

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



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09 June 2010 – Meeting #1014



## *Brett's Banter -*

“Old people don't need companionship.

They need to be isolated and studied so it can be determined what nutrients they have that might be extracted for our personal use” Homer Simpson

A real birthday celebration meeting with advance acknowledgement to Felix who is 18 on 3 June and Dick who is 80 on 8 June. We even had a visit from the Fairy, which is becoming a rare and very special event. Dick wants a bigger cake for next week.

We welcomed Dr. Dianne Ford this morning who came along to join Jeanette Mouatt with her talk on the recent trip to Rabaul. The project is certainly a great concept and is now well organised through RAWCS. We will be involved in many ways with this project for a long time and with four trips planned each year, there is plenty of scope for members to become personally involved.

Jeanette highlighted the heat, lack of hygiene, transport issues and poor medical follow up, but considers a great project and a wonderful personal experience. I spoke to Nick Broadbent and he and Jen are planning a return visit, but maybe not with Bruce Field as his dental nurse. Thanks to Vicki, Rob and all involved and I am planning to go hopefully in November.

Your Board distributed \$15,000.00 to a variety of charities, schemes, groups and a full list will be provided. This takes our donations for the year to just over \$35,000.00 plus the fines.

Stuart Astley, Rotarian of Dubbo, is looking for a room for his son Simon who is studying to be a Speech Pathologist and has a short term placement in Tamworth. If you can assist, please let me know.

Welcome to Steve Gribbin, President of Sunrise and great to see Garnett Wood returning to our Club.

The cooking class is up and running. If interested, talk to Brian Logan as it commences next Tuesday 7.00 pm at Tamara Private Hospital. Cost \$10 per night.

Have an excellent week.  
Brett

*The Fairy was very busy this week with all the 'special' birthdays!*



The fairy visited Dick for his 80<sup>th</sup>.



The fairy also visited Felix to celebrate his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday

***Simon Chamberlain is also celebrating a significant birthday this week. Perhaps the fairy will visit you next meeting!!***

## Tamworth Combined Rotary Clubs Pride of Workmanship Awards 26<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**Statistics:** 6 Rotary Clubs; Committee of 6 Rotarians; 19 Applications  
16 Businesses represented; Presentation Dinner 110 attended  
Guest Speaker DG Neville Parsons;  
Great night of fellowship to promote Rotary and to celebrate



**Eight Winners**



**Organising committee included Tamworth First Light members, Phil Lyon and John Worldon**

## **VOCATIONAL PROFILE - Vicki Cooper**

Vicki spoke about her 14 year rewarding and fulfilling career in Real Estate. It is a lifestyle career, on call 24/7; more employable the older you get; younger people also entering the industry and usually come with very good technical skills. Good communication skills and a general understanding of construction and characteristics of buildings are required to work in this industry along with a Certificate qualification.

## **GUEST SPEAKERS** Jeanette Mouatt and Dr Dianne Ford

### ***Rotary Australia World Community Services (RAWCS) Project***

Jeanette and Dr Di gave a summary of their recent aid work in Rabaul, providing us with an insight into their experiences of actually getting there and then the much needed and appreciated work that they undertook at St Mary's Hospital.

They were part of a medical team from Tamworth, organized by our Club member, Dr Rob Sharp. Dr Rob grew up in PNG and his father still lives there.

The hospital and pharmacy are very basic and hygiene standards poor. No proper wash up or sterilization facilities.

The wards are very hot – volunteer handymen and tradesmen are needed to help improve these facilities.

***Jeanette fitted 24 hearing aids and could have fitted more if she had them. Jeanette asked if members could please give her any old hearing aids – the more powerful, the better.***

While there, Jeanette taught Nurse Wilma how to fit hearing aids. Jeanette said that she would like to bring Wilma out to Australia to undertake further training. Jeanette's wish has is close to reality with our Club donating \$1,500 towards bringing Wilma here to train. A special thanks to First Light member, Dave Baddams, who has generously donated \$1000 of the \$1500 for this project.

***Jeanette said that she had a 'great experience, something that money cannot buy' and encouraged others to take part in the program.***

Dr Di Wood gave a very graphic account of some of the cases she encountered and treated. Kerosene fires are very common and therefore a lot of bad burns, and many deaths as a result. Horrific cases eg hand and arm fused to the body. Difficult to work in a third world environment and had to adjust.



Annette Arthur thanks Jeanette Mouatt and Di for the great presentation on their trip to Papua New Guinea

## **RYAG EQUINE WEEKEND A HUGE SUCCESS!!**

**Annette Arthur reported that there were 24 participants and that the weekend was a huge success. Annette thanked Barry Biffin for organising the program and also thanked Barry and Judy for sleeping over at Oxley High to provide supervision for the participants. Barry gave a summary of what was an action packed and very educational program. Activities included a visit to TAFE; Weswal Gallery for the opening of the Equine Exhibition and included the Mounted Police; Racecourse; Trotting, Equine Vet Clinic; Horseland and the cutting at the Equine Centre.**

## **URGENT -**

## **District 9650 Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE)**

Applications close 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010

1. RFE with D6200 Louisiana USA 4<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011. May also attend Rotary International Convention New Orleans 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011
2. RFE with D9270 South Africa May / June 2011 includes District Conference

- 3. RFE with D5360 Alberta Canada 24<sup>th</sup> June – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2011.  
May attend Calgary Stampede.

More information and application forms available from Max Cathcart  
Mobile: 0408 677769 or email [maxandrobyn@bigpond.com](mailto:maxandrobyn@bigpond.com)

**What is RFE?**

Rotary Friendship Exchange is Rotary’s international exchange program for Rotarians and their families. Friendship Exchange provides participants the opportunity to experience other cultures by staying in the homes of Rotarians in other countries. The program aims to advance international understanding and peace through personal contact across borders while developing interclub relationships for fellowship and service projects.

**There are four types of Friendship Exchanges:**

Visitor Exchange; Team Exchange; Univocational Exchange and Volunteer / Service Exchange.

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**The first blonde GUY joke!**

*The very first ever Blonde GUY joke..... And well worth the wait!*

**An** Irishman, a Mexican and a Blonde Guy were doing construction work on scaffolding on the 20th floor of a building.

They were eating lunch and the Irishman said, 'Corned beef and cabbage! If I get corned beef and cabbage one more time for lunch, I'm going to jump off this building.'

The Mexican opened his lunch box and exclaimed, 'Burritos again! If I get burritos one more time I'm going to jump off, too.'

The blonde opened his lunch and said, ' Bologna again! If I get a bologna sandwich one more time, I'm jumping too..'

The next day, the Irishman opened his lunch box, saw corned beef and cabbage, and jumped to his death.

The Mexican opened his lunch, saw a burrito, and jumped, too.

*The blonde guy opened his lunch, saw the bologna and jumped to his death as well.*

At the funeral, the Irishman's wife was weeping. She said, 'If I'd known how really tired he was of corned beef and cabbage, I never would have given it to him again!'

The Mexican's wife also wept and said, 'I could have given him tacos or enchiladas! I didn't realize he hated burritos so much.'

**Everyone turned and stared at the blonde's wife. The blonde's wife said, 'Don't look at me. The idiot makes his own lunch.'**



## Birthdays, Anniversaries & Inductions



**Birthdays**

Nil (Simon and Dick were on the 8<sup>th</sup> June)

**Partners Birthdays**

11-06 Leonie Bell

**Anniversaries**

Nil



**Inductions**

11-06 David Hinwood (13yrs)

11-06 Bill Moss (13yrs)

15-06 Brodie Shields (14 yrs)



**Vocational Profile (2 mins)**

Les Jacob

**Attendance** 73%  
**Make Ups** Nil

**Visitors Rotarians** Steve Gribben - Tamworth Sunrise  
**Visitors** Garnet Wood, Di Ford, Felix Frankenberg GSE  
Sweden

**Heads & Tails** Alan Coates  
**Raffle** Skinner

## 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)

	09 June 2010	16 June 2010
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Felix Frankenberg	Naomi Charnock & Nick Hinwood (RYLA)
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Julian Smith	Dennis Maunder
<b>Door Team</b>	Simon Chamberlain & Phil Heffernan	Bill Moss & Dave Baddams
<b>Welcome</b>	Peter Hyde	Anne Jacob
<b>President Assist</b>	Paul Stevenson	Dennis Johnson
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Norm Dezius	Rob Clifton
<b>Corporal Assist</b>	Peter Ryan	Dick Davison
<b>Introduction</b>	Jim Raymond	Mark O'Connor
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Di Lockwood	Ian Howle

## CORPORALS FOR COMING MONTHS

**JUNE** Barry Murphy and Max Cathcart

**JULY** Phil Lyon and Pat Varley

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## *Diary Dates*

*Tamworth First Light Changeover Saturday 19 June*

*(No Wed meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> June) Louise is now collecting \$65.00 pp*

**District Changeover at Wauchope 03 July**

**Bike Ride 19th September**

## *Notices*

**Club 20 year history nook now available from Terry Burgess \$30.00**

**Tamworth Eisteddfod Assistance at door needed on from 8.45 am – 10.00 am 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> June.**

**(7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> slots are filled) Please contact Louise if you can help.**