



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF TAMWORTH - FIRST LIGHT

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## *A Letter from Louise*

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Meeting 1073

### **Quote of the Week:**

“The people who gave us golf & called it a game are the same people who gave us bag pipes & called it music” –  
Anon

83% roll up this morning & a very crowded room. So good to see lots of faces who have been missing in action or back from holidays. To top it all off Murphy arrived way before 6.30am with money tin, complete with money, key, plenty of change & money of his own!

Several thank you messages this week. Heffo & his band of merry men who successfully moved all of PDG Jane's archive material into more suitable storage. Hinwood, the token male, bus driver & consort to six SAOS on our cultural tour of NERAM last Sunday. Finally, past member Meg Larkin for hosting us at the Art Museum. Meg has done a sterling job at getting the gallery back on track after a very turbulent period.

Our thoughts are with Steve Mitchell & his family this week on the passing of Steve's sister.

Our guest speaker, Steve Hawkins was not only inspiring but brought memories flooding back for a number of us who went to a small bush school. You certainly have to be a “jack of all trades” to have that well balanced approach to education in those circumstances. I can remember taking kinder, first & second class for Kindergarten on the Air, with the other boy in sixth class while the teacher taught third, fourth & fifth class. Seventeen kids in the whole school & I wasn't related to all of them. Nuffin rong wif my redin & ritin.

The Gold Coast Golf Trip heads off on Sunday morning & apparently the President has to be on hand with a “slab of Crownies” to say goodbye, such a good look so early in the morning. We wish them all well, hope they have a great week, raise lots of money & stay safe.

It was lovely to meet Maureen Coleman, from Murwillumbah Daybreak Club. She will be in town next week as well & hopes to join us again so please make her most welcome.

In case you're all wondering, I'm still looking for a date for the North Tamworth Rotary Bowls Day. Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, 9am, City Bowlo, \$10pp. All proceeds to Northcott, so please if anyone is available rock up & we'll bowl some overarm.

Louise xox

## **UPDATES/ NEWS / DIARY DATES**

- **RYLA – Lake Keepit 24 to 31 March 2012. Please consider young people in our community between the age of 18 to 25 years. Consider friends, children, employees and nominate**
- **Chris Sheppard has requested that if any member finds his funny jokes to please return them as soon as possible.**
- **North Tamworth Rotary Bowls Day for Northcott, Sunday 7th August Tamworth City Bowls Club 9am...we need teams to show we can still bend**
- **Sunrise Trivia Night Saturday 27th August....we need teams to show our grey matter is still intact**
- **RSA – (Responsible Service of Alcohol) for those members who have missed the previous opportunity to undertake the RSA course. Date confirmed is nights of 8 and 9 August from 6.00 to 9.00 pm. Subsidised cost courtesy of Tim Coates will be \$60 per person and will be open to family members at same cost (over 18 years of age). Cost includes Government Certificate, learning materials, tea & coffee. Venue is ATAC, O'Connell Street. Maximum group size is 30, so please be quick as will be open to some sporting groups as well. After 22 August cost will be \$115.00 per person.**
- **Caramello Quiz was won by someone who is really good at Rotary information. Again couldn't hear full question (about some avenues down by the surface, must be hockey fields) and lots of shouting and bargaining and debating and I think Louise chose a winner. Sergeant please note to keep the rabble and the cluck under control.**
- **Dick Davison advised we have the Club's gopher back again for allocation to another person in our community. Any suggestions can be referred through Louise for Board consideration.**
- **Treasurer Murphy reminds all members that the Club subs are due asap**

- Rotary Health stickers available at door team desk for \$3.00.
- Magpies rugby Bar this Saturday for games against Moree. Second last for the season with semi-final game on 20 August.

Photo taken of



my office

On behalf of the District 9650 Bowelscan Committee, would you thank the Rotarians – Phil Penman and Paul Stevenson - who so kindly lent their trucks.

Thank you to the 5 Rotarians – Phil Heffernan, Rob Clifton and son Alastair, Brian Yeo and Brian Thompson - from Tamworth First Light for the great job they performed in transferring the Bowelscan records to their new home.

If you need a job done, ask a Rotarian.

***SERVICE ABOVE SELF***

Yours in Rotary Service

Kevin Sharp, District 9650  
Chairman, Bowelscan Committee 29<sup>th</sup> July 2011

**Guest speaker – Steve Hawkins – Principal Tintinhill Public School –  
introduced by Peter Hyde**

**“Small School Principal”**

Steve has been an Educator for 36 years and as Principal of Tintinhull Public School for 13 years. Steve spoke on the trials and tribulations of taking on a P6 one teacher school of 17 students and growing it over the years to a P5 with 54 students.

Lots of great anecdotes and fun experiences. Steve had never taught kindergarten or year 1 before this appointment. All of the original 17 students were taught in one room so therefore from K to 6 with some parent assistance.

Steve is proudest of being in a position of teaching a student from kindergarten through to year 6 and seeing that student ready for high school.

Issues with the parents are worse than those encountered with the students. Steve has seen many structures added to the school site including a new hall worth 1.5 million and total spend of 3 million. The School has now the cutting edge of technology such as smart boards and more lap tops than students. No discipline problems, graffiti or rubbish and a very proud school community.

Q. What are are students drawn from?

A. From river to Sandy Road, Daruka road and up to Porcupine Lane. Great school for children with difficulties due to small student numbers.

Q. How do you teach K to 6 in the one room?

A. P6 status very difficult situation, but there is peer teaching, parent assistance with reading.

Q. Does the teaching of 2 to 3 grades in the one class lift others?

A. Yes, I found that younger students benefit from this environment and easier to accelerate kids.

Vote of thanks from Annette Arthur





**Target Shooting 24 July - Loomberah**

## **Here's a thought.**

### **Being Green is the new thing, or is it?**

In the queue at the store, the cashier told the older woman that she should bring her own grocery bag because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized to him and explained, "We didn't have the green thing back in my day."

The clerk responded, "That's our problem today. The former generation did not care enough to save our environment."

He was right, that generation didn't have the green thing in its day.

Back then, they returned their milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled.

But they didn't have the green thing back in that customer's day.

In her day, they walked up stairs, because they didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. They walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time they had to go two blocks.

But she was right. They didn't have the green thing in her day.

Back then, they washed the baby's nappies because they didn't have the throw-away kind. They dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts - wind and solar power really did dry the clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing.

But that old lady is right; they didn't have the green thing back in her day.

Back then, they had one TV, or radio, in the house - not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief, not a screen the size of the Yorkshire . In the kitchen, they blended and stirred by hand because they didn't have electric machines to do everything for you. When they packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, they used a wadded up old newspaper to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, they didn't fire up an engine and burn petrol just to cut the lawn. They used a push mower that ran on human power. They exercised by working so they didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.

But she's right; they didn't have the green thing back then.

They drank from a fountain when they were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time they had a drink of water. They refilled their writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and they replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull.

But they didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the tram or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or went on the bus instead of turning their mums into a 24-hour taxi service. They had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And they didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful the old folks

## Secrets to a long happy marriage



A old woman was sipping on a glass of wine, while sitting on the patio with her husband, and she says, "I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you"... Her husband asks, "Is that you, or the wine talking?"... She replies, "It's me... talking to the wine."

# The Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light Masterchef page

**This week is the P.E. Phil Penman's famous (Robyn's Mum actually)**

## **2-4-6-8 Cake**

2 eggs  
4 oz butter or margarine –**what is an “oz”**  
6 oz caster sugar – **oh ounce**  
8 oz self raising flour – **what is that in kilometres**  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  - 1 cup of milk (depending on how you like the mixture)



Cream the butter and the sugar  
Add the 2 eggs and beat  
Add the flour and the milk and continue to beat till the mixture is the desired consistency

Bake in a moderate oven approx 25 minutes depending on size of tin - 15 mins for patty cakes

This basic mixture can make a number of cakes

Add vanilla and ice with vanilla icing for Vanilla Cake  
Add cocoa and vanilla ice with chocolate icing for chocolate cake  
Bake cake and then when still hot spread with butter and sprinkle with caster sugar and cinnamon for tea cake  
Add lemon or orange rind for citrus cake  
Divide mix in 3 add red food colour to one part, cocoa to one part and vanilla to one part.  
Mix the 3 parts slightly together for Neapolitan cake  
Add lemon rind for a lemon cake and bake in a bunt tin, fill the middle of the cake with berries fresh or frozen and dust with icing sugar and serve with cream or ice cream  
Bake the chocolate cake in 2 round tins. Serve with tinned black cherries (drained) in the middle. Top with cream and sprinkle a flake chocolate bar over the top (easy black forest cake)  
Cook in patty tins for party cakes or slice the top of them fill them with jam and cream cut the top in half and turn them into butterfly cakes, dust with icing sugar to serve

One mixture....endless possibilities

Let them eat cake!

## **Next week John Toulmin's favourite**

## Welcome to The Rotary Foundation Australian Page

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### *A short history of The Rotary Foundation*

In 1917, RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed that an endowment be set up “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US\$5,000, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. Five Trustees, including Klumph, were appointed to “hold, invest, manage, and administer all of its property . . . as a single trust, for the furtherance of the purposes of RI.” Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. “Daddy” Allen, later grew into the Easter Seals.

The Great Depression and World War II both impeded the Foundation’s growth, but the need for lasting world peace generated great postwar interest in its development. After Rotary’s founder, Paul P. Harris, died in 1947, contributions began pouring into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

That year, the first Foundation program – the forerunner of Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships – was established. In 1965-66, three new programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called [Matching Grants](#).

The [Health, Hunger and Humanity \(3-H\) Grants](#) program was launched in 1978, and Rotary Volunteers was created as a part of that program in 1980. [PolioPlus](#) was announced in 1984-85, and the next year brought [Rotary Grants for University Teachers](#). The first peace forums were held in 1987-88, leading to the [Foundation's peace and conflict studies programs](#).

Throughout this time, support of the Foundation grew tremendously. Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, it has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion. More than \$70 million was donated in 2003-04 alone. To date, more than one million individuals have been recognized as [Paul Harris Fellows](#) – people who have given US\$1,000 to the Annual Programs Fund or have had that amount contributed in their name.

<b>ROSTER</b>	<b>10 August 2011</b>	<b>17 August 2011</b>
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	<b>John Simpson</b>	<b>John McHugh</b>
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Community Organic Garden</b>	<b>Life's Journey</b>
<b>Door Team</b>	<b>Graham Dooley &amp; Bruce Hemmett</b>	<b>Vicki Cooper &amp; Anne Jacob</b>
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	<b>Paul Bennett</b>	<b>Barry Murphy</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Peter Hyde</b>	<b>Phil Heffernan</b>
<b>President Assist</b>	<b>Patrick Mahony</b>	<b>Ross Lobsey</b>
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	<b>Ian Howle</b>	<b>Dennis Johnson</b>
<b>Corporal Assist</b>	<b>Chris Celovic</b>	<b>Michael Smith</b>
<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Paul Stevenson</b>	<b>Steve Massey</b>

**CORPORALS for: August: Phil Heffernan and Anne Jacob  
September: Terry Robinson and Helen Tickle**

<b>BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS</b>	
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	<b>Dennis Maunder 12/8 – 59 years</b>
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	<b>Trudy White – long suffering wife of Brett 12/8 – 21 years</b>
<b>Anniversaries</b>	<b>Nil I know of</b>
<b>Induction into Club</b>	<b>Diane Ford 11/8 1 year, Garnet Wood 11/8 1 year for 2<sup>nd</sup> time</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>83%</b>
<b>Make Ups</b>	<b>Chris Watson, E-Club, Paul Stevenson, Tamworth Sunrise</b>
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	<b>Maureen Coleman – Murwillumbah Daybreak</b>
<b>Visitors</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Head and Tails</b>	<b>Helen Tickle</b>
<b>Raffle</b>	<b>John Treloar</b>

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