



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



**President
Diane Ford**

Wednesday, 17th December, 2014

Meeting # 1241

Quote of the Week:

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.” - Helen Keller

Diane's Diary

Well our AGM and Club Assembly were held last week so thank you to all of you who attended. Graeme Kruger's Board was elected and a big congratulations to his new Board. They are:

President Elect	Terry Robinson
Secretary	Diane Ford
Treasurer	Michael Smith
Directors:	
Service Projects	Helen Tickle
Membership	Laurence Hearne
Public Relations	Brett White
Rotary Foundation	Phil Heffernan
Club Administration	Vicki Cooper.

The Treasurer's Report for 2013-2014 was also tabled.

Each of the Directors and our current Treasurer also gave a short report of their portfolios for Year to Date.

At the most recent Board meeting, it was decided that on top of the \$16 000 already given to charities from Pedal the Peel, we would also donate to local charities \$1000 each:

- The Men's Shed
- Hillvue Breakfast Program
- Kim Rae's Maternal Health Program and
- Tamworth Stroke Recovery Group.

This makes our club's community donations for the past six months \$20 000.

Don't forget that next Wednesday !7th December is our last meeting for the year. Our first meeting for 2015 will be 7th January at Anzac Park. Those that indicated their willingness to help with catering/cooking on that day, please contact Brian Logan directly.

Don't forget to bring something for the Salvation Army on Wednesday, either non-perishable foods or unwrapped toys or if you can't decide, why not bring both!

As part of the AGM, I gave a short talk to the club, and I would like to end my report this week with my talk in print.

"We are half way through our Rotary year and the past 6 months have been filled with lots of change. Starting with our changeover, our President elect was unable to attend her own changeover. I apologise to the Club for this situation that came from circumstances beyond my control, and thank Jim for being willing to continue until I was able to take my position as President.

Our Club also moved to the Frog and Toad as our new meeting venue. This transition has been embraced by most of us, and has made attending meetings possible for some members with mobility issues. I acknowledge the change of venue has been difficult for some, since humans by nature are creatures of habit.

Now here we are, six months into our year, and together we have managed to achieve some wonderful things. I truly believe we have a great Club that is limited only by our imagination and the willingness of our members to get involved.

The Golf committee have had yet another successful golf trip raising vast sums of money and are currently planning their next trip in March 2015.

We have had another successful Pedal the Peel with over \$16,000 being disbursed to 4 different charities.

The Post Office Raffles continue, and although some nights are better than others, we still manage to contribute approximately \$6000 to our Club's fund. Not bad for a one hour per week commitment for two people, with many members taking the opportunity for socializing as well.

Our Rugby commitments also continue as major fund raising events for our Club. Not only do they raise money but also put us out there raising awareness of Rotary in the community.

And there's still more to come. We continue to support the Orthopaedic Outreach program in New Guinea, and Rob Sharp is planning another trip in late December. Vocational visits to the saleyards and the new hospital catering services are planned for early in the New Year, as is another "Guess who's coming to dinner" night.

It is time for our Club to start the New Year with a renewed passion for the Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light. We **are** a great Club that already does amazing things within the community. We should all be proud of ourselves and of our Club for what we can achieve.

As the great Helen Keller once said, “Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” What can you dream that the Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light might achieve when we all pull together? What can we dare to achieve together that we never could alone?”

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

Cheers,

Diane.



MEETING NOTES

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

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



What a great shot!! Well done Graham.



DATES TO REMEMBER....

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

Some dates from Phil Lyon, thanks Phil.

16th – 25th January 2015 Tamworth Country Music Festival

6th – 8th March 2015 Tallwoods/Tuncurry Golf Trip

13th – 15th March 2015 Rotary District Conference Inverell

18 – 19 April 2015 PETS Tamworth

1st – 15th May 2015 Tamworth Club Book Sale

16th – 17th May 2015 West Club Motor Show

May 2015 Sunrise Club Casino Royale Ball

1st June 2015 West Rotary Changeover

13th June 2015 Sunrise Changeover

15th June 2015 Quirindi Changeover

20th June 2015 First Light Changeover

24th June 2015 Calala Rotary Changeover

27th June 2015 District 9650 Changeover Inverell

30th June 2015 Tamworth Changeover



*Have a very Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year everyone!*

Meeting Roster	Wednesday 17th December	Wednesday 24th and 31st December: No Meetings	
Guest Speaker	Santa!!	Wednesday, 7th January: ANZAC Park	
Topic	Bring a gift for the Salvos.		
Door Team	Brian Logan Barry Murphy		
Meeter & Greeter	Brian Yeo		
Welcome	Jane Bradford		
President Assist	Les Jacob		
Visitor Assist	Louise Matthews		
Corporal Assist	Jim Raymond		
Introduction			
Vote of Thanks			
Post Office Raffle Roster			
19 December	2 January	9 January	16 January
Ian Howle David Hinwood	David Hinwood Laurence Hearne	Laurence Hearne Deb Barnes	Deb Barnes Barry Biffin
6 February	13 February	20 February	27 February
Barry Biffin Di Case	Di Case Bruce Hemmett	Bruce Hemmett Jenny Jackson	Jenny Jackson Michael Smith
Corporals for December		Corporals for January	
John Treloar and Barry Biffin		Dennis Johnson and Ron Allen	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays			
Partners Birthdays			
Anniversaries	17/12: Peter and Bernadette Hyde (31 years)		
Club Induction	19/12: Deb Barnes, Di Case (2 years)		
Stats for last meeting			
Attendance	75%		
Make-Ups	Jane Bradford		
Visiting Rotarians			
Visitors	Val Hellmann		
Heads & tails			
Raffle			

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
Frog & Toad Function Centre
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Club Officers and contact details

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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