

The Rotary Club of TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT bulletin bulletin bulletin bulletin



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17 February 2010 – Meeting #997

Brett's Banter -

Quote of the week

“Women and Cats will do as they please and Men and Dogs should just relax and get used to the idea” – Robert A Heinlein

!!!Best Quote!!!



It is a great privilege to induct a new member into Rotary and to our great Club. I know Rob Sharp will bring an International connection direct to our Club and it should open up many opportunities for our members to have hands on experience within a Rotary organised project. I know Dick and Terry B are hoping for some mates rates.

Raymond McLaren of Tamworth Rotary was a visitor this meeting and promoted the Gemma Sisia visit and dinner on 16 February. I went once before with a large group of Fellowettes and found Gemma's talk informative and entertaining. Trudy and I and our daughter Alex will be going this time as Trudy loved the book and Alex would like to spend some time at St. Judes.

Good to see Patrick again and it is always a pleasure to have our exchange student Felix Frankensense grace our meeting.

The Club's gopher/scooter has been relocated to its third carer. We received a very heart felt letter from Lorraine Gray and it is apparent that we have made a considerable difference to her life. I would like to thank Dick for his work looking after the scooter and looking after Lorraine and to Les for arranging the transport.

I am practising building towers, bridges and elastic band powered cars with paddle pop sticks, tooth picks, straws, sticky tape, rubber gloves and skewers in readiness for the Science Engineering Dinner on 16 March. This is a transfer meeting and Alan will be looking for numbers soon.

The 1,000th meeting dinner is shaping up to be a grand affair with the venue design team of Louise and Lawrence hard at work. Louise has started to blow up the 1,000 balloons already, so if you start to notice she has cheeks like Louis Armstrong, that is why! Numbers are required and the venue is filling fast.

Thanks to Heffo for volunteering to assist with transport and tour for the visiting GSE team.

Men, be considerate when your partner is vacuuming by lifting your feet.

Brett

AND FOR THE NEWS

RYLA will be at Port Macquarie on 10 – 17 April this year. Nominations are being sought – please consider someone within your own workplace – not necessarily the “best” person but the one who just needs that extra boost of self-confidence to really achieve and would gain so much by being provided with this opportunity. We have some marvellous examples – Brooke Spokes being possible the most recent – attended and was invited back onto the team to support the new group the following year...."Please speak to Brett White or any Board member to obtain more information. It is a wonderful opportunity and the age group sought is between 18 and 25 years. Nominations need to be in by Friday, 26 February (this month!!)..

YOUTH EXCHANGE – Felix has now settled in with the Baddams so a reminder to all members – if you are doing anything special – trip to Sydney, out to Lightning Ridge or Dubbo Zoo – think of including Felix. He does have quite a busy social life so please give him warning to ensure that his social calendar is free to include you!!!!

ANZAC PARK OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE EXTENSION AND BBQ's – Members please note that this will be a breakfast in the park on Wednesday, 31 March at 6:45 for 7:00 am and a fund raiser for the PolioPlus Final Push campaign....

CLUB GOPHER – Dick Davison was able to confirm a new recipient has the use of the gopher – Lorraine Gray (see letter in this Bulletin) – what a pleasure to receive a letter that is so heartfelt and grateful. Lorraine is the third person to benefit from the Club's gopher and she will really appreciate the additional freedom it will provide for her....

GOLFERS TAKE NOTE – Tuncurry / Tallwood weekend of 26/28 February 2010 – Brian Thompson is seeking donations of golf balls, caps, umbrellas etc for the weekend – seeking a few more to fill the bus – MALE ONLY need apply.....

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE celebrating its TENTH year this year. Our meeting will be moved to the Tuesday evening. 16 March 2010.

360 FITNESS CLUB CELEBRATING ITS SECOND BIRTHDAY - seeking support from members. Peter Bell spoke extremely well – funds raised go to the Blue Angels Foundation. DJ still in America – his aunt has passed away and anticipates being back amongst us by mid-March.....

KINGSWOOD STORE – A MONTHLY MARKET – last Saturday of each month beginning 27 February and the Kingswood Store will be holding a Beer and Wine Tasting as well

CALENDAR 2009/2010 EVENTS

18 - 21 February	GSE visit to Tamworth
18 February	GSE team will be at Tamworth-on-Peel
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
31 March	Official Opening of the extension and BBQ's at ANZAC PARK
APRIL	Nothing to report at this stage
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

A SCOTSMAN walks into the bedroom with a sheep on a leash and says...



"Honey, this is the cow I make love to when you have a headache."

**The wife, lying in the bed reading a book, looks up and says,
"If you weren't such an idiot, you'd know that's a sheep, not a cow."**

**The guy replies, "If you weren't such a presumptuous bitch,
You'd realize I was talking to the sheep."**

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

By now all 56 Clubs and 73 Public and Private schools have received their respective letters with attachments advising applications are now open for Outbound Exchange Students departing January 2011

In an endeavour to increase the participation of Clubs and Australian Students / Schools we would very much appreciate the Club Director responsible for Long Term Youth Exchange, following initial contact with the schools, discussing the program with each individual years 10,11 and 12 classes. It is felt that this may make it a little more personal, rather than the program just being announced at a school assembly.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 9650
LONG TERM YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM



COME ON GIVE AN AUSTRALIAN STUDENT THE EXPERIENCE OF AN OVERSEAS EXCHANGE.

Give a male or female student aged 15 years to 18 years & 9 months from your town:

- An opportunity to develop personal self-confidence and maturity
- An opportunity to develop a lifetime of international friends
- An opportunity to develop a real understanding of many different cultures
- An opportunity to develop new language skills
- An opportunity to develop a base for future education and career goals

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE: An opportunity for your Club to participate in an international program.

Applications for Students departing January 2011 are now being sort and are available from either the Secretary, International/Youth Director or www.rotary9650.org.au Links D9650youth YEP

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.

INDUCTION – The Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light was delighted to welcome **Dr Rob Sharp** to membership of our Club. As Dr Rob spoke to us recently, his details are known to us. However he is very impressed by the Club's spirit of volunteering and the fact that Rotary is geared towards improving the life of children through education. He is particularly keen to work through this Club on an international level with his work in Papua New Guinea and with volunteers from this Club or District he will be able to continue to promote Rotary.

THE BAROSSA VALLEY TO TAMWORTH CHARITY BIKE RIDE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER SERVICE

Sponsorship forms were sent around for those who wish to support Tim Coates marathon ride and am sure there will be forms available every week for those who missed out last week.... It is for a good cause, always nicer supporting someone you actually "know" and you will never know when it could be a member of your family or your turn to require the services of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter so please consider supporting as it benefits the whole region....

CLUB ASSEMBLY – WEDNESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2010

CLUB SERVICE REPORT

- “RCTFL 1000 & Going Strong” celebration coming together. Invitations going out in the next week. Simon will do a lead up story to try to capture those we don’t have contact details for. Sat 6/3/2010, 6.30 for 7pm. \$40/pp. Venue the Tennis club, Corey’s catering. Normal meeting format with an emphasis on fellowship, minimal formality & lengthy speeches. Terry feels we won’t be able to have the publication ready in time so we may have to launch that at Changeover.
- Club Assembly 10/2/2010
- Would still like to push for the 2 minute educationals on all aspects of Rotary
- JT would like to do an educational/vocational visit to CDS Recycling. I will have a chat to Murphy, there may be some OH&S issues
- 10/3/2010 no meeting due to 1000th Dinner Sat prior
- 17/3/2010 no meeting due to Science & Engineering dinner Tuesday 16/3/2010
- District Conference 12th March at Port Macquarie
- Huge accolades to Brian Logan, once again, for tremendous effort over January & by the way I won a prize in the Smokey Dawson raffle!
- I have spoken to Stevo re: delinquent attendees, he will follow up.
- Thanks to Jane for the “Sealed” copy of the Bulletin at Xmas, it was a hoot & raised some more funds for Polio Plus.
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INTERNATIONAL REPORT

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (GSE) – the Group will be in Tamworth from Wednesday, 17 February through to Saturday, 20 February. Our Club is hosting two vocational visits and taking a billet – Sarah Kostin who will be staying with the Jacobs. Sarah will be visiting the library with Meg Larkin and Peter Ryan has offered to show Matthew Wiseman the information technology side of his business. The group will be speaking at Tamworth Sunrise on Friday, 19 February at 6:45 for 7:00 am and will be meeting at Tamworth on Peel on the Wednesday evening at Calala Inn at 6:00 for 6:30 pm and partners are welcome.

GEMMA SISIA will be speaking at the Tamworth Club on Tuesday, 16 February and Peter Ryan will be donating a number of computers to Gemma.

NEW ENGLAND ORTHOPEADIC OUTREACH – the next trip is planned for May and we have a number of members wishing to be involved. We do have to check with Dr Rob about the skills he requires and also the finance involved and the fact that we do have to have visas. All monies will be going through Rotary International Overseas Aid.

YOUTH REPORT

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

Russell will return to TFLRC to give a summary of his experience in the New Year

YOUTH EXCHANGE

Felix has settled comfortably in with David & Jo and will relocate to Louise's home following Easter – Members please remember to include Felix in your activities at weekends – provides an opportunity to learn more about each other's culture and generates lasting friendships.

Information for next **Outgoing Exchange Program Jan 2011** will be in the Bulletin for the next few weeks.

RYLA PROGRAM

Information re RYLA arrived and a copy was sent to Max May's candidate Naomi Sharnock and David Hinwood's son – one nomination has been received and the other one is due...

RYAG EQUINE

March dates for RYAG Equine at AELEC centre have been cancelled with Michael Rowland although this is being delayed till May / June, other Clubs have members keen to be involved – we must utilise the facilities offered by AELEC so all support offered has been appreciated.

MODEL UNITED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (MUNA) will be held at Woolgoolga in May. A team includes two students and one teacher. Oxley High School have two teams interested – one will be sponsored by Tamworth North and the other by us. The cost per team is \$180.00 and applications close 12 March 2010. The concept is each team is allocated a country and a motion that they have to argue their points against other United Nation members with the aim to build bridges of world peace in the minds of our youth.

Community Service Report

This report highlights Community Service events for January 2010

BBQ'S IN ANZAC PARK

Successful BBQ meeting was held in the park to christen the BBQ's

CELEBRITY CRICKET

Celebrity cricket match between country music celebrities and the Mayors team was held. Celebs signed a guitar that was then auctioned at the 'Pub', raising \$1500.00

CANCER COUNCIL

Meetings started and aiming for the relay in first week of May 2010

CAVALCADE

12 members assisted with marshalling the country music cavalcade. The task very well co-ordinated by Brian Yeo

BREATH TESTING

Sunday morning breath testing at the end of the country music festival was a very interesting success. Coin donations of around \$108.00 were given.

SMOKY DAWSON

Club members assisted in selling raffle tickets to raise money for the Smokey Dawson statue and congratulations to Louise Matthews who won third prize.

PROJECTS ONGOING

Bowel Scan - Saturday, 6 March through to Saturday, 13 March 2010
Relay for life – May 2010.

The Pope and Tiger woods die on the same day and because of an administrative mix up the Pope went to hell and Tiger Woods went to heaven.

The Pope explains the situation to the administrative clerk in hell, and after checking the paperwork admits that there is an error. "However", the clerk explains, "it would be 24 hours before it can be rectified".

Next day the Pope is called and Hell's staff bids him farewell.

On the way up, the Pope meets Tiger Woods coming down from heaven and they stop to have a chat.

"Sorry about the mix up", apologises the Pope

"No problem" replied Tiger Woods,

Pope: "I am really anxious to get to heaven"

Tiger: "Why is that?"

Pope: "All my life I have wanted to meet the Virgin Mary"

Tiger: "You're a day late."



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12th February.2010.

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Dear Sirs or Madams

How can I say thanks you so very much for the wonderful load of the scooter.
I never realized until now just how many generous people there are in this world today,
You can never really understand just what a gift you have given me and I pray that you
never have to experience it first hand. We all don't appreciate what we have until it is not
there. I always thought that I would be able body and then I'm not anymore. Your loan to
me has meant that I can do a lot more for myself. The small task of getting out of the unit,
walking the reluctant dog and going to family and friends on my own.
I now see that as one bad door opens another good one does too. I would not have known
such compassion and support and goodness in people until I got Motor Neuron but there
you all are.

I cannot say thanks you enough and I will enjoy my little scooter for as long as I can.
Thank you thank you from the bottom of my heart.
My God bless you all and the world is certainly a better place for people like you.

Yours with gratitude and thanks
Lorraine Gray



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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	Nil
Partners Birthdays	18.02 – Bernadette Hyde 21.02 – Brenda Coates
Anniversaries	18.02 – Brett & Trudy White (26 years)
Inductions	23.02 – Mark O'Connor (5 years)
Vocational Profile	

Attendance	73%
Make Ups	Nil
Visitors Rotarians	Raymond McLaren – Tamworth Club
Visitors	Dr Rob Sharp, Patrick Mahony, Felix Frankenberg (YEP)
Heads & Tails	???
Raffle	Ian Howle

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

	17 February 2010	24 February 2010
Guest Speaker	Meg Larkin on NERAM	Dr Roland Loeve
Meeter & Greeter	Bruce Hemmett	Peter Bell
Door Team	Barry Murphy & Chris Sheppeard	Paul Stevenson & Barry Biffen
Welcome	Tim Coates	Graham Nuttall
President Assist	Ron Allen	John Fogarty
Visitor Assist	Brian Yeo	Greg Birtles
Corporal Assist	Graham Dooley	Pat Varley
Introduction	Max Cathcart	Alan Coates
Vote of Thanks	Ross Lobsey	Peter Ryan

CORPORALS FOR COMING MONTHS

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| 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

“... asked to see interviewer’s resume to see if the personnel executive was qualified to judge the candidate.”

“.....asked if I wanted cocaine before starting the interview.”