



Hinwood's Herald

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Quote of the Week

**“The obvious is that which is never seen
until someone expresses it simply.”**

Attendance was still up in the mid 80% bracket and is looking good with all of those bodies about.

We had a wonderful update and music rendition from Ashley Dallas, what a wonderful breath of fresh air. Such a natural talent not only in her songwriting and singing but also in her natural style of public speaking. It was a true pleasure to watch a star in the formative years and to have the knowledge that our club helped her on the way to what I know will be a brilliant career.

Ashley was accompanied by her Mum, Lynette who goes along to make sure that everything goes as smoothly as it can. We also had the pleasure of meeting Terry Burns, Bob Nelson's replacement in the Science and Engineering Challenge. Terry is looking after the Northern area of NSW and Tasmania. He is just as capable as Bob and I'm sure will fill his shoes quite capably.

Brian Yeo is looking for 12 bodies to assist in the Cavalcade marshalling on Saturday morning of 22 January 2011. Chris Watson has around 180 people registered for the Santa Pub Crawl this Friday night. There are around 6-8 members that are going along just to keep an eye on things to make sure that the crowd behaviour doesn't get out of hand.

Chris is also looking for assistance with the Great Line Dance, also on the morning of Saturday 22 January 2011, 5 members is the help that is required. If you can assist please contact Chris.

Brian Thompson announced that the invitations for our February Golf trip have been dispatched with only 47 golfers able to register.

Louise Matthews announced all of the executive that are in place for her year of 2011-12. It looks like a good and broad selection from across the many talents amongst our membership.

Don't forget next week is our last meeting of the year and please bring some non perishable foods or an unwrapped present to help out the Salvation Army at this time of giving. We will then not meet until 12 January 2011, which will be our traditional barbeque in Anzac Park at the usual time of 6.30 for 7.00am.

Enjoy your week - Regards - **David**

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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URGENT NOTICE

Des Gorman is seeking accommodation for five (one couple) for the 14 – 16 January 2011, inclusive. **Contact number if any members are able to assist – 0407 546 391...**

DIARY DATES

- **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 which will ensure its success
 - **Sunday 23rd January** – Helpers need for Rotary Breath Testing.
 - **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 which is an **END POLIO NOW** promotion. 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 - there will be no breakfast meeting on Wednesday morning 23rd Feb.*
 - **Science & Engineering Challenge will be held 22 – 24 March 2011.** Terry Robinson chairing the Committee. Terry needs assistance with setting up on Monday 21, Dinner on Tuesday 22 replaces meeting on Wednesday 23.
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GUEST SPEAKER – Ashley Dallas (*What a breath of fresh air!!*)

Ashley thanked the Club for the opportunity to attend the College – it was a brilliant experience. She was in a group of eight with Roger Corbett as the mentor / tutor. She met Kasey Chambers there and at the graduation she played the fiddle for all groups plus singing the song she wrote at the College. She was not aware that she was being watched by Kasey Chambers and Beccy Cole through the evening so was surprised when Kasey rang and invited her to play at The Pub with her father on the Saturday afternoon.

Ashley did so and shortly after received a phone call to ask her to go on tour with Kasey Chambers for about three months. Ashley noted she managed to “keep her cool on the phone” and spoke with her parents and the school and she accepted the “offer”.... This tour covered Tasmania, Victoria, NSW, Queensland and South Australia.

Prior to this Ashley went to Fiji with the Chris Watson tour which was well organised and appreciated and is going again next year then touring again with Kasey Chambers - this time to Western Australia and North Queensland. With this in mind, Ashley has deferred Year 12 for a year.

Thanks to Kasey Chambers, Ashley also met the stars on Hey Hey Its Saturday which was very exciting.

Ashley will be playing at the Country Music Awards with Kasey Chambers and will sing the National Anthem at the Opening Concert.

Ashley sang “Who’s to Blame” – the song she wrote at College and sang at the Graduation and ended by thanking the Club for the amazing opportunity of attending the College. None of this would have happened without the support of “you guys” and she is most appreciative and thrilled by what has happened since.

GUESS WHO CAME TO DINNER WITH MAUREEN THORNTON & JANE BRADFORD – Gloria and Mike O’Connor, Carmel and Jim Raymond and Jeanette Moat. The food was great, the wine excellent, conversation flowed and the hostesses forgot the port!!!

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

ROSTER	22nd December 2010	12th January 2011 BBQ at Anzac Park
Guest Speaker	Ho Ho Ho	----
Topic	-----	
Meeter & Greeter	Laurence Hearne	----
Door Team	Max May & Chris Sheppard	Chris Watson & Terry Burgess
Welcome	Peter Bell	----
President Assist	Stephen Mitchell	----
Visitor Assist	Louise Matthews	Peter Hinchcliffe
Corporal Assist	John Glynn	Simon Chamberlain
Introduction	-----	----
Vote of Thanks	-----	----
Vocational Profile	Replaced with Guess Who Came to Dinner Reports from Hosts	

First meeting for the New Year Wed 12th January 2011 (BBQ Anzac Park)
Vocational Visit Wed 9th February Tamworth Sports Dome!

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS From 22nd Dec – 12th January	
Members Birthdays	27 – 12 John Glynn 01 – 01 David Hinwood; 07 – 01 Graham Dooley.
Partners Birthdays	28 – 12 Anne O'Connor 29 – 12 Elizabeth Hearne 30 – 12 Brenda Smith 02 – 01 Annette Smith
Anniversaries	24 – 12 Brodie and Pam Shields (39 yrs); 05 – 01 Ross and Judy Lobes (38 yrs); 10 – 01 Brian and Dianna Yeo (40 yrs) 11 – 01 Campbell and Narre McIntosh (19yrs)
Inductions	Nil
Attendance	
Make Ups	
Visiting Rotarians	Terry Burns – replacing Bob Nelson
Visitors	
Head and Tails	Stuart Glover
Raffle	Julian Smith

CORPORALS FOR - December Les Jacob and Tim Coates
January Bill Moss and Maureen Thornton

IDIOT SIGHTINGS.

My daughter and I went through the McDonald's driveway window and I gave the cashier a \$5 bill. Our total was \$4.25, so I also handed her 25 cents - She said, 'you gave me too much money.' I said, 'Yes I know, but this way you can just give me a dollar coin back.' She sighed and went to get the manager who asked me to repeat my request. I did so, and he handed me back the 25c, and said 'We're sorry but they could not do that kind of thing.' The clerk then proceeded to give me back 75 cents in change.

Do not confuse the clerks at McDonald's.

We had to have the garage door repaired.

The repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a 'large' enough motor on the opener.

I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower.

He shook his head and said, 'Lady, you need a 1/4 horsepower.'

I responded that 1/2 was larger than 1/4 and he said,

'NOOO, it's not. Four is larger than two.'

We haven't used that repairman since. Happened in Ipswich, Qld.

I live in a semi rural area.

We recently had a new neighbour call the local council P&W office to request the removal of the WOMBAT CROSSING sign on our road.

The reason: 'Too many wombats are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore.'

Story from Collingwood, Melbourne.

My daughter went to a Mexican takeaway and ordered a taco.

She asked the person behind the counter for 'minimal lettuce.'

He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg lettuce.

From Bankstown, Sydney.

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, and 'Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?'

To which I replied, 'If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?'

He smiled knowingly and nodded, 'That's why we ask.'

This happened in Elizabeth S.A.

The stoplight on the corner buzzes when it's safe to cross the street.

I was crossing with an 'intellectually challenged' co-worker of mine.

She asked if I knew what the buzzer was for.

I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red.

Appalled, she responded, 'What on earth are blind people doing driving?!'

She is a government employee in Adelaide P.O.

When my husband and I arrived at a car dealership to pick up our car after a service, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door.

As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. 'Hey,' I announced to the technician, 'it's open!'

His reply, 'I know. I already got that side.'

WELFARE

Pam Shields has had a hip replacement and will be confined to home and walking gently as she regains her strength back – no pain will help enormously but a phone call or two would also be greatly appreciated. She is hoping to return to her “office” – the Kingswood Store in January – Pam – we wish you a speedy recovery but also recommend that you enjoy the rest while you can!!! This also explains why Brodie has been missing from Rotary of late as he is covering all hours at the Kingswood Store and looking after his IT business so has no spare time for the immediate future.

Helen Tickle has just had two cataract operations and had just had an operation on her retina – she has to lie on her front for a few days while the gas builds up pressure at the back of the eye to re-attach the retina. Not being a medical expert – this is a simple operation but causing some discomfort. Helen hopes to be home during the coming week – again a phone call or cheery message would certainly help speed her recovery.

Christmas is nearly upon us and many forget the reason why we celebrate this time of year – felt the following is appropriate for the Festive Season....

Nativity scene erected in a church yard

During the night some folks came across this scene.

An abandoned dog was looking for a comfortable, protected place to sleep. He chose baby Jesus as his comfort. No one had the heart to send him away so he was there all night.



We should all have the good sense of this dog and curl up in Jesus' lap from time to time.

This is too sweet not to share - No one mentioned that the dog breed is a "shepherd!"

PRESIDENT ASSIST

To ensure members who are rostered for the duties of, Meeter and Greeter, Door, Visitor Assist, Welcome to our Members & Guests, Introduction of the Guest Speaker(s) and Vote of Thanks are present and if they are not to find a replacement and ensure those people's names are updated on the President's Running Sheet. Select the Table Order (after the head table).

Need to be in attendance by 6.30 am

DOOR TEAM

To record the attendance of our members and guests, collect meeting dues, and if possible balance the cash float i.e. monies paid = money received.

Need to be in attendance at 6.30 am

MEETER & GREETER

To meet & greet our members & welcome guests to our Club at the top of the stairs and to hand name badges to members. Also ensure any guests of members or visiting Rotarians are introduced to the Visitor Assist to ensure they are made feel welcome.

Need to be in attendance at 6.30 am

VISITOR ASSIST

To ensure any visitors to the Club are felt welcome by introducing yourself to them and other members and guests of our Club. To also include them in fellowship before and if necessary make sure they are included with several members for breakfast and are not left on their own.

Need to be in attendance from 6.30 am

WELCOME

To publicly welcome our Members & Guests (following the introduction) to our meeting when called upon by the President or his/her substitute.

Need to be in attendance by 6.50 am (or earlier)

INTRODUCTION

To make yourself known to our Guest Speaker/s, assist them to the head table and sit with them. During breakfast find out some information about the guest speaker which will assist you in your introduction.

VOTE OF THANKS

To move a vote of thanks to our guest speaker, and present a little thank you gift (ensure you have it before the meeting commences and take notes during their presentation to ensure your thank you is informed).

CORPORALS

To assist the Sergeant by putting out all Club Property and putting away at the conclusion of the meeting.

Need to be in attendance by 6:30 am.

CORPORAL ASSIST

To assist the Sergeant, by putting away all Club Property at the **conclusion of the meeting** if the Corporals are unable to do so.

NEW BOARD FOR 2011 – 2012

Please take note of the new additions to the previous list....

President

Louise Matthews

President Elect

Phil Penman

Secretary

Jane Bradford

Treasurer

Barry Murphy

Club Administration

Jim Raymond

Bulletin

Brett White

Program

David Hinwood

Welfare

John Treloar

History / Archives / Attendance

Terry Burgess

Public Officer

Michael O'Connor

Webmaster

Bruce Hemmett

Sergeant at Arms

Chris Sheppeard

Foundation

Phil Lyon

International

Peter Ryan

Membership

John Glynn

Public Relations

Chris Watson

Service Projects

Michael O'Connor

Community

Dave Baddams

Vocational

Maureen Thornton

Youth

Norm Dezius