



Hinwood's Herald

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4th May 2011 – Meeting 1059

Quote of the Week:

"One should never trust a woman who tells her real age. If she tells that, she'll tell anything."

After a five day break it must have been hard to get up and get to our meeting as we could only muster a 58% attendance.

Don't forget that next week's meeting is a vocational visit to Leading Edge Computers in the Homemakers Centre on Goonoo Goonoo Road.

Terry Robinson is in the midst of selling sponsorship for our Pedal the Peel to NAB ready for next March 2012.

John Fogarty is looking for help on the Tamworth Rugby Club bars and gate for this upcoming weekend. Please give him a call if you can help.

Phil Heffernan is asking all of the 30 odd starters for the Walcha Road Hotel on 7 May 2011 to pay \$60 per head by next Wednesday please. Train departs Tamworth railway station at 4.15pm and a bus will return all those in need.

Di Ford together with Jeanette Mouatt is off to PNG outer islands next week for a week without Dr Rob Sharp. Di is doing a solo. Keep up the good work.

Paul Bennett entertained us with his vision for our great city. His explanations and forecasts were not only factual but revealing of the man and how he will take us forward in future years with his passion for local government. Thank you Paul for your honesty.

I'll ask Louise to take the helm for me next week.

Enjoy your week. regards Dave

GUEST SPEAKER Paul Bennett

General Manager Tamworth Regional Council



Mark O'Connor thanks Paul Bennett for his talk regarding the plans for Tamworth Regional Council

Paul delivered a most informative and positive address and opened with organisational change within Council with a brief story about two guys rowing to NZ – everything went very well initially then the boat seemed to slow down and settle in the water. They discovered barnacles covering the bottom of the boat and had to remove by hand – the difference it made was dramatic – the boat lifted out of the water and they were able to make progress again... (very short version....)

Basically from the management point of view – the barnacles need to be removed for Council to move on into the future....

Paul is responsible for 600 full time staff and some 50 part-time. Developing a Corporate vision both for our people and for the community – has five core values

- Accountability
- Equity
- Customer Orientation – generating performance measures - poor perception from the community
- Teamwork
- Health and Safety

Council should be the “facilitator” not being seen as the staller to all progress. Council should be helping developers / planners etc to get through the minefield rather than appearing to stall progress by not assisting.

Organising two special education programs for Council staff to receive a Certificate at the end.

Currently forming a Planning Strategy which will mean holding specific workshops with the community, schools, aged, business etc – What does the community expect from Council? What is the community prepared to sacrifice or prepared to pay more for?

Q Changes promised by new State government – will they happen?

A Definitely more pro-active approach – looking at joining / organising relevant departments to liaise more closely for faster and better results for both local government and developers etc. Yes the attitude change is much better but what is being offered so far may not be the best overall option but... the new government is being pro-active – a big improvement.

Q Local government is required to provide more and more services with no funding from State government?

A No funds – but we all knew that. Constitutional recognition with both State and Federal working together – If successful must involve Federal – if not successful any further change will be 20 years away. Local government needs a better share of GST / Fuel Excise etc – currently local growth rates at 28% but State rates at 78%.

Negative trends – AELEC is averaging a loss of \$600,000 per annum – this loss comes out of the rates we all pay. This applies to all major infrastructure – Sports Dome, TRECC, Capital Theatre etc. These losses mean that there is no spare funds for additional road works for example.

Q Growth in population / business – good or bad for our City?

A Tough question – only Tamworth and the Tweed area have shown good growth over the past few years. However every new sub-division completed means additional roads for Council to maintain. We are currently looking at Asset Management Plans for now and the future – a major example being Roads – sealed or unsealed – currently we are \$9.2M under what we should be spending and we are currently trying to maintain local urban roads. We still have to maintain buildings such as TREC, AELEC, Sports Dome etc etc – so for every plus there is a minus. New roads under Council – in a few decades will be in the same situation we have today with existing roads etc. We need to find alternate ways to assist with funding for maintenance.

Q Are our rates comparable to other cities?

A We are some 18 / 20% lower than comparable cities – if we raised our rates just to that level, we still could not make up the short fall.

Couple of Points for each of us to consider every day (per Matt Church)

- 1. 1. “How inspired are you every day?” (mark out of 10)***
- 2. 2. “How exciting are you?” (mark out of 10)***

UPDATES/ NEWS / DIARY DATES

- **Rugby Roster - next game 30th April.** Contact John Fogarty
Mobile: 0438 664359 and email ellwood-102@bigpond.com
- **Club Social Outing Saturday 7th May Walcha Road Pub.**
Cost \$60/person includes train from Tamworth to Walcha Road, Meal and return bus to Tamworth. For bookings contact Brian at brian.yeo@bigpond.com
- **Sunrise Club holding a Mountain Bike Ride** through the Attunga State Forest on Sunday, 29 May 2011 – about four hours - contact President Angie Pearson if interested
- **RYAG Equine** – There is a lot of interest in the program from potential participants, need a committee to organise. Please indicate your interest to Norm Dezius, Barry Biffin or Annette Arthur – long weekend in June – Sunrise invited to be involved as well.
- **Business Life Style for Challenge** – Anne Jacob seeking mentors for young people interested in starting their own business – 23 week commitment.
- Careers Expo Wed 18th May at TRECC. Breakfast Meeting will be at TRECC with set up to follow. More details later on.
- **Saturday, 25 June – Club Changeover and also District Changeover**
- **Rotary Foundation and International News.** David Gau from USA is our next Ambassadorial Scholar. He will be attending the University of New England and will be in Australia from July 2011. His Counsellor is Alan Francis, Rotary Club of Armidale.
- Pedal the Peel will happen again in March 2012 – NAB has agreed to sponsor

DISTRICT 9650 LONG TERM YOUTH EXCHANGE Applications from years 10, 11 and 12 Students to depart January 2012 are now being called for. **Come On... Give an Australian Student the experience of a lifetime....** Applications are available from the Club Secretaries or the website www.rotaryyouthexchange9650.com.au

ROSTER	4 th May 2011	11 th May 2011
Guest Speaker	Vocational Visit Inland Technology	Amie Collins and Amy Robinson RYLA Experience
Topic		
Meeter & Greeter	Graham Nuttall	Laurence Hearne
Door Team	Brian Thompson & John Fogarty	Brian Yeo and Terry Burgess
Welcome	----	Ron Allen
President Assist	----	Peter Bell
Visitor Assist	----	Peter Hyde
Corporal Assist	----	Max May
Introduction	----	Norm Dezius
Vote of Thanks	----	Julian Smith

Coming Up: **18th May Careers Expo TRECC.**
Sat 25th June Club Changeover

CORPORALS for May: Phil Penman and Stuart Glover
June: John Treloar and John Worldon

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS	
Members Birthdays	John Worldon 09 - 05
Partners Birthdays	Gloria O'Connor 07 - 05
Anniversaries	None
Induction into Club	07 – 05 Peter Hyde and Jim Raymond
Attendance	58%
Make Ups	John Fogarty - Yamba
Visiting Rotarians	None
Visitors	None
Head and Tails	----
Raffle	----

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RUGBY DRAW HOME GAMES

Magpies Rugby Bar and Gate

Contact John Fogarty Mobile: 0438 664359 and email ellwood-102@bigpond.com

Sat 30th April	Magpies v's Narrabri (4 games - 10.00 am start for the gate).
Sat 14th May	Magpies v's Gunnedah ("Ladies Day" - T BC)
Sat 21st May	Magpies v's Scone
Sat 4th June	Magpies V's Barraba
Sat 18th June	Magpies v's Walcha
Sat 2nd July	Magpies v's Inverell
Sat 16th July	Magpies v's Quirindi
Sat 6th Aug	Magpies v's Moree

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.