

- On behalf of Geoff, Sharon Brett, Kayla I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone here this afternoon so we can all share our love, thoughts and support after the tragic loss of Tanya last Saturday morning.
- Today is an opportunity to share your stories and celebrate Tanya's life – because that's what she would have wanted us all to do
- There has been so much out pouring of support and messages especially through social media - it has been overwhelming
- After this memorial, there will be an opportunity to have some light refreshments outside, and an open mic for those that would also like to share a story
- Sign pictures ???
- Gold coin donation at the bar – with proceeds going to the FNQYAF – there are some slips here today for those wishing to make a donation – and just want to say to the Ronebergs that is a magnificent gesture – for those of you who are not aware- provides youth in Far North Queensland to take advantage of education, sporting and youth club activities.
- Mens and womens toilets are outside down the hallway on the left hand side
- And can I please ask that you also turn your mobile phones to tremble – Tanya had a chuckle about that one when were in Brisbane at DA's funeral because the priest didn't want to say vibrate.. but you all know what to do if you haven't already..
- Tanya had many circles of friends..
- We will hear from a many of them today, and we look forward to sharing their stories
- What I am very respectful to is how wide and far Tanya's friendships were spread – they were all over the world..

- And has this week been recognised by Kristina Kineally – CEO of Basketball Australia :

“The basketball community was very lucky to have had somebody as passionate and committed as Tanya involved in our game,” said Ms Keneally.

“Those who had the good fortune to have worked with Tanya have reflected on what a wonderful person she was, and what a significant contribution she made to the sport, particularly in terms of statistician training and coordination.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with Tanya’s family and friends through this difficult time.”

I would like to welcome the first speaker to come forward - Tammie Thornton (with Tennille Denman) - long time family friends to the Ronebergs

Next speakers - Matt Bolton, John Piva and Natalie Beecroft

I have been lucky enough to have been on a journey of sorts with Tanya for some time now with regard to her Stats accreditation.

This started 2009 – T started to make her first enquiries to Basketball Queensland regarding the requirements for her to achieve her Level3 accreditation

She put it on the back burner for a while as she was she felt it was getting put in the too hard basket after a number of enquires had fallen short, and she had taken time off to travel.

In April last year – she sent me an email that said and I quote– “I have decided it might be time to start making a nuisance of myself “

NOW I have had to omit the names so as to not incriminate anyone – but this is the email Tanya sent this email to anyone that was even closely related to Stats in Queensland and the NBL:

Hi - I am the head statistician in Cairns.

We had a visit from National Statistics Coordinator, in February. She requested that I talk to BQ and arrange to be the Qld nominated statistician for the junior Nationals in either Perth or Tamworth this year. This was in order to facilitate my qualification as a Level 3 statistician.

Tamworth was the better option for me and I immediately spoke to the CEO of the Taipans and another NBL official. They advised that they would assist in any way necessary and I believe the Taipans have already made some preliminary enquiries.

No confirmation of my attendance at this tournament has been received and the last word I received was that "it wasn't that easy" but no advice of what needed to be done in order to get me to Tamworth was passed on.

I have been the Head Statistician up here for at least the last eleven years (apart from a break when I was travelling). I have never once been invited to nominate for Nationals and in fact wasn't even aware there was a process for it.

Further I haven't had any contact from a state statistics coordinator in many years and despite feeling very isolated up here I still would like to become a level 3 qualified statistician. It will be a big help up here in North Queensland as I will be able to not only train but assess and qualify new statisticians.

I would appreciate your assistance in this, at least an answer in any event as I have been trying to get one since for some time.

Next speaker - Jess Shuttleworth

Next speakers - Emma Miller and Kath Kinneally - on behalf of the Triathlon Community

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After sending her email away, Tanya received the following response:

As our allocation for Tamworth was a scoretable official this person has already been selected and advised of their appointment so unfortunately I am not in a position to offer you this place in 2012. We will keep your information on file.

Not one to take no for answer - Tanya replied BQ –

Could you please provide me with the name and contact details of the Queensland head statistician so I don't have to make a complete nuisance of myself next time.

For the record I could not be more disappointed with how this has turned out.

Then sent me the following:

If our work servers would allow emails to be sent containing obscene language this one would be full of them.

Next speakers - Karen Turner with Jason Glaskner and Nathan Rundle

Next speakers - Bethany Knights and Andria Rowe

She received the contact details from BQ, and went back with:

For the record I emailed this contact in 2009 requesting assistance. I sent the emails a number of times and I am yet to receive a reply - I still have the emails.

She soon received a call not long after – inviting her to attend Tamworth

15th July – I received the following text message:

Hi Mark and Mike. At the airport heading back to Sydney from Tamworth.. Thanks for your help with Accom, was a lifesaver. FYI I got told last night that I'm getting a letter of recommendation for my Level 3 – Success!

This was followed by another on the 27th October –

Just got the call. Its official – they ratified me and I am now a Level Three Statistician WOOT! Spelt W double O T, I am not sure what a Woot is but sounds pretty good, and took this that she was very happy

On the 25th January this year – Trish Nicols presented her certificate on court at the Cairns Convention Centre – there is a photo of the Presentation on Court in montage

Next speakers – Anne Kippin and Ric Doo - on behalf of Cairns Baseball

Next speakers – Lars Kalland and Tennille Denman - on behalf of Trinity CrossFit

At Basketball Marlins/Dolphins and Taipans - Ultimate professional – another way of saying anal – but I couldn't say this publically.. Stats were not allowed to leave

the desk until they were right/ accurate/ cross checked and audited – that was T..
At times drove us all nuts..

And I'll give you an example - 3 years ago - we were live on TV for a Fox game..
there was an internet drop out on the live stats computer – but no panic – we run
a backup computer –

I have the production crew from Fox up my ribs about getting stats live- Marc
Howard and Chuck Harmison hammering me on the phone from NBL – I fly over to
the bench - and T – whats happened to the stats - your not touching the
computer..

I'm saying but T we are live on TV reboot the thing– she looked up from the
computer and said “your NOT touching the computer”– and she gave me this
look – and I knew – Had I touched the computer – I would have been cut

I went back to the Fox Sports guys and NBL and said Sorry guys – the computer has
shit itself

End result was that the coaches had stats through the game at qtr and half time
breaks, and full report at the end of the game..

She said to me after the game – had she re-booted booted live stats, there was a
possibility of losing the whole game.. we never made another approach mid game

Tanya spoke a lot as we have heard today of her love for her mum and Dad - for
helping her get into her unit, and money for renovations.. Possibly the assistance
with the odd credit card bill?

Also of how incredibly proud of her brother she was- Brett – she talked about you
so much, she knew all your stats and games when you were in the states

Speaking of brothers my brother Cam was in between accommodations at one
point while he was here in Cairns.. That's another way of saying he had been
kicked out of everywhere he had been - T took him in on a strictly 2 week contract
(he had a tendency to stay longer)- but soon realised just how good a bird she was

Ever quick to lend a hand to mate - She soon after served his divorce papers to his
ex – wife.. drove out to the school in Edmonton- turned up, asked for by name –

and said - Hi – bubbly smile- these are for you – would you mind singing here – whats this? Your divorce papers – she did it the only way she knew how – like a perfumed steam roller.. the entire time with what could only be described as un-nerving smile..

Cam recently relayed this story to Brett which he swiftly translated into his own words – you got served bitch.

The transaction fee demanded by Tanya for this was a beathovens lunch...

Next speaker – Brett Roneberg

Two x Ironman Videos

Next speaker – Sharon Roneberg – on behalf of Geoff and herself

Tanya Roneberg

We are signing off here today, but you will be with us forever

Woot

(spelt W double O T)