



Hinwood's Herald

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Quote of the Week:

*"Middle age is when your age starts to show around
your middle" – Bob Hope*

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With the second week of the school holidays we had a rollup of 45 members or 63%. The room was made to look like a wedding party with lovely white chair covers making the whole room look very smart in spite of the assembled throng.

It was a busy time up the front as we inducted our newest member Chris Watson into our fold, which was witnessed by his fiancé Jemma Grinter. A warm club welcome to Chris who brings with him some clever fundraising ideas that I'm sure will add to our structure. Chris will join Peter Bell's Public Relations committee and will be under the classification of Travel Agencies.

Pat Varley took receipt of a cheque for \$1,040 to assist in the costs of running an after school programme. I believe that the money will go towards the costs of providing some food each afternoon for the participants. A great effort Pat and good luck in this trial from all of the club members.

Graham Nuttall gave us a good insight into a life revolving around politics, even though he went slightly over the 2 minutes, but I guess that is a part of being in politics.

Phil Penman is looking for more golfers for the Hunter Valley Golf trip being held over the weekend of 22, 23 & 24 October.

Peter Ryan has started gathering names for our fun night of 'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner'. If you want to participate at 6.30pm on the Saturday night of 30 October please make sure that Peter has your name.

John Worldon made the mistake a little while ago of saying how the Sergeant could do the job a bit better, so this week he took on the mantle to see how it is done. Not a bad effort John. Thank you for your efforts and we look forward to having Jane back next week.

We had a guest Rotarian, Peter Colgrave, from Devonport, Tasmania who visited our club on his way to a wedding at Coffs Harbour. After the meeting Peter thanked us for the good time that he enjoyed.

The overseas trip to PNG has been put back to the 2nd 2 weeks in November. Bob Sharpe, Brett White, Terry Robinson and Jeanette Mouatt are the ones that I know are going. We'll keep track of what is happening.

Enjoy your week.

Regards

David

NEWS/NOTICES/WELL WISHES

- Student's Art Exhibition opening 15th October Tamworth Regional Gallery Includes works from a number of our first Light members. All Welcome.
- **Guess Who's coming to Dinner is planned for the 30th October. Peter Ryan is organizing. Please indicate if you would like to participate either as a guest or host.**
- **Golf Trip to the Hunter Valley 22nd – 24th October. Need more participants – please contact Phil Penman ASAP.**
- RYLA – Happening next year. Please think of potential participants. Also sponsorship opportunities available Gold \$5,000; Silver \$2,500 and Bronze \$1,000.
- Dick Davison collects foreign notes and coins. Notes to be exchanged at the bank and dollars towards community projects; coins will be deposited at Sydney Airport 'Cash for Kids' charity project. Collection box will be at weekly Rotary meetings.
- Billabong Clubhouse Annual Jazz Concert Monday 18th October West League Club. Tickets \$35.00 available at West LC.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER – CHRIS WATSON

David Hinwood (president) inducts Chris Watson watched by Louise Mathews (sponsor)



Born in Gosford 24 years ago, Chris attended Tuggerah Public School and then Tamworth High School. Chris is engaged to Gemma Grinter, wedding in April.

Chris has an impressive record of community service and started fundraising at the age of 10.

Chris is a Past President of Rotary Club of Tamworth North Young Foundation.

Moved to Tamworth at age 12 and assisted with the NW Charity Linedance weekend raising money for Westpac Rescue Helicopter. This continued all the way through high school. Other fundraisers included Shout for Drought, Camp Quality, SA Bushfire Appeal, raising a total of \$50K by the age of 18. In 2002 Chris was presented with OAM in Youth Category by Marie Bashir as well as Tamworth City Council Young Citizen of the Year.

In 2003 Chris went on Rotary YEP to the Rotary Club of Elmira Heights in upstate New York. Heavily involved in fundraising activities for his host club including line dance events, dinners & charity auctions with proceeds to community charities and Polio Plus. Presented with a PHF Sapphire Pin

The Line Dance Charity Weekend, which Chris is heavily involved in has now evolved into Mayworth – Australian Line Dance Festival in May which this year had 1000 registered dancers.

About 5 years ago the Young Foundation took over the organization of “The Longest Line Dance” which was originally started by Apex. About 3 years ago they also took on “Santa Crawl” These are two events Chris would like to bring to our Club, raising about \$3500pa with the potential to raise even more with the backing of a proactive Club.

Chris along with his business partner Renetta Coutman own and operate Travelworld in The Atrium. At the recent Chamber of Commerce business awards

GUEST SPEAKER - Robyn Lane and Geoffrey Pitkin – Billabong Club House

Introduced by Pat Varley and thanked by Graham Dooley



Robyn Lane and Geoffrey Pitkin from Billabong Club House, thanked by Graham Dooley.

Robyn is the Director of Billabong Clubhouse and Geoff one of the clients who works at the Clubhouse.

Robyn spoke about how we perceive people with mental illness. Often labelled as being different – leads to low self-esteem, isolation.

October is dedicated to mental health. Depression and anxiety are common, particularly among adolescents – encourage people to seek help.

Mental illness quite common – 1 in 5. Most of the people are not dangerous; they are more likely to be the victims of crime. Only 1 in 5 with a mental illness receives treatment.

Geoff spoke about Billabong Clubhouse and what benefits it brings to the community and users. Billabong Clubhouse was established 12 years ago and was funded through the State. It is open from 8.30 am – 4.30 pm. There is a Business Unit eg Clients wash 120 cars in local car yard on a weekly basis. Also a Hospitality Unit.

Billabong Clubhouse has International Accreditation. There are 400 Clubhouses in the world, with nine in Australia. Five of those are in Queensland, one in Tasmania, one in South Australia and **two in NSW – one in Manly and the other in Tamworth.**

Robyn acknowledged the support of Rotary Internationally as well locally.

ROSTER	13th October 2010	20th October 2010
Guest Speaker	Andrew Clements, DET	Vocational Visit Sustainability Building, Janison Street, TAFE
<i>Topic</i>	<i>Vocational Education & Training</i>	
Meeter & Greeter	Peter Hyde	
Door Team	Vicki Cooper & Laurence Hearne	Anne Jacob & Stephen Mitchell
Welcome	Les Jacob	-----
President Assist	Norm Dezius	-----
Visitor Assist	Dianna Lockwood	-----
Corporal Assist	John Fogarty	-----
Introduction	Graham Dooley	-----
Vote of Thanks	Graham Nuttall	-----
Vocational Profile	Helen Tickle	-----

Coming Up: 27th October Guest Speaker Bob Kellow Industrial Relations.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS	
Birthdays	14 – 10 Phil Lyon, Barry Murphy and Brett White
Partners Birthdays	15 – 10 Pauline Davison
Anniversaries	Nil
Inductions	15 – 10 Brian Yeo (13 years)
Attendance	63%
Make Ups	Dick Davison Tamworth North; Rob Sharp, Tamworth North
Visiting Rotarians	Peter Colgrave, Devonport, Tas
Visitors	Chris Watson & Jemma Grinter
Head and Tails	Maureen Thornton
Raffle	Ron Allen

CORPORALS FOR OCTOBER: Max May and Brian Yeo

November: Laurence Hearne and Annette Arthur

December: Les Jacob and Tim Coates