

From the desk



Rotary  Club of Tamworth
First Light **Bulletin**



DATES TO REMEMBER **IN YOUR DIARIES**



2015

Friday, 18 December – Santa Crawl – further information speak with Chris Watson –
02 6761 3944 or 0404 170 276

2016

- **Sat 2nd April – Sat 9th April 2016 - Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)**– please consider and assess which member of your staff could benefit from such an opportunity and contact Louise Matthews for further information

Weekend 15 – 17 April – District Conference – Taree

May 2016 – Careers Expo – further details to follow...

Saturday, 18 June First Light Changeover – Wests Diggers



31-year-old Luiz Higa Junior of São Paulo, Brazil, tells PetaPixel that his golden retriever, Bob, is a little less than two years old.

In the beginning, he just had Bob, a cockatiel and a parakeet.

“Since the beginning I put them together to see their behaviour,” he tells us.

“It was nice, so I decided to have them play together sometimes during my free time.”

He then added more birds and a hamster to the group, and his

Instagram account has been steadily growing in popularity since.

Higa’s photos show the group posing, playing, exploring, and resting together.

Wednesday, 25 November 2015

Meeting # 1287

Quote of the Week

"Everything you want is on the other side of fear"

From The Desk

The meeting started with a minute's silence to show respect and solidarity for those who lost loved ones in the Paris and Kenyan terror attacks this past weekend. We unite with the rest of the world in standing against atrocities like these.

It was great to see the results of the efforts of everyone who helped out at the Pedal the Peel Cycling Event. Terry Robinson gave a summary of the event and made presentations to the two Tamworth based charities, with \$8,000 to the Tamworth Branch of CanAssist and \$8,000 to Youth in Search.

Special thanks went to the various companies who donated money and time to make the event such a success. It was also great to have representatives from these companies attend our meeting as guests. It's great that the money donated will have a local benefit.

Our thoughts are with Ron Allen as he recovers from a shoulder operation – we hope you get well soon ☺.

Reminder - our regular morning meeting is cancelled and has been moved to Wednesday evening at TAFE "Futures" Restaurant for those who have booked.

Have a great week

Yours in Rotary

Graeme Kruger

NOTES....

- *At our last Board Meeting it was agreed that we would support **The Academy of Country Music's** Musical Event during the upcoming Country Music Festival at Blazes. The tickets will be \$15 per person and we will start to seek numbers leading up to the Festival.*
- **Shelterbox.** – **The Combined Rotary Clubs of Tamworth have purchased a Shelterbox** so that we can all utilise it for all future promotions – at a cost of \$200 per Club - it will arrive too late for Pedal the Peel this year – certainly looking at the Country Music Festival to promote and raise funds from the public at the same time
- *Major David Rogerson – Salvation Army - said his farewells to the Club today – he has enjoyed his involvement with Rotary and with this Club. He and his wife have been transferred to the Gold Coast so will be handing over to their replacements and packing to make the move before Christmas.*
- *Ex-NZ Graeme Kruger made a special presentation to Ex-NZ Paul Stevenson of a kiwi key ring – one Ex to another....*



Remember Christmas is coming – be tolerant and enjoy some pretty cute pictures

PEDAL THE PEEL PRESENTATION

Introduced by Dennis Maunder

Thanked by Graeme Kruger

Chairman, Terry Robinson and his team wanted to create a fun event with mass participation and they have certainly succeeded by creating a number of different length courses to include families, and some serious workouts varying in length from 15kms to 110kms. This will be an annual Event on the yearly calendar – date may be changed but the aim is the same. By having fun and at the same time raising funds for local charities – the Event has proved a successful concept, now an annual event....Terry's thanks went to his Committee

Louise Matthews – Secretary

Andrew Chambers – Treasurer

Graeme Kruger – Marketing Manager – brought in The Northern Daily Leader

Brian Logan – Catering

Brett White – Volunteer Manager, IT support, site and entertainment and with

Phil Heffernan – just being available for any unexpected surprise

Di Ford – Medical Team

Our Gold sponsors who have been with us from the start deserve recognition

- **National Australia Bank**
- **Forsyth's Chartered Accountants & Financial Advisers**
- **Everingham Solomons**
- The Northern Daily Leader provided articles and advertisements for some \$15,000 in kind
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Our Silver Sponsors – growing in number each year

- Cullinan's Electrical
- Inland Technology
- GJ Gardiner Homes

Other businesses and people who deserve recognition are

- BC Bikes (Ben Clark) provided a \$1,000 bike for the Raffle which raised some \$2,500
- Telstra for providing the sound
- Moore Creek Tennis Club who provided their hall free of charge
- Peel Valley Party Hire provided tables and chairs
- Anderson's Carpets (thanks to Adam Cohen)
- Coates Hire – portaloos
- Dow Agri – Coolroom
- Radio and Press – no TV this year
- Facebook advertisement

Finally our thanks to the 60 plus volunteers who worked tirelessly all day to make this Event such a success.

At last we come to the presentation of cheques as follows

CanAssist received \$8,000

Youth Insearch received \$8,000

Moore Creek Tennis Club – Peter Bell accepted a cheque for \$300 to assist with repairs to the Hall

Ben Clark both for his donation and the fact that he stayed at the Club and helped repair bikes all day – a \$50 voucher for dinner at the Post Office Hotel

Finally the Committee has had the “wrap-up” meeting and discussed what worked / what didn't and proposed changes for next year – the Event must continue to evolve to survive.

Q. Where did the cyclists come from?

A Sydney, Newcastle, Inverell, Coonabarabran, Gunnedah, Muswellbrook and, of course, Tamworth

Note Graeme Kruger is on the NSW Board of CanAssist – his mother was a cancer survivor so was very pleased to see the local donation of \$8,000 going to CanAssist in Tamworth.



Terry Robinson outlining the work that goes into such a successful Event and thanking the sponsors and volunteers



Terry Robinson presenting an \$8,000 cheque to Tom O'Dwyer from CanAssist



Terry Robinson presenting an \$8,000 cheque to Youth Insearch (Tyler Nagle)



Terry Robinson presenting Peter Bell with a cheque for \$300 towards repairs for the Moore Creek Tennis Club



CONGRATULATIONS TO TERRY ROBINSON AND HIS HARDWORKING COMMITTEE

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL SPONSORS – without your financial and in-kind support this could not have happened

TO THE VOLUNTEERS – without your help the Event would not have been the wonderful success it proved to be on such a beautiful Spring Day

Rotary



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE DISTRICT 9650 CELEBRATION

Peace, Music & Laughter

Proudly hosted by District Governor Maurie & De Stack

THEME: "Peace, Music and Laughter"

WHAT: Rotary Celebration - District 9650

WHEN: 15th-17th April 2016

WHERE: Manning Valley, Taree, NSW

Rotary



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to the world

CELEBRATION SPEAKERS



Daniel Street
World Bank
Strategist and
consultant
to the Gates
Foundation



Jackie Curran
The Laughter
Lawyer



Belinda Moore
SMS- Strategic
Membership
Solutions



Don Spencer
Australia
Childrens
Music
Foundation



Jonathon
Welch
The Choir of
Hard Knocks



For more info please look
us up on the web or on
Facebook:



www.rotary9650.org.au



<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict9650>

How would Clancy communicate in 2015?

Clancy@theoverflow

- I had written him a text
Which I'd sent, hoping the next
Time he came into mobile coverage
He'd have time to say hello.
But I'd heard he'd lost his iPhone,
So I emailed him from my smart phone,
Just addressed, on spec, as follows:
clancy@theoverflow
- And the answer redirected
Wasn't quite what I'd expected
And it wasn't from the shearing mate
Who'd answered once before.
His ISP provider wrote it
And verbatim I will quote it:
"This account has been suspended:
You won't hear from him anymore."
- In my wild erratic fancy
Visions come to me of Clancy:
Out of reach of mobile coverage
Where the Western rivers flow.
Instead of tapping on the small screen,
He'd be camping by the tall green
River gums, a pleasure
That the town folk never know.
- Well, the bush has friends to meet him
But the rest of us can't greet him:
Out there, even Telstra's network
Doesn't give you any bars.
He can't blog the vision splendid
Of the sunlit plains extended
Or tweet the wondrous glory
Of the everlasting stars.
- I am sitting at the keyboard,
I'm too stressed out to be bored
As I answer all the emails
By the deadlines they contain.
While my screen fills with promotions
For 'Viagra' and strange potions
And announcements of the million-dollar
Prizes I can claim.
- But the looming deadlines haunt me
And their harassing senders taunt me
That they need response this evening
For tomorrow is too late!
But their texts, too quickly ended,
Often can't be comprehended
For their writers have no time to think
They have no time to wait.
- And I sometimes rather fancy
That I'd like to trade with Clancy:
Just set up an email bouncer
Saying 'Sorry, had to go.'
While he faced an inbox jamming
Up with deadlines and with spamming
As he signed off every message:
clancy@theoverflow.

Meeting Roster	Wednesday, 25 November	Wednesday, 2 December	
Guest Speaker	Tamworth TAFE “Futures”		
Topic	CHRISTMAS PARTY – 6:00 for 6:30pm	Annual General Meeting	
Door Team	Helen Tickle Val Hellmann	Anne Jacob Barry Biffin	
Meeter & Greeter		Brett White	
Welcome		John Treloar	
President Assist		Maureen Thornton	
Visitor Assist		John Worldon	
Corporal Assist		Deb Barnes	
Introduction			
Vote of Thanks			
Post Office Raffle Roster			
27 November	4 December	11 December	18 December
Michael O'Connor Helen Tickle	Helen Tickle John Treloar	Rob Clifton John Glynn	John Glynn Paul Stevenson
5 February 2016	12 February	19 February	26 February
Corporals for November		Corporals for December	
Graham Dooley & Phil Heffernan		John Toulmin & Jane Bradford	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Nil		
Partners Birthdays	Patricia Heffernan (27/11)		
Anniversaries	Nil		
Club Induction	Helen Tickle (30/11) 10 Years		
Stats for last meeting			
Attendance	74%		
Make-Ups	AG Phil Lyon – Cluster and / or Club meetings		
Visiting Rotarians	Mal McPherson (Tam West), Alacoque Welsh (EClub Greater Sydney)		
Visitors	Robyn Fitzgerald, & Tom O'Dwyer (CanAssist): Derek Tink, James Wallace, Haley Rixon, David Allaro, Marie Zwolsman (NAB), Kerry Walker, Tyler Nagle (Youth Insearch), Bradie Brown, Andy Chambers, Amy Cavilero, Haley Rixon, David Allaro		
Heads & Tails	Skinner		
Raffle	Skinner		

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

Wests Diggers

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Club Officers and contact details

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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