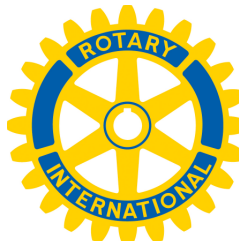


# THE ROTARY CLUB OF TAMWORTH - FIRST LIGHT



## *A Letter from Louise*

[www.tamworthfirstlight.org.au](http://www.tamworthfirstlight.org.au) Wednesday 21st December 2011  
Meeting 1092

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

“The true test of success is succession.” – Anon

Every Past President tells me it's a very fast ride downhill from here on. Our AGM & Club Assembly this morning went very smoothly with seconds to spare. Thank you for the input from all involved. As I said in my report, we are very fortunate to have the foundation of a very stable Club with all the procedures in place to maintain our obligations to our members, District & RI & still be able to have some good “belly laughs” even during the presentation of the financial reports.

It's exciting to see the mix of members on the upcoming Board, they will enjoy working with Phil Penman as I have done in this half year. Once again we are in such a fortunate position to be able to fill all positions with a mix of experience & new blood each year. Some Clubs aren't able to do that, so once again I'm pushing the Membership message.....keep them coming, the younger the better!

A list of disbursements is listed later in this Bulletin for your perusal. At Board level we felt it was a good mix between RI, Rotary Health, International, other health & our own Community.

The Golf committee has always been the backbone of our fundraising activities, however we have a couple of major ones coming up. Santa Crawl on Friday night will be huge thanks to Chris Watson. We also have Longest Line Dance during the festival, which we have gained a sponsor for....so please help out where you can.

Wonderful to see Catherine (Newman) Smith as my guest this morning. Catherine was a former member of our Club who moved away with her work but has come back to Tamworth. Please reacquaint yourselves with Catherine & make her welcome.

Please keep DJ in your thoughts this week as he goes in for his surgery on Friday. Looking forward to having his happy smiling face back in the New Year.

Don't forget Santa is making a visit next Wednesday with his "helper" or "hinderer", so look out anything could happen & probably will!

Louise oxo

## **The Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light – Annual General Meeting**

### **Election of Directors 2012-2013 - Phil Penman President**

- President Elect...**Annette Arthur**
- Secretary...**Brian Thompson**
- Treasurer...**John Toulmin**
- Club Admin...**Michael Smith.**
- Rotary Foundation...**Garnet Wood...**
- Membership **Rob Clifton**
- Public Relations...**Narelle Langfield**
- Service Projects...**John Worldon**

**Our Club Foundation currently stands at \$52,707.00 and by 3/7/2012 will be \$55,414.00**

**Treasurer – Mark O'Connor**

**About \$17,500 left for distribution – refer President's report for details of donations.**

**Club Administration – Jim Raymond**

- **Guess who's coming to dinner**
- **Christmas Party**
- **Willow Tree Inn and train trip**
- **Good program via David Hinwood**
- **Excellent Bulletin via Brett White**
- **Bush Dance planned**
- **Futures Bistro night planned**
- **Cricket Match against the whipper snappers is booked for 4/3**

**Service – Michael O'Connor (Maureen Thornton)**

- **Vocational visit to Joblink Plus**
- **Poo factory trip planned for March 2012**
- **Careers Expo – is still growing**

**Youth – Paul Bennett (Louise)**

- **Public Speaking and our nominated student, Cameron Young to progress**
- **RYAG Sheep – nominating a Farrer boy**
- **RYAG Equine – Barry Biffin assisting again**
- **RYLA – need more participants**

**Science & Engineering – Terry Robinson (Louise)**

- **Funding to be advised**

### **Golf – Phil Penman**

- Tallwoods Feb 2012 – please encourage sons to go with their fathers – no girls please
- Gold Coast planned for August
- Hunter Valley trip for November 2012

### **Foundation – Phil Lyon**

- Grant for the New England Orthopaedic Outreach is progressing
- Practice and Procedures manual being devised by Phil

### **Membership – John Glynn (Louise)**

- Keep eye out for prospective members

### **Public Relations – Chris Watson**

- Santa Crawl
- Radio Spot – December was Nic Hinwood speaking about RYLA
- Longest Line Dance – Yellow Tail Wnes are sponsor and the charge will be \$5.00 per participant up from previous \$2.00. There will be free t-shirts/hats and wine.

### **President's Report From Club Assembly 14 December 2011**

- Board brilliant, working well, dependable, cohesive, reflective of the Club as a whole
- Great mix of fellowship & service work in first 6 months, very busy period coming up, please put your hand up
- We are fortunate to have the basis of a Club that functions at a high level in regard to our obligations to our members, district & RI...I have learned in this past six months, this is not the general rule in a lot of Clubs. The true test of success is in succession...we do it well whether we realize it or not. I would like to thank the past Boards, & in particular Past Presidents for standing us in good stead.
- At yesterdays Board meeting the following disbursements were made:
  - Oxley High - \$100, presentation day
  - DG's Partner's Project – ARH Mental Health, a further \$500, making \$1000 in total
  - Tamworth Adventure Playground - \$1500, equipment naming rights
  - Tamworth Pipe Band - \$2000, as requested by Golf Committee
  - Work for the Dole Project – Stevo, \$1000, preparing & cooking meals for the Women's Refuge & Men's Homeless Group
  - Movember – Mark O'Connor, \$500, Men's health
  - Disaster Aid Aust Horn of Africa Appeal - \$1000

### **Already disbursed:**

- DG's Partners Project - \$500
- Gabby's Angels, Kids Brain Cancer research - \$1000
- Rotary Foundation Polio Plus- \$1200
- Salvo's Xmas Appeal - \$2000
- Comm Drug Action Team, Combined Clubs Pro –rata -\$263.16

**Total so far \$11563.16**

## UPDATES/ NEWS / DIARY DATES

- **Can I have some more recipes please for next year**
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- The Longest Line Dance held during the Country Music Festival has been approved by Council. Chris requires 6 helpers prior to the Cavalcade.
- Caramello Quiz: Q. Who from our Club is a Rotary Health Research Gold Companion? A. Garnet Wood
- Last meeting is next week and then we don't meet until 11 January, which will be the traditional breakfast at Anzac Park. We return to Sanctuary Inn on 18 January 2012.
- Brian Yeo – Marshalls required for the Cavalcade – need 12 for the 7.00 am start on Saturday 28 January.
- Chris Watson – Santa Crawl was held last Friday and indications were that there would be over 300 participants.
- Louise – We need RYLA participants so consider family and work colleagues.
- Petition for Law and Order – need 10,000 signatures
- December 1 was the anniversary of the passing of Steve Burrows
- Chris Sheppard wanted to let us all know and particularly the Bulletin Editor that his birthday was left off last weeks bulletin. Chris celebrated his birthday on 16 December and is mentioned in this weeks bulletin in the usual location.



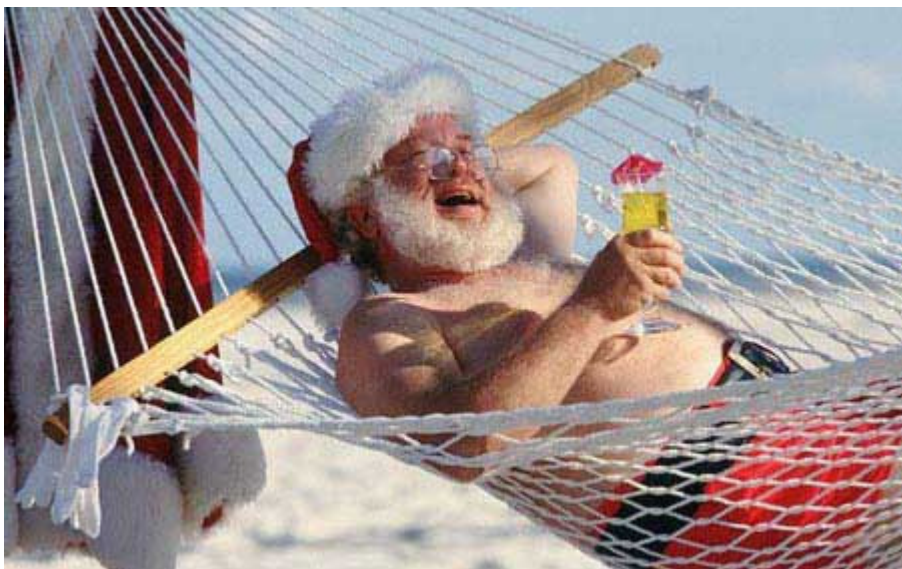
Max May alias 'Blue Ace' stands his ground (on a tarp) pictured with 'Bear River' and 'Reverend Lightfoot'.



*Red neck Christmas Tree*



*Could be Tamworth at the moment*



Chill out this Christmas

## Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light

### Masterchef page

*For Christmas table from the White's*

#### *White Chocolate Liqueur Fudge*

*Melted butter to grease*

*1 – 395 g can of condensed milk*

*1 cup firmly packed brown sugar*

*125 g butter, cubed*

*2 tsp liquid glucose*

*100 g white chocolate (milky bar), chopped*

*¾ cup of walnuts, chopped*

*1 ½ Baileys liqueur*

*Brush 18 cm square cake pan with butter. Line with baking paper. Combine milk, brown sugar, butter & glucose in 2 litre microwave bowl. Cook uncovered for 6-8 minutes, stirring every 2 minutes or until boils – med/high*

*Continue cooking, med/high – stirring every minute for 3-4 minutes or until thick, golden & boils rapidly. When bubbles subside, add white chocolate & stir until smooth. Add walnuts & liqueur. Put in pan. Cut when firm.*

<b>ROSTER</b>	<b>21 December 2011</b>	<b>11 January 2012</b>
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	<b>Santa Claus</b>	<b>Breakfast in the Park</b>
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Bag of goodies</b>	<b>Anzac Park – East Tamworth</b>
<b>Door Team</b>	<b>Ron Allen &amp; John Glynn</b>	<b>Steve Mitchell &amp; John Worldon</b>
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	<b>Peter Bell</b>	
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Patrick Mahony</b>	
<b>President Assist</b>	<b>Laurence Hearne</b>	
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	<b>Rob Sharp</b>	
<b>Corporal Assist</b>	<b>John Toulmin</b>	
<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Elf</b>	
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	<b>Reindeer – Rudolph</b>	

**CORPORALS** for      **December: Julian Smith & Brian Thompson**  
**January: Michael Smith & Paul Stevenson**

<b>BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS</b>	
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	<b>16/12 Chris Sheppard, 27/12 John Glynn</b>
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	<b>28/12 Anne O'Connor</b>
<b>Anniversaries</b>	<b>16/12 Brian &amp; Sue Thompson 33 yrs, 17/12 Peter &amp; Bernadette Hyde 28 yrs, 24/12 Brodie &amp; Pam Shields 40 yrs.</b>
<b>Induction into Club</b>	<b>15/12 David Baddams 10 years</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>81%</b>
<b>Make Ups</b>	<b>Paul Stevenson – Tamworth on Peel</b>
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Visitors</b>	<b>Catherine Smith</b>
<b>Head and Tails</b>	<b>Garnet Wood</b>
<b>Raffle</b>	<b>Dick Davison</b>

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