

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



**President
Diane Ford**

Wednesday, 29th April, 2015 Meeting # 1257

Diane's Diary

At the going down of the sun...

I crouched in a shallow trench on that hell of exposed beaches... steeply rising foothills bare of cover... a landscape pockmarked with war's inevitable litter... piles of stores... equipment... ammunition... and the weird contortions of death sculptured in Australian flesh... I saw the going down of the sun on that first ANZAC Day... the chaotic maelstrom of Australia's bleeding.

I fought in the frozen mud of the Somme... in a blazing destroyer exploding on the North Sea... I fought on the perimeter at Tobruk... crashed in the flaming wreckage of a fighter in New Guinea... lived with the damned in the place cursed with the name Changi.

I was your mate... the kid across the street... the med. student at graduation... the mechanic in the corner garage... the baker who brought you bread... the gardener who cut your lawn... the clerk who sent your phone bill.

I was an Army private... a Naval commander... an Air Force bombardier. no man knows me... no name marks my tomb, for I am every Australian serviceman... I am the Unknown Soldier.

I died for a cause I held just in the service of my land... that you and yours may say in freedom... I am proud to be an Australian.

QUOTE: "Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives ... You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side here in this country of ours ... You, the mothers who sent their sons from faraway countries, wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well." -



Engraved forever at ANZAC Cove are these words from Kemal Ataturk, the Commander of the Turkish 19th Division during the Gallipoli Campaign and the first President of the Turkish Republic from 1924-1938.

This morning was our ANZAC meeting. It was moving to see so many of our members with their own Medals of Service and the wonderful display from Brett White. Michael O'Connor again gave us the Ode.

Our guest speaker this morning was Sarah Massey who gave us a moving personal account of one of her relatives who fought at Gallipoli. I know that any of you who have been to Gallipoli have a better understanding of the difficulties our ANZACs must have faced with the terrain and beach of the Gallipoli cove.

Career Expo is coming up so please see Richard Hardwick or Peter Pulley if you are able to help.

Ian Howle is looking for volunteers for Bowel Scan week. Please let Ian know of your availability to help sell kits. After all most of us in this Club are at that age where we should be tested.

Well that's it from me for another week. See you on Wednesday.

Cheers,

Diane.



MEETING NOTES

Working With Children Check: URGENT, forward these to Maureen by April.

Apply at www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au

From the Treasurer:

Fine money collected for the ANZAC meeting \$133.85. The Sergeant appreciates the generous spirit to mark the occasion!

Pub Raffle: Please return to Treasurer!


Thanks

Phil



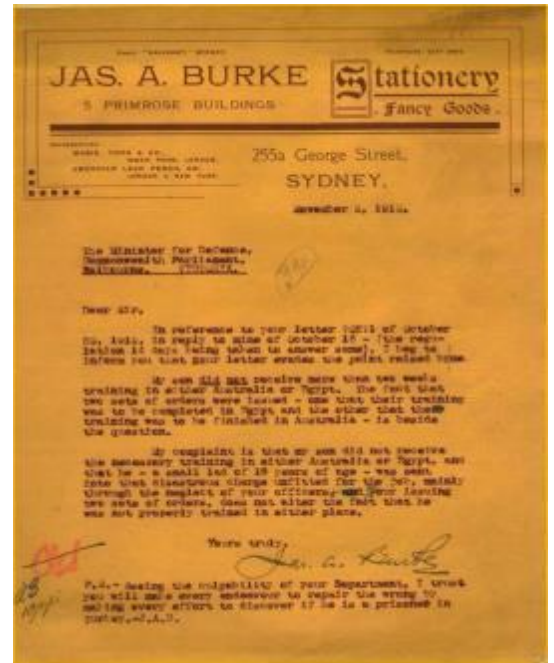
In Memory of
Private
George Harman Burke
1393, 18th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F. who died on 22 August 1915 Age 18
Son of James Aloysius Burke and Marian Burke, of "Halshol," Neutral Bay, Sydney.

Remembered with Honour
Lone Pine Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

ANZAC Meeting
with Sarah
Massey





DATES TO REMEMBER....

Tuesday, 28th April: Pedal the Peel meeting, 5.15pm, Eversol Board Room

Thursday, 7th May: Tamworth Branch CanAssist Community Meeting, 6.00pm, Tamworth Community Centre. Meeting conducted by CanAssist CEO Mr Matthew Geracitano and Regional manager Gina Albora. To further awareness of the role CanAssist plays in helping local cancer patients with financial difficulties.

Saturday, 9th – 16th May: Bowel Scan program, club selling kits, \$15 per kit. New test this year, returned by post. List for volunteers next meeting. See Ian Howle.

19th, 20th May: Career Expo, volunteers needed, see Richard Hardwick.

Saturday 23rd May: Sunrise Club Casino Royale Ball - Eurovision, 6pm – 12am, Tamworth Town Hall, \$50 per head, payments by end of April, tables of 10. Contact Terry Melville gouville@tpg.com.au, or see Terry Robinson if you're interested in making a First Light table.

Saturday, 20th June: First Light Changeover

Sunday, 11th October: Pedal the Peel – volunteers needed, see Terry R.

Meeting Roster	Wednesday, 29th April	Wednesday, 6th May	
Guest Speaker		Raymond McLaren	
Topic	Club Assembly	Andromeda Industries	
Door Team	Brian Yeo Stephen Hawkins	Graham Dooley Terry Burgess	
Meeter & Greeter	Jim Raymond	Steve Massey	
Welcome	John Treloar	Val Hellmann	
President Assist	Chris Celovic	Peter Ryan	
Visitor Assist	Bruce Hemmett	Peter Pulley	
Corporal Assist	John Fogarty	Deb Barnes	
Introduction		Peter Hyde	
Vote of Thanks		David Baddams	
Post Office Raffle Roster			
1st May	8th May	15th May	22nd May
Brian Logan Paul Stevenson	Paul Stevenson James Treloar	James Treloar Chris Celovic	Chris Celovic Peter Ryan
29th May	5th June	12th June	19th June
Peter Ryan Jane Bradford	Jane Bradford Phil Heffernan	Phil Heffernan Brian Yeo	Brian Yeo John Treloar
Corporals for April		Corporals for May	
Phil Heffernan and Max Cathcart		Dennis Maunder and Tim Coates	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays			
Partners Birthdays			
Anniversaries	29/4: Paul & Susie Stevenson (36 years)		
Club Induction			
Stats for last meeting			
Attendance	66%		
Make-Ups			
Visiting Rotarians			
Visitors	Robyn Penman		
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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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