

The Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



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Quote of the Week

“It is absolutely bizarre that the people who can't tell us what the weather is going to be tomorrow can tell us with absolute precision what the global temperatures will be in 100 years time”.

We had a big roll up on Wednesday morning and it was great to listen to one of our own talk passionately and with great emotion on his change in career and the effects that he can make on our society coming from a different angle. I'm sure that Greg could have continued for some time longer but time constrains us and it gave us all some food for thought. The answers to helping our indigenous families is not just around the corner, they are long, convoluted and complex and a great many minds and understanding are needed to provide a solution in both the short term and the long term.

Meredith Bell seemed to enjoy her visit to our club as a guest of Narelle Langfield.

Phil Lyon kept to the saying 'what goes on tour stays on tour' but gave us a little in sight to his guests at Margaret's and Phil's hosting of Guess Who's Coming to Dinner'

Chris Watson reminded us that the Santa Pub Crawl is looking at a great turn out with quite a number already registered on twitter or facebook or one of those social media sights. I know that the 5 or 10 that a re going from our club will have to register on the night.

Don't forget to bring along an unwrapped gift and/or some non perishable food to assist the Salvos in their Christmas endeavours.

Regards , David

RYLA 2011 www.ryla9650.org.au

Tomorrow needs leaders!

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) helps develop the potential of 18 to 25 year olds through an intensive, weeklong program focusing on leadership and personal growth. RYLA has changed the lives of the thousands of young Australians who have completed it. The program is fully funded for participants by Rotary Clubs and business sponsorship.

2nd April – 9th April 2011 Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre

To enrol a potential young leader, offer sponsorship, or just to find out more, contact: Phillip Crossing or Ken Hall

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DIARY DATES

- **Santa Crawl 17 December 2010 Commences 5.30 pm from the Fitzroy Pub** - \$10.00 to enter (plus hire of Santa outfit) – easy fundraiser for the Club and Chris Watson seeking Club support. Chris has spoken to the pubs in the CBD.
- **Country Music Cavalcade Sat January 22nd** 6.30 am. Brian Yeo needs 12 people to help with the marshalling.
- **Longest Line Dance preceding the Cavalcade at the Festival** – although numbers have dropped back – still an easy \$2,000 raised last year – Chris Watson seeking our support will be ensure its success
- **Sunday 23rd January** – Helpers need for RBT .
- **Science & Engineering Challenge will be held 22 – 24 March 2011.** Terry Robinson chairing the Committee. Terry needs assistance with setting up On Monday 21st. Dinner on Tues 22nd replaces meeting on Wednesday 23rd.
- **Wednesday 23rd February 2011, 6.15 pm Movie Night celebrates Rotary's birthday with other Rotarians Australia wide.** This is a pre-release movie, 'Conviction' starring Hilary Swank. The cinema will provide a roped off area and trays of finger food, the bar will be operational on a "buy your own" basis.. *This function will replace our regular weekly breakfast meeting ie there will be no breakfast meeting on Wednesday morning 23rd Feb.*

GUEST SPEAKER – Greg Birtles ‘Law V’s Criminals – A Different Perspective’



Greg joined the Police Force at age 19 and spent 27 years in the Force with his latest position being Detective Inspector. Following a chronic back problem, Greg had to leave the Police Force. He then decided to return to University and studied a Bachelor of Law and in 2009 qualified as a solicitor. Greg had a wonderful experience studying as a mature aged student and studied alongside retired teachers and many others.

Greg now works with the Aboriginal Legal Services, which is funded by both Federal and State Governments. High proportion of aboriginal people in goal, even though they comprise only a small part of the population. This is a huge problem that we need to address.

Greg sees up to 15 clients / day and he is in court every day.

Greg represents young people and sees many 12 – 13 year olds locked up. These children are exposed to alcohol and violence and have no role model, with not one adult there to represent them in court. Some steal food due to being hungry as their parent has spent all the money on alcohol and nothing left for food.

Greg’s address moved us all and we certainly have a lot of work to do to address this massive problem we have in our society.

GUESS WHO CAME TO DINNER AT Phil and Margaret Lyon’s?

Phil and Margaret, Brian and Di Yeo, Annette and Laurie enjoyed a great night and all appreciated the opportunity to spend time together over dinner.

**Next meeting please bring some non -
perishable foods and / or unwrapped presents
for the Salvos.**

ROSTER	15th December 2010	22nd December 2010
Guest Speaker	Ashley Dallas	Ho Ho Ho
	Works with Casey Chambers	-----
Meeter & Greeter	Di Ford	Laurence Hearne
Door Team	Ron Allen & Norm Dezius	Max May & Chris Sheppeard
Welcome	Graham Dooley	Peter Bell
President Assist	Brian Logan	Stephen Mitchell
Visitor Assist	Graham Nuttall	Louise Mathews
Corporal Assist	John Fogarty	John Glynn
Introduction	Peter Hyde	-----
Vote of Thanks	Barry Murphy	-----
Vocational Profile	Replaced with Guess Who Came to Dinner Reports from Hosts	

Future Meeting Dates: 22nd December THEN RECESS

First meeting for the New Year Wed 12th January 2011 (BBQ in the Park)

Brett, Di and Terry have been rescheduled for early February.

Vocational Visit Wed 9th February Tamworth Sports Dome!

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS	
Members Birthdays	16 – 12 Chris Sheppeard
Partners Birthdays	Nil
Anniversaries	16 – 12 Brian and Sue Thompson (32 yrs) 17 – 12 Peter and Bernadette Hyde (27 yrs)
Inductions	15 – 12 David Baddams (9 yrs)
Attendance	84%
Make Ups	John Treloar & Chris Sheppeard – Tamworth Sunrise
Visiting Rotarians	Nil
Visitors	Meredith Bell
Head and Tails	John Treloar
Raffle	Skinner

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