



**23 Sept
2008**

TANIA HAYES

This week's guest speaker is Tanya Hayes who lives on the South Coast of NSW and became a Carer at 22 when her fiancé Warren was diagnosed with a life threatening brain tumour.

From the moment Warren fell sick, Tania gave up her life to be by his side. Together they faced an agonising series of medical battles, mishaps and close calls as Warren was hospitalised for a total of 446 days.

Towards the end of Warren's long illness, Tania ignored the doctor's recommendation that Warren should be put in a nursing home and decided to take him home and become his fulltime carer.

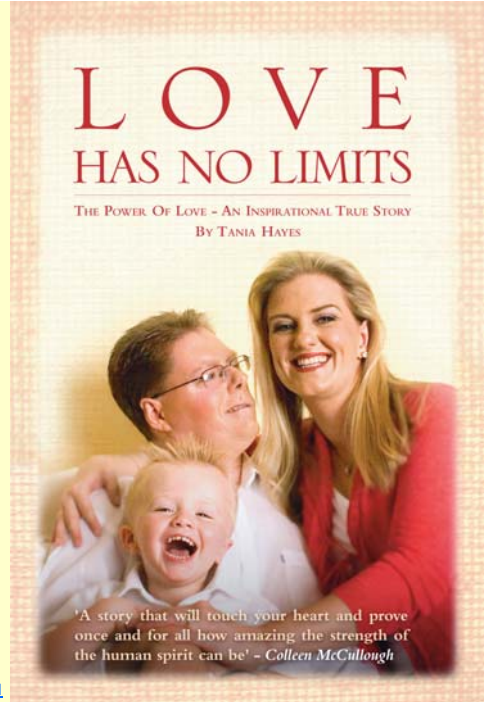
For the past 10 years Tania has devoted her life to rehabilitating Warren - helping him to learn to talk, eat and move once more.

All their struggle and sacrifice came to fruition when they were finally able to get married and they now have a beautiful two-year-old son named Josh. Despite the suffering and darkness in her past, Tania has remained positive and optimistic for the future.

She continues to put her energy into her family and has become a strong advocate for carers and the disabled across Australia.

It is Tania's ambition to transform her experiences of suffering into a positive force by teaching the world that no matter what happens to you in life, with love on your side, nothing is ever impossible.

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NEXT WEEK:

On 30th September Dr Charlie Frew will address us on the important subject of Bowel Cancer.

ROTARY – People like you and me

INTERPLAST

Last week Dr Allan Meares gave the Club an update on Interplast activities



Founded in 1983 as a joint project of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and Australian Rotary Clubs, Interplast Australia & New Zealand provides voluntary medical teams who carry out plastic and reconstructive surgery and deliver training in developing countries.

Interplast sends 30 programs to 16 countries each year and sponsors doctors and nurses to receive part of their training in Australia.

Interplast volunteers provide free treatment to people living with a disability from a congenital condition such as cleft lip and cleft palate or acquired conditions such as burns scar contractures. Treatment is targeted to indigent populations who would otherwise not be able to afford to access services.

People living with a disability are among the most disadvantaged in the world. Many suffer from treatable deformities and injuries but are unable to access treatment due to poverty, isolation and the lack of surgeons skilled in plastic and reconstructive surgery. 70% of the patients of Interplast

are under 15 years of age.

Often these children are ostracised from their society simply because they look different, or cannot perform simple tasks for themselves. They often do not go to school because they are teased by their peers.

They potentially live a life without friends, or an education and often are a continual burden on their family. A simple operation will repair their condition, and give them the confidence to attend school, restore functionality, and grow up to contribute economically to their family and ultimately the community in which they live.

This year Interplast celebrates its 25th year of operation. In that time nearly 600 plastic and reconstructive surgeons, anaesthetists and nurses from Australia and New Zealand have volunteered on over 400 programs to 22 different countries. They have trained hundreds of overseas medical personnel, sponsored 65 to receive part of their training in Australia, conducted nearly 30,000 consultations and over 17,000 life changing operations.



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AROUND THE CLUB

The issue of the half-yearly subscription notices went hi-tech last month with the Treasurer emailing a notice from the President asking all of us to pay up!

The catch: the email appeared to come from Desiree in the Treasurer's office. Unfortunately many members assumed this was another email offering products to do great things to their bodies and deleted the message without reading it. So if you have not received your subs notice, please ask **Craig Douglas** (or Desiree) to send you a replacement email with the invoice attached. Email address is in the box on the left.





Karen Loblay did a great job last week raising dollars with a guessing completion for the number of "jellies" in the jar. We won't embarrass her by repeating her Freudian slip! Thanks to Patricia Harrison

who won for passing the jar around the members to enjoy a jelly with the coffee.

Happy birthday this week to **Jean Elborn, Brian Fletcher, David Hunt** and **Michael Dunn**. Club anniversaries: **Ken Hacker** (37 yrs)

Please send us your news or news of your fellow members. Just email rotarymatters@people.net.au and type away!

Rotary's 4-Way Test

It asks the following four questions:

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

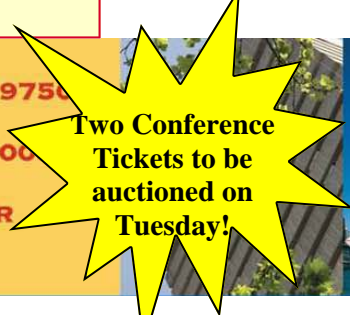


What's for lunch this week:

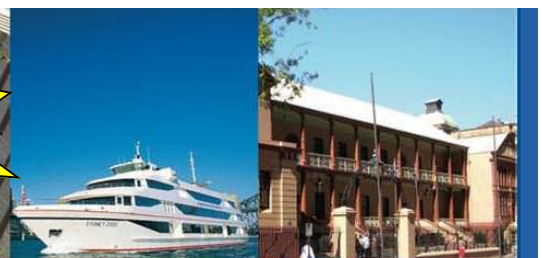
Hot: Fillet of perch topped with tomato concasse on bed of mashed & seasonal vegetables
 Dessert: Brandy snap & fresh fruit salad & cream
 Vegetarian: Mushroom & zucchini fettuccini
 Salad: Mixed salad greens with grilled pancetta



Michael Grace shares some of his lifetime experiences at last week's meeting.



Two Conference Tickets to be auctioned on Tuesday!



ROTARY DISTRICT 9750
 CONFERENCE 2008
 17-19 OCTOBER
 UTS SYDNEY

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's getting towards the end of September, so I have almost completed one quarter of my year as President, and the last few weeks have been particularly busy, so I would like to share with you what has been happening.

Presidents' Meeting

Last Friday, I went down to a District Presidents' meeting at Sutherland. These evenings are always most informative, but what was very interesting was that I caught the train down with the President of the Rotary Club of Double Bay, Diana Stojanovich. The club was chartered in June and up until that time Diana was not involved in Rotary, so it was a very interesting conversation – the new, enthusiastic Rotarian versus the very committed, longstanding Rotarian. As you can imagine it was a very intense conversation, but with the same ideals – how best to serve the community through the strong network of Rotary. I would urge all of you to support the newest club in our District by joining them for breakfast when you need to make-up.

The theme of the evening was health. The first speaker told us about a programme to aid people with Bipolar disease by giving them support via the internet. The Professor concerned is running this programme through a grant by the Australian Rotary Health Research Foundation, and I am sure that you will all recall the talk by Joy Gillett a couple of weeks ago telling us of their work. Another speaker told us about the number of people who die each year from preventable diseases – malaria, sleeping sickness and TB. The problem is that governments and drug companies are not prepared to spend thousands of dollars researching these diseases – they would rather produce drugs for those of us who can afford to treat ailments such as arthritis or diabetes – many more \$'s to be had! If this was a perfect world we would eradicate these diseases, as we have almost done with Polio, and hopefully this will be accomplished shortly through the joint efforts of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Rotary International.

Servcorp Ball - YoungCare

Then on Saturday Garry Browne, Indy Singh, James Allen, Geoff Wilbow and I, with partners, attended the Servcorp Ball in aid of Youngcare. Each year Servcorp has a conference for their managers from all around the world which culminates in a ball on the Saturday night. So all we "oldies" had a table in the midst of all these young people from all over the world. It was a great night, and raised something over \$30,000 for Youngcare.

I thought that Tuesday was a special meeting, with Dr Allan Meares telling us about Interplast. Isn't it wonderful to hear of the work of these surgeons who give of their time to travel overseas, not only to perform these miracle operations but also to train doctors in third world countries to continue the work after their departure? We also had Sarah Ison from the Girls & Boys Brigade who came to view our new treasure – a brochure from the 1924 Boys Exhibition which was sponsored by our Club. She brought some other memorabilia from that time which was eagerly scrutinised by our Archivists, Ken Sutherland and Don Knudsen. Sarah will come back again soon and tell us about her work. Of course we are involved with the Girls and Boys Brigade through the "Your Country" programme, so Sarah is no stranger to many of our members.

Farewell Sharyn & Bob

Tuesday night was our regular monthly Board meeting. It was with regret that we accepted the resignation of two members – Sharyn Aitken and Bob Wales. Sharyn was only with us for a short while, transferring from the CBD Club, but had for many years been actively involved in District Youth activities.

Sharyn's business has moved to the upper North Shore and so she is unable to make meetings. It is particularly sad that Bob Wales will no longer be a member of our Club. I am sure all of the older members will remember the great contribution of J A Wales & Co – both through sponsorship of club activities and assisting with printing requirements. Bob's business is in Alexandria and he too can't make lunch meetings. On the other side of the coin, we have this month inducted three new members, and there are another five or six in the pipeline

Honorary Members

We also discussed Honorary Members. It has been the practice of the Club to invite the Governor-General to join in an Honorary capacity, and so I am to write a letter to Ms Quentin Bryce, AC, issuing this invitation. On the State front, Morris Lemma was an Honorary Member whilst holding the position of Premier. I am to write to him offering him ordinary membership of the Club whilst at the same time writing to Mr Nathan Rees, MP offering him Honorary Membership.

Ambassadorial Scholars

Friday night was one of those evenings when I know why I am a Rotarian. Please go back to where I am talking about the Presidents' meeting in Sutherland. The meeting before I was approached by Frank Low of the Rotary Club of Sydney Inner West. He felt it was time to provide our Ambassadorial Scholars with an opportunity to get together and socialise. So on Friday night at my home we had DG Barney Koo, DGE Glenn Wran, DGN David Brawn plus partners and also 12 of the most inspirational young people you will ever meet. They came from the US, Canada, Japan, Germany, Switzerland and Scotland, and are all over here doing post-graduate studies. Another special guest was Sheila Matete-Owiti, our own outgoing scholar who has recently returned from The Netherlands and intends to work with our indigenous community. Sheila will come and speak to us early next year. At 9.30 DG Barney was just about to make a speech when he was interrupted by a massive display of fireworks, which was so exciting for our overseas visitors.



District Conference Tickets to be Auctioned

And that leads me into the future – the District Conference. All these young people will be there to share their experiences with you. And PP

Garry Browne has donated two full packages to the Conference which we will auction on Tuesday – so please come to lunch and bid. I can assure you it will be worthwhile. As well as the day-time sessions the package includes dinner at Parliament House on Friday 17 October and the next night on a cruise around the harbour.

Cup in the Park

Our next fundraising function will be "Cup in the Park" on 4 November. I have been speaking recently about people taking tables for their staff for the day. Ann Burleigh and I are arranging table for our friends, so if there is anyone who would like to come individually rather than in a work group, please speak to either of us as we would both welcome anyone to join us.

To cap off the week, Sunday evening I have been invited to Phil Burgess' farewell. I am sure you will all recall the second of Telstra's "3 Amigos" who also happens to be a Rotarian from a Club in Texas. He has been in Australia for a couple of years and has spoken at our Club, but needs to go home as his mother-in-law is very ill.

I am looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday. Our speaker is a lady who has managed to keep her husband out of high level care against all odds which I feel fits in well with our project for the year. For those who cannot manage what Tania is doing, there needs to be YoungCare.

Coming Up!

- 30 Sept Luncheon - Dr Charlie Frew - Bowel Cancer
7 Oct Luncheon - Ethics Hypothetical debate
14 Oct Luncheon - Tony Lund, Disability Services Australia - Challenges in 21st Century
17-19 Oct **District 9750 Conference, University of Technology Sydney.**
21 Oct Luncheon - Helen Grasswill, Producer "Australian Story"
28 Oct Luncheon - Diana "Bubbles" Fisher, "Behind the scenes on royal occasions"
28 Oct **Rotary Means Business, 6pm - 7:30pm, 2nd Floor, Castlereagh Hotel.**
11 Nov Luncheon - Caltex Teachers Awards
18 Nov Luncheon - Judith R. Fergin, US Consul General
18 Nov **Art Show Cocktail Party - Wentworth Gallery**
25 Nov Luncheon - Indy Singh on the Indian Economy.
2 Dec Luncheon - Mt Eliza Presentation
16 Dec **Christmas Dinner**

Please transfer these dates to your PDA or Diary.



Cup in the Park
LIVE IN THE DOMAIN SYDNEY - TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

THE EVENT THAT STOPS THE NATION CAN'T STOP THE PARTY
SYDNEY'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS MELBOURNE CUP EVENT IN THE HEART OF THE CBD

FEATURING:
Exclusive Live performance by the Potbelleez
Full TAB betting facilities with helpful staff to get your bets on!
Huge outdoor TV screen to watch the great race
Fashions of the field and lucky door prizes
Fully catered with gourmet food and premium beverages
Pamper marquee with heaps of giveaways
Large themed marquee's with plasma screens, so you can be indoors or out
Move your party out of the office and into the park!!!!

TICKET:
Cocktail Party - \$169 per person plus BF
(Ticket includes Canapés and beverage package *conditions apply)
VIP Corporate Lunch - \$200.00 per person plus BF
(Ticket includes food and beverage package*conditions apply)
Private Marquee's available
For more information please email your enquiry to info@cupinthePark.com.au
This is over 18's event only
Tickets on sale now.
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For further information please visit our web site www.cupinthePark.com.au

TAB
Botanic Gardens Trust

MAKE-UPS

If you visit another Rotary Club or related meeting, please make sure you email Membership Director Harry Fox with the details - harryfox@wilsonlearning.com.au

The Rotary Club of Sydney meets every Tuesday at 12:30pm, Cello Room, 4th Floor, Castlereagh Hotel, 169 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

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BERT'S CORNER

MEDICAL

My doctor gave me six months to live and when I couldn't pay the bill he gave me six months more

A man went to his doctor complaining of a pain in the stomach, The doctor gave him a thorough examination but couldn't find anything obviously wrong. The doctor sighed: "I'm afraid I can't find anything wrong. I think it must be the drink."
"All right then, said the patient. "I'll come back when you're sober"

Doctor, doctor, my leg hurts. What can I do?
Limp.

Doctor, doctor ,I've got a cricket ball stuck in my ear
How's that?
Now don't you start

Bert Rosenberg

BRINGING VISITORS

If you plan to bring visitors to lunch, please email Ann Burleigh with their names on the Monday morning before the Rotary luncheon. annburleigh@ozemail.com.au

How are we doing?

Attendance for August: 34%

Members as at 31 August - 148



Please send your news to the Bulletin Editor,

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