



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



**President  
Diane Ford**

# Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

## Meeting # 1264

**Quote of the Week:** “Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.”  
— Oscar Wilde

### Diane’s Diary

This morning we had our meeting down in the Restaurant which actually wasn’t too bad this time.

Today we had another of our own members give us a glimpse into their life. Peter Pulley talked to us about some of the interesting jobs that he has had over the years including Merchant Banking, Oyster Farming, Vineyard Owner and Developer. He also talked about some of the interesting characters he has met including Alan Bond back in the 80’s.

I would also like to take this time to give Peter our condolences as his ex-wife, with whom he remained close friends, passed away on Tuesday evening. We also thank Peter for presenting his story under such circumstances as he did not want to let us down.

Our Changeover is fast approaching on June 20<sup>th</sup> so please see Steve Massey and get your names down to come. Don’t forget there is no meeting next Wednesday due to the Changeover.

Pedal the Peel will be in October and they will be looking for volunteers so please keep this in mind.

I would also like to mention that at the last Board meeting we were able to disburse a further \$5000. The recipients are:

- One of a Kind – Tamworth Branch - \$1000
- Soldier On – Mates for Mates - \$1000
- Polio Plus - \$1000
- Black Dog Suicide Prevention program - \$1000
- Tamworth High White Ribbon Boys to Men program - \$1000

Well that’s it from me for another week. Be good, be safe and if you can’t be either of those, at least be careful.

Cheers,

Diane.



## MEETING NOTES



## DATES TO REMEMBER....

**Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> June:** First Light Changeover Dinner - Frog & Toad Function Centre, 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Cost \$55 pp. Payment :- by cash or cheque at the morning meetings, or by direct deposit: BSB 882 298, ACC 64148. (Please add your name to the description.) RSVP Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June to Steve Massey at [semassey@bigpond.com](mailto:semassey@bigpond.com) or 0400671107. (Please notify any special dietary requirements.)

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of July to Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August:** Tamworth Children's Adventure Playground Build Dates

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> August:** 25<sup>th</sup> Gold Coast Golf Classic

**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> October:** Pedal the Peel – volunteers needed, see Terry R.

<b>Meeting Roster</b>	<b>Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	
Guest Speaker	<b>Christine Shewry</b>	<b>Peter Heilbuth</b>	
Topic	<b>Youth Unemployment</b>	<b>TAFE New England</b>	
Door Team	Peter Bell Louise Matthews	Richard Hardwick Ian Howle	
Meeter & Greeter	Simon Chamberlain	Richard Walker	
Welcome	Michael O'Connor	John Glynn	
President Assist	Tim Coates	Dennis Johnson	
Visitor Assist	Helen Tickle	Ron Allen	
Corporal Assist	Laurence Hearne	Jane Bradford	
Introduction	Peter Pulley	John Fogarty	
Vote of Thanks	Max Cathcart	Jenny Jackson	
<b>Post Office Raffle Roster</b>			
<b>19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> July</b>
John Treloar Louise Matthews	Louise Matthews Brett White	Brett White Terry Robinson	Terry Robinson John Glynn
<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> August</b>
John Glynn Michael O'Connor	Helen Tickle Barry Murphy	Helen Tickle Michael O'Connor	Barry Murphy Brian Thompson
<b>Corporals for June</b>		<b>Corporals for July</b>	
David Hinwood and Graeme Kruger		Steve Massey and Peter Ryan	
<b>Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions</b>			
Members Birthdays	21/6: Narelle Langfield and Brodie Shields		
Partners Birthdays			
Anniversaries			
Club Induction	18/6: Louise Matthews (10 yrs), 20/6: Brett White (17 yrs), Bruce Hemmett (25 yrs)		
<b>Stats for last meeting</b>			
Attendance	55%		
Make-Ups			
Visiting Rotarians			
Visitors			
Heads & Tails	Michael Smith		
Raffle	Graham Dooley		



## Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light

### Club Administration 2014-2015 Annual Board Report

It has been an honour to serve the club as Club Administration Officer for 2014/15. I present with pleasure this final report as an overview of activities that took place over the year.

Thank you to Sue O'Connor who presented a high standard bulletin each week ( with occasional help from Brodie Shields ). Also a big thank you to John Treloar who organised a very interesting and informative guest speaker program. Our sergeant was James Treloar – always good for a laugh or two and managed to raise some \$8000.

Thank you James.

#### Club Activities

- Hat day was held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October '14. Three hand painted mugs, donated by Kim Rae, were raffled and all money raised donated to mental illness.
- Futures Restaurant was on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November '14 – 35 attended.
- Christmas drinks at the Post Office Hotel had a great rollup, on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December '14.
- Guess Who's Coming to Dinner was on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February '15. Thank you Peter Ryan for organising this popular event.
- Sunday lunch at the Willow tree Inn was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March '15. Thank you to life member, Trevor Hannaford for donating his time to drive the bus (coach!) down and back.
- The annual cricket match with Sunrise was held on 26<sup>th</sup> April '15. Robbo and P.P. should both wear helmets next time!

#### Vocational Visits

- Saleyards – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March '15
- Youth Community Centre – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April '15

#### Science and Engineering Challenge

- This was again hosted by our club at TRECC from March 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> 2015.
- Thank you to all the volunteers who helped run the activities, and a special thank you to my hard working committee – Jane Bradford, Phil Heffernan, Dave Hinwood, Graham Dooley and Di Ford. Nearly \$7000 was raised to help cover our costs of some \$8500. All feedback from Newcastle University staff, teachers and students was very positive.

In handing over to Val Hellman, I offer my continued support, and wish Graeme Kruger and his incoming board all the best for the year.

Steve Massey

## TREASURER'S REPORT 2014 – 2015

The 2014-15 year has been a solid year for the Club from a financial perspective. Following the final disbursements made at our June Board meeting, the Club will have donated **\$50,445.36** for the year to the following organizations:

- Salvation Army - \$ 4,000.00 (directed from Golf Committee)
- St Vincent De Paul - \$4,000 (directed from Golf Committee)
- Legacy - \$ 100
- BowelScan - \$ 1,000.00
- Queen of Country Music - \$ 150.00
- Rotary Youth leadership Award (RYLA) - \$1,000.00 (directed by Club Person of Year)
- White Ribbon Day - \$1,000.00
- Tamworth Family Support Service - \$1,000.00
- Ronald McDonald House - \$ 9,014.04
- Tamworth Men's Shed - \$ 1,000.00
- Tamworth Stroke Recovery Unit - \$ 1,000.00
- Hunter Medical Research Institute - \$1,000.00
- Combined Rotary Clubs - \$ 931.32
- Alzheimers Association - \$ 4,000.00 – from Pedal the Peel Committee
- Billabong Club House - \$ 4,000.00 – from Pedal the Peel Committee
- Youth In Search - \$ 4,000.00 – from Pedal the Peel Committee
- Salvation Army - \$4,000.00 \_ from Pedal the Peel Committee
- First Light Foundation - \$ 4,000.00 (not included in donations)
- Rotary International - \$ 4,000.00
- Shelter Box - \$2,250
- Tamworth Regional Council Youth Centre - \$1,000
- Mates 4 Mates - \$1,000
- One of A Kind - \$1,000
- Blackdog Institute - \$1,000
- Polio Plus - \$1,000

**Total - \$50,445.36**

The net profit for the year will be \$6,918 with outstanding accounts receivable at \$3,400 and creditors of an estimated \$8,500 (Science and Engineering and Career's Expo).

The Club remains in a very strong financial position with funds of over \$28,000 invested for our PNG project and an additional \$4,563 available to assist with future Science and Engineering events. A further \$1,000 has been set aside for the Club Person of the Year choice of charity.

The Club's main administration account will have a balance around \$18,000 for the incoming Board, notwithstanding the outstanding accounts.

Once again the main contributors to the fundraising activities have been the Pedal the Peel cycle event, the golf trips and the Santa Pub Crawl. Through these three activities, the Club was able to disburse over \$40,000 during the year to worthy charities.

Additionally, the Club's efforts with running the bar at Tamworth Magpies home games and the Post Office hotel raffles each Friday night have together generated over \$11,000 for the year. The Club would like to recognise the generous support that Andrew Coutts of the the Post Office Hotel has given to the Club with his on-going support of these raffles, not only this year but since their inception over the last 3-4 years.

Our Fine Sergeant, James Treloar, found that being funny and extracting money first thing in the morning is a lot harder than running a Council meeting! Nonetheless, he extracted \$7,623.51 during the year with a further \$1,229.40 being contributed from fines gathered on the recent golf trips. The Club made a contribution of \$4,000 from the fine income

to Rotary Foundation with a further \$4,000 being transferred to the Club's own Foundation.

Pressures continue from a costing perspective on the Club's involvement in both the Science and Engineering Challenge and Career's Expo. Steve Massey co-ordinated a very successful S&E Challenge and the Club acknowledges the generous contributions from the following:

- Kelley Corey Engineering,
- Whitehaven Coal
- Andromeda Industries
- Belmore Engineering
- East West Enviroag
- Engineer's Australia
- Allan Coates
- Happy Smiles Dentistry (Richard Wise)
- Steve Massey
- Rotary Club of Tamworth Sunrise
- Tamworth on Peel Rotary Club
- Rotary Club of Manilla,

We are also grateful for the continued association and assistance from the University of Newcastle co-hosting this event.

The First Light Foundation Account currently has a balance of \$77,102.16. This will increase by a further \$2,524.25 on July 4, 2015 when interest is credited and a further \$4,000 is transferred from this year's activities. This will bring the balance of the Foundation account to **\$83,626.41 by July 4, 2015** at which time further investment decisions will be required.

As we approach our goal of \$100,000, it is important for the Club to discuss the strategy for the Foundation moving forward. We are clearly in a low interest rate environment with rates for the coming year likely to be no better than 2.5%. With these funds and that of the PNG account, the Club has well in excess of \$110,000 invested at rates that do not cover current inflation rates.

A significant decision was made by the Finance Committee during the year to move to the MYOB Essentials accounting package which allows all transactions to be regularly downloaded from our banking activities directly to our accounting software. This has made the job of Treasurer less onerous and lessened the likelihood of less errors in the allocation of monies during the year. In undertaking this transition and preparation of our BAS returns, I would like to thank both Dennis Maunder and Bec Davis of Hancocks Accounting for their assistance.

Finally, I would like to thank those who have assisted me in the role of Treasurer during the year, especially those who still use those wonderful things called cheques.

**Philip Penman**  
**Treasurer, 2014-15**

### **Membership Report – June 2015**

This year we have accepted the resignations of Garnett Wood, Chris Celovic, Genevieve Gittoes and Di Case.

We have had transfers for Marilyn and Ian Curtis. Vicki Cooper is currently in the process of transferring.

There have been 4 new members inducted being Val Hellman, Richard Walker, Steve Hawkins and we have re inducted Simon Chamberlain.

At present the club has 71 full and 4 honorary members. We currently do not have any prospective new members.

**Peter Bell**

**Membership Director**

**ROTARY FOUNDATION**  
**ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15**

The Rotary Foundation Mission is to enable Rotary members to advance world understanding , goodwill & peace through the improvement of health, the support of education & alleviation of poverty. The provision of health & disease eradication is part of the Foundations aims & certainly much good has been achieved. Polio eradication is Rotary's top philanthropic priority. Polio eradication remains a focus of Tamworth Rotary First Light & continues to support this program. No Global or District grants were applied for in this financial year.

**Foundation Month – November**

While no specific functions or guest speakers were engaged during this month our club continues to support the Rotary Foundation with our donations each year as we see that it is an important part of our club.

**Australian Rotary Health**

Australian Rotary Health (ARH) has a role in promoting research in mental health as well as awareness of mental health issues in our communities. "Hat Day" is an ARH initiative to reduce the stigma associated with mental health. "Hat Day" was incorporated into our Rotary meeting on 8/10/14 & was well supported.

**NE Orthopaedic Outreach to PNG**

This continues to be an ongoing program supported by our club. Rob Sharpe took a small group to Rabaul in September for a week's operation as well as a second trip during the Christmas/New year period. This project is currently being reviewed due to the PNG Government decision to overhaul the health facilities at Rabaul & Kokopo. This may result in PNG Government financing refurbishment of St Mary's Hospital at Vanopoe. The funding that has been established & earmarked by our club is currently being held until this review is complete. This project will continue to be supported in various forms and monitored for action once the PNG government shows their intentions. This area was also subject to volcanic & earthquake tremor activity this year causing concern for the local community.

Thank you to my committees for their assistance this year.

**Peter Hyde**

**TFLRC Foundation Director**



## **Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light**

### **Public Relations Annual Report 2015**

#### **Committee**

Graham Dooley, Graeme Kruger, Brodie Shields, Michael Smith, Chris Watson.

Over the last 12 months the club has been promoted across the media with stories published in the Northern Daily Leader, local TV stations and via social media – Facebook.

Stories covered include Pedal The Peel, Youth Insearch, Ryla, Anzac Day, The Red Shield Appeal, Careers Expo, Tamworth Youth Centre, Science and Engineering Challenge, Spur Up Rodeo and the Tamworth Cavalcade to name a few.

Of course we have also helped to build the profile of our club members eg Phil Heffernan, Brett (Brad Pitt) White and Dennis Maunder.

#### **Social Media**

Over the past 12 months we have also endeavoured to further develop the clubs Facebook page. The site has 114 Likes with over 5,000 views for the year.

We need to encourage all our members to like the page and send requests to their friends. Relevant pages for similar such as Rotary at Port Macquarie, Cobar and Orange as well as Rotary International and Down Under to help build our base and to increase our audience for the promotion of our club and events.



## 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  
236 Goonoo Goonoo Rd  
TAMWORTH NSW 2340

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### Club Officers and contact details

#### President—Diane Ford

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#### Secretary—Vicki Cooper

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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