

From the desk



Rotary  Club of Tamworth
First Light **Bulletin**



DATES TO REMEMBER **IN YOUR DIARIES**



2016

- **Weekend 4 – 6 March 2016 - GOLFERS - The 2016 Coastal Golf Trip to Tallwoods and Tuncurry is ON!!**
- **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 – Wed13 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, 27 January 2016

Meeting # 1294

Quote of the Week

....Lost in space this week....

From The Desk

Membership Recognition Team, Evanston, Illinois, USA

Dear Club Presidents, Club Secretaries and Club Membership Chairs,

Greetings from Evanston! We hope this message finds you well.

Effective 1 April 2016, distribution of the pin and pin backers created for the New Member Sponsor Recognition Program to honor Rotarians who sponsor (admit) new members will be discontinued. Sponsorship activities will continue to be tracked. Sponsor names reported by club officers will continue to be recorded in the RI database, and clubs and districts are encouraged to continue recognizing the sponsorship of new members.

RECOGNITION LEVELS AND PINS:

After 29 February 2016, recognition levels such as blue, bronze, silver and gold will no longer be recorded. Distribution of recognition items will stop after all the pins and backers achieved on or before 29 February are processed. Club officers are encouraged to report sponsor information by 29 February in order to claim recognition items.

FUTURE OF SPONSORSHIP:

Responding to feedback from many Rotarians, here are some exciting changes that we are exploring:

- Referring a new member admitted to another club may be considered "sponsorship" *
- Recruiting new members to charter a new club may be considered "sponsorship" *
- Recruiting transferring or returning members will continue to be considered "sponsorship"
- Honorary members may be sponsors
- More than one sponsor may be recorded for each new member by club officers
- Officers of the clubs where new members join will be asked to report their sponsors.

FUTURE OF SPONSOR RECOGNITION:

Clubs are encouraged to present recognition items to sponsors on their own and no longer need to wait for the shipment from RI. Please contact your local licensed vendor for options: Responding to feedback from many Rotarians, here are some exciting changes that we are exploring:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/member-center/licensed-vendors>

In addition, Rotary will continue to recognize Rotarians who have sponsored new members. Membership Development Award and Presidential Citations will continue to include new member sponsorship activities as achievements eligible for certificate recognition. Highly prolific sponsors may be honored at the reception during the International Convention for their outstanding achievements.

Thank you for your support for membership development.

Please contact MembershipAwards@rotary.org for any questions.



Be a gift
to the world

NOTES....

- **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??
- **Driver Mentoring will begin again in the New Year** – if able to assist, please speak to Christine Shewry – 0408 863 420 or christine.shewry@joblinkplus.com.au or Paul Stevenson on 0458 835 000 or stevo@bigpond.com
- **MEMBERS – PLEASE NOTE – from this Wednesday, 27 January – breakfast fees will increase to \$23.00 per week – please assist the Treasurer by having exact change....**

Our current Rotary International President – Ravi Ravindran and his board felt it is time that Rotarians received something back for all that members do for their communities, districts, nationally and internationally and so Rotary Global Rewards has come into being.

To be fair the majority of the Rewards offered cover America, Canada, India and United Kingdom – the List is upgraded monthly and there are currently 11 pages offering discounts or similar to members.

We are in the process of obtaining confirmation that American businesses, as an example, who have business in Australia will offer the same discounts to Australians.

We are also not having a lot of success to find Australian business whether interstate or not – however as it is the start of the second half of the year we are providing this information now and will provide additional information as it becomes available. PDG Jane Bradford (Mrs) District 9650 Director

ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS

Special offers exclusively for Rotarians

We would like to take this opportunity as the New Year starts, to remind you about Rotary Global Rewards, our member benefit program featuring special offers that allow you to do a lot more for a lot less—no matter what you're doing.

Whether you're working on your club's community projects, enjoying a night out with friends or sharing your Rotary story with someone new, you can take advantage of discounts and special offers on airfares, hotels, vehicle rentals and entertainment – Yes! There is more....

Would you like to offer discounts from your business to other Rotarians? Help build the program by adding special offers from your own company to the growing portfolio of Rotary Global Rewards. To learn more, visit Rotary.org/GlobalRewards.

Please share this exciting news with your members. You'll find [promotional tools](#) on the Rotary Global Rewards website that will help you introduce your Rotarian friends to the program.

The good you do comes back to you



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Rotary's member benefits program gives Rotary and Rotaract club members' access to discounts on a variety of products and services selected with their interests in mind. [Explore rewards](#)

Discounts & special offers

Rotary Global Rewards offers discounts on vehicle rentals, hotels, dining, and entertainment. Products and services from companies around the world are being added every week. Check back often to see what's new in Rotary Global Rewards.

Tell us how you've benefited from Rotary Global Rewards. Share your #rotarystory on social media or email us at rotaryglobalrewards@rotary.org.

How to redeem offers

Anyone can view the offers and discounts on Rotary Global Rewards. But **only Rotary and Rotaract club members** who are signed in to their My Rotary accounts can redeem them. You can access and redeem rewards from your computer, smartphone, or tablet.

Rotaractors must be in our records to redeem or add offers on Rotary Global Rewards. If after signing in to your My Rotary account, you are unable to use Rotary Global Rewards, send your Rotaract club name and membership start date to data@rotary.org using your My Rotary sign-in email so we can update your membership in our database. Please allow 3-5 business days for the change to take effect.

If you need help creating a My Rotary account, review the [How to create a My Rotary account quick guide \(PDF\)](#).

Add your own offer

Rotary and Rotaract club members can now offer discounts on products and services from their own businesses. You can choose to make your offer available to people in your community, your region, or around the world. After signing in to your My Rotary account, select the **Create a New Offer** tab on Rotary Global Rewards. Need more help? Refer to [How to create an offer \(PDF\)](#).
[Create your own offer.](#)

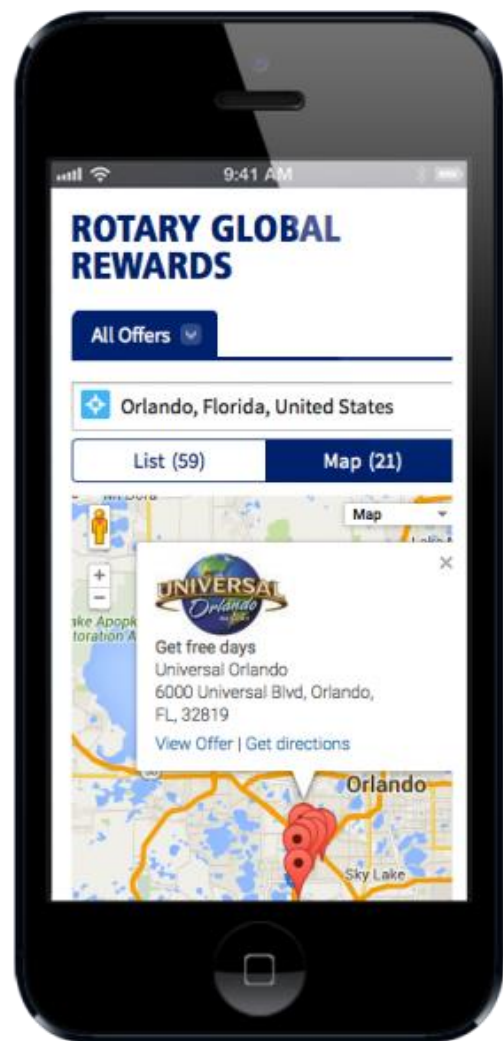
Resources & reference

- [Promote the program](#) to club members with these resources
- See our [list of vendors](#) (updated monthly)

Rotary support

For questions related to a specific offer, please contact the company directly using the contact information in the offer. If you're unable to resolve the issue with the company, please tell us so we can troubleshoot the problem. Select the flagged link under **Claim Offer**.

All offers are subject to availability and may change or be withdrawn at any time. Additional restrictions may apply. See the provider's terms and conditions for more information.



ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND – MARSUPIAL PARK let the photos do the talking



**Graeme pontificating...
the rest of us enjoyed breakfast...**



Following photos relate to the actual Playground



There is still a child in all of us!



Graeme thanking and presenting cheque to Charles Impey

Meeting Roster	Wednesday, 27 January	Wednesday, 3 February	
Venue	Diggers (Homebase again)	Diggers	
Topic	Inspector Phil O'Reilly - about "ICE"	Rod Laing (CEO) – West Group Future	
Door Team	James Treloar Chris Watson	John Worldon Brett White	
Meeter & Greeter	Phil Heffernan	Anne Jacob	
Welcome	Diane Ford	Barry Biffin	
President Assist	Dennis Maunder	Graham Nuttall	
Visitor Assist	Brian Logan	Maureen Thornton	
Corporal Assist	Steve Hawkins	Tom Hellmann	
Introduction	Laurence Hearne	Graham Dooley	
Vote of Thanks	Bruce Hemmett	John Treloar	
Post Office Raffle Roster			
29 January 2016	5 February	12 February	19 February
Peter Pulley Phil Heffernan	Phil Heffernan Graham Dooley	Graham Dooley Paul Stevenson	Paul Stevenson Dave Baddams
26 February	4 March	11 March	18 March
Dave Baddams Peter Ryan	Peter Ryan James Treloar	James Treloar Maureen Thornton	Maureen Thornton Brett White
Corporal for December & January		Corporals for February	
John Toulmin		John Fogarty & Ian Howle	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions till we return on 13 January 2016			
Members Birthdays	Terry Robinson (27/01)		
Partners Birthdays	N/A		
Anniversaries	Jim & Carmel Raymond (29/01) 39 years		
Club Induction	Sue O'Connor (29/01) 2 years		
Stats for last meeting			
Attendance	58%		
Make-Ups	AG Phil Lyon		
Visiting Rotarians			
Visitors	Charles Impey		
Heads & Tails	N/A		
Raffle	N/A		

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

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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