

From the desk



Rotary  Club of Tamworth
First Light **Bulletin**



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to the world

Wednesday, 8 July, 2015

Meeting # 1267

Quote of the Week

*Live as if you were to die tomorrow
Learn as if you were to live forever
- Mahatma Gandhi*

From The Desk

Our guest speaker, Peter Heilbuth, the new New England TAFE Institute Director gave us an overview of the organisation and challenges that they now face under the new funding regimes. He was very positive about the role and commitment that TAFE has for Tamworth and Regional NSW.

Some of you might have heard through the grapevine that Jackie (my lovely wife) has, on Friday 3 July, accepted the position of GM at Leeton Shire Council. We both love Tamworth and had no intention to make changes but a recent organisational restructure at Council has led us to reflect on Jackie's future career prospects. Her last day at TRC is 31 July.

I am delighted to support her in this new endeavour as it gives her the opportunity to fully realise her skill set and live her passion for executive leadership in local government. Our plans are for me to continue on in Tamworth as First Light President and GM Professionals Real Estate which we will reassess around Christmas. My work has offered to support this arrangement through flights between Leeton and Tamworth on a regular basis.

My plan for the Club Assembly this week is to share my vision for the next 12 months. I have also asked members to let me and the board know of any matters that you would like addressed. My approach to dealing with matters raised will be to firstly look at the background and history (do some research). Then to discuss the matter at a board meeting to either make a decision or in the event of significant matters, present recommendations back to members for approval and review if required.

During my upcoming trip to Africa, from 18 July to 25 August, John Treloar will be filling in at weekly meetings and the board will still meet as planned.

Yours in Rotary
Graeme Kruger

NOTES

Question: Has anyone in the Club or does anyone know of someone who has been to Nepal recently – meaning prior to the dreadful earthquake disaster on 25 April last? Could you please contact Jane Bradford – 6765 2266 / 0429 666 100 OR jbmail@monelu.com

Membership – Laurie Hearne reminded us that this is “Club” month which means “Membership” (more later) and reminded us that prospective members bring new ideas into a Club and he would be delighted to receive some new names from our current membership....

Pedal the Peel tomorrow night (Tuesday) – usual place and time

Sergeants' Dinner – 6:00pm, Thursday, 9 July at the Post Office Hotel

WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER SERVICE ALTITUDE 40

FUNDRAISER

Saturday 10th October 2015 6.30pm – 12.00am Cost \$150 pp or \$1400 for Table of 10

Location: Tamworth Lookout

Dress: the Last 40 years

All attendees to take bus from Tamworth Tennis Club, Napier Street.

Continuous service from 6.00 pm

Enquiries to Helen Tickle 0417684583

Email: h.tickle@tamworth.nsw.gov.au<<mailto:h.tickle@tamworth.nsw.gov.au>>

Early indication of attendance is required. Tickets sales opened on July 1st and have almost sold out.

QUIZ – Answers next week

- If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you found the letter “A”?
- What was the original colour of Coca-Cola?
- What do the letters USB stand for?
- What is the only food that does not spoil?
- What does WD40 mean – why was it called WD40?
- What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common?
- Who was the first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time television?



President and guest speaker enjoying breakfast



Our new Sergeant at Arms, Simon Chamberlain getting into the groove of his role

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.

Weekend 17 / 18 October – Rotary Muster

2016

Saturday, 18 June First Light Changeover

15 – 17 April – District Conference

PSYCHOLOGY 101 – Whatever next?

Behaviour Experiment

If you start with a cage containing four monkeys, and inside the cage hang a banana on a string from the top, and then you place a set of stairs under the banana, before long a monkey will go to the stairs and climb toward the banana. ALL the monkeys are sprayed with cold water.

After a while, another monkey makes an attempt with same result -- As soon as he touches the stairs, you spray ALL the monkeys with cold water.

Pretty soon, when another monkey tries to climb the stairs, the other monkeys will try to prevent it.

Now, put the cold water away. Remove one monkey from the cage and replace it with a new monkey. The new monkey sees the banana and attempts to climb the stairs. To his shock, ALL of the other monkeys beat the crap out of him. After another attempt and attack, he knows that if he tries to climb the stairs he will be assaulted.

Next, remove another of the original four monkeys, replacing it with a new monkey. The newcomer goes to the stairs and is attacked. The previous newcomer takes part in the punishment – with enthusiasm - because he is now part of the team.

Then, replace a third original monkey with a new monkey, followed by the fourth. Every time the newest monkey takes to the stairs, he is attacked.

Now, the monkeys that are beating him up have no idea why they were not permitted to climb the stairs. Neither do they know why they are participating in the beating of the newest monkey. Finally, having replaced all of the original monkeys, none of the remaining monkeys will have ever been sprayed with cold water. Nevertheless, not one of the monkeys will try to climb the stairway for the banana.

Why, you ask? Because in their minds, that is the way it has always been!
This is how today's House and Senate operates; and this is why, from time to time,
ALL of the monkeys need to be REPLACED AT THE SAME TIME!

DISCLAIMER: This is meant as no disrespect to monkeys

GUEST SPEAKER – Peter Heilbuth, Institute Director – TAFE New England

This is a “snapshot” of the key points from this morning’s speaker

Some fast facts about TAFE New England (TNE):

- TNE services 106,000km² across 11 campuses
- In 2014 we had 19,300 student enrolments across 250+ courses
- 1,200 school students study with TNE across year 11 and 12, including school-based Apprentices/Trainees, across 53 schools
- “Traditional Trade” courses make up 24% of our training
- TNE is a key player in NSW aviation training; approximately 160 apprentices
- Average age of students 31

TAFE New England’s goal is to change lives through learning. We do this every day.

The way in which we provide training is changing as more people seek access to training that is “just in time, just for me”.

TNE constantly adjusts the suite of training available to meet industry and employment needs.

At the beginning of 2015, the State Government introduced a new vocational education and training policy called “Smart and Skilled”.

This has meant a significant change in the way that public and private Vocational Education and Training training providers are funded.

It requires us to continue to provide the essential training that our community expects from its publicly-funded provider, within a demand driven model.

TAFE New England looks forward to continuing to be New England’s pre-eminent training provider across our region into the future.

I am always proud to say “I work with TAFE!”



Peter Heilbuth demonstrating a point



Peter being thanked by Tim Coates

Questions to Peter Heilbuth

Q What are students going to do when jobs not yet invented?

A Change continues to happen as in the past and will into the future

Q Management Committee over the range – government has taken a second mortgage on our property – no funding decided by NSW government?

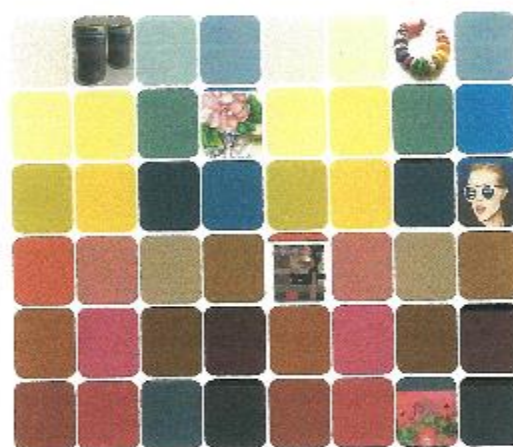
A Our Institute buildings are all owned by the NSW government

Q If you start with a certain percentage of students and about half or so drop out during the year – will the remaining students be able to complete their relevant course?

A Yes we will complete every course – our challenge is to ensure that this does not happen again and we, of course, re-assess the value of the course to the community and business.

PETER BELL

*Reminded us that the
Blue Angel Foundation
Was launching their
Exhibition on Friday,
10 July at 6:30pm*



Inspirational Art Exhibition by local artisans

Opening Night Friday, 10 July 2015 at 6:30pm

RSVP for Opening Night required for catering via Inspirationz

\$20 donation to Blue Angel Foundation includes finger food and refreshment

Open each day with gold coin entry going towards Blue Angel Foundation
from Saturday, 11 July through to Thursday, 16 July (closed Sunday, 12 July)

Inspirationz Gift and Patchwork Gallery (upstairs), 51-5 Paul Street, Tamworth

For information or to RSVP please call Leanne at Inspirationz on 6765 4800.

YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2015 when

- You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave
- You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three (3)
- You haven't played Solitaire with real cards for years
- You email the person who works at the desk next to you
- Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have email addresses
- You pull up in your driveway and use your mobile to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries
- Leaving the house without your mobile, which you didn't even have for the first 20 / 30 / 40 plus years of your life, is now cause for panic and you turn around and go and get it!
- You get up in the morning and go on line, before getting your coffee!

How many of you would actually own up to any of these points??

ROTARY HAS A “CHALLENGE” FOR EACH MONTH – THIS IS “CLUB” MONTH

Our President felt we should look at different aspects of our Club’s “Policy and Practice” Manual as a reminder to longer standing members and ensuring that newer members are aware of this Manual. One of the most important items for any Club is “MEMBERSHIP” so this will be our first article:

- **DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ‘HONORARY’ AND ‘LIFE’ MEMBER**

The RI constitution defines an ‘Honorary’ Member as:-

“Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and those persons considered friends of Rotary for their permanent support of Rotary’s cause may be elected to ‘Honorary’ Membership in this Club.

The term of ‘Honorary’ membership shall be determined by the Board.

‘Honorary’ Members shall be exempt from the payment of admission fees and dues, shall not be eligible to hold any office within the Club, but shall be entitled to attend all meetings and functions of the Club (together with their Partner/Spouse) and enjoy all other privileges of this Club.

In addition, ‘Honorary’ Members shall be entitled to receive the weekly Club Bulletin by electronic means (without cost) as a way of maintaining a knowledge and interest in the Club activities.

HOWEVER, First Light Rotary Club has determined to expand this definition by the inclusion of a ‘Life’ Member in its By-Laws which is in essence defined as:-

A Rotarian and Member of First Light Rotary Club who has distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and who has contributed substantially to the Club for the benefit of all Members.

For the conduct of First Light Rotary Club only, a Life Member shall be exempt from payment of annual dues but in all other respects shall have all the rights, responsibilities and privileges of an ‘Active Member’.

- **ATTENDANCE 100% CHANGEVER TO CHANGEVER**

To determine if a Member has achieved 100% attendance in any year the period between Changeovers has been selected as the ‘year’.

- **85 YEAR RULE**

The 85 year rule is calculated as follows and applies to a Member who has reached a minimum age of 65 years:-

Age of Member plus years Membership of Rotary = 85 or greater

Once this magic figure is reached the Member is exempt from all attendance requirements of Rotary.

- **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS**

As RI, Rotary District and RDU fees are all due in July it is the practice of this Club that all Members be issued with an account for that year’s membership subscription in the first two (2) weeks of July.

The amount of the annual subscription shall be decided by the incoming Board in May of each year.

FAIM membership (currently \$10.00 pa.) is to be included in the annual subscription.

CURTAIN RODS - REALLY??? –

On the first day, she sadly packed her belongings into boxes, crates and suitcases.

On the second day she had the movers come and collect her things.

On the third days, she sat down for the last time at their beautiful dining room table, by candlelight, she put on some soft music, feasted on a pound of shrimps, a jar of caviar and a bottle of spring water.

When she had finished, she went into each and every room and deposited a few half-eaten shrimps dipped in caviar into the hollow centre of the curtain rods, cleaned up the kitchen and left.

On the fourth day, the husband came back with his new girlfriend and at first all was bliss.

Then slowly the house began to smell.

They tried everything, cleaning, mopping, airing out the place, vents were checked for dead rodents and carpets were steamed clean.

Air fresheners were hung everywhere. Exterminators were brought in to set off gas canisters, during which time the two had to move out for a few days and in the end they even paid to replace the expensive wool carpeting.

Nothing worked!

People stopped coming to visit. Repairmen refused to work in the house. The maid quit!

Finally they couldn't take the stench any longer and decided they had to move but a month later, even though they cut the price by half, they couldn't find a buyer for such a stinky house.

Word got out and eventually even the local real estate agents refused to return their calls. Finally, unable to wait any longer for a purchaser, they had to borrow a huge sum of money from the bank to purchase a new home.

Then the ex-wife called the man and asked how things were going. He told her the saga of the rotting house. She listened politely and said how much she missed her old home and would be willing to reduce her divorce settlement in exchange for having the house.

Knowing she could have no idea of how bad the smell actually was, he agreed on a price 1/10th of what the house was worth but only if she signed the papers that very day.... She agreed and within two hours his lawyers delivered the completed paperwork.

A week later the man and his girlfriend stood smiling as they watched the moving company pack everything to take to their new home and to spite his ex-wife, they even took the curtain rods!

Love a happy ending – don't you?

"RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS CAN BE EASY"

Article, from RDU June 2015 edition, by Judy Ford, Rotary Club of Yass, D9710, NSW

In an ideal world recruiting a new Rotarian would be a simple matter. You would simply ask the person if he or she would like to join Rotary. Unfortunately, it is not as easy as that. There is always the fear that the person might say no and the feeling of rejection and humiliation can be as strong as the feeling of jubilation should the person say yes.



Certainly there are people who have no problem asking a friend, colleague or acquaintance straight out, but those people are a rare breed.

Many clubs hold Rotary membership nights, but even that requires a face-to-face ask.

Over the past few years the Rotary Club of Yass, NSW, has come up with a formula for such an evening which, if followed exactly, guarantees new members, without having to personally ask.

We follow the idea of an information night, but there are certain steps we take that make the whole process much easier for everyone.

Our tips:

- Ask members to submit names and addresses of anyone they think would make a good Rotarian.
- Send an invitation from the president by mail (not email).
- Keep the evening informal, cocktail party rather than a meal, and NO GUEST SPEAKER (they have come to hear about Rotary)!
- Organise three or four Rotarians to tell their Rotary stories in a few minutes each. Have varied topics such as what happens at meetings, club projects, Polio Plus, overseas opportunities, etc.
- As the guests leave give them something to take away (e.g. a brochure on the club).
- FOLLOW UP! Have someone contact them the next day to invite them to the next normal meeting.

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.

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

(second time)

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.

Meeting Roster	Wednesday, 8 July	Wednesday, 15 July	
Guest Speaker	Club Assembly	Charles Impey	
Topic	Graeme Kruger	Tamworth Adventure Playground	
Door Team	Diane Ford Julian Smith	Les Jacob Rob Clifton	
Meeter & Greeter	James Treloar	John Worldon	
Welcome	Phil Penman	Sue O'Connor	
President Assist	David Hinwood	Bruce Hemmett	
Visitor Assist	Jennie Wright	Brian Logan	
Corporal Assist	Barry Biffin	David Rogerson	
Introduction		Brett White	
Vote of Thanks		Steven Hawkins	
Post Office Raffle Roster			
10 July	17 July	24 July	31 July
Terry Robinson John Glynn	John Glynn Michael O'Connor	Michael O'Connor Helen Tickle	Helen Tickle Phil Penman
7 August	14 August	21 August	28 August
Phil Penman Brian Thompson	Brian Thompson Sue O'Connor	Sue O'Connor Peter Pulley	Peter Pulley David Hinwood
Corporals for July		Corporals for August	
Steve Massey and Peter Ryan		Terry Robinson and Brett White	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Barry Biffin (12/07)		
Partners Birthdays	Leigh Howle (12/07)		
Anniversaries	Nil		
Club Induction	Les Jacob (14/07) 22 years		
Stats for last meeting			
Attendance	69%		
Make-Ups	Nil		
Visiting Rotarians	Liz Gill (Walcha)		
Visitors	Peter & Louise Heilbuth, Gloria O'Connor, Joe Townsend, Graham Morgan		
Heads & Tails	Anne Jacobs		
Raffle	Terry Robinson		

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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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