

# From the desk



**Rotary**  Club of Tamworth  
First Light **Bulletin**



# Wednesday, 1 July, 2015

## Meeting # 1266

### Quote of the Week



### From The Desk

First meeting jitters are now behind me so it can only get better moving forward 😊. Thanks to everyone for the support and words of encouragement. It was great to see some old faces back with us again.

Our speakers, Christine, Craig and Rochelle from Joblink Plus gave us some insights into unemployment across Australia and our local community. Of particular concern was the high rate of youth unemployment. They shared some of the ways that they are dealing with the matter as an organisation and also made a strong appeal to business owners in the community to give young people a chance. For more detail see a summary of the presentation provided below.

Brett White and Helen Tickle attended the recent Tamworth Adventure Playground meeting. It appears that this major project is not being supported by our Club. All other service Clubs in the District including all the other Rotary Clubs as far away as Armidale are involved. Previous surveys of members have indicated that most members wanted hands on projects to be involved in within the community, so here is one.

The playground build is not all hammers and drills but also lots of admin, catering, gardening, painting and art work. Brett is urging all members to get involved in this great community project requiring 1,200 people to fill 3 sessions per day. More hands are still required. If you, or anyone you know, is able to give a little of their time, please go online to their website [www.tamworthadventureplayground.com](http://www.tamworthadventureplayground.com) and register today. The sooner they have volunteers registered, the more organised they can be before the build date. They can't build the playground without a lot more volunteers.

Just a reminder that the new board will be meeting on the 13 July and we would love to hear from you.

Please let me, Brodie Shields or any of the board members know if there is something you would like discussed at the upcoming meeting.

Best Wishes  
Graeme Kruger

## STEVE BURROWS AWARD – CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR 2014 / 15

Our club member of the Year first joined our club 9 years ago. Since then and especially in the last couple of years we have seen this club member grow into someone who is willing to step up and take on some important roles within the Club.

He is always willing to volunteer and has become part of several committees. He has been a member of the golf committee for many years and more recently has taken on one of our more challenging committees. He has also served on the Board.

**Our club member of the year – Steve Massey.**



## PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECIPIENTS

We have four such awards tonight. **The first award is a Sapphire pin.** This person has proven in the past that they are above self commits themselves to the betterment of others. She is always there to volunteer and to organize and has also been on the executive. But tonight she receives this award for her dedication and service to RYLA. Not only does she work hard to ensure that this continues to happen every year but you can always see commitment and delight to these young men and women. She describes herself as the hen mum and when she recounts stories you can tell she is always truly moved by these young people. I can't think of a better person to have to listen to and guide them.

**Please congratulate Louise Matthews.**



**Our next recipient is also receiving a Sapphire pin.** He has been in our club since the beginning and was one of the original charter members. Since that time he has always been very involved in the club up front and more recently working tirelessly behind the scenes. Although his health and mobility has declined over the past couple of years he has remained active and an integral part of the club. He has served as Treasurer of the golf committee for the past 25 years and serves as our club historian making sure that reports are filed and that the club statistics are always up to date. **Would you please congratulate Terry Burgess.**

Our next recipient has also been very involved within the Club. He is always there to volunteer and fill in gaps in our rosters and volunteers his lovely wife as well. He has served on many boards including being a past president. He has served on the Golf committee for the past 7 years and is heavily involved with the Golf trips. He instigated the Post Office Raffles a couple of years ago which continue to be a huge success adding valuable funds to our Account which we can distribute. **Would you please congratulate Phil Penman.**



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2014 / 2015

Tamworth First Light Rotary Club has worked hard this year. A year ago I missed out on Changeover and my start to the year came at a time of anxiety and uncertainty in my life. But a year has passed and those feelings went as my wonderful husband recovered and is now as good as new.

As every President takes over, they are filled with thoughts and ideas about what the Club can achieve and I was no different. These ideas only come to fruition with the support and enthusiasm and hard work from our members.

Could I ask all members of our Club here tonight, to please stand up!  
"I salute and thank each and every one of you most sincerely and warmly, including those who are unable to be here tonight – for a great job well done in a wonderful spirit of cooperation. Ladies and gentlemen please join me in giving them a big hand."

In summing up an eventful and successful year, let me run through some of our achievements. The Club Committees have worked collectively in serving the community better than ever. The ongoing plan is dynamic and as we tick off completed tasks, new challenges will be added. The work of Rotarians is never ending.

We have managed to distribute a massive \$50 000 this year to local Charities and this can only be done through hard work.

The Golf Committee has once again had a successful and profitable year and we thank those Committee members.

Pedal the Peel was once again successful and grows in strength from year to year. Well done to the Committee and the Volunteers, without whom we, could not run such an event. We look forward to what they can achieve this year.

We have also run another successful Science and Engineering Challenge and our involvement with Careers Expo has also continued this year.

Apart from my Board of Directors there are people that work hard to keep our meetings and Club going for the everyday things. I would now like to thank those people

- Sargent - James Treloar
- Bulletin Editor – Sue O'Connor
- Welfare Officer – Phil Heffernan
- Programmer – John Treloar
- Webmaster – Bruce Hemmett
- Historian – Terry Burgess
- Preparation of financial accounts – Dennis Maunder
- And all the Committee Chairs

We have lost a few members this year but we have also welcomed to our Club some new members.

A very big thank you to my husband Simon who has been there to support me this year and who always manages to make me laugh and keeps me going throughout a busy year. Simon, your support and encouragement always means a lot to me.

It has been my honour, my privilege and my pleasure to serve you in this appointed position. I have learnt a lot and hope that my sincere effort has added value to a long established and highly respected Club such as Tamworth First Light. We change the lives of others and improve our own lives through experiencing the miracle of Service Above Self.

Finally, thank you all for a most wonderful year!

**President Diane Ford - 2014 / 2015 Year**

# NOTES

Graeme Kruger advised the members that Barry Murphy has resigned from the Club due to work overload – would be nice if friends within this Club could stay in touch – am sure he will feel withdrawal symptoms initially.

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Gold Coast Golf Classic rapidly approaching – Golf balls, Clubs, Tees, Golf Clothing or any other ideas for prizes, raffles etc to promote your business or just ensure that this year's Classic is a financial success – please deliver to John Treloar or bring prizes to the Wednesday meetings over the next few weeks.....

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Improved online RSA training course

On 3 June 2015, Deputy Premier the Hon. Troy Grant MP announced that the Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) course will be reinstated as an online delivered course from 1 July 2015, but there will be a restriction on which RTOs can deliver the course online.

Only TAFE NSW and approved industry associations (or selected providers nominated by them) will be able to deliver the course. During 2015/2016 a new course will be developed and will then be made available to other providers. The Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing will oversee quality benchmarking of the course.

For more information see the NSW Department of Fair Trading's Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing website. Information supplied by Michael O'Connor for the benefit of members

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Dr Eric Kawabe - Ex-member now living in New Zealand replied to the last Bulletin

Hi to my good mates

I am grateful that you are sending me this bulletin each week.

The good time I had with Tamworth First Light always stay with me as I travel around the world even today, though I thought I came back to New Zealand to retire, my work is and has been busy as ever.

I will be off to Japan next week for a month and then to Ohio USA.

I am proud of my work with farmers in Hokkaido as an Ag. Consultant as Peter was once be. My work has been very rewarding as more farmers come to me as well as the ones that started since 1991.

My good memories with farmers in NSW, Vic I worked often come back to me. And

Rotary spirit is always with me just as I had when I was International director of the club.

My best wishes to the oncoming President, directors and all members.

Cheers

Dr Eric Kawabe

Eric Kawabe & associates SRU Ltd

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PP Diane Ford presented a 100% attendance pin to Assistant Governor Phil Lyon – Congratulations!!!

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## DID YOU KNOW??

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes, the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. – Hence the phrase "Goodnight, sleep tight"

In English pubs ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So in Old England, when customers became unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts and settle down." Hence the phrase "Mind your P's and Q's"

It was accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the "honeymoon".

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# DATES TO REMEMBER **IN YOUR DIARIES**



## 2015

**Wednesday, 8 July** - Club Assembly – Graeme’s Vision

**Tuesday 28 July to Sunday 2 August** - Tamworth Children’s Adventure Playground Build Dates

**Sunday, 2 – Friday, 7 August** - celebrating 25 years - Gold Coast Golf Classic

**Wednesday, 2 September** – DG Maurie & De Stack’s visit

**Monday, 5 October** – Public Holiday

**Wednesday, 7 October** – Australian Rotary Health **Hat Day**

**Sunday, 11 October** - Pedal the Peel – volunteers needed, see Terry Robinson.

## 2016

**Saturday, 18 June** First Light Changeover

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### **NEW STYLE OF SHOPPING – Will it catch on?**

A store that sells new husbands has opened in Melbourne, where a woman may go to choose a husband. The instructions at the entrance outlines how the store operates:

You may visit this store **ONLY ONCE!** There are six floors and the value of the products increase as the shopper ascends the flights. The shopper may choose any item from a particular floor, or may choose to go up to the next floor, but you cannot go back down except to exit the building!

So, a woman goes to the Husband Store to find a husband. On the first floor the sign on the door reads:

**Floor 1** - These men have Jobs

She is intrigued, but continues to the second floor, where the sign reads:

**Floor 2** - These men Have Jobs and Love Kids.

'That's nice,' she thinks, 'but I want more -so she continues upward. The third floor sign reads:

**Floor 3** - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, and are Extremely Good Looking.

'Wow,' she thinks, but feels compelled to keep going. She goes to the fourth floor and the sign reads:

**Floor 4** - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Good Looking and Help with Housework.

'Oh, mercy me!' she exclaims, 'I can hardly stand it!' Still, she goes to the fifth floor and the sign reads:

**Floor 5** - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Gorgeous, Help with Housework, and Have a Strong Romantic Streak - she is so tempted to stay, but she goes to the sixth floor, where the sign reads:

**Floor 6** - You are visitor 31,456,012 to this floor. There are no men on this floor. This floor exists solely as proof that women are impossible to please. Thank you for shopping at the Husband Store.

### **HOWEVER PLEASE NOTE:**

To avoid gender bias - the store's owner opened a **New Wives** store just across the street – same instructions apply.

**The first floor has wives that love sex.**

**The second floor has wives that love sex, have money and like beer**

**The third, fourth, fifth and sixth floors have never been visited.**

## GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE 2015 / 2016 WITH DISTRICT 1890 NORTH GERMANY

**TIME FRAME** Inbound Team will arrive 02.04.2016 and depart 30.04.2016  
Outbound team will depart 19.05.2016 and return 17.06.2016

**THE TEAM** consists of a Rotarian Team Leader and four (4) team members (more about the team members later)

**WHERE** – D1890 North Germany – the District runs from Hamburg north up to the border of Denmark with the North Sea on the west and the Baltic Sea on the east covering the provinces of Schleswig-Holstein, Hamburg and part of Lower Saxony to the south.

**PURPOSE** – a unique cultural and vocational exchange for young business and professional people at the start of their professional lives and covers a period of four (4) weeks staying with Rotarians where possible.

### Team Leader Criteria as follows:

- Must be an experienced Rotarian
- Not be a current District Governor, immediate past DG or DG Elect
- Remain with the team for the duration of the Exchange
- Be willing and able, physically and mentally, to keep up to the pace of a GSE
- Not be accompanied on the exchange by a spouse, companion, or other relatives or dependents.

**The ideal Team Leader** – we offer the following suggestions

- Possess outstanding communication skills
- Makes an effort to have a few pertinent phrase of greeting and similar in order to communicate in the major language of the host District in this case – German
- Have presentation and public speaking skills and is able to help the team prepare for presentations at Rotary Clubs
- Has the ability to imbue a team with a sense of mission
- Understands that this is not a holiday but an experience or a lifetime.

**Team Leader Applicants** will be required to give both a written and ten (10) minute verbal outline on how they will prepare the team they will be leading.

**Cost** – The Rotary Foundation no longer supports this program. Depending on airfares and other essentials the full team will be required to pay Aus\$1,500 and the relevant Club an additional \$500 approx for economy airfares. This does not include out of pocket expenses whilst away.

For further information - please speak initially to either PDG Jane Bradford or AG Phil Lyon

**Application for Team Leader forms** can be found on site [www.rotary9650.org.au](http://www.rotary9650.org.au).

Please forward to  
D96540 GSE Chairman  
Alan St Clair  
443 Toms Gully Road  
BLACK MOUNTAIN NSW 2365



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**CLUB ASSEMBLY – Wednesday, 8 July 2015 - Final Chance to try for the Committee of “your” choice**

If any member is interested in a specific Committee – could you please contact Brodie Shields as soon as possible – otherwise the Board will “juggle you into a spot”!

**RCTFL Member Allocation 2015 2016**

**President:** Graeme Kruger    **Secretary:** Brodie Shields    **Treasurer:** Michael Smith  
**President Elect:** Terry Robinson

<b>Club Admin</b>	<b>Service Projects</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Rotary Foundation</b>	<b>Public Relations</b>
Valerie Hellmann	Helen Tickle (B)	Laurence Hearne (B)	Phil Heffernan (B)	Brett White (B)
<b>Sergeant</b>	<b>Community Service</b>			
Simon Chamberlain				
<b>Bulletin</b>				
Jane Bradford				
<b>Program</b>				
<b>Welfare</b>				
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Youth</b>			
Terry Burgess				<b>NE Outreach/</b>
<b>Web</b>				<b>International</b>
Bruce Hemmett				Diane Ford (C)
<b>Catering</b>				
	<b>RYAG Equine</b>			
	Barry Biffin			
	<b>RYLA</b>			
	Louise Matthews			
	<b>Vocational</b>			
	<b>Science &amp; Eng</b>			
	Steve Hawkins? (C)			
	Steve Massey			
	Phil Heffernan			
	<b>Pedal The Peel</b>			
	Terry Robinson (C)			
	Louise Matthews			
	Brett White			
	Graeme Kruger			
	Phil Heffernan			



## **GUEST SPEAKER – Christine Shewry – CEO Joblink Plus with her team – Craig, Rochelle, Emily**

### **Summary of the problem:**

The dilemma facing our young people today has its origins in the Global Financial Crisis, which Australia weathered relatively well but arguably at the cost of our young people (and the next generation of workers and taxpayers). In May 2012, the rate of unemployment for 15 to 19-year-olds was 18.8%; and for the broader group of 15 to 24-year-olds it was 13.1%. This compares to an unemployment rate of 5.8% for the population aged 15 to 64 years. February 2008 to October 2011 (the last Census date), there were 653,500 jobs added to the Australian economy, HOWEVER teenagers lost 67,100 jobs over the same period. Further around 52% of the total jobs added since February 2008 have been part-time. In October 1992, 33% of 15–24 year olds who had a job worked part-time. Today, it's more than 50%.

The [International Labour Organisation](#) and economists who study employment, like [Professor Bill Mitchell](#) from the Centre for Full Employment and Equity out of the University of Newcastle, have very sound reasoning behind their argument for a more accurate set of statistics that should alarm us and spur us to action. Professor Mitchell also highlights the falling participation rate as an indicator of a youth employment crisis. This means that increasing numbers of young people are opting out of receiving Centrelink benefits and the associated support services such as access to the PBS and subsidised medications. The knock-on effect is that young people cannot afford to see a GP or get a prescription filled. They rely on the cash they can get by whatever means, support from family if they have it, and charity.

### **What is the Joblink Plus response?**

We use positive psychology in supporting people who are looking for work. We encourage them to think in terms of what they CAN do, not what they can't. We have honest conversations with young job seekers about what's required of them in order to find work, and assure them that we are part of their search in a hands-on way. Joblink Plus addresses some of the practical issues, such as not having a driver's license, not having the literacy skills to put together a résumé, or not having funds to buy clothes for an interview. We have targeted programs that make them "job ready" and create pathways to employment. We encourage paid and unpaid work experience with local employers, and have campaigns to raise awareness of the problem – and the solutions.

### **What can be your response?**

As active members of your community Rotarians are perfectly positioned to influence the conversation about our young people. Next time you hear expressions like "young delinquents who don't want to work" continue your positive contribution to the narrative. Explain how difficult it can be for a young person, from university graduates to early school leavers alike. Share the stories you heard (ask us if you need more!) and focus on help, not blame. Employers who hire a young person are making an investment in the future of their business or trade. It will be some time before you see a return, but it's worth it! It is important to recognise that the main influence on a young person's employment prospects is outside their control. This is the rate of economic growth. It determines the pace at which jobs are created, and therefore the unemployment rate. There are many more things we can do together, but finally: part of the local assistance to young people making the transition from education to work should be a greater role for schools and suppliers of tertiary education in providing opportunities to engage with the workplace. The Career and Business Expo is crucial for this, and we at Joblink Plus look forward to being just one stakeholder in the 2016 Expo that promotes local employment opportunities.



Joblink Plus - Craig Wilson, Rochelle Wallace, Emily Roy, Christine Shewry, Max Cathcart thanked the speakers with Graeme Kruger behind Max

## **PRESIDENT ASSIST**

To ensure members who are rostered for the duties of, Meeter and Greeter, Door, Visitor Assist, Welcome to our Members & Guests, Introduction of the Guest Speaker(s) and Vote of Thanks are present and if they are not to find a replacement and ensure those people's names are updated on the President's Running Sheet. Select the Table Order (after the head table).

**Need to be in attendance by 6.30 am**

## **DOOR TEAM**

To record the attendance of our members and guests, collect meeting dues, and if possible balance the cash float i.e. monies paid = money received.

**Need to be in attendance at 6.30 am**

## **MEETER & GREETER**

To meet & greet our members & welcome guests to our Club at the top of the stairs and to hand name badges to members. Also ensure any guests of members or visiting Rotarians are introduced to the Visitor Assist to ensure they are made feel welcome.

**Need to be in attendance at 6.30 am**

## **VISITOR ASSIST**

To ensure any visitors to the Club are felt welcome by introducing yourself to them and other members and guests of our Club. To also include them in fellowship before and if necessary make sure they are included with several members for breakfast and are not left on their own.

**Need to be in attendance from 6.30 am**

## **WELCOME**

To publicly welcome our Members & Guests (following the introduction) to our meeting when called upon by the President or his/her substitute.

**Need to be in attendance by 6.50 am (or earlier)**

## **INTRODUCTION**

To make yourself known to our Guest Speaker/s, assist them to the head table and sit with them. During breakfast find out some information about the guest speaker which will assist you in your introduction.

## **VOTE OF THANKS**

To move a vote of thanks to our guest speaker, and present a little thank you gift (ensure you have it before the meeting commences and take notes during their presentation to ensure your thank you is informed).

## **CORPORALS**

To assist the Sergeant by putting out all Club Property and putting away at the conclusion of the meeting. Need to be in attendance by 6:30 am.

## **CORPORAL ASSIST**

To assist the Sergeant, by putting away all Club Property at the conclusion of the meeting if the Corporals are unable to do so

<b>Meeting Roster</b>	<b>Wednesday, 1 July</b>	<b>Wednesday, 8 July</b>	
Guest Speaker	<b>Peter Heilbuth</b>	<b>Club Assembly</b>	
Topic	<b>TAFE New England</b>	<b>Graeme Kruger</b>	
Door Team	Richard Hardwick Ian Howle	Diane Ford Julian Smith	
Meeter & Greeter	Richard Walker	James Treloar	
Welcome	John Glynn	Phil Penman	
President Assist	Tim Coates	Chris Watson	
Visitor Assist	Ron Allen	Jennie Wright	
Corporal Assist	Robert Clifton	Barry Biffin	
Introduction	Michael O'Connor		
Vote of Thanks	Jenny Jackson		
<b>Post Office Raffle Roster</b>			
<b>3 July</b>	<b>10 July</b>	<b>17 July</b>	<b>24 July</b>
Brett White Terry Robinson	Terry Robinson John Glynn	John Glynn Michael O'Connor	Michael O'Connor Helen Tickle
<b>31 July</b>	<b>7 August</b>	<b>14 August</b>	<b>21 August</b>
Helen Tickle Phil Penman	Phil Penman Brian Thompson	Brian Thompson Sue O'Connor	Sue O'Connor Peter Pulley
<b>Corporals for July</b>		<b>Corporals for August</b>	
Steve Massey and Peter Ryan		Terry Robinson and Brett White	
<b>Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions</b>			
Members Birthdays	Helen Tickle (01/07)		
Partners Birthdays	Chris Dallas (Ashleigh's husband) (06/07)		
Anniversaries			
Club Induction			
<b>Stats for last meeting</b>			
Attendance	67%		
Make-Ups			
Visiting Rotarians			
Visitors	Lyndall Horsfield & Andrew Beer – Joblink Plus - Christine Shewry, Craig Wilson, Rochelle Wallace, Emily Roy		
Heads & Tails	Dennis Maunder		
Raffle	Anne Jacob		

## 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  
Phone: 6765 7022

### Club Officers and contact details

#### President—Graeme Kruger

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#### Secretary—Brodie Shields

secretary@tamworthfirstlight.org.au

### 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 Rotary), Calala Inn, 6:30pm  
Tamworth Sunrise, Sanctuary Inn, 7:am