

From the desk



Rotary  Club of Tamworth  
First Light **Bulletin**



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# DATES TO REMEMBER **IN YOUR DIARIES**



**2016**

- **Wednesday, 6 January – Breakfast will be at Anzac Park – Please contact Val Hellmann, 02 6766 3462 by Monday, 4 January to confirm attendance for catering purposes – no guest speaker**
  - **Wednesday, 13 January 2016 – Breakfast will be at “Hopscotch”, Kable Avenue Please contact Val Hellmann, 02 6766 3462 By Monday, 11 January to confirm attendance for catering purposes – Guest Speaker - Grant Reeckmann, Project Manager, Tamworth Regional Playground**
  - **Academy of Country Music Senior Graduation Concert – Blazes, West Leagues Club – on Thursday, 14 January - time 8:00PM – Cost of tickets \$20 – Our Club has 150 tickets to sell – any profit made will go back to the Academy**
  - **Wednesday, 20 January – Breakfast will be at Marsupial Park – again please contact Val Hellmann, 02 6766 3462 By Monday, 18 January to confirm attendance for catering purposes – Guest Speaker – Charles Impey, Adventure Playground in Marsupial Park**
  - **Saturday, 23 January – CAVALCADE volunteers needed – Please contact Ron Allen – 02 6761 5115 or 0419 287 064**
  
  - **GOLFERS - The 2016 Coastal Golf Trip to Tallwoods and Tuncurry is weekend 4-6 March 2016**
  - **March – Tuesday 22, Wednesday 23, Thursday 24 – Science & Engineering Challenge**
  
  - **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. Contact Louise Matthews – 02 6765 7181 or 0420 743 083 for further information**
  - **Sun 10 – Wed 13 April – German Group Study Exchange arrives in Tamworth – home hosting for three nights plus volunteers to assist with each day’s activities.**
- Weekend 15 – 17 April – District Conference – Taree**

**Wednesday, 18 May 2016 – Careers Expo – further details to follow...**

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

**Saturday, 25 June** - District Changeover - Taree

# Wednesday, 6 January 2016

## Meeting # 1291

### Quote of the Week

*"If you love life, life will love you back" Arthur Rubinstein*

### From The Desk

The first six months of my term have been very rewarding and I still feel honoured to serve this great club as its president. I used the meeting to give our members an update on club matters. Key points:

- Reiko Izumi – Our YEP student from Toyama Japan has been a delight. I recently had the privilege of Skyping into her Rotary Club in Japan and met her parents and the Club President. They all expressed gratitude to us for hosting Reiko and sent their wishes from Toyama.
- Club Foundation Review – The panel convened and considered all members feedback and put forward a unanimous recommendation for the Club Foundation to stay as is. The board then ratified this recommendation and I have now asked the club to consider this. It is my opinion that we run a thorough process that needs to be respected.
- PNG – St Mary's Hospital. Diane Ford reported that the upgrade to the hospital has now been completed which means that we can now consider what we will do to support the initiative. Diane is now in the process of completing the Rotary Grant documents. Club Member Rob Sharp has also indicated that the Hospital needs an X-ray machine and has asked the club to consider donating towards this initiative. The board approved \$7000 towards the total of \$74,000. Rob has found two other donors to donate the rest.
- Barry Biffin has been in Sydney competing for a place on the Australian team for Tent Pegging – successful so off to Egypt in April 2016 – Congratulations!
- Pre-Christmas Distributions:

○ University of the Third Age (U3A)	\$ 500
○ Friends of the Marsupial Park	\$ 500
○ St Vincent de Paul	\$ 500
○ One of a Kind	\$ 800
○ White Ribbon	\$ 500
○ Salvation Army	\$ 1,000

May you all have a great time with your friends and family over the Christmas and New Year Festivities.

### Graeme Kruger





# NOTES....

- **The Academy of Country Music's Senior Graduation Concert – see details under “DIARY DATES” - \$20 per ticket**
- **Shelterbox.** – The Combined Rotary Clubs of Tamworth have purchased a Shelterbox so that we can all utilise it for all future promotions – maybe its first outing could be at the above concert??
- **Brian and Di Yeo need our help** – for the keen gardeners – mowing lawns, doing edges and weeding – possibly a roster to suit those who are able to help a long standing Rotarian and good Club member. **Please speak to Brett White – 02 6766 5552 or 0427 659 606** to see how we can possibly help in other areas as well.
- **Driver Mentoring will begin again in the New Year** – if able to assist, please speak to Christine Shewry – 0408 863 420 or email [christine.shewry@joblinkplus.com.au](mailto:christine.shewry@joblinkplus.com.au)

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## LEXOPHILIA – WHO ON EARTH DREAMS THESE UP?

### Why, a lexophile of course!

- How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it
- Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
- A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy
- I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest
- Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes
- England has no kidney bank but it does have a Liverpool
- I tried to catch some fog, but I mist
- They told me I had a type-A blood, but it was a Typo
- I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now
- Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.



Club member's gifts and goods for the Salvation Army Christmas Hampers



**Lesley Hood showing the Christmas Spirit**



**Brenda Lodge, Salvation Army thanking the Club for both the cheque and the gifts and goods for the Salvation Army Christmas Hampers**

**President Graeme Kruger confirmed our Club's continuing support to the Salvation Army**





# Thank You

*Our grateful community recognises the services of*

**Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light**

**Your gift of time – 2,600 hours volunteered**

*Tamworth Regional Council*

*4 December 2015*



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Meeting Roster	Wednesday, 9 January 2016	Wednesday, 13 January 2016	
Venue	Anzac Park	Hopscotch, Kable Avenue	
Topic	N/A	Grant Reeckmann – Tam Playground	
Door Team	Les Jacob Joe Townsend	Phil Penman Peter Ryan	
Meeter & Greeter		Steve Massey	
Welcome		Richard Walker	
President Assist		Louise Matthews	
Visitor Assist		Michael O'Connor	
Corporal Assist		Peter Hyde	
Introduction		Jim Raymond	
Vote of Thanks		Terry Robinson	
<b>Post Office Raffle Roster</b>			
<b>29 January 2016</b>	<b>5 February</b>	<b>12 February</b>	<b>19 February</b>
Peter Pulley Phil Heffernan			
<b>26 February</b>	<b>4 March</b>	<b>11 March</b>	<b>18 March</b>
<b>Corporals for December &amp; January</b>		<b>Corporals for February</b>	
John Toulmin		John Fogarty & Ian Howle	
<b>Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions till we return on 13 January 2016</b>			
Members Birthdays	Graham Dooley (07/01)		
Partners Birthdays			
Anniversaries	Graeme & Jackie Kruger (10/01) 29 years: Stephen & Jill Hawkins (11/01) 41 years::		
Club Induction	Nil		
<b>Stats for last meeting</b>			
Attendance	79%		
Make-Ups	AG Phil Lyon		
Visiting Rotarians	Nil		
Visitors	Jonno Chamberlain (home after 2 months in Japan), Brenda Lodge (Salvation Army), Reiko Izumi (YEP)		
Heads & Tails	Steve Hawkins		
Raffle	Julian Smith		

## 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

### 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