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Rotary Club of Samford Valley meets each Tuesday at 6.30 pm for 7:00 pm at
The Samford Homestead Restaurant, Main Street, Samford Village

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before 12 noon Tues.

*Late apologies
are expected to pay*

Last Weeks Meeting

With Rob a late apology, being caught on site, Janelle was dragged from the hot seat and into the role of Chair(wo)man at the last minute.

Good to see a collection of visitors in addition to John McKenna, the guest speaker. Visitors included Chrissy Wilkinson, Delmar Broadbent, Geoff Moore and Sean Keogh; good to see you all along.

First up was the reminder that the Christmas party meeting will be at Pip Bensley's, 128 Smiths Rd, Wight's Mountain – normal

time 6.30 for a 7:00 pm start; bring your Christmas spirit for a great casual and friendship function with a few formalities. Pip has discussed and allocated the food contributions. Bring a camera as we believe there will be a few surprises. Also bring a uni-sex type Christmas present to the value of about \$10.

Eric advised that recent visitor Peter Jackson had a serious argument with his ladder And lost! Peter has been in hospital for 10 days after suffering a few fractures in the hip and pelvis area. We all wish Peter a rapid recovery.



Bucket raffle was won by Chrissy Wilkinson while the heads and tails fun was won by Paul Jackson.

Next regular meeting will be 10 January at Samford Homestead and we take this opportunity to thank Steve and his team for their support during the year and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a very prosperous and happy 2012.

Special points of interest:

- Rotary Club Christmas Function 20 December
- Two meetings over Christmas and New Year cancelled
- Next Meeting 10 January at the Samford Homestead
- International Conference—Bangkok May 2012
- District Conference March 2012

This Month

Birthdays Bob Dunn 25th
Paul Jackson 17th

Wedding Anniversaries—none in December

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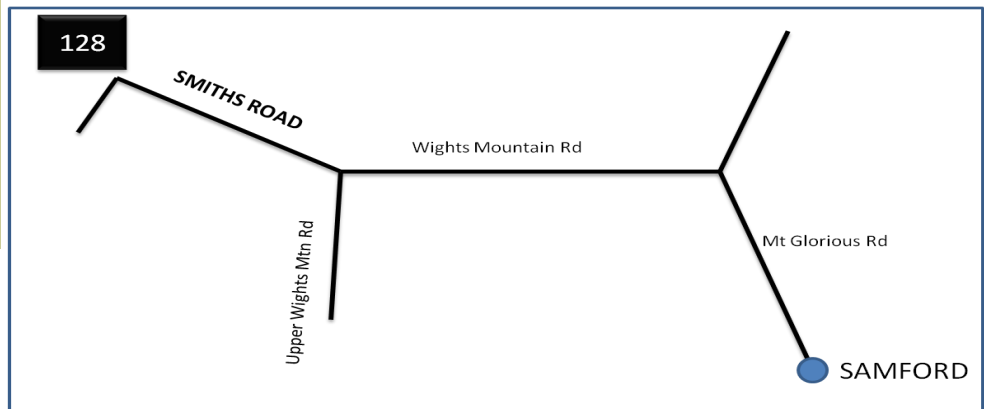
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	20 December		10 January 2012
Topic/Speaker	Christmas Party at Philipa's house	27 Dec and 3 Jan Cancelled	
Chairman	Ian Ruffles		Bob Millar
Asst.Treasurer	John Broadbent		Pip Bensley
Sergeant	Warren Hampton		Bob D
Hot Seat	Lorelle Holcroft		Rob Robinson

Members responsibility to find an alternative or swap!

Victim Assist, Queensland

John McKenna, our guest speaker, has been with the Qld Dep't of Justice for a number of years. Until recently, he was in the specialist communication area dealing with Justice of the Peace and JP in the Community programme. He is on secondment to the newly established Qld Victim Assist area, established to provide support to victims of crime that has been reported.

“Victim Assist Qld is a new assistance scheme that provides access to specialised support services and financial assistance to help victims of crime get their lives back on track.”

The support enables Victims of crime to access financial support for both physical and psychological pain and suffering.

Each case is assessed individually on merit and the basis of the completed forms lodged and supporting evidence that is reported — generally to the police, but in some special cases reported to their specialist medical support.

The victims of crime who can apply for assistance include a wide range of people both directly and indirectly involved and affected.

- Primary victims—people injured in a crime committed against them.
- Related victims—close family members or dependents of a person who died as a result of crime or violence.

For acts of violence since December 2009:

- Witness secondary victims — persons injured as a result of witnessing a crime or act of violence
- Parent secondary victim — parents, or guardians, injured as a direct result of injuries to their children (under age 18).

The support can be direct financial support for counselling; medical and dental expenses; loss of earnings; reasonable travel expenses; funeral expenses; legal expenses and in some special circumstances, other reasonable costs enabling trauma recovery. Primary victims can also seek special financial assistance in acknowledgement of violence against them.

John told us that there are also measures in place to recover some of the financial costs from the perpetrator of the violence.

Depending on each case, the process can take from 3 months to 3 years and in some circumstances up to 6 years. There are provisions for the victims to make amendments to their claim each year — which allows updating information as circumstances and costs change.



IMMATURITY
Some People Never Grow Up

A woman went to the doctor's office where she was seen by one of the younger doctors. After about 4 minutes in the examination room, she burst out screaming as she ran down the hall.

An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was, and she told him her story. After listening, he had her sit down and relax in another room.

The older doctor marched down the hallway back to where the young doctor was writing on his clipboard. "What's the matter with you?" the older doctor demanded. "Mrs. Terry is 58 years old, has four grown children and a grandchild, and you told her she was pregnant?"

The younger doctor continued writing and without looking up said,

"Does she still have the hiccups?"

Samford Rotary Members

Philipa Bensley – Life Coach (and grandmother)	Paul Jackson – Environmental Engineer, Choirst
John Broadbent – Road and Traffic Engineer	Lee Kenny – Fine Furniture Manufacturer
Tony Freeman – marketing consultant	Eric Leese – Building Contractor
Bob Dunn – Tyre retailer	Bob Millar – Local Government Councillor
Peter Gloor – Retired Consul and Freight Agent; Swiss Tour Guide	Rob Robinson – Builder Portable Sheds
Simon Grant – Government Lawyer	Ian Ruffles – PRESIDENT and Life Coach
Warren Hampton – Business Coach and developing news paper journalist and raconteur	Ian Spiller – Retired Builder, student, artist, Traveller and story teller
Brian Hansford – Emeritus Professor of English, coffee drinker; author friendly trouble-maker	Barry Walker – Retired Customs Officer and in- ventor of the dog sniffers unit
Paul Harris – Building company proprietor	Janelle Young – Professor of Literacy & Tourist
Lorelle Holcroft – Deputy Principal; Catcher of the snail catcher	

The Object of Rotary



The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- First. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- Second. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- Third. The application of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- Fourth. *The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.*

The Four Way Test

of things we think, say or do

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

ROTARY GRACE

O LORD, AND GIVER OF ALL GOOD,
WE THANK THEE FOR OUR DAILY FOOD.
MAY ROTARY FRIENDS AND ROTARY WAYS
HELP US TO SERVE THEE ALL OUR DAYS.
AMEN

The Rotary Grace is intended a non denominational, non-sectarian, non religious grace offered in all Rotary countries and in all types of worship