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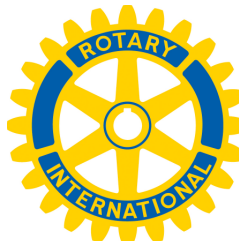


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## *A Letter from Louise*

[www.tamworthfirstlight.org.au](http://www.tamworthfirstlight.org.au) Wednesday 8 February 2012  
Meeting 1097

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

“Economists exist to make weather men look good.” – Anon

Wow, we achieved 100% turnout this week due to all the make ups for our service to the community. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Cavalcade marshalling & Largest Line Dance duties. Particular thanks to Brian Yeo, Chris Watson & Peter Ryan.

We raised \$2557.85 from the line dancing plus \$500 from the sponsors, Yellow Tail Wines. Great result, but I hear there was a little too much fellowship following the events...what the heck. Sorry I didn't make the "Presidential shout" but I was already in one, one very, very long one.

It was my great pleasure to present PP David with his bound copy of the Bulletins from his year. A wonderful keepsake & will make fantastic reference material. Thanks to Dools for organizing the binding.

Steve Massey has put together the cricket team & had no trouble filling it. I'm sure there will be several team bonding sessions prior to meeting "the Kids" on Sunday 4 March. This is a family day with a BBQ after the match, so please put it in your calendar.

Our Honorary Member, Bob Nelson was awarded an OAM in the Australia Day Honors list. A deserving recipient with the work he has put into the Science & Engineering Challenge over the years, making a difference to so many young people's lives.

We have received one application for RYLA, but please, if you have someone in mind, please put them forward. Just Google the website, there is plenty of information.

The Tallwoods Golf Trip has 44 registrations, but they can take a few more. Even though it's MEN ONLY, apparently they have fun! Any donations in the way of prizes would be greatly received.

Thanks to Phil "Precious" Heffernan as our guest speaker this morning, he echoed my thoughts on the club as a whole...family. Lots & lots of laughs topped off by another atrocious National Anthem.

Louise oxo

## UPDATES/ NEWS / DIARY DATES

- ~~Can I have some more recipes please – even cooking tips or dinner stories/disasters. Again no submissions this week. Have removed due to lack of interest. Well 7 months not a bad run.~~
- Louise – We need RYLA participants so consider family and work colleagues. Closing date is mid February.
- Caramello Quiz (Groundhog Day) we apparently will have the same question until we get it right...Q. What are the 7 steps to recruiting and retaining new members of Rotary? A. Infiltrate, Irritate, Metulate, Oscilliate, Ecompassilate, Stratentate and Fossilate. I think that is right, but too many people talking at once so may have misinterpreted some of the answers.
- Board meeting 14 February – Valentines Day, please bring flowers for Louise.
- Largest Line Dance raised around \$3,000.00 for Ronald McDonald House. Big thanks to Chris Watson and willing band of supporters.
- Golf – Brian Thompson advised there is 44 golfers signed up for the Tallwoods weekend trip. Need prizes please.
- Lost set of Mercedes Benz keys returned to rightful owner less \$20.00. Fine session was vigorous and with many cross fines raised a record for the year of \$227.00.
- Sunrise still squawking and preening themselves like a bunch of galahs. They may not be happy when they find out that we play with a real cricket ball and not a tennis ball like the one they have been using for training. Steve Massey will be organising body line bowling practice shortly.

- **President Louise presented Immediate Past President David Hinwood with the bound copy of all the Bulletins for his Presidential Year 2010 to 2011.**



Hi All

I guess most of you will have learned that I received an OAM in the Australia Day Honours List 2012 for services to education through the Science and Engineering Challenge. Whilst this was a great honour for me personally I wish to acknowledge and thank all those who helped make the Challenge the premier technical educational outreach program in this nation. In particular I want to acknowledge the efforts of the Challenge operational team whose dedication, enthusiasm and professionalism were a key part to the success of the program. Also the regional committees and in particular the regional chairs who were the very life blood of the program and the critical link between the program and the local communities it has served. I know the Challenge is not what it was just a few short years ago and I must admit this is an outcome I would most certainly not have predicted when I left. However I hope the program will continue thrive again once this current funding set back is overcome.

Together we have changed many young lives, we have engineers and scientists whose initial interest in their chosen career was kindled by our efforts. I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to all those who through their dedication and passion made the Challenge so successful. This success has been recognised with my award of an OAM and I feel humble and proud to have been so recognised. However, I remain acutely aware that it is all our efforts and not just mine that is being recognised.

Heartfelt thanks.

Bob Nelson , OAM  
Former Director of National Challenge Operations

# Guest Speaker – PP Phil Heffernan

## A Personal Profile

Introduced by Brian Thompson

This morning our Club came together to be educated and entertained by our own Heffo. Phil advised that he was conceived in 1947 and born sometime after that. He was born in Walcha and later moved to Tamworth where he attended St. Josephs Convent School and then Christian Brothers College.

Phil grew up in the hills above what is now Valley Drive is far east Tamworth and shot at anything that moved and somethings that didn't. He got shot by a friend, which is really what mates are for.

Phil worked for Elders and moved around a bit, living at Narromine, Bourke, Forbes, Cooma and Armidale.

Phil had met Patricia Muller during his last year of school and swept her away and away and away around the state. Parenthood came easy to young Phil and Todd was born in 1970, Katrina in 1971 and Taryn in 1978.

In 1981, Phil joined Burke & Smythe in the livestock area and found his niche. He had his own business for 20 years working with Trish and later Todd.

He is the proud grandfather to 3 grandsons and a granddaughter.

Phil enlightened the Club about his courting rituals and work mate comments about 'pissles' (spell check not much help) and pole vaulting from Bourke to Tamworth.

Phil played what he thought was Hockey for an adequate club call Tudors. Playing against Phil was a challenge and something the Bulletin Editor will always remember with mixed emotions. Phil was better served playing Rugby Union where no sticks were involved and hard play did not guarantee red cards. Golf is safer except for sand wedges.

Phil is full of surprises, but many consider him to be like a Lindt chocolate ball...hard on the outside and soft on the inside. He enjoys teaching Scripture at Tamworth Public School and working with Meals on Wheels. A proud and valued member of our Club and Rotary.

Phil gave us his words of wisdom – "Words, Actions & Presence".



Maureen Thornton presenting a vote of thanks to Phil Heffernan

**Claim the date**

**23 February 2012 – Film Premiere for “End Polio Now”**

**The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel**

starring Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, Tom Wilkinson, Bill Nighy and Dev Patel

# Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light Masterchef page

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## Country Music images







From left: Deb McBride, Narelle Langfield, Nichole Parry-Leahy, Lyn Bowtell, Beccy Cole, Gina Jeffreys, Julie McNamara and Penny Plowman in front



**Celebrating 65 years of performing**

Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" will be performed at the Capitol Theatre Tamworth from 23<sup>rd</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April by the Tamworth Dramatic Society who are thrilled to have secured the limited amateur rights.

This event, celebrating 60 years of The Mousetrap, coincides with the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tamworth Dramatic Society entertaining audiences in Tamworth and the season will be promoted as a historic milestone in the artistic life of the whole north west.

Don't miss the Tamworth premiere of the world's longest running murder mystery.

Find out why this play has been running continuously in London for 60 years.

Eight people are snowed in at a guest house – the owners, their four eccentric guests and two outsiders. When a murder happens, it sets the mystery into compelling motion. The truth is bent by silence or lies, and a trail of clues keeps you guessing to the end. This classic thriller opened in the West End on 25<sup>th</sup> November 1952 and has been running ever since.

With a brilliantly intricate plot, where murder lurks around every corner, Dame Agatha Christie's masterpiece 'whodunit' creates an atmosphere of shuddering suspense.

This is one of the few times the play will be performed outside the capitol cities and will give country people the chance to see this phenomenally successful play in their own area. The cast includes leading local talent and the play is directed by the award winning Australian director, Peter Ross, currently Manager of Entertainment Venues in Tamworth.

Promotion will include television, radio and print advertising, as well as opening night festivities, and an opportunity exists for local businesses to share in this exciting event through sponsorship of any element of this campaign.

Tickets are now on sale in person at the Visitors Information Centre, on line at [www.capitoltheatretamworth.com.au](http://www.capitoltheatretamworth.com.au) or by phoning 02 6767 5300. Tickets are also available at the Box Office one hour prior to the performance.

Opening night is on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March @ 8 pm  
 Subsequent productions: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm,  
 Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Matinee @ 2pm  
 Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm  
 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm  
 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm  
 Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> @ 8pm  
 Final production Sunday Matinee April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 2 pm

# Rotary clubs worldwide meet US\$200 million fundraising challenge

Rotary International News -- 17 January 2012

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Jeff Raikes, chief executive officer of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (left), shakes hands with Rotary Foundation Trustee John Germ during the fourth plenary session of the International Assembly. *Rotary Images/Alyce Henson*

Rotary International has succeeded in meeting the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's US\$200 million match in funding for polio eradication, raising more than \$202.6 million as of 17 January.

"We'll celebrate this milestone, but it doesn't mean that we'll stop raising money or spreading the word about polio eradication," Rotary Foundation Trustee John F. Germ told Rotary leaders at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. "We can't stop until our entire world is certified as polio-free."

The fundraising milestone was reached in response to \$355 million in challenge grants awarded to The Rotary Foundation by the Gates Foundation. All funds have been earmarked to support polio immunization activities in affected countries where the vaccine-preventable disease continues to paralyze children.

"In recognition of Rotary's great work, and to inspire Rotarians in the future, the [Gates] foundation is committing an additional \$50 million to extend our partnership," said Jeff Raikes, chief executive officer of the Gates Foundation. "Rotary started the global fight against polio, and continues to set the tone for private fundraising, grassroots engagement, and maintaining polio at the top of the agenda with key policymakers." Raikes also addressed Rotary leaders at the International Assembly.

The new \$50 million grant from the Gates Foundation is not a challenge grant.

Since 1988, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 percent, from about 350,000 cases annually to fewer than 650 cases reported so far for 2011. The wild poliovirus is now endemic in only four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. However, India on 13 January marked a full calendar year without a case, paving the way for its removal from the endemic list.

But other countries also remain at risk for polio cases imported from the endemic countries. In Africa in 2011, Chad and the Democratic Republic of the Congo had significant outbreaks. Also in 2011, a small cluster of polio cases in China, which had been polio-free for a decade, was traced to Pakistan.

Rotary club members not only reached into their own pockets to support the Gates challenge, but also engaged their communities in a variety of creative fundraising projects, such as a fashion show in California that raised \$52,000, benefit film screenings in New Zealand and Australia that netted \$54,000, and a pledge-supported hike through Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, that brought in \$38,000. Many events were planned around 24 October, widely observed as World Polio Day.

To date, Rotarians worldwide have contributed more than \$1 billion toward the eradication of polio, a cause Rotary took on in 1985. In 1988, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention joined Rotary as spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. More recently, the Gates Foundation has become a major supporter. In 2007, the Gates Foundation gave Rotary a \$100 million challenge grant for polio eradication, increasing it to \$355 million in 2009. Rotary agreed to raise \$200 million in matching funds by 30 June 2012.

Reaching children with the oral polio vaccine in the disease's remaining strongholds is labor- and resource-intensive due to a host of challenges, including poor infrastructure, geographical isolation, armed conflict, and cultural misunderstanding about the eradication campaign.



The Northern Daily Leader needs to make sure there is a line separating photos from headlines in case of confusion. Paul Stevenson couldn't see there was a problem as this would be considered a common headline and image in the Wellington NZ paper. Thanks to all those who sent me or alerted me of the above mistake.

Italian Cruise ship captain Francesco Schettino began his new job as a bus driver yesterday...



| <b>ROSTER</b>               | <b>8 February 2012</b>               | <b>15 February 2012</b>                   |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Guest Speaker</b>        | <b>Ainsley Bartlett</b>              | <b>Christie Watts</b>                     |
| <b>Topic</b>                | <b>Cambodian Schools of Hope</b>     | <b>Hope Hill</b>                          |
| <b>Door Team</b>            | <b>Brian Yeo &amp;<br/>Ian Howle</b> | <b>David Hinwood &amp;<br/>Peter Hyde</b> |
| <b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b> | <b>Graham Dooley</b>                 | <b>Ross Lobsey</b>                        |
| <b>Welcome</b>              | <b>John Fogarty</b>                  | <b>Barry Biffin</b>                       |
| <b>President Assist</b>     | <b>Vicki Cooper</b>                  | <b>Tim Coates</b>                         |
| <b>Visitor Assist</b>       | <b>Phil Lyon</b>                     | <b>Steve Massey</b>                       |
| <b>Corporal Assist</b>      | <b>Peter Ryan</b>                    | <b>Max May</b>                            |
| <b>Introduction</b>         | <b>Phil Heffernan</b>                | <b>Pat Varley</b>                         |
| <b>Vote of Thanks</b>       | <b>Diane Ford</b>                    | <b>Dennis Johnson</b>                     |

**CORPORALS for February: David Baddams & Greg Birtles**  
**March: David Hinwood & Peter Hyde**

| <b>BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS</b> |   |
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| <b>Members Birthdays</b>                       | <b>Nil</b>                                      |
| <b>Partners Birthdays</b>                      | <b>Helen Hinwood (partner of David) 11/2</b>    |
| <b>Anniversaries</b>                           | <b>Nil</b>                                      |
| <b>Induction into Club</b>                     | <b>Nil</b>                                      |
| <b>Attendance</b>                              | <b>100% - great effort</b>                      |
| <b>Make Ups</b>                                | <b>Numerous due to Country Music activities</b> |
| <b>Visiting Rotarians</b>                      | <b>Nil</b>                                      |
| <b>Visitors</b>                                | <b>Catherine Smith</b>                          |
| <b>Head and Tails</b>                          | <b>David Baddams</b>                            |
| <b>Raffle</b>                                  | <b>Max May – no hat trick Louise</b>            |

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