

From the desk



Rotary  Club of Tamworth  
First Light **Bulletin**



Rotary   Be a gift  
to the world

# Wednesday, 5 August, 2015

## Meeting # 1271

### Quote of the Week

***Happiness is a long walk with a putter.***

(If you don't understand, ask a golfer)

Greg Norman

### From The Desk

Dead Rock presented us with the inside story of the Cameron Corner to Tamworth Westpac Helicopter bike ride, along with lots of great photos from the recently retired Jim Raymond - three (3) weeks of mud, rain dust and fun, all in the name of charity and raising in excess of \$110,000. They were accompanied by John Fogarty, Michael O'Connor and a quick visit to Louth by David Hinwood and Brian Yeo.

Our SOS to host Reiko from 15 August to 5 September has been answered by Phil and Rob Penman and I'm sure will be assisted by the Penman Clan. From the Club we thank the Penman's very much.

Next week will be our first meeting at **West's Diggers**, please show patience as I'm sure there will be some teething problems and if you have any suggestions or issues please contact Helen Tickle. If you haven't already done so, please become a member of Wests, your membership is valid at both Wests and Diggers.

Past Charter President Brian Thompson will be in the Chair this week as I will be joined on the Gold Coast Golf Classic by Deb Barnes, Maureen Thornton, Julian Smith, Phil Penman, John Worldon, Phil Heffernan and Ross Lobsey. We will be "working very hard" in beautiful warm and sunny Queensland and will briefly think of you all on Wednesday morning

See you in a fortnight

**PP John Treloar**



**Guess where Graeme is!!**

# NOTES

## CHANGE OF VENUE FOR OUR WEEKLY BREAKFASTS EFFECTIVE FROM THIS WEDNESDAY, 5 AUGUST 2015

### WESTS DIGGERS – COST \$22.00 per person

Recommended we join West and Wests Diggers (same fee) \$12 pa and \$7 pa for pensioners.  
Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Helen Tickle, or any of the board members.

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*Westpac Rescue Helicopter Altitude 40 – just a few tickets left – speak to Helen Tickle  
\$140 per person – will be held at the Tamworth Lookout on Saturday, 10 October 2015*

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**Michael Smith** – Anyone not receive their invoice for membership this year – due this Friday, 31 July 2015

**Helen Tickle** thanked members – Football Roster full and a successful weekend

**Brett White** – two cupboards to be moved – one to Diggers, the other to Treloar's -**Tom Hellmann** has a truck and was volunteered in his absence.

**Tamworth Children's Adventure Playground** is progressing well – more helpers would be great but going well  
**Ronald McDonald House** still seeking volunteers – contact **Chris Watson** – 6761 3944 or 0404 170 276

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### OUR EDUCATION continues

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a healthy young wife by the name of Dorothy. And Dot Com was a comely woman, large of breast, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com. And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums.

And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew To The People (HTTP).

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. Indeed he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others."

And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known.

He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators."

"YAHOO," said Abraham.

And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside. It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).

And that is how it all began and that is the truth because **everything ever written on the internet has always been the truth....**

# DATES TO REMEMBER **IN YOUR DIARIES**



## 2015

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

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

**Saturday, 10 October – Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service Altitude 40 Fundraiser – see Helen Tickle**

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

**Weekend 17 / 18 October – Rotary Muster**

**Wednesday, 25 November – TAFE "Futures" – Christmas Party**

## 2016

**Saturday, 18 June** First Light Changeover – Wests Diggers

**15 – 17 April – District Conference - Taree**

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Answers to the quiz below will be asked by our Sergeant after our move to Diggers and can continue over a period of weeks – don't forget your homework!!!

### **A ROTARY QUIZ which the Sergeant will appreciate – When you joined Rotary**

1. Who was the International President?
2. Who was the District Governor for that year?
3. What was the theme for that year – could be two?
4. Who invited you to join?
5. Why did you accept?

Not in the quiz – just curious

6. How many friends / business acquaintances have you invited to join Rotary?

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### **IDIOT SIGHTINGS – ENGLAND**

My daughter and I went to the McDonald's check-out to pay our bill and I gave the clerk a £5 note. Our total bill was £4.20, so I also handed her a 20 pence piece.

She said, 'You gave me too much money.'

I said, 'Yes I know, but this way you can just give me £1 back.'

She sighed and went to get the Manager who asked me to repeat my request.

I did so, and he handed me back the 20 pence and said 'We're sorry but we do not do that kind of thing.'

The clerk then proceeded to give me back 80 pence in change.

Do not confuse the clerks at MacDonal'd's in St Albans, Hertfordshire!!

**STAY ALERT! They walk among us - AND THEY BREED!**

## GUEST SPEAKER – STEVE “DEAD ROCK” LIVINGSTONE

John Fogarty introduced the team who went to Cameron’s Corner and travelled “Back From The Corner” peddling through dust, rain, mud, sweat and tears to raise funds for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

“Dead Rock” took over and matched his chat to the by Jim Raymond. through red dirt, harsh couple of days were organisation was weather we all had discovered muscles not

There were 35 riders one tandem bike. All sheds, pretty rough trailers were packed for found the roads heavy going in the wet. All the homesteads, little towns, schools were wonderfully welcoming – meals would be charged for and at the end of the evening would be handed back to the Treasurer – all John Fogarty did on the trip was count money!

We all gained extra skills to manage the rough sand and terrain, strong head winds did not help yet the camaraderie kept everyone going. The “young guns” on the trip took a few days to realise that it was not an actual race and were quickly found to be assisting some members who were struggling with the terrain - the “young guns” can’t wait to go again.

An interesting fact – wild goats rapidly being domesticated, are proving a financial bonus to the land owners.

The trip was 21 days – including the lost days due to weather. Louth proved an interesting spot for reception of any sort. One of those tricky spots where you had to climb the slippery dip at the school to obtain reception for mobiles. The teacher mentioned that the school was raising funds for the children to go to Sydney and see the ocean and beaches. The participants in the race quickly created a raffle to ensure that the kids would have their trip including a ferry ride etc.

Brian Thompson – bus driver – confirmed it was a wonderful experience. John Fogarty wrote out cheques for fuel and food then had to hand the funds raised to Bill Warburton – chairman of fund raising for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter - \$110,000 raised – over double the funds anticipated.



the commentary and video display prepared Basically they peddled hard country. Sadly a washed out. The excellent – in spite of the different experiences, used on a regular basis.

and 14 support crew and had swags for wool accommodation – the three weeks so also



Michael O’Connor thanking guest speaker Steve Livingstone with fellow crew members John Fogarty and Jim Raymond



Jacquie Fogarty (guest) with Brian Yeo enjoying the "journey"



Examples of the roads less travelled

Loved the helicopter protecting them from above....





Examples of the terrain travelled

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Additional funds can be raised through the following for the **Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service**

## **BLEDISLOE CUP TICKETS**

Insurance House has generously donated **2 x tickets** to the Bledisloe Cup on Saturday 8th August at ANZ Stadium - where the Qantas Wallabies and All Blacks will go head to head. These tickets are located in the Gold member's area of ANZ Stadium.

We are holding an online silent auction for these fabulous tickets.



If you would like to win these Bledisloe Cup tickets and help support Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service, please email your **highest bid** to [allison.russell@rescuehelicopter.com.au](mailto:allison.russell@rescuehelicopter.com.au) along with your name, phone number and email address.

Bidding closes Tuesday 4th August at 5pm. The winner will be notified by email and we will post the auction results on the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service Facebook page on Wednesday 5th August. Tickets are e-tickets, so can be emailed to the winner as soon as payment is received.

**Thank you to Insurance House for their kind donation and continual support of our Service.**

Good luck and let the bidding begin!



Above: The yellow line indicates the way to the new Tamworth Hospital Emergency Department.

## Emergency Department - Opens 8am, 22 July 2015

The new Tamworth Hospital Emergency Department will be open to patients from 8am on Wednesday, 22 July 2015.

In an emergency please call '000' for an ambulance.

If you choose to drive to the Emergency Department, please drive to the top of Dean St and turn right at the roundabout. The road will take you directly to the Emergency Department entrance. There are a number of signs on Dean St to show the way.

There is a turning circle in front of the Emergency Department where drivers can set down patients before parking in Car Park B – the closest car park to the Emergency Department.

Please turn this fact sheet over for an up-to-date map of Tamworth Health Service.

For more information visit the Hunter New England Health website - [www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au)



The new emergency department entrance and drop-off bay.



Inside the new emergency department.

THE TAMWORTH HEALTH SERVICE REDEVELOPMENT IS JOINTLY FUNDED, WITH CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$120 MILLION FROM THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S HEALTH AND HOSPITALS FUND AND \$91 MILLION FROM THE NSW GOVERNMENT.

THIS REDEVELOPMENT IS BEING BUILT ON THE TRADITIONAL LANDS OF THE GOMEROI / KAMILAROI / GAMILARAAY PEOPLE



Health  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District





## ROTARY HAS A “CHALLENGE” FOR EACH 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 is

### THE ROTARY VALUE STATEMENT

*'Those are my principles. If you don't like them I have others.'* Groucho Marx (1890-1977)

#### THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

#### OUR CORE VALUES:

- Fellowship and Global Understanding – we build lifelong relationships
- Ethics and Integrity – we honour our commitments
- Diversity – we connect diverse perspectives
- Vocational Expertise, Service and Leadership – we apply our leadership and expertise to solve social issues.

#### ROTARY:

**Joins Leaders** – from all continents cultures and occupations – to

**Exchange Ideas** – bringing our expertise and diverse perspectives to help solve some of the world’s toughest problems – and

**Be a Gift to the World** – to bring lasting change to our communities around the world.

#### WHY JOIN?

Worldwide surveying conducted by Rotary shows that people join Rotary principally for two reasons:

1. To make a difference in the community.
2. Because of the relationships which follow.

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Missing  
Graeme.....

# NAZARETH HOUSE CHARITY GOLF DAY



**Friday 14th August**  
**LONGYARD GOLF COURSE**

18 HOLES 3 PERSON AMBROSE - \$120 PER TEAM

Mens, Ladies or Mixed Teams Welcome

Morning tea & registration from 8.30am

9.30am SHOTGUN START

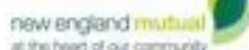
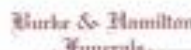
BBQ Lunch, biscuits & fruit

Nominate at the Pro Shop - 6765 2988

or 0418 66 72 45



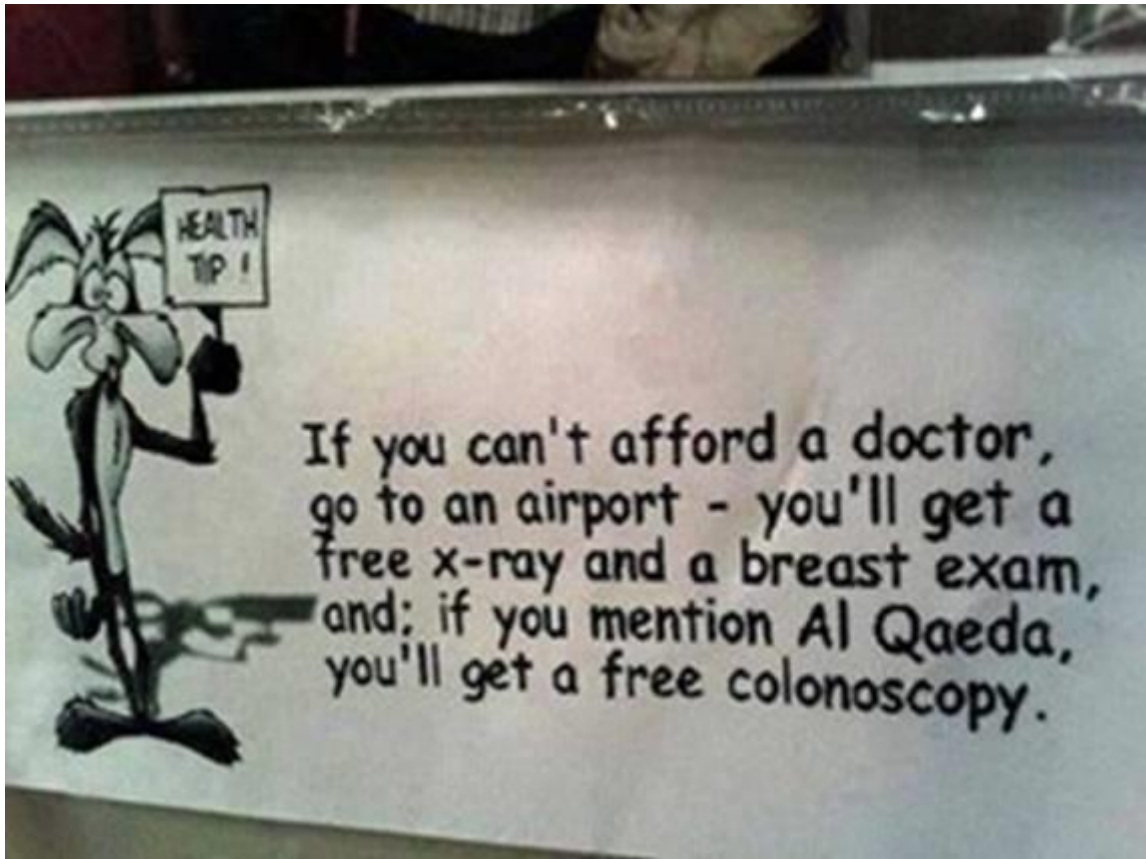
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Contact Brian Thompson with any queries – 0427 665 635 or  
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### December 2014 Statistics On Airport Full Body Screening:

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Breast Implants       | 59,350 |
| Transvestites         | 133    |
| Hernias               | 1,485  |
| Haemorrhoid Cases     | 3,172  |
| Enlarged Prostates    | 8,249  |
| Natural Blondes       | 3      |
| Terrorists Discovered | 0      |

**It was also discovered that 308 politicians have no balls.**

# SERENDIPITY COMMITTEE TAMWORTH

Invite you to support our

## WELLNESS DAY

Saturday 10th October 2015

10.00 - 3.00 Community Centre Tamworth - FREE ENTRY



## YARN BOMBING

Join  
in the  
FUN!

Donations of knitting or crocheting warmly received.

Any stitch, any shade of pink, any texture, any ply.

40 stitches thick wool, 60 stitches thin wool. Knit 1 ball or as long as you like.



For further information contact Serendipity President Sandra Brooks: 0438 668 277

[www.serendipitytamworth.com.au](http://www.serendipitytamworth.com.au)

A challenge to all members, partners, wives, girlfriends, friends, male / female to participate in changing the face of Peel

Street.... For further information please contact Helen Tickle on either

[helen.tickle@bigpond.com](mailto:helen.tickle@bigpond.com) <<mailto:helen.tickle@bigpond.com>>

<[h.tickle@tamworth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:h.tickle@tamworth.nsw.gov.au)> <<mailto:h.tickle@tamworth.nsw.gov.au>>



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## **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.

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|--|---|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Meeting Roster</b>                          | <b>Wednesday, 5 August – Wests Diggers</b>                          | <b>Wednesday, 12 August</b>     |  |
| Guest Speaker                                  | <b>Dr Chris Trethewey</b>   | <b>John Sharkey</b>             |  |
| Topic  | <b>Westpac Chopper Doctor</b>                                       | <b>“U3A”</b>                    |  |
| Door Team                                      | Steve Massey<br>Rob Sharp   | Ron Allen<br>Jane Bradford      |  |
| Meeter & Greeter                               | Peter Ryan  | Laurence Hearne                 |  |
| Welcome  | Tim Coates  | Dennis Maunder                  |  |
| President Assist                               | Richard Hardwick  | Barry Biffin                    |  |
| Visitor Assist                                 | Richard Walker  | Tom Hellmann                    |  |
| Corporal Assist                                | Brett White   | Brodie Shields                  |  |
| Introduction                                   | Louise Matthews   | Anne Jacob                      |  |
| Vote of Thanks                                 | Max Cathcart  | Julian Smith                    |  |
| <b>Post Office Raffle Roster</b>               |   |                                 |  |
| <b>7 August</b>                                |   | <b>14 August</b>                |  |
| Peter Pulley<br>Brian Thompson                 |   | Brian Thompson<br>Sue O’Connor  |  |
|  |   | Sue O’Connor<br>Peter Pulley    |  |
| <b>4 September</b>                             |   | <b>11 September</b>             |  |
| Maureen Thornton<br>Graham Dooley              |   | Graham Dooley<br>David Hinwood  |  |
|  |   | David Hinwood<br>Jane Bradford  |  |
| <b>18 September</b>                            |   | <b>25 September</b>             |  |
|  |   | Jane Bradford<br>Paul Stevenson |  |
| <b>Corporals for August</b>                    |   | <b>Corporals for September</b>  |  |
| Terry Robinson and Brett White                 |   | Phil Penman and Chris Watson    |  |
| <b>Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions</b> |   |                                 |  |
| Members Birthdays                              | Ross Lobsey (07/08), Robert Clifton (08/08), Dennis Maunder (12/08) |                                 |  |
| Partners Birthdays                             | Lisa Treloar (10/08), Trudy White (12/08)                           |                                 |  |
| Anniversaries                                  | Ron & Hellen Allen (09/08) – 29 years                               |                                 |  |
| Club Induction                                 | Diane Ford (11/08) 5 years  |                                 |  |
| <b>Stats for last meeting</b>                  |   |                                 |  |
| Attendance                                     |   |                                 |  |
| Make-Ups                                       | Nil   |                                 |  |
| Visiting Rotarians                             | Bill Warburton (Tamworth),  |                                 |  |
| Visitors                                       | Michael Wilson (Coordinator Rescue Helicopter), Jacquie Fogarty     |                                 |  |
| Heads & Tails                                  | John Treloar  |                                 |  |
| Raffle   | Helen Tickle  |                                 |  |

## 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