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14 April 2010 – Meeting #1006



Brett's Banter - or Dave's Ditties – Quote of the week

“Tell a man there are 300 billion stars in the universe and he’ll believe you. Tell him a bench has wet paint on it and he’ll have to touch it to be sure.” – Murphy’s Law

Brett is busy organising insurance claims teams in Perth this week. Next week it could be that he’ll have teams on Christmas Island to check the refugees.

We only had about 42 attend our meeting this morning which seems to be the norm with school holidays. Another welcome to our guests, Patrick Mahoney and Dianne Lockwood, they are becoming a very familiar sight around the club.

Those that did attend enjoyed a great meeting with Max May giving us a brief run down on how to be a cop without being a cop. He really didn’t do much that focussed on law enforcement, did he?

Jane Bradford had a nervous time trying out the role of Sergeant, where she was able to extract around \$120 from our pockets, not bad for a first try. Well done Jane.

It may also be of interest to know that the official opening of the barbeques in Anzac Park raised \$576 for Polio Plus. The club presented \$1,000 as our sponsorship of Tim Coates on his 1,700km Westpac Helicopter Bike Ride.

And to save DJ from having to fill in as guest speaker Russel Hooper arrived a little late thinking it was a 7.30am start with his father, Warwick, after they had returned the night before from rafting on the Nymboida. Russel was thankful of our support and help and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Don’t forget that if you want to assist in PNG with Dr Rob Sharp get in touch with Vicki Cooper.

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.

USA Consul General will be the guest speaker at the RC of Tamworth North on Thursday, 15 April at West Diggers – if interested, please contact Ron Chorlton – 6766 1663 or email 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.... Phil Lyon and John Worldon happy to receive your completed entries leading up to the closing date of Monday, 3 May 2010. – Entry forms will be on the tables each week.

RYAG EQUINE weekend will be 28 / 30 May at the Equine Centre – further details to follow

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

“The Papua New Guinea Slide Show” – Dr Rob Sharp
Sunday, 18 April at The Albert Hotel at NOON

CALENDAR 2009/2010 EVENTS

APRIL - JUNE	D9650 PolioPlus Campaign will be held during these months
18 April	Dr Rob Sharp – “The Papua New Guinea Slide Show”
15 April	US Consul’s visit to Tamworth North Rotary Club
1 / 2 May	NSW Cancer Council – Relay for Life
15 May	Bush Dance – Moore Creek Hall - details to follow
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



Tim Coates receiving a cheque for \$1,000 from David Hinwood on behalf of the Club for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

VOCATIONAL - TWO MINUTES

Max May provided the most entertaining, date filled Vocational information about being in the NSW Police Force without actually “policing”.

He began his working life with the Bank of NSW in 1963 and joined the Police Force in 1965. In 1966 he was appointed to general duties at Balmain, moved to the Prosecuting Branch in 1968, appointed Public Prosecutor in 1971. In 1982 appointed .personal assistant to the Metro Super, 1984 moved to the Ombudsman’s Office and in 1986 moved to the Legal Services Branch. In 1991 moved to Randwick and 1983 became the Chief Sports Officer. In 1996 worked with Peter Ryan then 1998 moved to general duties at Gladesville. 1999 saw him at Newtown and in 2000 he became ill and received a medical discharge in 2002. In 2000 he became an Austswim Swimming Coach, Water Polo coach at St Josephs in Sydney and in 2005 moved to Tamworth, 2007 joined Rotary and has enjoyed life ever since...

GUEST SPEAKER

Russell Hooper returned to report on his time at the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) in Perth. His enthusiasm, confidence and ability to speak with just a few notes was a marked change from the very nervous young man who spoke to us prior to attending the NYSF – it was a pleasure to see....

He thanked Rotarians as a whole and this Club in particular for our support as it would not have been possible without it. By attending NYSF he has gained a whole new range of friends, connections and more connections and opportunities that would never have been available without attending NYSF. Each year's attendees remain close knit over the years, his sister who attended a few years ago is still in close contact with the majority of members from her year and he now understands why.

He spoke about the Swan River Basin and Ocean geographing which proved fascinating. The data is collected of these units, batteries re-charged and off they go bobbing down into the depths and up again till their batteries need re-charging again when they resurface.

He went to Austel Ships at Freemantle where catamarans and ferries are built. He did not expect to be interested but was fascinated as the drawings on the computer are three dimensional and when the drawings are correct, these are sent to be cut into the appropriate shapes and returned to be put together – absolutely fascinating.

He found the Shipwreck Gallery amazing as it specialises in preserving “wrecks” – depending on the saw marks on the planks it is now possible to find which forest the timber came from, who built the ship etc. The timber is preserved by covering them in a resin – the ocean actually does a better job of preserving shipwrecks than we can.

Spoke about another area, the preservation of an endangered species – the Potaro – did not impress as much as the above did.

Russell spoke very highly of the Rotarians, including the pseudo “parents” who looked after them throughout their stay.

The “mum” was so keen for them not to get sunburnt that she was the one who landed up with burnt feet. “Dad” on the other hand was woken constantly through the night as students forgot to take their keys to the loo and kept locking themselves out of their rooms – this did improve but must have been tough for “dad” over the first few days.

Rotarians play a crucial and very critical role which ensures the success of the NYSF program. Students have the opportunity to apply, then are assessed in the various Districts and short listed. Those who are lucky enough to be chosen have opportunities that would never be available through the school system. They have the opportunity to meet like-minded students, tutors and extremely interesting guest speakers and become aware of the broader range of the sciences. Russell ended by saying he had just the best time and it would not have been possible without Rotary - so thank you.

Q As a result of attending NYSF – do you know which stream you might now be taking?

A Suspect it will be engineering / biology – no definite decision as yet as so many more choices had opened up.

Introduced by Dennis Maunder, thanked by Jeanette Moat



Jeanette Mouatt thanked Russell Hooper

Dear: All at the Rotary club of Tamworth
first night.

Thanks you for helping our donating
AU \$ 2000. Your donation has been
used to pay for the construction of
our new secondary school dining/assembly
hall. Now our secondary school
students will have a place to eat
their lunch and perform their school
assemblies which are always fun
to watch.

Thanks you from all the students at
St Judes.



**Thank you from the children of St Judes, Tanzania
for our generous donation**

WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE?

A contestant, Maureen, had reached the final question – if she answered this question correctly, she would win \$1,000,000. If she answered incorrectly, she would pocket only \$25,000 - milestone money. As she suspected the Million Dollar Question was no pushover. It was:

'Which of the following species of birds does not build its own nest but instead lays its eggs in the nests of other birds?

Is it:

A) the condor - B) the buzzard - C) the cuckoo - D) the vulture

The woman was on the spot. She did not know the answer. She had used up her 50/50 Lifeline and her Ask the Audience Lifeline. All that remained was her Phone-a-Friend Lifeline.

She had hoped not to use it because..... Her friend was....well, a blonde. But she had no alternative. She called her friend and gave her the question and the four choices.

The blonde responded unhesitatingly: 'That's easy. The answer is 'C: the cuckoo.' The contestant had to make a decision and make it fast - She considered employing a reverse strategy and giving any answer except the one that her friend had given her. Considering her friend was a blonde that would seem to be the logical thing to do - but her friend had responded with such confidence, such certitude, that the contestant could not help but be convinced. Crossing her fingers, the contestant said,

'C: The cuckoo.'

'Is that your final answer?' - 'Yes, that is my final answer.'

'You are now a millionaire!'

Three days later, the contestant hosted a party for her family and friends, including, of course, the blonde who had helped her win the million dollars.

'Vicki - I just do not know how to thank you,' said the contestant. 'How did you happen to know the right answer?'

'Oh, come on,' said the blonde 'Everybody knows that cuckoos don't build nests--they live in clocks!'

Maureen fainted.....



20th January 2010

David Hinwood - Secretary
Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light
PO Box 1097 Tamworth
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Dear David,

Due to the generosity of the Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light and other community sponsors, The Salvation Army Tamworth was able to provide 13 local children with a fantastic week away at the Red Shield Kids Summer Camp, at Collaroy. Initially 16 children registered, two had other commitments when camp came around and one child felt too homesick.

The children travelled down on Saturday 9th January 2010, a little nervous and apprehensive about leaving family but once arrived at the Collaroy Centre, disappeared amongst the staff and other campers. The children returned on Saturday 16th January 2010, very exhausted while having plenty of good memories to share about camp. Some of these memories included; swimming at the beach, songs learnt, friendships made, trip to Taronga Zoo, crossing the Harbour Bridge and other highlights. Please find enclosed some thoughts shared by the children about camp.

We intend to follow up the children that attended camp with a fun afternoon and invite them to participate in an after school activities program which will assist primarily with homework and other fun activities.

On behalf of The Salvation Army Tamworth and the children who attended the Red Shield Summer Camp I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light for allowing these children the privilege of this Camp experience; and for the great memories they will treasure.

Yours Sincerely,

Dominic Wallis
Youth Pastor/Coordinator

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Karnworth

My name is My Camp Experience

The things I liked about camp... *★*

was in my group
 → I made my great camp readers. All the friends we had for the week. I really liked my group.

GEM & LUKE
 were the best

love bears

My favourite activity was...

Everything was my favourite especially when we went to the beach when we had the carnival and we had the water fun day. It was so fun solving the leaders. I had so much

FUN
 hope I see u guys next year

love bears

Special

My Camp Experience

The things I liked about camp...

was

- * how we got to make new friends
- * how we got to do new things we've never done

Making friends Things Never Done

My favourite activity was...

when I walked over the harbour bridge

My Camp Experience

the camp

I was 10 years

The things I liked about camp...

was my camp leaders and meeting
 all the people I was in group 12 and
 my leaders were Nathan and Eriep
 now I am going to miss them all right
 now,

My favourite activity was...

wonder world it was a carnival with
 6 rides my favourite on was the
 chair spinner I also liked the
 Aquarium and the zoo and liked
 the beach we went to the beach
 8 times in one week it was so fun!!
 I want to say thank you to everything
 you done but the best thing was
 walking over the Harbour Bridge for the
 first time!!

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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
 14.04 – Carmel Raymond
 15.04 – Jill Toulmin



Anniversaries
 16-04 – Rob & Jenny Clifton (27 years)
 18.04 – David & Joe Baddams (29 years)
 19.04 – Julian & Annette Smith (18 years)



Inductions Nil



Vocational Profile Jane Bradford

Attendance 73%

Make Ups Nil

Visitors Rotarians Nil

Visitors Patrick Mahony, Di Lockwood & Mr Hooper

Heads & Tails Paul Stevenson

Raffle Laurence Hearne

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

	14 April 2010	21 April 2010
Guest Speaker	John Glynn – Personal Profile	Dr Rob Sharp
Meeter & Greeter	Stephen Mitchell	Alan Coates
Door Team	John Fogarty & Julian Smith	Helen Tickle & Ian Howle
Welcome	Tim Coates	Peter Ryan
President Assist	Max Cathcart	Graham Nuttall
Visitor Assist	Graham Dooley	Paul Stevenson
Corporal Assist	Meg Larkin	Norm Dezius
Introduction	Annette Arthur	Peter Bell
Vote of Thanks	Brian Yeo	Laurence Hearne

CORPORALS FOR COMING MONTHS

April	Bruce Hemmett and Tim Coates
May	Ron Allen and Peter Bell
June	Barry Murphy and Phil Lyon
July	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