



Hinwood's Herald

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Quote of the Week:

“A hippie is someone who looks like Tarzan, walks like Jane and smells like Cheetah.”

We had a large roll up this week with 82% attendance. If you looked really closely you would have been able to see Des Gorman who made a visit before his ultimate retirement back to Victoria. It was great to see you again des and I hope you will continue to visit whenever you are about, you are most welcome.

Alan Coates has had a heart attack and a stent inserted and is recovering at home. I'm sure that he will be up to taking smalls calls from any of our members. Pauline Davison should be home any time soon with her new hip. I believe that Dick has lashed out and bought her a dishwasher, he is that sorta guy. We wish you both a speedy recovery.

A reminder to all of our members, that if you are rostered on for a job at our meetings would you make every effort to be there or to replace yourself if you can't. This especially applies to the door team as Mark O'Connor is taking on a lot of extra time that he shouldn't have to. Please be aware and make every effort to fulfil your assigned tasks.

Phil Penman is still looking for golfers for next weekend.

Peter Bell threw out the challenge to us all to invite a guest at least once over the remainder of the year. He has even given us the tool with which to assist.

Patrick Mahony is putting together a challenge to help raise some money and get us fit and healthy at the same time. Kilos for Cash will become a starter for all those that wish to partake. More details as Patrick puts it all together.

Pat Varley reported that her after school programme is working extra well with some 8 participants so far turning up.

Our guest speaker, Andrew Clements, informed us of the great networks of training and vocational skills that he co-ordinates throughout the region. A reminder that we are meeting at the TAFE this week and there are further details in the bulletin.

My report is a little late this week as I had to assist with the golf reconnoitre to Tallwoods and Tuncurry, a great time was had by all.

Enjoy your week.

Regards

David

NEWS/NOTICES/WELL WISHES

- **Great to see Bruce Hemmett back with us while on a short visit to Tamworth.**
Gabby's chemo finally started Thursday 14th. She has had her stem cells transfused back into her on Monday.
- Alan Coates is recovering at home following a heart attack and the insertion of a stent. Speedy recovery Alan.
- **Pauline Davison is recovering well from her recent hip operation and will be home soon. Best wishes from the club Pauline.**
- **Peter Bell distributed some great Wallet size promotional material about Rotary.**
- **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.** Response good. Need 4 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.
- Pat Varley reported that the Rotary sponsored After School Centre Care is off to a good start with 8 keen students participating.

The Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light The Kilo Club

Patrick Mahony has a great idea to improve our fitness and at the same time raise funds for the Club.

Aims:

1. To each walk 15 kilometres per week
2. To donate 20 cents per kilometre per week to Tamworth First Light Rotary Club so as to raise \$3,000 by 1 November 2011.
3. To raise additional funds by way of sponsorship.
4. To monitor the Absolute Cardiovascular Risk at 6months and 12 months

Eligibility:

1. All members of the Rotary Club, their partners and family
2. If more than 30 members can split into two or more groups (average 20 per group)

More information will be emailed to you shortly. Register your interest by contacting Patrick rkc@mahonygroup.com.au

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VOCATIONAL SPEAKER – Helen Tickle

Helen is a Councillor with the Tamworth Regional Council. Council elections are held every four years, with the next one due in September 2012. Helen was elected to her first term in Council in September 2008. After being elected, a councillor then sits on several committees eg Tourism Tamworth Board of Management; Local Health Advisory Committee; CBD Working Group; Waste Management. There are approximately 50 Council Special Purpose Committees/Working Groups/External Boards and Organisations.



Every twelve months in September the positions of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Committees are declared vacant, nominations and elections then take place.

Six years ago there were five Councils amalgamated to form the Tamworth Regional Council, thus a commitment to the whole of the Council area is important. A time commitment is also essential, with an average of 30 hours/week an approximate guide. Helen considers it a privilege to serve on the Tamworth Regional Council and is particularly mindful of meeting the many and varied needs of the business and wider community across the entire Council area.

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GUEST SPEAKER - Andrew Clements - DET

Introduced by Graham Dooley and thanked by Graham Nuttall (pictured)



Andrew is the Training Services Manager for State Training Services New England, based in Tamworth. He spoke about Vocational and Educational Training in the New England and North West and how that both State and Federal governments are supportive of training. There is an aging population and less young people to replace them. We need to value older workers and the skills they have to offer. Overall there is a skills wastage with a 25 – 40% under - employment. Indigenous unemployment high at 14% v's 6.5% non-indigenous.

One in 5 15 – 24 yr olds not working – unemployment is high in this bracket. 1 in 5 women want to work

more. The completion rate of apprenticeships is still not good at only 50% and 20% of tradespeople leave their trade at 40. There has been a slight decrease in the number of apprentices in training with an increase in the number of school-based apprenticeships.

More information on programs, etc can be viewed at www.training.nsw.gov.au

Joke Be careful what you ask for...

A married man left work early one Friday afternoon...

Instead of going home, he spent the weekend (and his money) partying with the boys.

When he finally returned home on Sunday night, his wife really got on his case and stayed on it.

After a couple of hours of swearing and screaming, his wife paused and pointed at him and made him an offer.

"How would you like it if you didn't see me for a couple of days?"

The husband couldn't believe his luck, so he looked up, smiled and said, "That would suit me just fine!!"

Monday went by, and the man didn't see his wife.

Tuesday and Wednesday went by and he still didn't see her.

Come Thursday, the swelling went down a bit and he could see her a little out of the corner of his left eye!



"You should check your e-mails more often. I fired you over three weeks ago."

ROSTER	20th October 2010	27th October 2010
Guest Speaker	Vocational Visit TAFE Sustainable Learning Centre Meet 6.45 am Car Park Piper Street. Light B/Fast at 7.00am in Futures Restaurant (\$10.00), followed by tour of TAFE	Bob Kellow
Topic		<i>Industrial Relations</i>
Meeter & Greeter		Bill Moss
Door Team	Anne Jacob & Stephen Mitchell	Peter Bell & Louise Matthews
Welcome	-----	John Glynn
President Assist	-----	Chris Sheppard
Visitor Assist	-----	Peter Hinchcliffe
Corporal Assist	-----	Tim Coates
Introduction	-----	Brian Logan
Vote of Thanks	-----	Chris Watson
Vocational Profile	-----	TBA

Coming Up Nov 3rd Matt Patterson, Country Energy 'Business Life Cycles and Challenges'

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS	
Birthdays	22 – 10 Ron Allen
Partners Birthdays	Jane Chamberlain
Anniversaries	23 – 10 Norm & Jeannette Dezius (39 yrs) 25 – 10 Greg & Lyn Birtles (24 yrs) 26 – 10 Max & Donna May (19 yrs)
Inductions	21 – 10 Anne Jacob (12 yrs) 25 – 10 Peter Bell (4 yrs)
Attendance	82%
Make Ups	Paul Stevenson – Tamworth on Peel
Visiting Rotarians	Nil
Visitors	Des Gorman
Head and Tails	John Toulmin
Raffle	Brett White

CORPORALS FOR OCTOBER: Max May and Brian Yeo

November: Laurence Hearne and Annette Arthur

December: Les Jacob and Tim Coates

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