

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



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21 April 2010 – Meeting #1007



## *Brett's Banter -* Quote of the week

“Friendship is what gets you through the bad times and helps you enjoy the good times”

I must admit to being unsettled this morning due to the bad news about Ron Allen and Bruce and Julie Hemmett's granddaughter. In some ways, the no show of the two nominees to be inducted as new members was a blessing.

I am glad that Ron's health is improving even though he will have a long recovery period. Between Brian Logan and Stevo, we will be kept informed and we have offered any assistance to Hellen.

In relation to Bruce and Julie, we are assisting with looking after the lawns at their home and Simon has volunteered to be the first to help. We will need some others to generally call past and clear papers, junk mail etc and maybe watering. Stevo will let us know.

Bush Dance on 15 May is nearly organised and I am sure will be a great fun filled night. Blue Angels will be doing the catering and Louise will be trying to keep the cost down as date of event is getting close to Changeover. Suggest we can bring our own nibbles along with beverages.

I know we have said it before, but some of our best speakers have been our members and this was again the case with John Glynn. Who needs to watch Underbelly #3 when it would probably be just as enjoyable to have a few beers with John about his time working with the 'colourful' characters of the late 70's and 80's.

Get out and enjoy this time of the year before it gets cold.

Brett

## ***AND FOR THE NEWS***

**YOUTH EXCHANGE** – Felix has now settled in with Louise Matthews 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.

**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 – time 6:30 for 7:00 pm and the band is ‘The Squatters’ – please note in your diaries – Dinner cost is \$30.00 and BYOG. RSVP is by Monday, 10 May 2010 to Louise Matthews on one of the following: 0420 743 083 or 6765 7181 or [lmjew@bigpond.com](mailto:lmjew@bigpond.com). This information has also been sent to the Combined Rotary Clubs so should be a great night.....

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

*Members who are not well at present – a phone call, email or card would be appreciated to Ron Allen – Tamworth Base (could be transferred to John Hunter at Newcastle and Alan Coates in Tamara.*

*Bruce Hemmett’s granddaughter, Gaby is very unwell and am sure a phone call or card would really be appreciated at the present time.*

**Golf Committee** - Next meeting is on Thursday 29 April 5.30 pm at Dennis Maunder’s office

**Pedal the Peel** will be run in September 2010. Members interested in joining the committee – **the next meeting will be at the Tamworth Hotel at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, 28 April** or contact Greg Birtles 0439 700 164 to express interest....

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

<b>APRIL - JUNE</b>	<b>D9650 PolioPlus Campaign will be held during these months</b>
<b>18 April</b>	<b>Dr Rob Sharp – “The Papua New Guinea Slide Show”</b>
<b>15 April</b>	<b>US Consul’s visit to Tamworth North Rotary Club</b>
<b>1 / 2 May</b>	<b>NSW Cancer Council – Relay for Life</b>
<b>15 May</b>	<b>Bush Dance – Moore Creek Hall - details to follow</b>
<b>19 May</b>	<b>Career’s Expo – TRECC</b>
<b>26 May</b>	<b>Pride of Workmanship Awards / Dinner at Diggers, Kable Avenue</b>
<b>19 June</b>	<b>Tamworth First Light Changeover</b>
<b>03 July</b>	<b>District Changeover at Wauchope</b>

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## ***ARTIST’S CORNER***

The following members have indicated they will provide an article for the Artist’s Corner commencing from next Wednesday, 21 April – will be interesting to see who responds really promptly:

**Anne Jacob**  
**Brian Logan**  
**Brodie Shields**  
**Rob Clifton**  
**Peter Bell**  
**Michael Smith**  
**Barry Murphy**  
**David Hinwood**

Although Helen Tickle is kindly taking over as Bulletin Editor while the actual Bulletin Editor is happily travelling around England, the information still needs to be sent to [jbmail@monelu.com](mailto:jbmail@monelu.com) as the Bulletin will continue to be prepared at the Monelu office.

Your early responses will be appreciated.....

In Flanders fields the poppies blow,  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,  
Scarce heard amidst the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie

In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!  
To you from falling hands we throw  
The torch. Be yours to hold it high!  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

No, this was not written by Paul Harris, we depart to pay homage to Lieut. Col. John McCrae, of Montreal, Canada. This was written during the second battle of Ypres, April 15, 1915. The author, whose home was in **Montreal, Canada**, "He died of pneumonia and meningitis in Wimereux, France on January 28th, 1918, probably from a combination of overwork, depression and the effects of the cold, damp elements on his asthma. Being gassed several times in 1915 didn't do him any good either..." Susan Raby-Dunne 29 April 2007

**Just a reminder that Anzac Day is next Sunday  
– Lest We Forget**

## **VOCATIONAL - TWO MINUTES**

Jane Bradford gave a brief outline of the history of her business - Monelu. Jane has owned Monelu for the last 24 years and the business is now over 30 years old – a positive in the current business climate. Jane rarely knows from day to day what she may be doing in the office – a lot of variety which includes preparing resumes and job application letters; working with handwritten originals to create a book, poetry or family history. Other services include transcribing from computer or standard audio tapes, letters, flyers, brochures, newsletters, submissions and other documents. Over the years Monelu has won various Awards for both staff training and business operation. Monelu has an employment agency licence which means that we can provide permanent or temporary staff as required for clients. It is an exciting and constantly changing business.

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### **GUEST SPEAKER**

**John Glynn** is a Christmas baby born at Murwillumbah just a few years ago.... His father was devastated that he was not called up for National Service as he felt his son needed “discipline” which the Army would have instilled in spades... John’s parents operated a similar business as Treloar’s back in the 50’s. Like so many of us in this age bracket, he had lots of freedom, bikes, guns, crackers – now everyone has all brick letter boxes and arrived home when hungry at the end of the day – no one worried and common sense prevailed.

Education was St Joseph’s at Hunters Hill and suddenly he was confined at a school with some 600 students. Would he play sport or study – basically not brilliant at either and on gaining his Higher School Certificate decided to go jackerooing. This would be easy as his mother came from Bellata and family still there.

However his father decided that University was the way to go – he felt accountancy was the way to go but his father pointed out he had only passed one math’s exam whilst at school. Off he went to University and after six months sobered up and stated he still wanted to go jackerooing.

He was quite good at English so joined Sloane Russell and did leases which he hated and law at University. He transferred Articles back to Lismore, played Rugby, found girls and was paid \$14 pw. He failed the subject – Matrimonial Causes – basically never attended the classes and he failed the Family Law Act so “two strikes” he was out of University. He tried Real Estate, Life Insurance, jackerooing to 1976 and wasn’t overly impressed with anything so went back to finish “LAW”.

He worked with a firm called Baker & Hazelwood – criminal law (George Freeman & Anderson (Underbelly II and now III). Fascinating period of history and time - Painters and Dockers (always innocent) – a fellow was arrested for murder in 1980 and \$100,000 had to be raised. As the case was to be tried in Victoria – would only accept cash. I was designated to take the briefcase to Melbourne and had to be accompanied on the flight by a security guard.

Married and moved to Sydney – decided not the place to live so moved back to Lismore - wife was from Cooma - moved to Wagga – lots of work, litigation and became a partner (3-man partnership). Here joined the Reserve Air Force as the legal representative with lots of travel and really enjoyed it. Travelled all round Australia and settled in an office at the Gold Coast to run the Aviation Section for this legal firm. Proved very different that at interview and suddenly became the “expert” on the changes within the prostitution game and it suddenly became political so...

Moved back to Lismore and set up own practice – the area had changed markedly – in 1974 Lismore held the Aquarius Festival and the hippies plus a huge influx of “Pitt Street” farmers or similar who put up their shingles – time to move again. Byron Bay used to be a fabulous spot but not now.

Joined Rotary for the first time – night time meetings, marriage failed and was left with four children to bring up – two at Boarding School and two at home so resigned from Rotary.

Was to have moved to Tamworth in 1995 and work with MacLean & Khan but the partnership failed so did not start.

However did move here in 2005 with my second wife and youngest daughter who loves horses – first impression “People wore shoes” – after Byron Bay that was quite impressive and no Camphor Laurel which is now a noxious weed in the Byron Bay area.

Now operate a general law practice and still enjoy criminal law although not much available – however you just keep seeing the same people return time and time again – quite interesting really!

Rejoined Rotary and he and his family are feeling quite settled here and unlikely to move – certainly not in the near to mid-future....

Introduced by Annette Arthur, thanked by Phil Heffernan



Phil Heffernan presents John Glynn with a coffee cup for his member's profile

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# Three Questions for a Simple Engineer – Alan Coates – can you help??



## Question # 1??:

How much does a house weigh?

## Question # 2??:

How much weight can a rural two lane bridge hold?





*and*

**Question # 3??:**

**WOULD THIS BE COVERED BY  
HOME INSURANCE,  
CAR INSURANCE,  
OR DOES**

**IT COME UNDER ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE ???**

# Club Website

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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Youth Centre – Annette Arthur**

## Birthdays, Anniversaries & Inductions



### Birthdays

25.04 – Graham Nuttall

### Partners Birthdays

21.04 – Roslyn Maunder

24.04 - Kim Hinchcliffe

27.04 – Sandra Mitchell

### Anniversaries

21.04 - Laurence & Liz Hearne (31 yrs)

21.04 – Terry & Sue Robinson (26 yrs)



### Inductions

23.04 – Tim Coates (7 yrs)



### Vocational Profile

Anne Jacob

28.4 Kristie Reading - GSE

### Attendance

73%

### Make Ups

Dick Davidson – E Club; John Fogarty – Yamba;  
Dave Hinwood – Tamworth Sunrise

### Visitors Rotarians

Barry Blair – Uralla

### Visitors

None

### Heads & Tails

Brett White

### Raffle

Michael Smith

## **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)

	21 April 2010	28 April 2010
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Dr Rob Sharp	Grant Stocks Tamworth RSL
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Peter Hyde	Mark O'Connor
<b>Door Team</b>	Helen Tickle & Ian Howle	Pat Varley & Bill Moss
<b>Welcome</b>	Peter Ryan	Peter Hinchcliffe
<b>President Assist</b>	Graham Nuttall	Rob Clifton
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Paul Stevenson	Phil Heffernan
<b>Corporal Assist</b>	Norm Dezius	Anne Jacob
<b>Introduction</b>	Peter Bell	Simon Chamberlain
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Laurence Hearne	Campbell McIntosh

## 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

**“Greater love has no man than this,  
That he lay down his life for a friend.”  
John 15:13**

**Anzac Day is nearly upon us....**