



## Hinwood's Herald

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### *Quote of the Week*

"Without question the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel is a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza."

With an attendance of over 84% it was good to see a good roll up. With no visitors and no guests we were able to enjoy our own company, particularly as it was our own Dame Edna who held the floor for the official presentation of the morning.

Graham Dooley provided the excellent technical support as Jane spoke about her favourite Rotary topic of worldwide Polio eradication, some good statistics to think about.

Barry Murphy spoke about the project being launched throughout our country to commence an insurance scheme (along the lines of medicare) that will provide sufficient funding to anyone with a disability that requires appropriate financial assistance.

Congratulations to Brian & Debbie celebrating their first grandchild, Koby. He is fit and well as is his mother.

The return of the golfing crew saw something better than \$5,700 being raised with again such fun times being had by all. A big thank you to the members who attended and assisted all of the other guests to enjoy themselves.

Don't forget that the Rotary Bowelscan Week starts next Saturday 5 March. There are still some vacant spots left, please see Dennis Johnson if you can assist.

Norm Dezius has put up at least 2 RYLA applicants for the course being held locally here at Lake Keepit in early June. I know that if you wish to nominate a person

between the ages of 18 and 24 that there is still a small number of vacancies, but you will need to hurry.

Terry Robinson is promoting our Science and Engineering dinner on Tuesday 22 March. This is a great dinner to experience and we have moved our weekly meeting to this dinner. A dinner not to be missed.

Peter Ryan has sourced a container that is loaded with a mess of slightly used sporting gear from NIAS participants and is looking for our club's help to distribute the gear to a worthy cause. Your board will discuss this next Tuesday and, naturally report the decision to you next week.

Louise is on a great learning curve this weekend in Armidale as she attends her 2 day PETS training. I wish her well.

Please, Ross Lobsey & Graham Dooley, can I ask that you attend to your assigned corporal duties this month or find a replacement. Thanking you in anticipation.

It is unbelievable but there is only 16 weeks of my rotary year left. Where has the time gone?

Enjoy your week.

Regards, David

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## **Rotary Kilo Club - Update from Patrick Mahony**

We have just completed 4 months of the RKC walk. We have a handful of regular contributors and welcome more. You don't have to start at the beginning and you don't have to walk every week.

To date we have walked a combined 1,923 kilometres. Travelling along the coast including Brisbane means that we have just passed through Townsville and turned left heading for Darwin.

We have raised approximately \$700 thus far. At this rate we should reach Darwin by mid-July, which is an ideal time to be travelling through the top end. We missed the floods in Brisbane, the storms in the east coast of North Queensland and will miss the wet season in the Territory.

We would welcome more people to join us on this trek. It does feel good and it is even better to skite that you (I) are walking around Australia to raise money for Rotary.



Jane is thanked by Julian Smith

## Guest Speaker – Jane Bradford 'End Polio Now'

Jane delivered a most informative address with many facts requiring our serious consideration and action, particularly in relation to the recommendation from the World Health Organisation **that most of us should be revaccinating**. The facts and figures presented by Jane deserve space in the Bulletin, so most of Jane's address follows.

*Back in 1985 over a thousand children a day caught POLIO - as at end of July 2010 only 489 children have caught POLIO. We now have only four countries that are not POLIO FREE – these are Afghanistan - 10, India - 21, Nigeria - 3, Pakistan -24 but the area of concern is the 489 cases in Non-Endemic countries.*

### ***What is POLIO or its correct name - Poliomyelitis?***

*POLIO is a highly infectious disease caused by a virus. It invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in a matter of hours. The virus enters the body through the mouth and multiplies in the intestine. Initial symptoms are fever, fatigue, headache, vomiting, stiffness in the neck and pain in the limbs. One in 200 infections leads to irreversible paralysis (usually in the legs). Amongst those paralysed, 5-10% die when their breathing muscles become immobilised.*

- *Polio mainly affects children under five years of age*
- *There is no cure for polio - it can only be prevented*
- *Polio vaccine, given multiple times, can protect a child for life*
- *Thousands of Australian children are at risk of polio even though the disease no longer exists in Australia*
- *Seven (7) percent of the 250,000 children born in Australia each year - some 17,500 children are no longer vaccinated or immunised against polio - due to complacency, religious beliefs or other reasons.*
- *Children who are not immunised are at risk of contracting the disease, because polio has flared in countries such as India and polio is so easily transmitted.....*
- *All it takes is a person to wash their hands in contaminated water where the virus exists and touch their mouths to become carriers.*
- *There is a very strong possibility of a polio epidemic among Australian children who have not been immunised and, if that happens, about one in ten of these children who contract the disease will die from it.*

- *Immunisation against POLIO is free in Australia and there is no shortage of vaccine.*

*Rotary International has received a considerable number of major donations..... However, in this case we are talking about two major donations from the Gates Foundation and Bill Gates also set a major challenge to Rotary. In all cases major donations are being made to Rotary because the whole of the donation is used for Polio eradication - no middle persons.....*

*The first donation was for US\$100M dollars and was made in June 2009 - Rotary had to match this. The following year the second donation of US\$255M was made and the challenge to Rotary was to raise US\$200M (in total) by end June 2012.*

*As at 28 February 2011 Rotary has raised US\$163M towards this target. Considering the global financial crisis we have been through (may go through again) - this is a remarkable achievement with some fourteen months to go.*

***The other particularly important factor - the World Health Organisation is now strongly recommending that those of us who were vaccinated against POLIO during the 50's should be revaccinated again NOW.....***

*However this also includes mumps, measles, German measles, whooping cough, diphtheria.*

*Grandparents looking after their grandchildren on a regular basis or totally are also being advised to be re-vaccinated now. It is some 60 years since POLIO and other vaccinations became part of our lives and for the sake of all age groups, it is felt that re-vaccination has become a necessity.*

*Another example of a disease re-emerging is Tuberculosis. TB was eradicated in Australia and for years this country was "free" of this wretched disease. TB - Tuberculosis is now back in Australia and is quite prevalent in Melbourne, Brisbane.... New drugs have had to be found to combat the disease which was apparently brought in by immigrants.*

*We are all aware of Whooping Cough - it is back and, as we now know, some babies and very young children have died this year and quite a number of young adults have also been very ill with this disease.*

***We should also be very aware that in Australia so many families do not vaccinate their children today and that Australia is now falling into the dangerous situation that any children / adults entering this country now, who may have any of these so-called childhood diseases in the incubation stage as an example - could cause a major outbreak as so many children are not immunised against these diseases today.***

*We do not want POLIO back in Australia - there is no cure for this disease - only vaccination and it is FREE - so Rotary continues to ask for you and your family's support to help ensure that POLIO does not re-enter Australia by helping us to eliminate this vicious disease from the world.*



### **VOCATIONAL PROFILE – Barry Murphy**

Barry is the CEO of Challenge Disabilities Services and has worked for Challenge for 18 years. Challenge Disability Services has 400 staff and branches across the State including Tamworth, Narrabri, Gunnedah, Burke and Maitland. Challenge provides a range of services for people with disabilities. Both Federal and State Governments demand high quality service for people with a disability. The recent Productivity Commission Report has recommended that there be a doubling of funds to the disability sector from \$6 billion to \$12 billion. To achieve this level of increased funding it could mean another tax. Most people realise that this will be like an insurance policy – one never knows who could be next with a disability.

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### **First Light Rotary Club Flood Donation** (reported by Ian Howle)

The Club's Board decided to give \$3000 for flood relief west of the Great Divide.

Tenterfield Rotary Club has been running a Flood Appeal Fund, as this Club's zone was hit badly by flooding and had received very little help. The club has raised \$15,000 and is giving the proceeds to the Salvation Army Counselling team led by Peter and Jean Ridley from the Salvation Army in Narrabri.

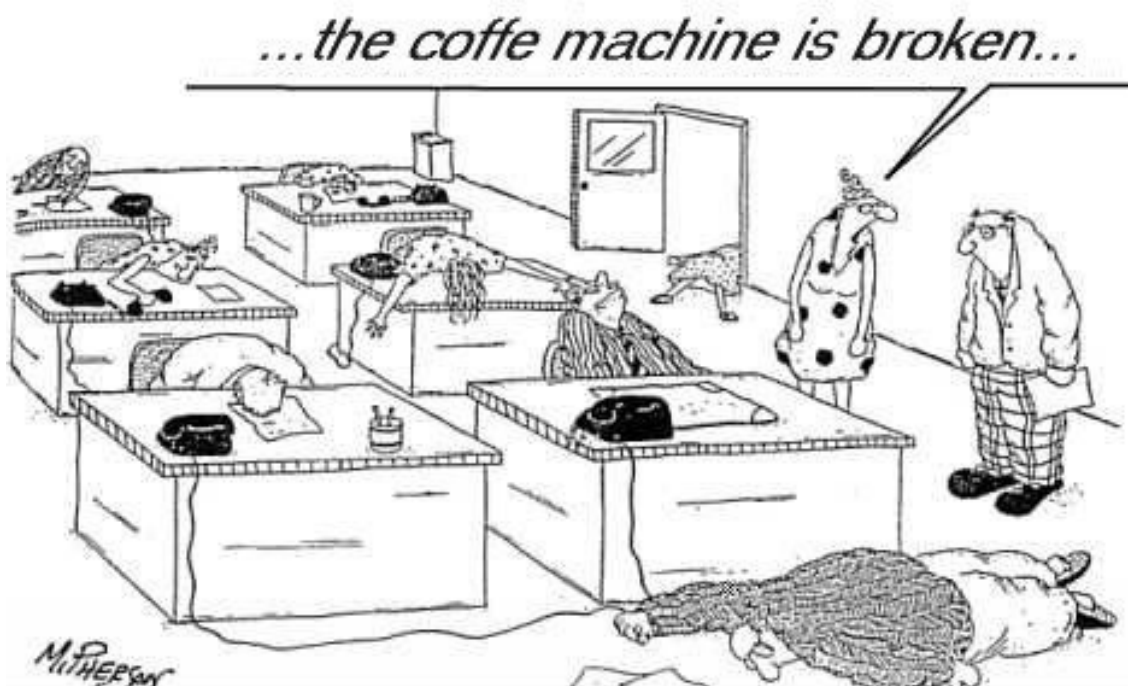
The \$15,000 is being matched by an equal amount from the Salvation Army.

This Counselling team is moving around the communities that have been badly affected by the recent floods, counselling and arranging the type of aid and support needed. The area identified by Tenterfield RC to specifically benefit from our donation is the small rural area of MINGOOLA (just over the NSW/QLD border).

The team is intending to continue further down the river to include Bonshaw, Texas and Yetman and is very grateful for our donation.

## UPDATES/NEWS / DIARY DATES

- Congratulations to Brian Logan and Debbie on becoming grandparents!
- Great to see Rob Clifton back for today's meeting.
- Brian Thompson reported that the Golf Trip was a huge success with \$5079 profit to date – a few more dollars to come in with sale of leftover beverages. What a great effort for all involved!
- RYLA – Norm advised that we have had two nominations. Further nominations will still be accepted.
- **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
- **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>
- **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
- **The combined Rotary Clubs of Tamworth Pride of Workmanship Awards – 2011** The Awards Dinner will be held at Blazes West League Club, Tamworth on Monday, 28 March 2011 - 6:30pm for 7:00pm
- Careers Expo Wed 18<sup>th</sup> March at TRECC. Breakfast Meeting will be at TRECC with set up to follow. More details later on.
- History Books still for sale at a special price of \$25.00
- Westpac Helicopter Bike ride China 8 – 17<sup>th</sup> October. If you are interested, Max Cathcart has all the details.



<b>ROSTER</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> March 2011</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> March 2011</b>
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Paul Sullivan, Director Commercial and Community Enterprises, Tamworth Regional Council	Rob Harrison, Tamworth Regional Development Corporation
<b>Topic</b>		Evo Cities
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Brian Yeo	Brian Logan
<b>Door Team</b>	Ron Allen & Annette Arthur	Louise Matthews and Chris Watson
<b>Welcome</b>	Norm Dezius	Peter Bell
<b>President Assist</b>	Laurie Hearne	John Glynn
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Pat Varley	Di Ford
<b>Corporal Assist</b>	Anne Jacob	Terry Burgess
<b>Introduction</b>	Peter Hyde	Max May
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	John Fogarty	Simon Chamberlain

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Science and Engineering Dinner. Replaces breakfast meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

<b>BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS</b>	
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	15 – 03 Max Cathcart
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Nil
<b>Anniversaries</b>	11 – 03 Michael and Brenda Smith (5 yrs)
<b>Inductions</b>	13 – 03 Graham Nuttall (20 yrs)
<b>Attendance</b>	84%
<b>Make Ups</b>	Dick Davison Tamworth sunrise
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Nil
<b>Visitors</b>	Nil
<b>Head and Tails</b>	John Worldon
<b>Raffle</b>	Phil Lyon

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# 2010 / 2011 CLUB PORTFOLIOS

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	David Hinwood
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Phillip Heffernan
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Mark O'Connor
<b>PRESIDENT ELECT:</b>	Louise Matthews (2011/2012)
<b>CLUB ADMINISTRATION:</b>	Ian Howle.

**Including:**

Sergeant – Jane Bradford  
Bulletin – Helen Tickle  
Program Officer – Dwone Jones.  
Welfare Officer – Anne Jacob

<b>MEMBERSHIP:</b>	Peter Hyde
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS:</b>	Peter Bell
<b>SERVICE PROJECTS:</b>	Julian Smith

**Including:**

Community Service- John Fogarty  
Vocational Services – Tim Coates  
Youth Services – Norm Dezius  
Science & Engineering –  
Golf -

**ROTARY FOUNDATION:** Max Cathcart

**Including:**

International Service – Dianna Lockwood.