

From the desk



Rotary  Club of Tamworth  
First Light **Bulletin**



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# DATES TO REMEMBER **IN YOUR DIARIES**



**2015**

**Saturday, 26 September** – Dungowan Draft – see Ron Allan

**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 or Brett White**

**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 and will continue over a period of weeks – don't forget your homework – it is costing you money and it does not take long to find the information!!!**

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

- 1. Who was**
  - 1. 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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*Whatever you may look like,  
marry a man your own age.  
As your beauty fades - so will his eyesight.*

*Phyllis Diller*

# Wednesday, 2 September, 2015

## Meeting # 1275

### Quote of the Week

“Success is no accident. Its hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, LOVE of what you are doing.” **Pele**

### From The Desk

It's good to be back in Tamworth after having a great trip in Africa with fellow club member David and Helen Hinwood and Rotarians from Invercargill. The diversity of people, life and geology continue to amaze me even after 16 similar trips. A special thanks to all those who filled the gaps during my absence.



Tim Coates, one of our own members, shared one of his many passions with us, that being “Community Leadership” and his involvement with the Tamworth Business Chamber. Some points of interest were:

- It is the largest Business Chamber in NSW representing 413 businesses in the region
- The Quality Business Awards are also a highlight of the year and continue to grow and
- The Junior Chamber has proven to be a positive initiative
- It is a very active Chamber that often leads the way in the country none of which happens by default
- Tim also acknowledged the Chamber Board and staff who do all the hard work.

I also attended the combined presidents meeting this week which included a site visit to the Rotary Lodge at Tamworth Hospital. It was surprising to all to see that some maintenance work has been done and how nice they are looking. This could again be a suitable project for the combined clubs to support.

Yours in Rotary

**Graeme Kruger**



# 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.
- **Dungowan Drafting is on Saturday, 26 September** – Volunteers will be appreciated – please see **Ron Allen** if you can assist him on that Saturday.
- **Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)** – 18 – 25 April 2016 – please consider and assess which member of your staff could benefit from such an opportunity and contact Louise Matthews for further information
- **Pedal the Peel** – Banners for smaller sponsorships available at \$100 each – speak with Brett White, Terry Robinson for further information
- *Dobe Newton of the Academy of Country Music has asked the Combined Clubs of Tamworth to support a Musical Event during the upcoming Country Music Festival at Blazes. The tickets will be \$15 per person and will be gauging interest during the next few meetings.*

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## !!!! ATTENTION MEMBERS !!!!

**CHANGE OF ROOM AT WESTS DIGGERS FOR THE  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT  
ON WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER**

**WE WILL BE IN "SMOKEY'S BAR & GRILL"**

**ESSENTIAL TO CONTACT BRODIE TO CONFIRM  
ATTENDANCE FOR YOURSELF**

**OR BOTH YOU AND YOUR PARTNER**

**Email – [Brodie@utsupport.com.au](mailto:Brodie@utsupport.com.au) or Mobile 0403 885 884  
by noon on Tuesday, 1 September 2015**

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*The reason women don't play soccer football is because  
11 of them would never wear the same outfit in public.  
-Phyllis Diller*

## GUEST SPEAKER – one of our own – TIM COATES

### Introduction – Peter Bell

**Tim Coates** has been a member of the Tamworth Chamber Board for ten years – two years as Vice President and eight years as President. He complimented Bruce Treloar and other local businessmen who had the foresight to start the Chamber some 50 years ago to promote business and professions in the City and surrounding district.

- The Chamber is now in a very strong position – the largest in regional NSW with 413 members (Albury being the next closest in size).
- Currently have one vacancy on the Board not replacing as the Annual General Meeting is fast approaching
- Wide spread of membership in business, service industries, manufacturing and corporate.
- It is a not for profit organisation with sponsorship offered by members

What does the Chamber do? We organise or support areas such as

- Meet the Candidates (Federal, State and Local)
- Liaise and work with Council on projects such as “Keeping the Flight School in Tamworth” – still waiting for an announcement
- “Water Pricing” – a very sore point for both irrigators and Council in the Peel Valley Catchment – by working with both State and Federal, we now have a Small Business Minister (some seven (7) million people are involved in small business
- Regional Forums – seven in the State and nine in Sydney – employment is main issue – we come up with ideas / suggestions and approach both State and Federal governments
- State Chamber CEO Steve Cartwright attends international Conference of Chambers and in 2017 the Conference will be held in Sydney – a first for Australia
- Advocacy – we assess and discuss the Award changes as they come through – big issues at present is Hospitality and discussions taking place about reducing double time on Sundays back to 1 1/2 rates like Saturdays – South Australia appears to have taken the initiative but NSW still in discussions
- Mentoring Youth program which has proved very successful and replaces the Queen of Country Music now organised by Tamworth Regional Council covering areas such as marketing, public relations, finance – 41 have been successful over the past two years
- Organise Leader Forums – some very successful, others not quite
- Development (manufacturing or residential) has been easier to liaise with Jackie Kruger and her department – hoping that won’t change back to earlier difficulties
- Junior Chamber – Joseph (Joe) Townsend sits on the Chamber Board and leads the Junior Chamber
- Tamworth Business Awards – annually now held at TRECC with over 700 in attendance last year – 31 categories over 1000 nominations – hoping to touch 1,000 attendees this year – tickets still available
- Sponsorship – instead of seeking just one sponsor, we have been successful in averaging twenty (20) sponsors at a set rate each year and aiming for this to continue in the future
- NSW Chamber has a representative here – Derek Tink for the first few years and Joe Townsend currently

Finally the Tamworth Chamber has become a “Who to go to” Centre for members.

Q Abattoirs in this area has a large percentage of employees with 417 visas?

A. About 1.2% of their workforce is on 417 visas. Baiada now paying proper rates to their workers.

Q. Drug and alcohol – is it an issue?

A. All employees can be screened at any time – up to 60% have been “caught” and will not be re-employed by any abattoir.

We need to support local people at the abattoirs – some 500 seeking work **but** they must comply in relation to drugs / alcohol which is an issue.

Q. Uber – is that an issue in Tamworth?

A. Not at this time, there is a State enquiry – it is seeking a “balance of services”.

**Thanked** by John Toulmin.

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Tamworth & District Chamber of Commerce president Tim Coates outlining Chamber's progress over the past decade and into the future

John Toulmin thanking Tim Coates and his co-speaker, Joseph (Joe) Townsend



## ROTARY HAS A “CHALLENGE” FOR SEPTEMBER – EDUCATION AND LITERACY

**Rotary Clubs** around the world do amazing educative programs internationally and provide opportunities for children in third world countries to obtain an education. Parents are so aware of the importance of “education” to provide the opportunities for their children that they certainly never had. For this month’s topic of education and literacy, we will look at what different clubs around Australia do for students within their towns / region / Districts. Rockingham Beach is a suburb of Perth, WA.

### Students eager to meet the animals



Rockingham Beach Primary School Education Support students Chloe Townsend, 8, and Ben Watkins, 12, are grateful for the \$2000 generous donation from **Rockingham Rotary president Darrel Donovan** to send them on camp.

Excitement was high at Rockingham Beach Primary School last week when Education Support students participated in their annual school camp. Student Ben Watkins, 12, said he was thrilled to be returning to Landsdale Farm School after having a brilliant time last year. “I’m very excited to help farmer Sandra feed the animals and make damper,” he said.

Education Support principal Margaret Keen said travelling to the facility north of Perth was beneficial because it was specifically designed for students with disabilities. The camp helps to develop the children’s independent life skills,” she said. “For some children, it’s their first night away from home and parents.”

Mrs Keen said the camp would not be possible without the support of **Rockingham Rotary Club**, which for the past three years had donated a total of \$6000 to pay for the students’ accommodation. “This year’s \$2000 grant meant the camp was accessible for all students because it took the burden off parents,” she said. Mrs Keen said the camp included 22 students from Years 1 to 7.

**Rockingham Rotary president Darrel Donovan** said each year the club offered grants to applicants in the community, seven of which were issued this year. “The grants are made possible by money raised at the Rotary Mart at Village Green,” he said. “We grant the money because we know it’s going to a good cause.”

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*Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up  
is like shoveling the sidewalk before it stops snowing.  
-Phyllis Diller*

*Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?  
-Phyllis Diller*



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In case you have forgotten – this is Graeme Kruger – our President just returned from deepest, darkest Africa

### “Free to any willing home”

When a woman demanded her dog-loving boyfriend choose between her and his beloved beagle, she didn’t expect her ultimatum to make international headlines. Unimpressed with her demands, the woman’s boyfriend posted a scathing advertisement on Craigslist seeking a new home – for her. To make matters worse, he described her like a family pet. “MY girlfriend does not like my beagle, Molly so I have to rehome her. She is purebred from a wealthy area and I have had her for four years. She likes to play games, not totally trained. Has long hair so she’s a little high maintenance, especially the nails, but she loves having them done.”

The ad continues “Stays up all night yapping but sleeps while I work. Only eats the best, most expensive food. Will NEVER greet you at the door after a long day or give you unconditional love when you are down. Does not bite but she can be as mean as hell! So anyone interested in my 30 year old, selfish, wicked gold-digging girlfriend? Come and get her! Me and my dog want her rehomed ASAP!”

The man from Roanoke in Virginia, USA has not been identified. The woman ended up “being re-homed by her original breeders – her parents – after the ad was published last week. “



Molly and I are looking for a new girlfriend”, the man wrote.



# LINKS FOR LIFE

## Disability Expo

### TAMWORTH TOWN HALL

Fitzroy Street, Tamworth

**Thursday 10th September 2015**

9.30am - 2pm  
Official Opening 9.45am

### FREE ENTRY

Exhibitors will display a range of products and services aimed at increasing independence and quality of life.

Join us for a FREE sausage sizzle all day.

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This event is for people with disabilities and ongoing medical conditions, their families, carers, support network and service providers.



Find out what is available in our region for people with a disability and their carers, including the latest adaptive technology.



Speak to local service personnel.



Disability and community organisations will be available to provide information and advice on early intervention services, carer support, advocacy, accommodation, training and education, employment, post-school options, equipment and the NDIS.

Please note the media will be in attendance and may wish to talk to participants.

**Transport options available:**  
contact Oxley Community Transport on 6766 3277.

**For more information, please call**  
Anna on 6766 6533 or Danielle on 6762 8003.

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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.

Meeting Roster	Wednesday, 2 September	Wednesday, 9 September	
Guest Speaker	<b>DG Maurie Stack &amp; De</b>	<b>Tony Windsor</b>	
Topic	<b>DG's Choice</b>	<b>Speaker's Choice</b>	
Door Team	James Treloar John Fogarty	Tim Coates Richard Walker	
Meeter & Greeter	Max Cathcart	Steve Massey	
Welcome	John Glynn	Louise Matthews	
President Assist	Peter Pulley	Peter Ryan	
Visitor Assist	Richard Hardwick	Brett White	
Corporal Assist	Dennis Johnson	Barry Biffin	
Introduction	Brian Thompson	Ian Howle	
Vote of Thanks	Paul Stevenson	John Treloar	
Post Office Raffle Roster			
4 September	11 September	18 September	25 September
Maureen Thornton Graham Dooley	Graham Dooley David Hinwood	David Hinwood Paul Stevenson	Paul Stevenson Jane Bradford
2 October	9 October	16 October	23 October
Jane Bradford David Baddams	David Baddams Brian Logan	Brian Logan Peter Ryan	Peter Ryan Phil Heffernan
Corporals for September		Corporals for October	
Phil Penman and Chris Watson			
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	James Treloar (09/04), David Baddams (05/09)		
Partners Birthdays	Jenny Clifton (08/09), Sue Thompson (08/09)		
Anniversaries	Nil		
Club Induction	John Toulmin (07/09) 10 years		
Stats for last meeting			
Attendance	65%		
Make-Ups	Nil		
Visiting Rotarians	Nil		
Visitors	Christine Shewry, Joe Townsend, Wayne Greenwood		
Heads & Tails	David Rogerson		
Raffle	Ron Allen		



## 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

#### **NEW VENUE**

Meets Wednesday morning,  
6:30 for 7:00 am at

**West's Diggers**

**Kable Avenue**

**TAMWORTH NSW 2340**

Phone: 6766 4661

### Club Officers and contact details

#### **President—Graeme Kruger**

president@tamworthfirstlight.org.au

#### **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