

From the desk



Rotary  Club of Tamworth
First Light **Bulletin**



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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

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?

Thank you Brian Thompson for your answers to the above – sadly the Sergeant missed out this time but am sure he will be asking questions from next week – members - don't forget the homework.

It doesn't matter how bad your day - always go home with your head held high



Plucked, pounded, mistreated, overworked but still with dignity

ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING

Wednesday, 12 August, 2015

Meeting # 1272

Quote of the Week

From The Desk

A great pleasure to "stand in" for President Graeme this morning for meeting 1271. The last time I did this was for meeting 52.

Welcome back to Mick O'Connor's "chook bucket"--- much quicker than the barrel. Don't worry Brett the barrel will be back next week.

Our guest speaker, Dr. Chris Trethewey was indeed very interesting but must be worried that Louise has "put the hard word" on him. People in our region are very fortunate to have the services of the Chopper especially as it is manned 24 /7. There is at least one call out every day. Amazing to learn of the treatment that can be administered roadside to stabilise patients before transport to hospital.

Chris Watson is looking for volunteers at Ronald McDonald House to act as house parents. If you are able to help please contact Chris – 6767 8900 nights and weekends please.

Ross Lobsey has submitted his resignation from the club - we wish him well.

Terry Robinson is "wheeling " and dealing with a bike organisation regarding advertising with them - this will certainly be on OUR terms - well done Terry.!!

Reiki Uzumi, our exchange student from Japan came to her first breakfast this morning, presented us with a banner from her Club and also spoke about her joy to be here and she is settling in well with Paul and Suzie Stevenson.

Paul also reminded us that we speak very quickly, please slow down when speaking with Reiki until she gets used to our version of English.

Enjoy your week....

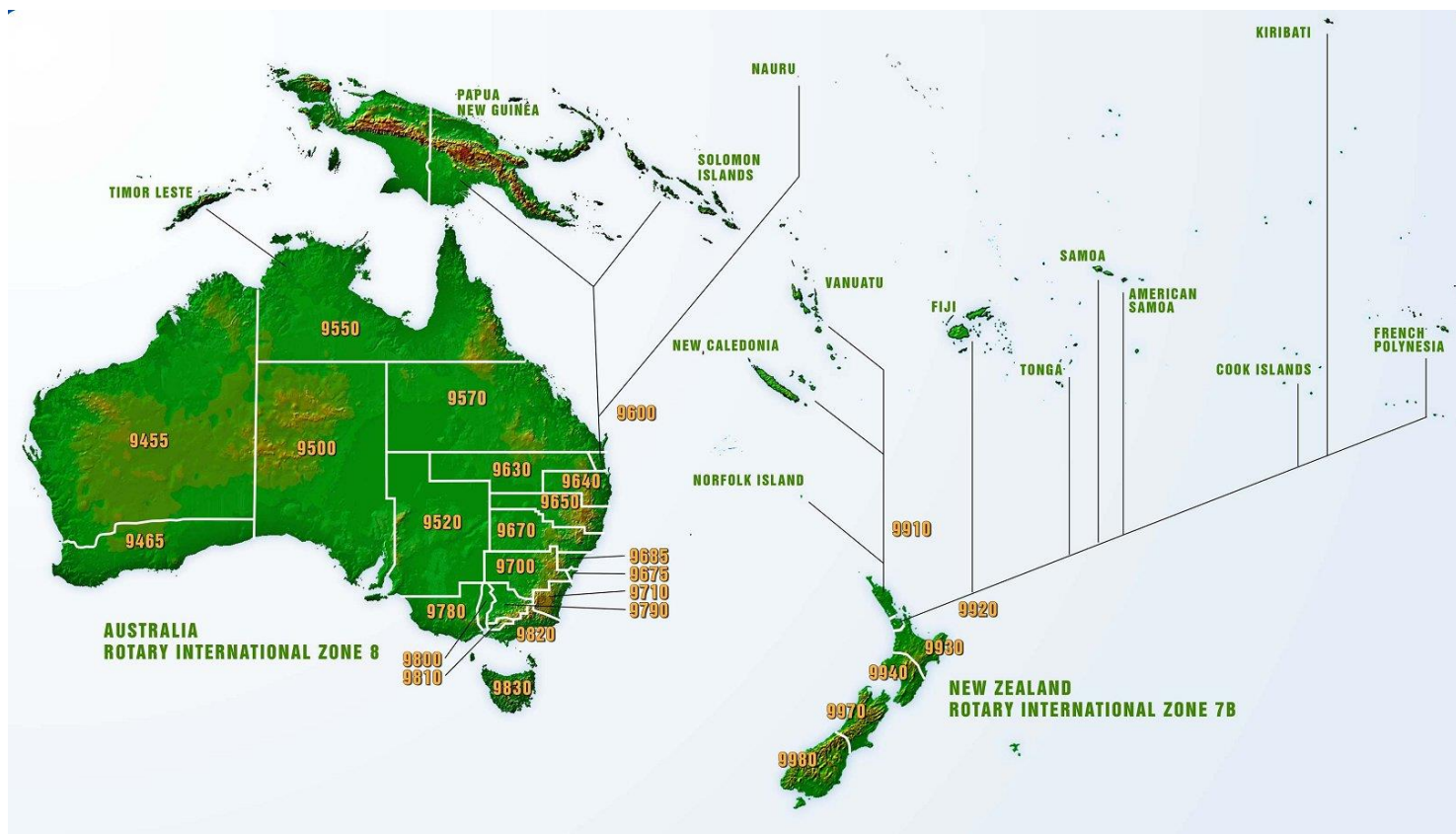
Charter President – Brian Thompson



How lucky is Graeme??

Do you think he would be missing us??

As a few Districts have merged in Australia – this is the latest breakdown of the 21 Districts in Australia and Zone 8.



Courtesy of Rotary Down Under

POLIO ERADICATION

- *Rotary International’s top priority continues to be the eradication of **POLIO**. Rotary and its global partners are on the verge of stopping the transmission of polio in Nigeria, where no cases have been reported since July 2014, and in all of Africa, which has had no reported cases since August 2014*
- *The number of polio cases in Pakistan has decreased by more than half compared to the same time last year*
- *Rotary has played an important role in bringing Type III polio close to eradication worldwide, with the last case reported in Nigeria in 2012. The elimination of Type III polio, once confirmed. Would leave only Type I to contend with.*

Please do not give up now – we are “So Close”

NOTES

Reminder to members – please consider joining West and West Diggers (same fee) \$12 pa and \$7 pa for pensioners. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact any of the board members.

Brian Thompson reported

- *Terry Burgess is recovering well – still pretty sore but better*
- *Dick Davison is recovering from a bout of flu*
- *Ross Lobsey has resigned citing pressure of work – accepted reluctantly by the Board*
- *Golfers are having a wonderful time in sunny, warm Queensland.*

Terry Robinson reported

- *Pedal the Peel – excellent advertising from The Leader*
- *Currently in discussions with a Cycling Organisation re advertising and promoting the event – hoping for success in the near future*
- *Jackie Kruger has been made very welcome in her new position of Manager of Leeton Shire*

Helen Tickle thanked all members who supported the football this season – over for this year
A Reminder that just a few tickets left Westpac Rescue Helicopter Altitude 40 – \$140 per person – Tamworth Lookout on Saturday, 10 October 2015 – speak to Helen Tickle

Brett White thanked all members who supported the **Tamworth Adventure Playground** – very successful and completed on Sunday ahead of target.

Chris Watson still looking for volunteers for weekends and evenings for Ronald McDonald House – please contact Chris - 6767 8900 – if you can assist.

IT IS THE 2015 POEM OF THE YEAR

The computer swallowed Grandma - Yes, honestly it's true!
She pressed 'control and 'enter' and disappeared from view.
It devoured her completely, the thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus or been eaten by a worm.
I've searched through the recycle bin and files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet, but nothing did I find.
In desperation, I asked Mr. Google my searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative, not a thing was found 'online.'
So, if inside your 'Inbox' my Grandma you should see,
Please 'Copy, Scan' and 'Paste' her, and send her back to me.

This is a tribute to all the Grandmas and Grandpas, Nannas and Pops,
who have been fearless and learned to use the Computer..... They are the greatest!!!

We do not stop playing because we grow old;
We grow old because we stop playing...

NEVER BE THE FIRST TO GET OLD!



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Dennis Maunder has just arrived back from USA – this is the latest delivery system by Amazon in Seattle – bypassing the postal service

As we know, Amazon is the world's largest online shopping site. For delivery, as an alternative/opposition to the postal service, they have lockers around the city.

- You buy the goods online and they are delivered and secured in your closest locker.
- The buyer receives a one-off access code to collect with other instructions.
- The lockers have large and small separate sections to cater for different sized parcels.
- For returns, you are able to send items back to Amazon the same way.
- This system is more convenient than the post, and would encourage buyers to use Amazon.
- The photo above is the locker on the ground floor of the high-rise where Dennis' son David lives.

Here's How Amazon Locker Works - To ship your order to an Amazon Locker:

1. [Search for a Locker location](#) near you.
2. "Select" a Locker to add it to your Address Book. Next time you add an item to your cart, click "Ship to this address" to ship it to your favourite Locker location.
3. Once your package is delivered to the Amazon Locker, you'll receive an e-mail or [text message](#) with instructions and a unique pick-up code. Enter your pickup code and the Locker slot with your package will open. Your package will be available for pick-up for three business days after you receive your pickup code.

COMPARE IT TO THE SYSTEM IN AUSTRALIA.

- While we can have goods delivered to our workplace, not everyone is so fortunate
- If you have goods delivered to a street address the goods may be left unattended or you get a card from Australia Post to come and collect
- We tend to follow USA trends, so maybe this will happen in Australia in future.

Dennis understands the lockers are only in the USA at present

GUEST SPEAKER – DR CHRIS TRETHERWEY – RESCUE HELICOPTER CHOPPER DOCTOR



Introduced by Louise Matthews

Dr Chris proved a very entertaining speaker covering a variety of topics such as Physics – the earth is not in balance and 80% of Australia's population lives on the eastern seaboard.

Geography – Victoria is compact and neat with a few main hospitals. NSW is large and unruly and has hospitals everywhere – difficult to manage

Helicopters – frequent question is where is the Rotary Wheel? It is behind the door so can't be seen when the door is open.

Television is not real – paints an easy picture but reality is Lismore, Tamworth, Newcastle and Canberra has a vast area to cover. Fuel becomes a vital component when operating a chopper – Queensland lost a crew of five – crashed because it ran out of fuel.

NSW Government went to industry to ask what it needs for future helicopters. Industry came back with single engine accountable, heavy load, hot day, full fuel, must be able to handle all weather conditions – safety must be a major factor.

NSW Government has committed to a fleet of helicopters at a cost of \$18M each – ownership will still be with the people.

Tamworth is now manned 24x7 – takes 10minutes to take-off – amazing technology – excellent series of slides combined with the above made this overall talk quite riveting.

Q. Royal Flying Doctor Service – Yes we liaise closely with Dubbo goes out west – Broken Hill usually goes to Adelaide, Dubbo goes to Sydney.

Q. Winches? No, new helicopters will have built in winches.

Finally we will have four new helicopters in due course – Lismore, Tamworth, Newcastle and Canberra and one spare



Thanked by Max Cathcart



Our new venue – Wests Diggers – showing modern equipment for our use – Leesa with her broom stick

The head table at our new venue



Reiki Uzumi Youth Exchange student from Japan attending her first meeting with us

Paul Stevenson – her Counsellor and charter president, Brian Thompson

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

“ROTARY MEMBERSHIP NOT AN ISSUE FOR THIS YOUNG FAMILY”

Article by Annelisa Corboy, The Rotary Club of Milawa Oxley, submitted by ARC PDG Tim Moore

When we (Annelisa and Martin Corboy) considered joining Rotary about three years ago we did so initially thinking it was “a big people’s thing”. Dad and Mum were going to join and hopefully Rotary could occasionally cope with our brood of four little boys that would follow along. We quickly learned that the whole family were genuinely welcome and impressively there was an actual structure for “Tots” (Rota -Bubs), “Kids” (Rota-Kids) and “Teens” (Rota-Youth).

The present members were very welcoming, understanding and encouraging for our four, then five and soon to be six, Rota-Kids and Rota-Bubs to be involved and contribute their efforts where they can. I think the motto “Many little hands can help make light work” rather apt for BBQs, wood collections, markets, carols nights, and bonfire nights just to name a few events our Rota-Kids have been involved with. Rota-Kids have great fun participating and engaging in the experience, feel valued as genuine contributors, and benefit from learning many ‘incidental’ things along the way regarding various aspects of being members of society and proud members of our community.

It’s great when we all get together and the Rota-Kids - proudly displaying their very own badges - just like mum and dad’s, are brimming with youthful enthusiasm and excitement, as only children can, ready and raring to get involved in the day/event/evenings activities. Eager to be a part of Rotary. All the Rota-Kids are greeted with smiles, patience, and great interest in their ‘little snippets of news’ of the day or week. They share these things cheerfully and willingly because they feel they have real friends in “Our Rotary Hall”.

Clubs who actively promote and embrace this, occasionally challenging but rewarding, membership group are to be congratulated for opening their doors. We have also enjoyed sharing the benefits of Rotary with a number of other young growing families joining our Club, the more the merrier we say! Our contribution is not limited because we are at the “wrong stage in our life” etc. We are on our life’s journey and we want to share that journey with our children.

Rotary don’t just “allow” the kids to come along or quietly ‘tolerate them’ they encourage their attendance, support their contribution, and delight in their successes. That’s where the real success lies, it is not “your commitment” or “my Rotary such and such” it is ‘Our club’. And as you can see from the profiles below they have great fun, aren’t too hard to please, all it takes every now and again is a chocolate cake, a bonfire night, and a game of hide and seek.

Xavier (age 9), William (7), Dominic (6) and Edward (4) answers to questions put to them:

What does participating in Rotary mean to you?

X: I think Rotary is a nice and helpful place. We help people with their lives, one of those ways is through fundraising for the poor and less fortunate.

W: Helping people with their lives, and finding things out - like last night, when Patti couldn’t see the camouflaged frog on the rock. (DG Patti Bulluss, Guest speaker from Parks Vic)

D: Being nice to people and using my manners. I ask Daddy if I can do all the fun things I want to do (at Rotary).

I’m proud to wear my Rotary shirt in the community because:

X: We get to do special things, such as our great performance at the end of District Conference in Shepparton last year. It was great fun!

W: My example shows people Rotary is good for everyone.

D: It makes me feel very special.

E: My rotary shirt means “I go for” Rotary. (Footy household here!)

My favourite things at Rotary:

X: Games nights!

W: Raffles, Playing the coconut shine, and my #1 is our Annual Bonfire Night!!

D: Melissa’s Chocolate cake with strawberries on top!

E: Playing Hide and seek.



Mum Annelisa, with baby Nicholas, Bridget, William, Xavier, Edward and Dominic, RotaKids, proudly wearing their Conference t-shirts at the 2015 D9790 Conference

**IT'S A CD
LAUNCH**

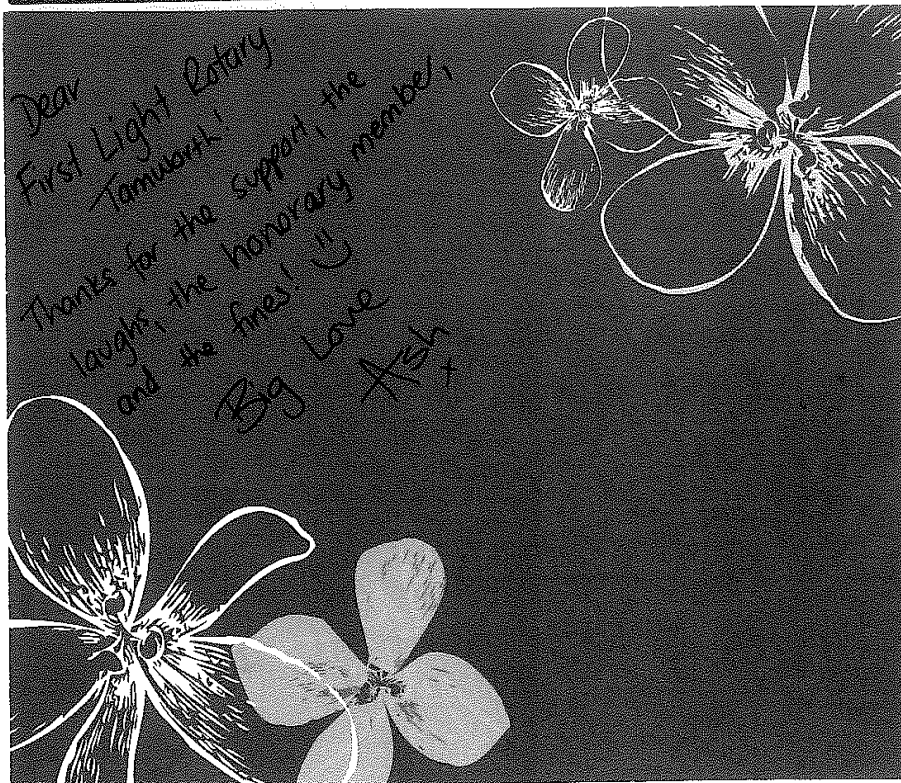
Ashleigh Dallas-Other Side of Town

WEST TAMWORTH LEAGUES CLUB
Legends Lounge

22ND AUGUST 2015
8.30pm

Please join us for Ashleighs CD
Launch in her hometown of
Tamworth!

WJO UNIVERSAL
UNIVERSAL MUSIC



**Ashley's new album launch is Saturday, 22 August at Legends Lounge at 8:30pm
at West Tamworth League Club**

.....and we are all invited.....

Please contact Louise 0420 743 083 if you would like to have dinner prior to the "Launch"



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Meeting Roster	Wednesday, 12 August	Wednesday, 19 August	
Guest Speaker	John Sharkey	Phil Penman	
Topic	“U3A”	Self-funded Retirees or ???	
Door Team	Ron Allen Jane Bradford	Stephen Hawkins Bruce Hemmett	
Meeter & Greeter	Laurence Hearne	Rob Clifton	
Welcome	Dennis Maunder	Les Jacob	
President Assist	Barry Biffin	David Rogerson	
Visitor Assist	Tom Hellmann	Sue O’Connor	
Corporal Assist	Brodie Shields	John Worldon	
Introduction	Anne Jacob	Brian Logan	
Vote of Thanks	Julian Smith	David Baddams	
Post Office Raffle Roster			
14 August	21 August	28 August	4 September
Brian Thompson Sue O’Connor	Sue O’Connor Peter Pulley	Peter Pulley Maureen Thornton	Maureen Thornton Graham Dooley
11 September	18 September	25 September	2 October
Graham Dooley David Hinwood	David Hinwood Jane Bradford	Jane Bradford Paul Stevenson	Paul Stevenson David Baddams
Corporals for August		Corporals for September	
Terry Robinson and Brett White		Phil Penman and Chris Watson	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Peter Pulley (18/08),		
Partners Birthdays			
Anniversaries	Phil & Robyn Penman (18/08) – 37 years		
Club Induction	Ashley Dallas (13/08) 1 year, Janes Treloar (17/08) – 4 years		
Stats for last meeting			
Attendance	59%		
Make-Ups	Nil		
Visiting Rotarians	Sam Peacocke – Dubbo South		
Visitors	Philip Walker, Dr Chris Trethewey, Reiki Uzumi (YEP Japan)		
Heads & Tails	Richard Hardwick		
Raffle	Max Cathcart		

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Rotary Grace

O Lord and giver of all good
We thank Thee for our daily food
May Rotary Friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve Thee all our days

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Tamworth—First Light

Meets Wednesday morning,
6:30 for 7:00 am at
Frog & Toad Function Centre
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Other Clubs meet:

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Friday

Tamworth West, West Tamworth Bowling Club, 6:30pm
Tamworth Rotary Club, Service Club, 6:15pm
Tamworth on Peel – (Calala Rotary), Calala Inn, 6:30pm
Tamworth Sunrise, Sanctuary Inn, 7:am