

# The Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



## Hinwood's Herald

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23 February 2011 – Meeting 1049

**NO BREAKFAST MEETING ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup>, replaced with  
movie night**

### *Quote of the Week*

*“My mother always said that a rose is the perfect symbol of romance. It dies after a few days & all you are left with is the ugly prickly thing.” Maureen Murphy*

### **LOUISE'S HERALD FOR HINWOOD**

The week started with Valentine's Day, hence the quote, doesn't sound too bitter & twisted I hope. The meeting had a great feel to it & always does when we have our own members giving such a good presentation.

Dr Di & the “work experience surgeon”, Robbo, left us in awe once again with some experiences from their time in Rabaul. The other musketeer, Brett, was unable to be with us due to work commitments in Qld due to the aftermath of the floods & Cyclone Yasi. However, Di & Robbo amazed us with the incredible work done by Dr Rob & all the teams that go to St Marys Hospital.

Vicki & I were also privileged to attend a gathering on Thursday evening at Colin & Helen Pearce's home. Most of the volunteers & nursing staff who have travelled with Dr Rob to Rabaul attended. Special guests for the evening were Sandra & Johnnie who supply the vehicles, general supplies & food for the teams while in PNG. Two male nurses, a doctor & Wilma, who worked with Jeanette Mouatt during her visit, were also there having come to Tamworth to have some intensive training at Tamara & the Base.

There are many ways in which members can assist & I would suggest if you are interested in going to PNG you talk to Dr Di, Robbo, Brett or Vicki.

We also welcomed Chad Mielke from Alberta, Canada here on group study exchange. I'm sure he enjoyed his time with us, especially the enthusiastic welcome from John Toulmin.

Ian Howle tells me we have 30 people attending the movies next Wednesday evening for the Polio Plus fundraiser, don't forget this is in lieu of our morning meeting.

The singing of the National Anthem...what can I say!! It was a 100% improvement on the effort at the Sports Dome, but we still have a way to go, a very long way to go.

That's it from me until David goes away again, see you all at the movies or at the Inn in a fortnight....keep smiling!!!

Louise oxo



*Incoming president Louise Matthews with Alberta, Canada Group Study Exchange visitor, Chad Mielke, a Civil and Municipal Engineer*

## GUEST SPEAKERS – Dr Di Ford and Terry Robinson – Rabaul PNG

Thanked by Steve Massey



**Our First Light members, Di Ford , Terry Robinson and Brett White were part of the team who went to Rabaul in November 2010. Dr Di spoke about some of the patients that she treated and how the natives look forward to the Medical Team’s visit and actually come along to seek treatment. The Medical Team operates on a lot of children and said that what the Team is doing is making a big of difference. The word is getting out that if they seek help, children won’t be as likely to grow up with disabilities. The training given to the local nurses and other medical staff is also making noticeable improvements. The facilities are as clean as they can make them, but still old and dirty. Don’t have basic equipment eg no ventilator – patient died. Di said that you have to step back into the third World and do the best you can with limited facilities with little of no equipment.**

**Terry and Brett are good examples of non-medical people being able to make a huge contribution to the Project. They were able to support and assist the medical team in various ways and additionally put their handyman skills into action undertaking much needed maintenance. Well done Team!**

## UPDATES/NEWS / DIARY DATES

- Anne Jacob let us know that Gabby Botfield is not well and to keep Gabby and family in our thoughts.
- Norm reported that the RYLA nominations are going well, but would like to have a male nomination.
- **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.*  
**PLEASE BOOK AND PAY IAN HOWLE ASAP \$25.00**
- **The combined Rotary Clubs of Tamworth Pride of Workmanship Awards – 2011**  
Closing Date for nominations - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011. A nomination form has been forwarded to you under separate email. (I can send it again if misplaced).  
The awards dinner will be held at Blazes West League Club, Tamworth on Monday, 28 March 2011 - 6:30pm for 7:00pm
- **Science & Engineering Challenge 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011.** Terry Robinson chairing the Committee. **Terry has assistance on the Monday and would like some help on the Wednesday.** Dinner on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> replaces meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>
- **Bowelscan 2011** Rotary Clubs in D9650 will be selling kits from Shopfronts from Saturday 5/3/11 to Saturday 12/3/11. Dennis Johnson organising the Roster. Dennis can be contacted on 6764 4229 / 0403 162352
- **District 9650 Conference will be held at Coonabarabran 18 – 20 March 2011**– if interested in attending please speak with David Hinwood or Louise Matthews as soon as possible to confirm accommodation and complete attendance forms
- History Books still for sale at a special price of \$25.00

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## WESTPAC HELICOPTER BIKE RIDE

*Max Cathcart said that the next fund raising bike ride would be in China – 8 – 17 October 2011 – The trip would commence in Beijing and end at the Great Wall of China. If anyone is interest speak with Max Cathcart for further details – Tim Coates will you be a starter – should be an interesting journey??*

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<b>ROSTER</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> February No B/Fast Meeting</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> March 2011</b>
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Meeting replaced with Movie Night 6.15 pm (see details in 'Diary Dates')	Rob Harrison Tamworth Regional Development Corporation EVO Cities
<b>Topic</b>	--	
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	--	Mark O'Connor
<b>Door Team</b>	--	Phil Penman & Peter Ryan
<b>Welcome</b>	--	Phil Heffernan
<b>President Assist</b>	--	Vicki Cooper
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	--	Ian Howle
<b>Corporal Assist</b>	--	Brian Thompson
<b>Introduction</b>	--	Barry Murphy
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	--	Julian Smith

**CORPORALS for March: Ross Lobsey and Graham Dooley**

<b>BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS</b>	
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Nil
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	25 – 02 Judy Coates
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Nil
<b>Inductions</b>	23 - 02 (6 yrs) Mark O'Connor 25 – 02 (7 yrs) Terry Robinson 27 - 02 (3 yrs) John Fogarty 28 - 02 (4yrs) PDG Jane Bradford
<b>Attendance</b>	80%
<b>Make Ups</b>	Jane Bradford, Helen Tickle & Garnet Wood all Tamworth West
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Nil
<b>Visitors</b>	Chad Mielke, GSE Alberta Canada
<b>Head and Tails</b>	Campbell McIntosh
<b>Raffle</b>	Skinner



*This futsal is hard going ...*