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3 February 2010 – Meeting #995

Brett's Banter -



Quote of the week

“Inflation is when you pay \$15 for the \$10 haircut you used to get for \$5 when you had hair”

– Sam Ewing

Terry Robo had a great birthday and was quite happy to sit through the whole meeting where the party hat. It is a shame when ones dignity disappears.

John Muller OAM proved to be a great guest speaker and could have talked for a lot longer on numerous subjects and memories. John was going to mention the story surrounding his OAM, so maybe we can get him back for round two.

Welcome to Lucy Haslam and good luck to you and Lou with the new venture. I know a few people in our Club who will only be too happy to be invited to the grand opening.

Well the challenge has been made to Sunrise for the Great Tamworth Rotary Breakfast Clubs Cricket Match on 28 March with Phil Penman, John Fogarty and myself attending their meeting on Friday and I slapped Craig Drew with the batting glove (he was being rude about my bowling) and I used a surgical glove on Steve Gribbin. I believe they will be able to field a very competitive team and Phil outlined the details for the day. Please see Phil or me if you want to be included in the selection process. Net practice to be announced.

We gave a farewell to Neil Lyon, who has been a great community member and has been involved for 16 years with Apex and Rotary. Our best wishes to Neil with his new role with the Land Newspaper and a new chapter in his life.

Thanks to Brian Logan and Brian Yeo and all those members who gave up a lot of time over the Country Music Festival and on Australia Day. We made some money via donations, but it was mainly about community involvement and fellowship.

Des Gorman and his family have given the Club \$650.00 instead of buying Christmas gifts this year. Des wants to money to go to Shelter Box and the board will consider topping up this donation so we can purchase one box in the Gorman Family name. A great example of altruism.

Next week is a vocational visit to the Oncology unit at Tamworth Base Hospital and we then have a Club Assembly on 10 February. Board meeting next Tuesday evening.

Have a great weekend,
Brett

AND FOR THE NEWS

ATTENTION VOCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEES AND INTERESTED MEMBERS

RYAG Equine meeting will be held on Thursday 4 February at 5.00 pm at the Tamworth Hotel. Any interested Rotarians for this Committee invited to attend. **If unable to attend but interested in being involved, please contact Annette Arthur – 0418 243 835 or John Worldon – 0412 374 371 to express your interest.**

Brett White & Terry Robinson met with Des Gorman during the Festival.... Des and family donate to a “cause” rather than Christmas presents and this year donated a cheque for \$650.00 to go towards a Shelterbox for Haiti. A very generous gesture.....

Can-Assist – Terry Robinson read a letter outlining how our Club’s \$500 donation was spent. Would be nice if other organisations, on receipt of donations, did the same – some do, others don’t.....

Country Music Festival brief Reports....

Cavalcade – Brian Yeo had twelve assistants and felt the Cavalcade moved off very smoothly from our area of responsibility...

Smoky Dawson Memorial raffle – Brian Logan thanked Maureen and Jane for their assistance here

Breathalyser – Sunday morning – Brian Logan felt a major increase in participation this year, particularly from the younger age groups and a surprising percentage had high readings – felt this was well worth continuing.

Fred Edwards will be going to New Guinea in March for three weeks and seeking volunteers – please speak either directly to Fred or to Paul Stevenson.

Club Board Meeting – Tuesday, 2 February at 5:30 pm at Tamwell

Club Assembly – 10 February – suggest any queries or suggestions might be given to the President or Secretary prior to this meeting – no guest speaker

Oncology Unit – Vocational visit – Tuesday, 3 February at 6:45 am....

The Oncology Unit is located in the Clinics Building which is diagonally opposite the laundry. Best way is to enter off Johnston St and proceed left at the Blood Bank then right up the hill. Clinics building will be on the left as you proceed up the hill. Laundry is on the right. Please park in the staff car park (the gravel park), entry is beside the medical gas bulk storage containers. We will meet in the courtyard located on the high side of the building and towards the rear.

Breakfast will be provided at minimal cost by our own Master Chef - Brian Logan.

CALENDAR 2009/2010 EVENTS

03 February	Vocational Visit to Oncology Unit
18 - 21 February	GSE visit to Tamworth
19 February	GSE team attending Tamworth Sunrise – speaker – Andrew Stoner
22 – 28 February	Australia-wide Campaign for PolioPlus
06 March	1,000th First Light Meeting CELEBRATIONS – 20 years
06 – 13 MARCH	BOWELSCAN WEEK
12 – 14 March	District 9650 Conference, Port Macquarie – Book accommodation early
16 March	Science & Engineering Dinner replaces Breakfast next morning
15 – 17 March	Science & Engineering Challenge
28 March	Cricket Match – First Light V Tamworth Sunrise – Picnic Day
1 / 2 May	NSW Cancer Council – Relay for Life
19 May	Career's Expo - TRECC
19 June	Tamworth First Light Changeover
3 July 2010	District Changeover

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.

Community Service - Bowelscan

The District commends the recent report forwarded to Clubs on the BOWELSCAN project, and wishes to highlight a number of points.

- Rotary District 9650 continues to be the largest distributor of Bowelscan kits. Our District is one of the few Districts which run a District Program and have saved 100s of people over the past 20 years
- Further, D9650 has, with all Rotary Clubs help, contributed over \$250,000 to PhD scholars through Australian Rotary Health and Universities. Our Dollar is matched to increase to \$500,000 of research
- In 2009, 23,000 Bowelscan kits were distributed around the District. Out of the 18,496 returns, 299 were positive (54.8% male and 45.2% female)
- The 2010 campaign commences on 6 March and ends on 31 March. Posters and brochures will be distributed to Clubs at the end of January or early February
- **Costs for the kits to the Public will be \$8.**

This District strongly endorses the Bowelscan project and the benefits it provides to our communities. For further enquiries, please speak to your Rotary Club Bowelscan Co-ordinator or the District's Bowelscan Committee Chairman, Kevin Sharp – email kmesharp@bigpond.com.



Unwary travellers should head this message

WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

“...When I was offered membership in a Rotary club, I remembered my father, who was a Rotarian, always speaking well of Rotary—never in detail, but always in the positive. Presented with the opportunity to help others in society less fortunate than I, it was not very difficult to accept such membership. I am fully aware that, like many others, my contribution will only be a drop in the ocean.

However, as Mother Teresa said, ‘Without that drop, the ocean will never be full.’ That is why I am a Rotarian.”

**Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar -
Rotary International President 2005-06**



Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar

**Director, Rotary International, 1996-98.
Member of the Rotary Club of Goteborg, Sweden**

I am a Rotarian so I can meet people from all walks of life
in my community and serve my community and world
to make it better for those who are unable to do so for themselves.

I am an **Interact advisor** so I can share the gift of Rotary with
students who want to serve.

Susan Huvenaars

shuvenaars@mail.ycs.nt.ca

Ecole St. Patrick High School Interact Club

D 5370 Yellowknife, NT

John Muller thanked for the opportunity to speak today and felt January had proved an exciting month for the city with Felicity Urquhart winning a Gold Guitar, Val Godden as Tamworth's Citizen of the Year and both Bladen and Del Brookes being honoured in the Australia Day award. John felt he had two very strong interests – cricket and his involvement with Billabong and mental health and a life-long love of music. He made the following points:

- Loved meeting people generally and in business
- Playing the piano on Saturday nights with Phil Reading at The Ritz – come and say hello....
- Burke & Smyth – saw someone looking at the houses for sale in the window – went out to have a chat – the guy was here for an interview, some weeks later the same chap returned – he had the job and want to buy the block we had discussed at the front window – the chap was Glen Inglis

John lived at Nundle for his first twelve years – his father's job was to remove Bathurst Burrs and Prickly Pear from a major property – he and his wife, Mary, went back to Nundle for the Australia Day ceremonies and a trip down memory lane.....

John originally played hockey with the Police Boys Club and scored the only goal against a young New Zealand side, however he met Don Ewing from Gunnedah and was talked into playing cricket and his life and passion changed.... In 1960 he played against Narrabri and got four wickets. He then played for Combined Country and got a wicket. In 1961 he played against the West Indies and met Sir Garfield Sobers at Newcastle and still believes he met the greatest cricketer of all time that day. Sir Garfield sat with his wife and chatted during the afternoon game – a true gentleman.

He then had the opportunity of a three month tour overseas with the Emus – an amazing experience – played in America, Canada and at Staaten Island in New York, England and met the Australian team at Lords, a short tour to Scotland. They played 19 games in 21 days and John got 90 wickets for an average run rate of 9. The English were here on his return and met Doug Walters in his first major match – got a duck!

John's target or dream was to get 10 wickets in a match – against Narrabri he managed 8 wickets for 19 runs but against West Tamworth his dream came true – 10 wickets for 22 runs and he had his trophy with him! Man of the Match.

He worked for Lionel Pengilley – a man he admired – he worked everyone hard but was always prepared to give back to the community. He worked for Treloars for a short period of time, unfortunately forgot to close the back door one evening and John Treloar sacked him!! (It was his own fault...). During his working life he worked for only four businesses – all within a half block of each other. He worked at Burke & Smith for 26 years – a business that started with one house to sell and grew from there! This is where he met Bill Moss and they became good workmates and friends as the years passed.

John finished with a quote “The harder you work the luckier you get”.

Introduced by Michael O'Connor – thanked by Max Cathcart



Max Cathcart thanks John Muller for his interesting talk on his cricket career.

The Barossa Valley to Tamworth Bike Ride

As some of you may know I am riding a Mountain Bike from Lyndoch South Australia to Tamworth! Approximately 1750kms, depending upon the off road tracks we take. That is right most of the trip is off road! We will be covering approximately 85kms average per day.

I have taken the liberty of attaching the route map, information about the service and a sponsorship form, I would welcome any support for this worthwhile cause, it does service our region and save lives. The event has a blog, link as below, so you laugh at us along the way.

We leave March 3rd to drive to Lyndoch and start pedalling our way back on March 6th, returning to Tamworth March 26th. I hope to be lighter and fitter.

If you can support the ride and my effort, thanks in advance.

If you are unable to support, just wish me and my saddle good luck?

Regards,

Tim Coates
Principal
Australian Training and Consulting

About the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

The Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service has a long and proud history, serving the community after first being established in Newcastle in 1975. The Service was initiated to conduct surf patrols in association with Surf Life Saving and three years later the helicopter was upgraded and slowly started a retrieval role with the Newcastle Hospital. Some time later the Ambulance Paramedics became involved with the Service, being flown to accident scenes. This was the start of an aeromedical service which is now 33 years old.

In August 2000 the Tamworth based Westpac Rescue Helicopter arrived to begin a new era in aeromedical work in the New England North West. Thanks to strong community support, corporate sponsors and a NSW Department of Health contract the Service remains an important link in the health chain for the rural and remote communities in the area.

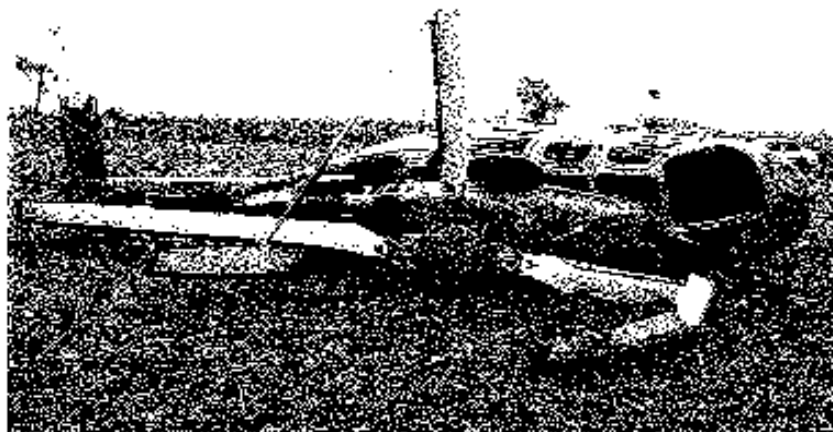
In 2007 the Tamworth based Bell 407 suffered engine failure on its way to a motor vehicle accident near Warialda and landed heavily in a paddock near Bingara. Fortunately, no lives were lost, thanks to the experience of the pilot in command, however the aircraft was "written-off" and consequently the Service upgraded its aircraft to the BK 117 which now operates in the area.

While the NSW Department of Health contract makes up approximately 50% of the Service's annual budget, the support of the community remains essential to this vital life saving service. Donations, fundraising, community groups and events such as Mountain Bike Rides all help to keep the Service flying.

The idea for the Barossa Valley to Tamworth Charity Bike Ride was originated by a group of mates who wanted to raise some much needed funds for the Service and to celebrate the Service's 10 year anniversary in the New England North West Region. Now the group of mates will be joined by more friends and acquaintances to take part in a challenging 3 week ride which will cover over 1,700km.

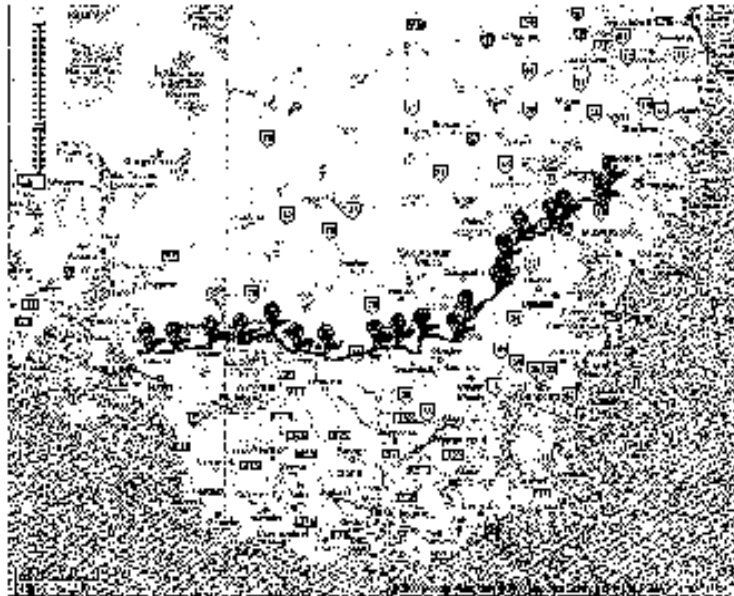
You can help by becoming a supporter of the event. HOW? Simply choose to either become a sponsor of the event or support a rider by the kilometre and you will help us to raise \$20,000. Many visitors from all over Australia visit the New England North West region of NSW and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service is there, free of charge, for us all when we need it.

JOIN THE RIDE OR BE A SUPPORTER AND HELP US TO HELP OTHERS AND SAVE LIVES.



The Ride: Barossa Valley to Tamworth

The proposed route for the 2010 Barossa Valley to Tamworth Mountain Bike Ride:



Day	Date	From to	Distance (km)
A to B	Saturday 6 th March 20 ¹⁰	Lyndoch to Swan Reach SA	83.4
B to C	Sunday 7 th March	Swan Reach to Loxton SA	95.2
C to D	Monday 8 th March	Loxton to Meringur VIC	84.8
D to E	Tuesday 9 th March	Meringur to Mildura VIC	93.6
	Wednesday 10 th March	REST DAY	
E to F	Thursday 11 th March	Mildura to Robinvale VIC	84.8
F to G	Friday 12 th March	Robinvale to Balranald VIC	81.0
G to H	Saturday 13 th March	Balranald to Hay NSW	133.0
H to I	Sunday 14 th March	Hay to Carrathool NSW	64.5
I to J	Monday 15 th March	Carrathool to Griffith NSW	81.0
	Tuesday 16 th March	REST DAY	
J to K	Wednesday 17 th March	Griffith to Ardlethan NSW	88.4
K to L	Thursday 18 th March	Ardlethan to West Wyalong	71.1
L to M	Friday 19 th March	West Wyalong to Forbes	104.0
M to N	Saturday 20 th March	Forbes to Parkes	32.9
N to O	Sunday 21 st March	Parkes to Peak Hill	49.7
O to P	Monday 22 nd March	Peak Hill to Dubbo	71.3
P to Q	Tuesday 23 rd March	Dubbo to Dunedoo	90.0
Q to R	Wednesday 24 th March	Dunedoo to Coolah	45.9
R to S	Thursday 25 th March	Coolah to Quirindi	138.0
S to T	Friday 26 th March	Quirindi to Tamworth	73.9
Total Distance:			1563.8km

Please note:

- At this stage the exact ride route is still under development. Above we have highlighted the distances, however, the ride will consist of mainly 'off-road tracks' and 'back roads' and therefore it is anticipated that this will add an extra 200km to the ride distance.
- We have allowed for 2 rest days, with the possibility of an additional rest day in the 3rd week of the ride (possibly 20/21 March)
- Total days riding will be 19

The Barossa Valley to Tamworth Charity Bike Ride

Fundraising for the New England North West Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service
P.O. Box 962 Tamworth NSW 2340 Ph: 02 6766 6641 Fax: 02 6766 7268



Sponsorship and Pledge Form

1. SPONSOR DETAILS

Company Name: _____
 Contact Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 Email: _____

2. SPONSORSHIP OPTION

I would like to take up the following

- SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE** (please tick)
- | | | |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Partner \$5,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum \$1,500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Silver \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond \$2,500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Gold \$1,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze \$250 |

RIDER SPONSORSHIP of: _____
 I agree to sponsor the above rider \$ _____ per km, or
 \$ _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT**

3. PAYMENT

CHEQUE/MONEY ORDER payable to *The Barossa Valley Tamworth Charity Bike Ride*

BANK DEPOSIT

Bank: Westpac Banking Corporation
 Account Name: The Barossa Valley to Tamworth Charity Bike Ride
 BSB: 032 621
 Account Number: 370 633

If payment made by EFT please reference the company / contact name listed above

Upon receipt of funds please send a Tax Invoice Receipt

TO CONFIRM YOUR SUPPORT PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

Mail: PO Box 962 Tamworth NSW 2340 Fax: 02 6766 7268 Email: choccrsme&nw@rescuehelicopter.com.au
 For further information please phone 02 6766 6641 or visit our website www.rescuehelicopter.com.au

Thank you for supporting this event

Sponsorship of \$1,500 and above will be acknowledged on our support vehicles and ride clothing. All other sponsors supporting this event will be recognised accordingly.

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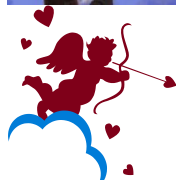
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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2009 - 2010**

Club Service – Louise Matthews
Community Service – Brian Logan
International Service – Vicki Cooper
Vocational Service – John Worldon
Youth Centre – Annette Arthur

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Inductions



Birthdays	07.02 – Neil Lyon
Partners Birthdays	Nil
Anniversaries	Nil
Inductions	Nil
Vocational Profile	Nil

Attendance 78%

Make Ups Brett White – Rotaract Switzerland
Paul Stevenson –T-o-P;
numerous activities over the Festival

Visitors Rotarians Nil

Visitors Lucy Hallam

Heads & Tails Narelle Langfield

Raffle Jim Raymond

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

	3 February 2010	10 February 2010
Guest Speaker	Oncology Unit Tam Base	Club Assembly
Meeter & Greeter		Narelle Langfield
Door Team	Robert Clifton & David Baddams	Les Jacobs & Dennis Maunder
Welcome		Meg Larkin
President Assist		Jeanette Mouatt
Visitor Assist		Brodie Shields
Corporal Assist		Helen Tickle
Introduction		
Vote of Thanks		

CORPORALS FOR COMING MONTHS

February	Narelle Langfield and Brodie Shields
March	Brian Yeo and John Fogarty
April	Bruce Hemmett and Tim Coates
May	Ron Allen and Peter Bell
June	Barry Murphy and Phil Lyon

Strange Job Interview behaviour
 “.... stretched out on the floor to fill out the job application.”
 “... chewed bubble gum and constantly blew bubbles.”