

The Rotary Club of TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT bulletin bulletin bulletin bulletin



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Brett's Banter - (Dave's Ditties)



Quote of the week

“I need to put things in perspective because I have a disease of perception.”

Brett is busy organising insurance claims teams in Melbourne after their recent hail storms so I am in the writer's chair and am the reason that the bulletin is a little late this week

Well what a busy time in Rotary some have had, the District Conference in Port Macquarie just a week ago, the 1,000th meeting and the Science and Engineering Challenge dinner. Luckily Rotary is not my entire life so I felt that I didn't have to attend everything, but those that I did I mainly enjoyed, especially those events happening locally.

The Science & Engineering Challenge is celebrating its 10th visit to our region and we have been in it from the very beginning. It is really exciting experiencing the joy and enthusiasm of the participants and to know that thousands have taken part since the project was launched. Professor John Carter gave the address and showed how much the “Challenge” has grown in the first 10 years, so much so, that it is now internationally contested. ‘Admiral’ Bob Nelson ran the event with his usual aplomb and I believe that may be his last visit in this capacity as Bob is retiring from the University of Newcastle in the coming months and he will be sadly missed and leaves a large pair of shoes to be filled.

A big thank you goes to our team of Alan Coates, Brenda Coates, Tim Coates, Judy Coates, Dick Davison, Anne Jacob, Les Jacob & Terry Robinson. Their assistance in putting together the events over 3 days is greatly appreciated and I know that only a few of our members have been out to see the school children participate. If you get an opportunity I commend to you that the time spent would be greatly rewarded.

Speaking of Tim Coates, I'll bet he would rather have been at the ‘Challenge’ dinner rather than pedalling from Adelaide to Tamworth. I believe that he returns to our local Westpac Branch next Friday, see if you can make the time to meet the riders as they come in, I'm sure it will be welcomed by all of the riders to see the end.

I sure hope that our cricket team (Raymond, Massey, Mathews, White, Hyde, Murphy, Chamberlain, Heffernan, Hearne, Ryan, Robinson, Nuttall, McIntosh, Clifton and Penman) is taking some tips from the Aussies over in Paul Stevenson Land.

Enjoy your time.
David.

AND FOR THE NEWS

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**....

USA Consul General will be the guest speaker at the RC of Tamworth North on Thursday, 15 April – if interested, please contact Ron Chorlton – 6766 1663 or email ronvalc@bigpond.com

SUNDAY MARCH 28 AT 2.00PM AT RIVERSIDE NO 6 (END OF CARTER STREET)

- 20 over a side game against Tamworth Sunrise.
- Bring your own meat for a BBQ along with drinks.
- We need plenty of supporters and a willing cook for the BBQ which will be on around 5.00pm for those purely targeting the food and drink part of the afternoon.

The team for First Lighters - those who have indicated that they will be there at 2.00 pm in their “creams” are:

Raymond, Massey, Mathews, White, Hyde, Murphy, Chamberlain, Heffernan, Hearne, Ryan, Robinson, Nuttall, McIntosh, Clifton and Penman.

Any additions or withdrawals (only on form) please let Phil Penman know on either 6766 2431 (W) – 0407 662 438 or philip.penman@hillross.com.au

Pride of Workmanship Awards Dinner – West Diggers on Wed, 26 May at 6:30 for 7:00 – Cost \$35.00 per person – John Worldon will have nomination forms for members to nominate staff or recommend to other businesses to promote their staff and enter....

CALENDAR 2009/2010 EVENTS

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	D9650 PolioPlus Campaign will be held during this month
1 / 2 May	NSW Cancer Council – Relay for Life
19 May	Career's Expo – TRECC
26 May	Pride of Workmanship Awards / Dinner at Diggers, Kable Avenue
19 June	Tamworth First Light Changeover
03 July	District Changeover at Wauchope

*Experience is not what
Happens to a person –
It is what that person does
With what happens to them.*

Aldous Huxley

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 for the first half of the year.... This week it is **Michael Smith's** contribution.....*

Murph and Dooley launching their new boat

Murph & Dooley bought a new boat and decided to take her for the maiden voyage. This was their first boat and they were not quite sure of the exact 'Standard Operating Procedures' for launching it off a ramp, but figured it couldn't be too hard.

They consulted their local boat dealer for advice, who just said "don't let the trailer get too deep when you launch the boat".

Well, they didn't know exactly what the dealer meant by that as they could barely get the trailer in the water at all!

Anyhow, here's the picture below.
You're gonna love this pair!!!



Some people shouldn't be allowed out alone!
They live amongst us and they VOTE!!!!

WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

My friend Ray Krupa asked me to join. I knew that the East Hampton Rotary club provided scholarships to a number of high school students and that they maintained a "playscape" at Memorial Elementary School.

After joining, I met Mike Benard, our youth exchange officer, who introduced me to District 7980 Chair David Wolfe and the Rotary Youth Exchange program. David introduced me to RYLA, New Generations, and our GSE program run by the Barretts. Brian and Linda Barrett opened my eyes to the possibilities of the GSE program. I then had the opportunity to travel to Haiti on a Rotary mission with PDG Dick Benson and Service Above Self recipient Jerry Lowney.

Later my wife Gail and I participated on an NID in Niger, West Africa and I had was able to volunteer for a literacy trip to Project Amigo in Colima, Mexico. I became involved with the Foundation scholarship programs and had the distinct pleasure of meeting many of our Foundation alumni.

Why am I a Rotarian? **People, opportunity and service.**

PDG Alan Hurst
Central Connecticut Coast YMCA
Rotary District 7980
Governor 2005-2006

At the District Conference we had a very interesting speaker on the subject of drugs, drug use and abuse by the name of Peter Catt who spoke about the loss of his daughter through taking an ecstasy tablet and was keen for us to return to speak to our Clubs about supporting the Life Education vans.

The Rotary Club of Armidale had a guest speaker recently by the name of Eileen Sanders and this is her explanation of Life Education.

Eileen's address was on the topic of Life Education. Eileen has been a Principal and Deputy Principal of local primary schools and has been involved with Life Education for 30 years. Life Education was founded by Ted and Margaret Noffs in 1974.

The mission of the organisation is to empower the young to make the best choices for a safe life, through our leading drug and health education programs. The organisation's vision is to see all Australians enjoying life free from the effects of drug misuse. To this end Life Education tends to lead the field in drug and health education programs for schools.

A Life Education Van visits Armidale Schools regularly. One hundred specially designed Mobile Learning Centres visit schools throughout Australia. The mobile learning centre is an integral part of the Life Education program. It has been designed to be a place of magic, intrigue and fun. Our interactive programs combine special effects and exciting story lines which engage students to challenge their values and attitudes, expand on their knowledge and develop skills which ultimately empower them to make the best choices for a healthy future.

The Mobile Learning Centre is equipped with high-tech, multi-media equipment which includes a Transparent Anatomical Model (TAM), a talking brain and electronic modules showing the body systems. The stars that light up on the roof when the lights dim are a favourite with all ages! The 'classroom of the 21st Century' is designed for informality and spontaneity and for establishing trust. We are presently re-branding and refurbishing our Mobile Fleet.

Life Education is a non government organisation. It does receive some government funding but does rely basically on corporate sponsorship to make up any shortfall in this funding. The NRL is currently one of the sponsors of the organisation. Life Education encourages the community to set up support groups in the area with the intention of raising awareness about Life Education and to organise fund raising activities. In the past these activities have included Quiz Nights. The intention this year is to have a Dinner/Movie night. Details of the evening will be provided sometime soon and we are all encouraged to attend to ensure that the evening is a financial success.

As can be appreciated, support from Service Clubs could prove to be of major assistance to this cause. Having heard Peter Catt speak – one could not ignore the importance of the Life Education van and by making it “fun” – the children remember.....

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2009 - 2010**

Club Service – Louise Matthews
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Birthdays, Anniversaries & Inductions



Birthdays

22.03 – Maureen Thornton
 24.03 – Louise Matthews
 25.03 – Susie Stevenson

Partners Birthdays



Anniversaries

Nil

Inductions

Nil



Vocational Profile

Paul Stevenson

Attendance

32% (indicates definitely a Breakfast Club!!)
71% with makeups (Bowelscan etc)

Make Ups

Visitors Rotarians

Col & Lee Quast – Tamworth
 Bob & Frieda Donoghoe – Tamworth West
 Steve & Irene Byles – Tamworth North
 Bob Nelson (Hon Member 1st Light)

Visitors

University of Newcastle representatives

Heads & Tails

N/A

Raffle

N/A

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
- 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

	24 March 2010	31 March 2010
Guest Speaker	Peter Ross – Capital Theatre	Official Opening of BBQ's
Meeter & Greeter	Dennis Johnson	
Door Team	Steve Massey & Max May	Brodie Shields & Helen Tickle
Welcome	Phil Lyon	
President Assist	Maureen Thornton	
Visitor Assist	Les Jacob	
Corporal Assist	David Baddams	
Introduction	Brian Thompson	
Vote of Thanks	Meg Larkin	

CORPORALS FOR COMING MONTHS

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

“...Pointing to a black case he carried into my office, he said that if he was not hired, the bomb would go off. Disbelieving, I began to state why he would never be hired and that I was going to call the police. He then reached down to the case, flipped the switch and ran. No one was injured but I did need to get a new desk....”