

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 District Muster

**Wednesday, 25 November** – TAFE “Futures” – Christmas Party

**2016**

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

**Sat 2nd April – Sat 9th April 2016** - D9650 RYLA 2016 – see Louise Matthews

**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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*We spend the first twelve months of our children's lives teaching them to walk and talk  
and the next twelve years telling them to sit down and shut up.*

**-Phyllis Diller**

*Any time three New Yorkers get into a cab without an argument, a bank has just been robbed.*

**-Phyllis Diller**



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# Wednesday, 9 September, 2015

## Meeting # 1276

### Quote of the Week

**Don't follow trends – set them.**

### From The Desk

It was really great having DG Maurie and De at our meeting last week. He has challenged our club to especially attend the district conference next year. I am all for this and certainly enjoyed the district conference this year in Inverell and would love to see more than two people from our club attend a district conference.

**Pedal the Peel** is almost upon us. It is one of our club's major events and needs to be strongly supported by all members. There are many options for members ranging from entering the event to sponsoring or volunteering on the day.

The long term health of Rotary or any organisation for that matter is dependent on sustaining and growing its membership. This in turn is achieved by staying relevant to stakeholders and the community that we live in and serve. I would like to see us adding new members who are a good fit for us as a club and Rotary as an organisation. The challenge for all of us to approach the right people and encourage them to join this great organisation.

Have a great week

**Graeme Kruger**



“Mr History”, James Treloar was back in the Sergeant’s position once more

# 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)** – 02 - 09 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*
- **Di Ford** has been doing a lot of traveling to the coast over the past weeks as her mother has been ill and has just gone into Palliative Care down at the coast – *Di please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

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...Could not resist using this picture....

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Best way to get rid of kitchen odors: Eat out. - -Phyllis Diller

A bachelor is a guy who never made the same mistake once. -Phyllis Diller

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.  
-Phyllis Diller

## GUEST SPEAKER – DG MAURIE STACK AND DE

Maurie opened his “chat” by making us feel good about ourselves and our Club – congratulating the golfers on their outstanding fundraising and noting Pedal the Peel has become an outstanding success in just a few short years, the socialising with both the Rugby Club and the Post Office Hotel raffles, our involvement with “youth” through long term youth exchange, Science & Engineering Challenge.

He spoke about the importance of a positive outlook through a book such as “How to Win Friends and Influence People” by Dale Carnegie – still a best seller and people who influenced him such as “Weary” Dunlop and the importance of setting goals and remembering to re-set these and new goals.

This year’s theme “Be a Gift to the World” covers all aspects of Rotary through RAWCS, Rotary Foundation, Australian Rotary Health and local projects. People join Rotary for different reasons – they want to give back and find it easier through a Club rather than as an individual but they stay because of the friendships that are generated.

Clubs certainly support the Rotary Foundation – however it would be good to see more donations being made by individuals. Worth checking via RAWCS the Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS). Whatever funds were donated to the Rotary Foundation three years ago - 50% is returned to the District for special Club projects. When considering donations to other causes – remember that the Rotary Foundation is “our charity of choice” and all monies donated to a specific cause is spent on that cause, not spent on administrative costs.

Australian Rotary Health – De asked us to consider her project for the year – the **Jack Wilson Kidney Research Program** – a three year PhD research project aimed at improving long term outcomes for young children who are kidney transplant recipients. De and Maurie’s first grandchild – Jack Wilson has major kidney issues and had a transplant (his father’s kidney) last January – he is doing very well now **but** has to take a concoction of drugs every day for the rest of his life which can affect his immune system. De’s aim is to raise \$33,000 for this Project which will be added to by the University and Rotary Down Under which will allow this research to happen.

Maurie and De completed their time with us with a sing-a-long as they played their ukulele and banjalalee.

Thanked by Phil Heffernan in his own inimitable style....



DG Maurie Stack with De and our president, Graeme Kruger and Phil Heffernan

**Richard Walker** invited all of us, and our partners, to attend a **Compost Information Day** on 30 September – this not only applies to farmers and graziers, it also applies to parks and gardens (Council), residential gardens both vegetables and flowers and anyone with an interest in the long term future of our soil – Jackie Kruger’s support through Council brought this Conference together. **Please consider - RSVP is Wednesday, 16 September** for catering purposes.

*You're Invited*

2015  
International  
Year of Soils



**COMPOST INFORMATION DAY**

9am, 30th SEPTEMBER 2015  
TO BE HELD @ DPI TRAINING ROOMS  
4 Marsden Park Road, Calala NSW 2340

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**RSVP** BY 16 SEPTEMBER FOR CATERING PURPOSES  
For further enquires contact Anne Michie: 0432 258 983  
email: [anne.m@eastwestonline.com.au](mailto:anne.m@eastwestonline.com.au)



**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

- The Soils for Life Chairman, Major General  
The Honourable Michael Jeffery, ACAO, MBE, OVO, MC (Retd)
- Dr Greg Bender - Soil Biology & Carbon Farming
- Professor Iain Young - The Need For Change
- Chris Dowling - Benefits To The Soil
- Anne Kavanagh - Funding Applications
- Robert Gourlay RFD, B.App.Sc., M.App.Sc. - Compost Dynamics
- Byron Stein - Industry Development Officer, Poultry Meat
- Dr Shaun Slattery - Bio-Security












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

As our District Governor spoke about the Rotary Australian Benevolent Society (RABS) - (a Public Benevolent Institution) it seems fitting to include this information under September's heading – Education and Literacy...

**RAWCS** has established the **Rotary Australia Benevolent Society** (ABN: 54 563 288 318) to assist Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts within Australia to respond to needs within their own communities and to gain tax deductibility for donations made to their particular project.

RABS is a **public benevolent institution (PBI)** with full Australian Taxation Office certification. RABS Projects can be registered by Australian Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts and a Rotary Club can only register one RABS project at a time. An open project must be in addition to registrations by Clubs - Rotary Districts can register up to two District projects. The Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) Act requires that all Benevolent Society projects must address one of the following criteria that **arouse the compassion** of your community:

- Poverty
- Sickness
- Suffering
- Distress
- Misfortune
- Disability
- Destitution
- Helplessness

Projects may support disasters or the needs to individuals.

The main requirement for RABS projects is that they provide **direct relief to people in need**. If the clients are disadvantaged, the relief should target that disadvantage, such as a place to sleep for the homeless, food and support for those in poverty, counselling and support of those in distress. The relief provided is only for people. The project must also show that it works for a section of the community that clearly needs help, in other words 'people in need'.

A service fee of 3% will be deducted from all donations to RABS National, however donations to a project registered to respond to a declared disaster will be exempt from the 3% service fee. Donations from Rotarians and Rotary Clubs and Districts are also exempt.

Support for disasters



Support for Individuals



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# 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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***TAMWORTH BUSINESS AWARDS  
HELD ON FRIDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2015  
AT TRECC***

***Congratulations to Graham Dooley - Challenge  
and also to  
Peter Ryan – Inland Technology***

***Both they and their businesses were winners at  
The Tamworth Business Awards last night***



***Just a couple of amazing photos for the Bulletin this week***



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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, 9 September	Wednesday, 16 September	
Guest Speaker	<b>Peter Ryan</b>		
Topic	<b>Disruptive Technologies</b>	<b>Club Assembly</b>	
Door Team	Tim Coates Richard Walker	Jane Bradford Dennis Maunder	
Meeter & Greeter	David Hinwood	Rob Sharp	
Welcome	Louise Matthews	Stephen Hawkins	
President Assist	Ron Allen	Dave Baddams	
Visitor Assist	Brett White	Bruce Hemmett	
Corporal Assist	Barry Biffin	Les Jacob	
Introduction	Ian Howle		
Vote of Thanks	James Treloar		
Post Office Raffle Roster			
11 September	18 September	25 September	2 October
Graham Dooley David Hinwood	David Hinwood Paul Stevenson	Paul Stevenson Jane Bradford	Jane Bradford David Baddams
9 October	16 October	23 October	30 October
David Baddams Brian Logan	Brian Logan Peter Ryan	Peter Ryan Phil Heffernan	Phil Heffernan James Treloar
Corporals for September		Corporals for October	
Chris Watson and Tom Hellmann		Anne Jacob and Julian Smith	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Jane Bradford & Richard Hardwick <b>(14/09)</b>		
Partners Birthdays	Marion Dooley <b>(13/09)</b> , Patricia Burgess <b>(16/09)</b>		
Anniversaries	Dick & Pauline Davison <b>(14/09) – 58 years</b>		
Club Induction	Dennis Maunder <b>(12/09) 25 years</b> , Steve Massey & Phil Penman <b>(13/09) – 9 years</b>		
Stats for last meeting			
Attendance	71%		
Make-Ups	Nil		
Visiting Rotarians	DG Maurie Stack		
Visitors	De Stack, Jill Hawkins, Pam Shields, Trudy White, John Beckett, Andrew Beer		
Heads & Tails	Graham Dooley		
Raffle	John Fogarty		

## 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