

# The Rotary Club of TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT bulletin bulletin bulletin bulletin



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## *Brett's Banter -*

### Quote of the week



*The best answer to insults is  
**SILENCE.***

Sarah Bernhardt

This morning we had breakfast at Anzac Park to celebrate the official opening of the upgraded Barbeque complex.

We were honoured with the presence of Councillor James Treloar, Mayor and Glen Inglis, General Manager of Tamworth Regional Council. Tony Broadhurst represented Esther Halliday the Chairperson of Joblink Plus and we also had Rotarians John Treloar and Ruth Dufty who are also Directors of Joblink Plus.

We also enjoyed the company of the President of the Rotary Club of Tamworth Sunrise, Steve Gribbin and 14 of the "Getting up early and getting it done" Sunrise Rotarians.

Anzac Park has always been a centrepiece of this city's recreational reserves and is recognised as having the highest usage in the council area. Our Club recognised the significance of this park and the need to provide high class and reliable facilities soon after we were chartered in 1990.

This project commenced in our inaugural year and we realised the first bank of two electric BBQ's, which we opened at a Club breakfast on 20 February 1991. The two BBQs on the south-western side were added with the extended cover in November 1995.

In 2008 when I was Community Service Director under John Treloar's Presidency, I went looking for a project we could get our hands dirty with and went to Meg Larkin who was not only a Club member but was also winding up as Director of Community Services for our council. Meg gave me a few options and the extension of this BBQ complex seemed to be a natural fit with our Club due to our past involvement.

We started the ball rolling with Julian Smith providing the plans in accordance with Council requirements and DA was lodged.

It was not until the next year under Chris Sheppard's Presidency and Greg Birtles as Community Service Director that the project gathered speed and the new BBQ's were ordered.

Joblink Plus assisted by funding and providing labour and materials and council contributed funding to the BBQ units. Council decided to change the design which required some modification to the tops, but it finally landed back in my lap as the current President. Thankfully I could delegate the project to Brian Logan - our current Community Service Director.

He skilfully delegated to Ron Allen who took on the management and work on the project with his usual gusto.

This complex attracts many family and community groups and has become the centrepiece for this park. This complex compliments this precinct including the new playground and the liberty swing that was also a project of our club.

I would like to thank all those involved who have finally realised the upgrade of this great BBQ complex. Three years of Community Service Directors and their committees, John Treloar and Chris Sheppard for organising funding assistance, Julian for the plans and of course Ron Allen for making sure the bloody thing was completed.

A new Rotary emblem and sign promoting our Club's involvement and recognising Ron, Julian, Joblink Plus and TRC had been erected on the complex the day before the official opening and I am hoping that they remain there for some time.

I neglected this morning to thank Brian Logan and his helpers for this morning's breakfast. I don't want to think he is being taken for granted. A very big thanks.

I have had three weeks in Melbourne and am needed for a week in Perth, so David will be filling in for me at the next meeting.

Yours in Rotary  
Brett

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## ***CALENDAR 2009/2010 EVENTS***

<b>APRIL - JUNE</b>	D9650 PolioPlus Campaign will be held during these months
<b>15 April</b>	<b>US Consul's visit to Tamworth North Rotary Club</b>
<b>1 / 2 May</b>	NSW Cancer Council – Relay for Life
15 May	Bush Dance – Moore Creek Hall - details to follow
<b>19 May</b>	<b>Career's Expo – TRECC</b>
26 May	Pride of Workmanship Awards / Dinner at Diggers, Kable Avenue
<b>19 June</b>	<b>Tamworth First Light Changeover</b>
<b>03 July</b>	<b>District Changeover at Wauchope</b>

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## ***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!!!!

**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](mailto:ronvalc@bigpond.com)

**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....

**RYAG EQUINE weekend will be 28 / 30 May at the Equine Centre**

**BUSH DANCE** – Louise Matthews confirmed for Saturday, 15 Mat 2010 at the Moore Creek Hall – please note in your diaries – more information to follow....

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**A LITTLE HISTORY LESSON FOR YOU.  
IF ONLY SCHOOL HISTORY WAS AS USEFUL AS THIS STUFF.**

**WHY THE ENGLISH WORE RED COATS IN BATTLE**

A long time ago, Britain and France were at war. During one battle, the French captured an English colonel. They took him to their headquarters, and the French general began to question him.

Finally, as an afterthought, the French general asked, Why do you English officers all wear red coats? Don't you know the red material makes you easier targets for us to shoot at?

In his bland English way, the officer informed the general that the reason English officers wear red coats is so that if they are shot, the blood won't show, and the men they are leading won't panic.

And that is why, from that day to this, all French Army officers wear brown trousers.

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## **WHY I AM A ROTARIAN**

For thirty years our printing shop was in downtown McAllen, Texas (population 125,000). Homeless people would often come into our store or sleep in our entrance. I dealt with them every day and often in every way. In Rotary, we are able to help so many needy people.

Rotary has made it possible for me to travel worldwide and to meet wonderful people and Rotarians in Scotland, Belgium, Sweden, South Africa and Mexico. Rotarians have kindly hosted us.

My daughter was able to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange to Spain and Belgium. WE have hosted young people from Belgium, South Africa, Latvia, Sweden, Philippines, New Zealand, Finland, Argentina, Brazil and Germany.

Our daughter enjoyed and learned so much from attending Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) that she did not want to return to her dull high school.

Rotary gave us the opportunity to have friends beyond our church and business.

Rotary provides social opportunities for my wife and me beyond our church activities. Many of the activities we volunteer to do in Rotary have parallels in our business and home lives.

Rotary gave me a chance to talk with and relate to other business owners.

Our weekly Rotary programs give me a window on the life of our community, and give me ideas on things which need to be improved.

My life has become full because of Rotary.....

**TIM MOORE**  
**McAllen, Texas 78501 USA**

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# OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE BBQ's AT ANZAC PARK ON WEDNESDAY, 31 MARCH WITH MEMBERS FROM THE SUNRISE CLUB



Early start in the dark – fun collecting monies for the breakfast.....

Louise Matthews, Graham Dooley and Bruce Hemmett enjoying the early breakfast – refreshingly cool start



Barry Biffin, Annette Arthur & Max Cathcart enjoying the early start



Narelle Langfield, Di Lockwood (guest) and Maureen Thornton - awake and alert so early in the morning.....



President Brett White, guest Chris Celovic, guest Glen Inglis – General Manager, Tamworth Regional Council and Tim Coates – just returned home from his cycling feat....



Terry Burgess making our “children” from Tamworth Sunrise feel very welcome – Tony Young & Steve Gribbin

Julian Smith and Ron Allen – special thanks from your Club members for the great effort in bringing this wonderful extension to fruition for the benefit of the community.....

Being thanked by Stephen Mitchell and Bill Moss in the middle of the picture....





President Brett being presented with the inaugural cricket Trophy by Steve Gribbon – President of Tamworth Sunrise



THE TROPHY  
(speaks for itself really)



Brian Logan and his team created a spectacular breakfast as part of the official opening of the extended BBQ's – thank you from all who enjoyed the early start....

**Genuine answers to exam questions.  
You won't know whether to laugh - or cry.**

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What happens during puberty to a boy?

He says goodbye to his childhood  
enters adultery.

State three drawbacks of hedgerow removal.

1. All the cows will escape.
2. The cars drive into the fields.
3. There is nowhere to hide.

What is the meaning of the word 'varicose'?

Close by

What is the highest frequency noise that a human  
can register?

Mariah Carey.



What is a fibula?

A little lie

Explain the phrase 'free press'.

When your mum irons  
trousers for you.

Why would living close to a mobile phone mast cause  
ill health?

You might walk into it.

Joanna works in an office. Her computer is a stand-alone  
system. What is a stand-alone computer system?

It doesn't come with  
a chair

Steve is driving his car. He is travelling at 60 feet/second  
and the speed limit is 40 mph. Is Steve speeding?

He could find out by checking  
his speedometer.

And they walk amongst us and they will be able to vote!!

# Club Website

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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** 11.04 – Mark O'Connor  
**Partners Birthdays** 12.04 – Robyn Penman



**Anniversaries** 09.04 – John and Janet Treloar (34 years)

**Inductions** 07.04 – Simon Chamberlain (6 years)  
 12.04 – Brian Logan (10 years)



**Vocational Profile** Max May

**Attendance** 75%  
**Make Ups** Tim Coates – E-clubs at Forbes, Griffith & Dubbo  
**Visitors Rotarians** 13 members from Tamworth Sunrise  
**Visitors** Mayor James Treloar, GM Glen Inglis, Tony Broadhurst, Patrick Mahony, Di Lockwood & Chris Celovic  
**Heads & Tails** Nil  
**Raffle** Nil

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:ssegrub@westnet.com.au)

	7 April 2010	14 April 2010
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Russell Hooper - NYSF	John Glynn – Personal Profile
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Rob Sharp	Stephen Mitchell
<b>Door Team</b>	DJ Jones & Greg Birtles	John Fogarty & Julian Smith
<b>Welcome</b>	Ross Lobsey	Tim Coates
<b>President Assist</b>	Terry Burgess	Barry Biffin
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Max Cathcart	Graham Dooley
<b>Corporal Assist</b>	Barry Murphy	Meg Larkin
<b>Introduction</b>	Dennis Maunder	Annette Arthur
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Jeanette Mouatt	Brian Yeo

## CORPORALS FOR COMING MONTHS

<b>April</b>	Bruce Hemmett and Tim Coates
<b>May</b>	Ron Allen and Peter Bell
<b>June</b>	Barry Murphy and Phil Lyon-
<b>July</b>	Chris Sheppeard and Pat Varley

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*One's best qualities  
shouldn't be measured by  
extraordinary circumstances  
but by every day deeds.*

Benjamin Franklin