



The Rotary Club of TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT bulletin bulletin bulletin bulletin

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19 May 2010 – Meeting #1011



Brett's Banter -

“I want to share something with you: The three little sentences that will get you through life. #1 Cover for me #2 Oh, good idea, Boss! #3 It was

It was really a highlight for me to see Ron Allen at our meeting with Hellen. I know he is aware of our concerns and support during his recovery and to see him up and about so soon is a credit to his stamina, mindset, the fantastic medical attention and most of all the love and support of his family.

Thanks to the Board for their reports during our last Club Assembly for this Rotary year. We are now winding down to Changeover with the Bush Dance, Great Debate, Red Shield Breakfast, Careers Expo and Pride in Workmanship Awards. Just a couple of things.

Louise and Phil Heffernan spoke to the Club on the rationale and aspects of the new Club Leadership Plan which David’s board will adopt for next year.

Good to hear from Sir Michael that Ross is recovering well from Judy’s hip replacement surgery. We hope Judy (with Ross’s support of course) is back to the swimming and her other sporting past times.

Don’t forget our meeting next week is at the TREC for the Careers Expo. Sorry Career Expo.

Looking forward to some hooting and hollering Saturday night.

Brett

NEWS and Diary Dates

Ron Allen thanked the Club for support and offers of help. Great to have you back Ron!!

Tamworth Sunrise - Chris Sheppard reported that the Club is about to induct another four members. Only started interest meeting last May, Chartered in October and now the third largest Club in Tamworth!

CLUB ASSEMBLY - Report in next Bulletin.

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. Please give serious thought to some entrants – we need your assistance with this.

Change Over Committee - people required, see Louise.

Great Comedy Debate ‘Is Bigger Better?’ Community Centre 7.30 pm 22nd May. Blue Angels Fundraiser. Tamworth’s own celebrity speakers! Tickets \$35.00 /person which includes supper. Licensed event. Tables of eight. See Peter Bell or Ph 67666800

Kristy Reading has made a very speedy recovery and plans to join the GSE Team this week.

Regional Achievement & Community Awards Official Launch TRECC 10.00 am – 11.00 am Tues 25th May Free entry. RSVP email acceptance to info@awardsaustralia.com

Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal Business Breakfast Tuesday 25th May. Chris Sheppard encouraged members to consider putting a table together from our Club. Chris will email details.

RYAG Equine Weekend 28th – 30th 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 6th June
Detailed flyer and Entry Form available from the Bulletin Editor.

RYAG Equine Weekend Equine Centre. 28 – 30th May

Tamworth First Light Changeover 19 June

District Changeover at Wauchope 03 July

Shelter Box Australia

'Shelter Box is now instead formally and legally represented in Australia by a new affiliate called "*Shelter Box in Australia*". An important difference between "*Shelter Box in Australia*" and the previous affiliate is that "*Shelter Box in Australia*" will not be run solely by one Rotary Club. Instead its board of directors is being drawn from across Australia, allowing representation by Rotarians from a wide range of clubs. This will ensure that the organisation will work in harmony with the rest of the global Shelter Box network. We are keen to move back to "business as normal" as soon as possible. To that end "*Shelter Box in Australia*" will be opening an office in Sydney within the next three weeks, with admin staff available for information and queries. In the meantime, for up to date news and information about the way ahead, you can contact Rtn Tim Klar of "***Shelter Box in Australia***" as follows: **Telephone: 0488996640; Postal address: PO Box 122, Rundle Mall, South Australia 5000 Email: timklar@xentech.com.au; Website: <http://au.shelterbox.co.uk>**

"*Shelter Box in Australia*" is completing the final stages of obtaining its charitable status and is now able to accept donations. Following consultation between "*Shelter Box in Australia*" and ourselves, the box donation amount has been reduced from \$1,200 to \$1,000. Tax deductibility for individuals is available through RAWCS Eastern region if required and further details are contained on the website. The formal launch of "*Shelter Box in Australia*" will take place in July, when I will be visiting Australia, together with our general manager Lasse Petersen. I invite all Reps to join us and the "*Shelter Box in Australia*" team for the launch in Sydney (precise July date to be confirmed). Please advise Tim Klar by 27 May whether you are likely to attend, so that he can make the necessary venue and travel arrangements. We are keen to talk to as many Shelter Box District Reps, DGs, DG-Elects and Rotarians as possible whilst in Australia and we will be available for a limited number of speaking engagements as well as being at the DG-Elects meeting in Parramatta. I will write to DG's and DG-Elects shortly with further information.

Disappointingly, our former affiliate, now known as Disaster Aid Australia Pty Ltd, continues to hold significant funds which Australian donors originally intended to be used for Shelter Box. Our concern has been to ensure that Disaster Aid Australia do not use funds intended for Shelter Box as a springboard for their own plans and organisation.

Meanwhile, Shelter Box continues to respond to the Haiti earthquake and other disasters. For the financial year ended 30 April 2010, more than 90% of Shelter Box Trust's expenditure was spent on operations (i.e. materials, freight etc) We continue to build our organisation and invest in building stocks of Shelter Box materials in order to respond to disasters all around the world. We are returning to "business as usual" in Australia.

If you would like to know more about "*Shelter Box in Australia*", please contact Tim as above.Tom Henderson, OBE , ShelterBox Founder & CEO.'



Birthdays, Anniversaries & Inductions



Birthdays

23.05 Tim Coates
23.05 John Toulman

Partners Birthdays

22.05 Julie Hemmett

Anniversaries

19.05 Anne & Les Jacob (37 yrs)
19.05 Chris & Narelle Shepheard (20 yrs)

Inductions

21.05 Barry Biffin (13 yrs)
21.05 Pat Varley (3yrs)

Vocational Profile (2 mins)

Julian Smith

**Attendance
Make Ups**

94%
Dick Davison - Tamworth West, Brian Thompson, Brett White, Terry Robinson all Tamworth Sunrise, Mark O'Connor - E-Club

Visitors Rotarians

None

Visitors

[Hellen Allen](#)

Heads & Tails

Greg Birtles

Raffle

Skinner

	19 May 2010	26 May 2010
Guest Speaker	Career Expo TRECC	John Black Tam Model Railways
Meeter & Greeter	Les Jacobs	Ross Lobsey
Door Team	Greg Birtles & Patrick Mahony	Jeanette Mouatt
Welcome	--	Di Lockwood
President Assist	--	DJ Jones
Visitor Assist	--	Rob Sharp
Corporal Assist	--	Barry Biffin
Introduction	--	Dennis Maunder
Vote of Thanks	--	Barry Murphy
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Wed 19th May Meeting is at TRECC - Career Expo