricket and rugby tests – many happy sporting memories such as Dougie Walters 242 against the Windies, Pete’s test debut when he picked off a couple of Poms – Allan Lamb and Ian Botham and became Man of the Match and so on - great memories....

Senior School was Epping Boys High School, well-known for its sporting prowess – still have many friendships from that era today – however did not know that a few years ahead of me was a youthful and fit State age breast stroke champion who is our President Elect... Met my partner for life way back while still at school and a keen cricketer....

I gained a cadetship with John Lysaght (BHP) and studied Economics at Sydney University part-time – sadly failed Accountancy 101 at the end of first year and lost the cadetship and Dad realised he would not be able to retire as early as he had planned. Really appreciate that aspect now that we are in a similar situation with our children not necessarily agreeing with the examiner’s marks!!

Transferred to Ag Economics the following year at Sydney University – doing this with my mate, Pete Taylor so lots of golf at Pennant Hills or Pymble – had to work my way through University and made the decision to marry in my final year and managed to graduated with Honours to my dad’s pleasure....

Unlike many others, we did not travel overseas, instead accepted a post with the Department of Agriculture at Leeton and moved there in 1979 to being our married life together. It started well with Robin crying all the way to Leeton – we had left our comfort zone of Sydney and family behind. We have a great six years in Leeton – played Rugby and went skiing the next day, in summer we water skied on the Murrumbidgee – great lifestyle....We purchased our first farm at Leeton and made the first two mistakes – a house cow for milk and some pigs!!!

In 1983 our son, Michael was born and given his first ball to play with on day one! An old Tamworthian, Barry Buffier suggested we move to Tamworth so we did and I worked for the Soil Conservation Service. Our other three children were born in the following five years.

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I was the first Economist with the Soil Conservation Service and in 1987 I was offered a position at Sydney Head Office as their Chief Economist with the charge of setting up regional economists for the organisation. Quickly realised that the pay rise would not compensate for the move so stayed in Tamworth. I immediately became involved in sports – cricket with South's and Bective and rugby and we made many new life-long friends in Tamworth.

Tired of undertaking research with minimal data on the cost benefits of Soil Con and the lack of challenge in the job, made a rather naive and ill-informed decision to join GIO as an "investment adviser" – the major shock from being an employee being paid weekly was being paid commission on achievements. Met Bill Forrest who became my boss was an interesting experience – it was a time of very hard work which finally.... started to pay off.

In 1999 AMP took over GIO which forced further changes upon us and we commenced our own business – Hillross (a subsidiary of AMP) and have again built a successful financial planning business which operates as Hillross Tamworth today.

In 1999 somewhat frustrated by town living, began to attend auctions of small blocks and it was suggested that we might look at a place called "Delmar" owned by Terry Burke (remember my mother's name was Delma – quite a coincidence). We inspected the next day and shook hands on the deal a few days later. Sadly my mother suffered dementia in her latter years although we celebrated her 80th birthday just as we moved out to "Delmar" in 2000 and she died in 2004. We still enjoy living out of town and have acquired many skills that were unheard of back in the Beecroft days of the 60's.

Travel entered our lives with our first overseas trip with 4 children in 1997 – we went to the UK and Europe – not the most sensible decision we made but we all still have interesting and different memories of our six weeks away – amazing how the stress levels relevant to any trip fade away with the passing years... Mike has nearly completed his law degree and hopes to be working in Tamworth next year, Belinda is in her final year of Architecture at University of NSW, Katie is doing her final year in Dietetics and Nutrition from Newcastle based here in Tamworth and Adam is slowly finding his direction at Sydney University in the field of Arts / Science.

Tamworth has been good to us, we have great friends, and possibly the best part is that our kids want to return to Tamworth to work rather than leaving for the big smoke....

Introduced by Chris Sheppeard, thanked by Julian Smith.



Phil Penman thanked by Julian Smith for his entertaining personal profile
Wednesday, 23 December 2009



A bloke from the outback of the Northern Territory in Australia goes to a chemist shop and says to the pharmacist:

'I got a hot date tonight, an' I need me some protection. How much is a pack a' them rubbers gonna cost me?'

The pharmacist responds: 'A three-pack of condoms is \$4.99 with tax.'

'TACKS!' the shocked bloke says. 'Gawd a'mighty, don't they stay on by themselves?'

Club Website

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2009 - 2010

Club Service – Louise Matthews
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Birthdays, Anniversaries & Inductions



Birthdays

21.01 – Terry Robinson

Partners Birthdays

Nil

Anniversaries

29.01.77 – Jim & Carmel Raymond - 33 yrs
31.01.31 – Peter & Kim Hinchcliffe – 23 yrs

Inductions

Nil

Vocational Profile

20.01.10 – Jodie McKenna – Young Ambassador from Gore, NZ
27.01.10 – Mark O'Connor

Attendance

72%

Make Ups

Dick Davison, Ron Allen, Terry Burgess (Tamworth Sunrise)
Terry Burgess – Tamworth-on-Peel

Visitors Rotarians

Nil

Visitors

Di Lockwood, Patrick Mahoney, Paul Mathieson , Bob Kirchner

Heads & Tails

Nil

Raffle

Nil

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

	20 January 2010	27 January 2010
Guest Speaker	Nick Erby	John Muller OAM
Meeter & Greeter	Phil Penman	Anne Jacob
Door Team	Simon Chamberlain & John Glynn	Dick Davison
Welcome	Laurence Hearne	Dennis Johnson & Maureen Thornton
President Assist	Ian Howle	Max May
Visitor Assist	Bill Moss	Brian Thompson
Corporal Assist	Mark O'Connor	Steve Massey
Introduction	Campbell McIntosh	Michael O'Connor
Vote of Thanks	Peter Hyde	David Baddams

CORPORALS FOR COMING MONTHS

January Narelle Langfield and Ross Lobsey
February Stephen Mitchell and Brodie Shields
March Brian Yeo and John Fogarty

And now for something different....

“The difference between golf and government is that in golf you can't improve your lie”

George Deukmejian