



**ROTARY CLUB OF TAMWORTH
FIRST LIGHT 2014-2015**



**President
Diane Ford**

Wednesday, 3rd December, 2014 Meeting # 1239

Quote of the Week:

"If you think its hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong ball." –
Jack Lemmon

Di's Diary

This week we had Phil Chaseling with us telling us of his 3 months spent on Deal Island in Bass Strait. In 2000, the Parks & Wildlife Service (PWS) started a caretaker role for the island, with caretakers staying for 3 months on the island with transport by boat from Flinders Island (4 hours) and return provided by Parks. Caretakers have to be self-sufficient in food for 3 months and all requirements are brought on the boat to the island. The house is fully self-contained with radio and telecommunications provided. The main role on the island for caretakers is to provide a 'presence' on the island and maintain a maintenance program for the structures on site and continuing weed control works and other tasks required at the time. There is also a small museum on the island.

Deal Island is part of the Kent Group of islands, in the recently formed new National Park and Marine Protected Area - Kent Group National Park situated 72 kilometres west of Flinders Island in Bass Strait and 70 kilometres due south of Wilsons Promontory on the Victorian mainland.

Phil showed some wonderful photos from their time there and told us of some of the history of the island.

Christmas will soon be here so don't forget Christmas drinks at the Post Office Hotel on December 5th. Just a reminder that our Christmas meeting will be on December 17th so don't forget the Salvation Army and start bringing in gifts.

Have a great week everyone and I'll see you next week.

Cheers,

Diane.



MEETING NOTES

Working With Children Check: Reminder to forward these to Maureen.

Country Music Cavalcade: See Ron Allen if you can help.



Phil thanking Phil!



Then scaring him away!!



Great shot.



DATES TO REMEMBER....

Friday 5th December - Christmas Drinks / Dinner at Post Office Hotel, from 5.30pm.

New Years Eve: more info from Chris shortly.

Saturday, 28th February: Guess Who is Coming to Dinner? More info from Peter Ryan.

Meeting Roster	Wednesday 3rd December	Wednesday 10th December	
Guest Speaker	Brett Pearson		
Topic	Empowering Students to Communicate	AGM	
Door Team	Brett White Peter Hyde	Maureen Thornton Tom Hellmann	
Meeter & Greeter	John Worldon	Ross Lobsey	
Welcome	Chris Celovic	Jennie Wright	
President Assist	Richard Hardwick	Tim Coates	
Visitor Assist	Dennis Maunder	Di Case	
Corporal Assist	Jenny Jackson	John Toulmin	
Introduction	Lesley Hood		
Vote of Thanks	Anne Jacob		
Post Office Raffle Roster			
5 December	12 December	19 December	2 January
Brian Thompson Phil Penman	Phil Penman Ian Howle	Ian Howle David Hinwood	David Hinwood Laurence Hearne
9 January	16 January	6 February	13 February
Laurence Hearne Deb Barnes	Deb Barnes Barry Biffin	Barry Biffin Di Case	Di Case Bruce Hemmett
Corporals for December		Corporals for January	
John Treloar and Barry Biffin		Dennis Johnson and Ron Allen	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	3/12: Di Case, Anne Jacob; 4/12: Bob Baddams; 6/12: Jenny Jackson		
Partners Birthdays	4/12: Hellen (Ron Allen); 8/12: Carolyn (Barry Murphy)		
Anniversaries	5/12: David and Helen Hinwood (39 years)		
Club Induction	4/12: Ross Lobsey (23 years), Bob Baddams (1 year)		
Stats for last meeting			
Attendance	72%		
Make-Ups			
Visiting Rotarians	Phil Chaseling (guest speaker)		
Visitors	Jeannette Mouatt, Richard Walker, Val Hellmann		
Heads & tails	Val Hellmann		
Raffle	Sue O'Connor		

Some entertaining stories from our members:

One from Graeme Kruger -

At the 1994 annual awards dinner given for Forensic Science (AAFS), President Dr. Don Harper Mills astounded his audience with the legal complications of a bizarre death ..

Here is the story :

On March 23, 1994, the medical examiner viewed the body of Ronald Opus and concluded that he died from a shotgun wound to the head.

Mr. Opus had jumped from the top of a ten-story building intending to commit suicide ..

He left a note to that effect indicating his despondency ..

As he fell past the ninth floor, his life was interrupted by a shotgun blast passing through a window, which killed him instantly ..

Neither the shooter nor the deceased was aware that a safety net had been installed just below the eighth floor level to protect some building workers.

Ronald Opus would not have been able to complete his suicide the way he had planned ..

The room on the ninth floor, where the shotgun blast emanated, was occupied by an elderly man and his wife .

They were arguing vigorously and he was threatening her with a shotgun!

The man was so upset that when he pulled the trigger, he completely missed his wife and the pellets went through the window striking Mr. Opus .

When one intends to kill subject 'A' but kills subject 'B' in the attempt, one is guilty of the murder of subject 'B'.

When confronted with the murder charge, the old man and his wife were both adamant and both said that they thought the shotgun was not loaded.

The old man said it was a long-standing habit to threaten his wife with the unloaded shotgun .. He had no intention to murder her.

Therefore the killing of Mr. Opus appeared to be an accident; that is, assuming the gun had been accidentally loaded.

The continuing investigation turned up a witness who saw the old couple's son loading the shotgun about six weeks prior to the fatal accident.

It transpired that the old lady had cut off her son's financial support and the son, knowing the propensity of his father to use the shotgun threateningly, loaded the gun with the expectation that his father would shoot his mother ..

Since the loader of the gun was aware of this, he was guilty of the murder even though he didn't actually

pull the trigger ..

The case now becomes one of murder on the part of the son for the death of Ronald Opus.

Now comes the exquisite twist

Further investigation revealed that the son was, in fact, Ronald Opus ..

He had become increasingly despondent over the failure of his attempt to engineer his mother's murder.

This led him to jump off the ten-story building on March 23rd, only to be killed by a shotgun blast passing through the ninth story window.

The son, Ronald Opus, had actually murdered himself.

So the medical examiner closed the case as a suicide.

An **amazing** true story from Associated Press.

And one from Jane -

Think you are having a bad day ?

Fire authorities in California found a corpse in a burned-out section of forest while assessing the damage done by a forest fire. The deceased male was dressed in a full wet suit, complete with scuba tanks on his back, flippers, and face mask.

A post-mortem test revealed that the man died not from burns, but from massive internal injuries. Dental records provided a positive identification. Investigators then set about to determine how a fully clothed diver ended up in the middle of a forest fire.

It was revealed that on the day of the fire, the man went diving off the coast, some 20 miles from the forest. The fire fighters, seeking to control the fire as quickly as possible, had called in a fleet of helicopters with very large dip buckets. Water was dipped from the ocean and emptied at the site of the forest fire.

You guessed it. One minute our diver was making like Flipper in the Pacific, the next, he was doing the breast stroke in a fire dip bucket 300 feet in the air.

Some days it just doesn't pay to get out of bed. but keep reading....

More next week!!

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 the ideal 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.

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

The Four-Way Test

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** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Tamworth—First Light

Meets Wednesday morning,
6:30 for 7:00 am at
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Other Clubs meet:

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Friday

Tamworth West, West Tamworth Bowling Club, 6:30pm

Tamworth Rotary Club, Service Club, 6:15pm

Tamworth on Peel, Calala Inn, 6:30pm

Tamworth Sunrise, Sanctuary Inn, 7:am