

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



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12 May 2010 – Meeting #1010



## *Brett's Banter -*

Quote of the week

*"You only need two tools in life  
WD40 and duct tape. If it  
doesn't move and should, use  
the WD40. If it shouldn't move  
and does, use the duct tape"*

Hard to believe we had 92% attendance this morning and one spare table. Good thing Heffo and DJ chose to not sit together as could have got ugly. I am told DJ had straight orange juice this morning.

Greg Stannard from Sunrise was a visitor and came primarily to give the club and especially Brian Logan a big thanks for the Relay to Life catering efforts. I would like to thank Brian on behalf of all members for his work in the preparation and during the course of this event. As Brian stated, we could give 500 breakfasts away and still have nearly \$1,000.00 to give to the Cancer Council after costs.

Greg also mentioned the passing of Grassiano Merlin or Grassy as he is known to many. Far too young to leave behind his family and friends.

Kristy Reading is recovering in St. George Hospital after having her appendix removed on Monday. She will be in hospital for a week due to infection and it is hoped she will be able to join the GSE tour in about two weeks. It is fortunate her illness occurred before she boarded the flight.

Eleanor Dezius brought her parents along this morning to hear her talk on her experience teaching as a volunteer at Nadi Christian School in Fiji. Eleanor's

Dad took a while to get in the groove of the presentation, but eventually managed to hit the right button on the key board. Jeanette just smiled and gave her usual high level of support to Norm. Eleanor spoke about her one month stay, which she extended to two months as she wanted to achieve further and better results. It would be hard to return to Newcastle and her DOCS job after this experience and we are certainly glad that our donation has realised great results.

Felix Frankensense is hobbling due to a soccer (sorry football) injury and this forced Tim to play a full 80 minutes. Young people today are so finely tuned that they tend to break down easily. Looking forward to catching up with Felix's family this weekend.

Disappointing that there are only seven applications for Pride in Workmanship and a final decision is to be made on Thursday if the dinner is to proceed.

Simon gave us a Vocational profile which started on the land and ended up with The Land. His English results show in every edition of the NDJ. My gosh, working for Malcolm Fraser who is remembered for that great inspirational saying "Life wasn't meant to be easy". What a man!

The last Club Assembly for my year next week.

Have a good one.

Brett

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

**Pride of Workmanship Awards Dinner** – West Diggers 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. **Please give serious thought to some entrants – we need your assistance with this.**

**Relay for Life** Brian Logan thanked members for their support. There was 24 hour support from our Club. The BBQ takings were over \$2770.000 and after expenses, made around \$950.00 for the Cancer Council. This includes the costs of the Big Breakfast which catered for 500 hungry walkers. Brian also thanked Greg Stannard from Rotary Club of Tamworth Sunrise for getting generators to assist with power supply.

**Bush Dance Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 6.30 for 7.00pm** at Moore Creek Hall  
BYO Drinks. \$30.00 / head See Louise if you would like to attend.

**Change Over Committee** - people required, see Louise.

**Club Assembly** next week, 12<sup>th</sup> May

**'Great Debate' at the Community Centre 22<sup>nd</sup> May.** Blue Angels  
Fundraiser. Tables of eight needed – See Peter Bell.

**Ron Allen** Brian Logan reported that Ron at home now in a back brace  
and on the mend.

**Judy Lobsey** Judy has recently undergone a double hip replacement  
at St Lukes in Sydney. Our thoughts are with Judy as she recovers  
from the operation and begins the rehab process.

**Congratulations to the NDL** Michael O'Connor congratulated the  
NDL for their recent report about the war. It turned out to be his Great  
Uncle and he was able to make contact with him after many many  
years.

**RYAG Equine Weekend 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May** A couple needed to camp at  
the School (Oxley High) for the weekend. See Annette Arthur

**Golf Gold Coast Golf Trip** coming up - contact David Hinwood

**Inaugural Rotary Charity Golf Day Bonville Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Detailed flyer and Entry Form available at Wednesday's meeting.**

## ***PERSONAL PROFILE SIMON CHAMBERLAIN***

Born June 8<sup>th</sup> 1960 in Victoria. Simon showed us his poetry skills by reciting a  
poem about the environment.

Moved to Tasmania where father managed a property, a sandstone feudal farm  
house with 35 staff. Keen to work on the land, worked for Malcolm Frazer at  
'Nareen', repairing 50 Kilometres of electric fences. In 1980 went to Northern  
Territory to work on a cattle stud.

In 1988 in Melbourne became a livestock reporter and went onto be an editor and  
committed newshound.

## **GSE - Kristy Reading – Update on Health**

At our weekly meeting, Brett White, advised that Kristy Reading missed her plane on Sunday because of appendicitis and urgent appendectomy as they were about to burst.

Since our Wed meeting the following update on Kristy has been received from Alan StClair.

‘Kirsty has now come off the drain and the drip and expects to go home tomorrow Friday. The head surgeon advises against travel for about 4 weeks owing to the risk of her gaining an infection. She still wishes to travel and meet with the team for what ever time will be left.

At this point I have suggested that she has a final talk with the surgeon tomorrow on being released from hospital, converse with her own Doctor and I’ll contact her further mid next week to see how the land lies. She is particularly disappointed at this development but understands that her health is most important.

I’ll contact you further when things are clearer and we have a possible date. I’ll organise some flowers to be delivered to her home tomorrow as a get well wish from the team.’

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## **GUEST SPEAKER – Eleanor Dezius**

Eleanor was born in Tamworth, educated at Tamworth Public and Oxley High School, moved to Newcastle following HSC in 2002 to study Social Work at Newcastle University.

Caseworker with Department of Human Services and has taken secondments to fulfil requirements of child protection team.

Eleanor’s particular passion centres on family structure and the inherent need of children to have structure, nurture, food and shelter. Believes in Global Community and the need for children, especially for those with a disadvantage to have a voice coupled with a belief in social justice.

In January 2009 she began to research volunteer organisations and their various projects. She liked the programs offered by the volunteer group “Projects Abroad”. Their projects include teaching, caring for children in orphanages, environmental projects, and medical projects.

In 2010, she took all her accrued Annual leave and went to Fiji and volunteered, at her own financial cost, at a school in Nadi. She purchased needed teaching resources in Australia with funds supplied by our club supplemented by her own savings.

Eleanor gave an overview of the children she was involved with and the issues that make it difficult for children in Fiji. She paid for excursions to a fire station and an eco village and also paid for the school fees of a student who was about to be expelled from the school because her mother could not pay the fees. She extended her stay, taking leave without pay, by a further month because the students would have no teacher when she left.

She is keeping in contact with another volunteer who arrived and took up her classes and is organising resources for the students. The students greatly valued the resources supplied which mainstream Australian students would take for granted. She learned valuable lessons in making do with little or no resources and feels that this will assist her in the application of her job back home here in Australia.

She is keen to take up other volunteer positions, both domestically and abroad.

Eleanor presented the club with a photograph of some of the children and thanked Tamworth First light for the assistance provided.

Introduced by: Michael O'Conner and thanked by Phil Lyon.



Phil Lyon thanks Eleanor Dezius

**Can anyone help with this?? Please reply to Bronwyn if you can assist with information.**

Bronwyn Lee-Coward <[bronwynlc2@bigpond.com](mailto:bronwynlc2@bigpond.com)> wrote ..

Dear Mr Hemmett,

I am trying to locate my paternal cousin Warren Thurston who was a member of your club in the 1990's.

He was responsible for Catering and I think he managed the Motel where you hold your meetings. I know that he has since left Tamworth and may be residing in Queensland.

I am trying to complete the Family History and lost contact with my fathers side of the family a long time ago. Would any of your members have, to your knowledge remained friends with him that you know of, and would you be willing to put me in contact with them or pass on my details so that I can make contact?

My details:

Bronwyn Lee-Coward

Phone 6365 4381

0412 554 864

I would really appreciated some kind of answer as it has been nearly a year since I started my search.

Kind regards

Bronwyn

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

**APRIL - JUNE D9650 PolioPlus Campaign will be held during these months**

- 15 May Bush Dance – Moore Creek Hall Please encourage your friends to attend. Names to Louise Ph 0420 743083
- 19 May Career’s Expo – TRECC.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May ‘Great Debate’ at the Community Centre Blue Angels  
Tables of eight needed – See Peter Bell.
- 26 May **Pride of Workmanship Awards / Dinner at Diggers**
- 28 – 30<sup>th</sup> May RYAG Equine Weekend Equine Centre.
- 19 June **Tamworth First Light Changeover**
- 03 July **District Changeover at Wauchope**

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# Club Website

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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**  
 13.05 Brian Logan  
 14.05. Norm Dezius  
 17.05 Les Jacob  
 18.05 Laurence Hearne



**Partners Birthdays**  
 13.05 Judith Biffin  
 16.05 Jacque Fogarty



**Anniversaries**  
 13.05 Stephen & Sandra Mitchell (38 yrs)  
 17.05 Peter a\& Leonie Bell (35 yrs)

**Inductions** Nil



**Vocational Profile** ----

**Attendance** 92%  
**Make Ups** Brian Thompson Tamworth Sunrise  
 Dick Davidson Tamworth North  
 Rugby Bar 9  
 Relay for Life 27

**Visitors Rotarians** Greg Stannard, Tamworth Sunrise  
**Visitors** Jeannette Dezius,  
 Felix Frankenberg – Youth Exchange

**Heads & Tails** Skinner  
**Raffle** Peter Bell

# 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)

	12 May 2010	19 May 2010
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Club Assembly	Careers Expo TRECC
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Brodie Shields	Les Jacobs
<b>Door Team</b>	Brian Thompson & Chris Celovic	Greg Birtles & Patrick Mahony
<b>Welcome</b>	Chris Sheppard	--
<b>President Assist</b>	Narelle Langfield	--
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Maureen Thornton	--
<b>Corporal Assist</b>	Terry Burgess	--
<b>Introduction</b>	---	--
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	---	--

## CORPORALS FOR COMING MONTHS

<b>May</b>	Max Cathcart and Peter Bell
<b>June</b>	Barry Murphy and Phil Lyon
<b>July</b>	Chris Sheppard and Pat Varley

Helen Tickle has taken over as Bulletin Editor while the actual Bulletin Editor, Jane, 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.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give' Winston Churchill