

From the desk



Rotary  Club of Tamworth
First Light **Bulletin**



DATES TO REMEMBER **IN YOUR DIARIES**



2016

21.02.2016 – SUNDAY SESSIONS IN THE PARK – free concert – open to everyone at Tamworth's Adventure Playground outside Hopscotch – **bring a chair and relax listening to Lisa Hunt.** The first of possibly quarterly concerts in different genres sponsored by the business houses of Tamworth

➤ **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 plus dinner meeting at Diggers on Wednesday, 23 March**

➤ **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, 10 February 2016

Meeting # 1296

Quote of the Week

"Be somebody that makes everyone feel like somebody"

From The Desk

Another great turnout at our weekly meeting. CEO of the West Group, Rod Laing gave us an overview of the group and some of the exciting ventures that are planned for the future. Clubs like these are an important part of the wellbeing of the community and the West Group certainly contributes to what is good in Tamworth.

December and January months were busy months for the Club, with the Santa Pub Crawl and Cavalcade being the highlights. I would like to express my gratitude to the organising team and volunteers who made these events successful and fun. The Santa Pub Crawl managed to raise \$17,587.40 with \$1,758.74 being club funds and the remainder of the money going to Ronald McDonald House \$15,828.66 – thank you Chris Watson for your organisation and a special thank you to Ron Allen and team for organising the start of the Cavalcade.

The club has also received a further \$30,000 donation towards the PNG project. This has been earmarked for the X-Ray machine that is being donated to the hospital in PNG. The amount to be transferred from our club towards this project is \$38,000.

District Conference: I would like to urge as many members **and in particular the incoming board and committee members to attend our District Conference in April.** I certainly enjoyed last year's conference and this one is promising to be even better.

Reiko Izumi's parents and sister are going to be in Tamworth to visit her from 14 to 16 March. They will be attending the club meeting on the morning of the 16th. They arrive in Sydney on the 11 March and we are making plans for Reiko to join them while in Sydney.

Have a great week.

Yours in Rotary

Graeme Kruger



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** –Breakfast fees are now \$23.00 per week – please assist the Treasurer by having exact change....
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- **Working with Children forms** – only a few still need to be returned to Maureen Thornton – now becoming an urgent issue

FREE SEMINAR “PARKINSON’S UNVEILED” 14 MARCH

On the 14 March a free seminar “Parkinson’s Unveiled” will be held at Tamworth West Leagues Club from 9.30am to 3.30pm. Major sponsors are the Rotary Clubs of Tamworth West and Tamworth on Peel (Calala).

Professor Peter Silburn, OAM, consultant neurologist and Honorary Rotarian will be the keynote speaker. He is a world authority on Deep Brain Probe surgery.

The seminar will be opened by District Governor Maurie Stack. Although free, registration is desirable to ensure a seat and can be emailed to ptsg2340@gmail.com or phone 0408 901 167.

This seminar is being conducted by the Tamworth Parkinson’s Support Group and is especially of interest to patients, carers and allied health workers.

All clubs secretaries have been sent an information brochure and registration forms to send out to club members for those wishing to attend.



Public Speaking Semi Finals – Saturday, 13 February Walcha Central School

Best of luck to the following Cluster finalists who will be battling it out for the final four places to proceed to the last round at the District Celebration in April. Lunch is available from 12 noon (always excellent from the Rotary Club of Walcha), with the competition commencing at 1.00pm.

Elizabeth Argue South West Rocks (Cluster 2)

Ellen Hayne Great Lakes (Cluster 4)

Hanna Davis Quirindi (Cluster 6)

Andjela Stanojevic Moree (Cluster 8)

Stephanie Clark Port Macquarie (Cluster 3)

Brianna Robertson Armidale North (Cluster 5)

Kustiani Tuckerman Gunnedah West (Cluster 7)

Samuel Bartlett Narrabri (Cluster 9)

CAN YOU GUESS WHICH AIRLINE?



Can't guess?

Answer is after the Guest Speaker's notes



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Recent Paris Climate Conference –



Hints:
Sartaj Aziz is sleeping.
Kerry looks dead.
Abdullah Abdullah looks drugged.
PM Nawaz just smelled a fart
David Cameron farted!!



Michael O'Connor
Carrying out his height measuring duties for the 2016 Country Music Cavalcade



GUEST SPEAKER

ROD LAING – CEO West Tamworth League Club Limited & Wests' Diggers

Introduced by Graham Dooley

Thanked by John Treloar

Rod Laing opened with the fact that he had been with the Club for 26 years, initially as the Entertainment Officer and as CEO for the majority of the time. West Tamworth League Club began in the early 1950's and was built by the members. The Football Club is still separate to the Wests Entertainment Group - this separation occurred in the early 1980's. Since then the aim is simple and effective – support the community and it will support us. The Group makes regular donations each year and also many that no-one will ever hear about.

In 1986 the Club was nearly broke – membership down to around 2,000 currently about 21,000.

Dennis Condon was his Assistant Manager (and also taught Rod at school!) so changes had to happen.

The Club has an Indigenous Employment Strategy with a distinctive logo created by Megan Porter in 2015 which basically shows how the Club, employees and community all merge together in society.

The Club, for the past 10 years has always worked with a Staff Rewards Incentive and this is currently being assessed to cover all employees rather than just 12 – one per month each year. Points will be earned by staff for years of service, job performance and embodying the values of the company. The Club believes good working conditions equal happy staff and happy customers.

The Club is aware that in 10 – 15 years' time, the Club you see today will be vastly different then. Major Metropolitan Clubs are already diversifying revenue into other areas such as accommodation, nursing homes, diverse food operations, child minding centres and commercial real estate, in some cases introducing craft breweries to make their Club's beer unique – currently looking at brewing own coffee.

In 2011 the Wests Board of Directors commissioned architects to assist with a **ten year plan**.

1. Two storey car park – completed in January 2013
2. Electrical Switchboard - \$750,000 has been built into the switchboard to handle the demands of the new developments
3. Scully Park Regional Sporting Precinct – the old No 2 Oval was opened in June 2015 at a cost of \$4.1M – this was rather controversial at the time – it was completed with a grant from the NSW government and Tamworth Regional Council. The playing surface was designed by Green's Horticulture who also designed the oval at Mudgee and the Precinct was designed by Bill Bryan and includes the grandstand. The lighting is directional with no splash meaning that the lights do not shine past the fence line. Over 400 trees are being planted in the precinct and 13 high definition cameras monitor the complex day and night. 6,000 people can sit on the turf at the back of the oval and the grandstand has five corporate boxes, a media box and an official's box – all on the second level. The corporate boxes are named after William Scully, Ken Chillingworth, Stan Cole and two successful coaches – Billy Bischoff and Tony la Chusia. On the ground level are the home and visitors dressing sheds, referees' room and a medical room. The first major match – NRL City V Country will be played on the oval in May 2016.
4. Alfresco Gaming Room – is being expanded and should be completed by March 2016
5. Outdoor terrace Banjos Restaurant – next door will bring the view inwards and create a large alfresco dining area
6. Hotel with swimming pool – difference between a Hotel and a Motel – Motel – the car drives up to the door, a Hotel is when guests enter from a central foyer (often confused in the country with the word "Pub". The two storey hotel will have 52 rooms, a small meeting room and a swimming pool with car parking at the front.
7. Car parks and external works – will also be created at the same time as the Hotel
8. Function Centre – is in one of the later stages after the Hotel has been operating for a period of time
9. Administration building extension – plans have been drawn up but not happening at this stage
10. Renovations to the interior of Wests Club – planned renovations will happen but not quite yet
11. Wests' Diggers Renovations – planned renovations will happen but not quite yet

12. Amalgamation with the Tamworth Tennis Club – will be renamed “The Courts at East”. Both Club members have approved the amalgamation – just waiting for approval from State Government to proceed. Currently working on submissions for government grants for assistance with tennis court upgrades. There are other ideas for the Club House in the pipe-line but nothing further can happen if State Government gives approval.

Q Loyalty scheme – how do the behind the scenes staff benefit?

A Regular head of department meetings – each department head puts forward the name of the person and the reasons for that person – rewards will be in gifts etc – still being finalised

Q Tamworth City Bowling Club apparently is looking for an amalgamation partner?

A Can't save everyone – looking at but suspect other bowling clubs will combine together. Newcastle amalgamated with a number of smaller clubs and now proving very successful – food and catering has changed so much – can be done – never so “no”!



Rod Laing outlining the changes to Wests



being thanked by John Treloar



Garnet Wood OAM with Louise Matthews



**BELIEVE IT OR NOT
– IT IS OLIVEA**

**Road travel redefined
... in INDIA!!**





What amazing patience one must have to be a great photographer – could not resist including these shots.

Hell explained by a chemistry student.

The following is an actual question given on a “University of Arizona” chemistry mid- term exam, and an actual answer turned in by a student.

The answer by one student was so 'profound' that the professor shared it with colleagues, via the Internet, which is, of course, why we now have the pleasure of enjoying it as well.

Bonus Question:

Is Hell exothermic (gives off heat) or endothermic (absorbs heat)?

Most of the students wrote proofs of their beliefs using Boyle's Law (gas cools when it expands and heats when it is compressed) or some variant.

One student, however, wrote the following:

First, we need to know how the mass of Hell is changing in time. So we need to know the rate at which souls are moving into Hell and the rate at which they are leaving, which is unlikely I think that we can safely assume that once a soul gets to Hell, it will not leave. Therefore, no souls are leaving. As for how many souls are entering Hell, let's look at the different religions that exist in the world today.

Most of these religions state that if you are not a member of their religion, you will go to Hell. Since there is more than one of these religions and since people do not belong to more than one religion, we can project that all souls go to Hell. With birth and death rates as they are, we can expect the number of souls in Hell to increase exponentially. Now, we look at the rate of change of the volume in Hell because Boyle's Law states that in order for the temperature and pressure in Hell to stay the same, the volume of Hell has to expand proportionately as souls are added.

This gives two possibilities:

1. If Hell is expanding at a slower rate than the rate at which souls enter Hell, then the temperature and pressure in Hell will increase until all Hell breaks loose.
2. If Hell is expanding at a rate faster than the increase of souls in Hell, then the temperature and pressure will drop until Hell freezes over.

So which is it?

If we accept the postulate given to me by Teresa during my Freshman year that, 'It will be a cold day in Hell before I sleep with you,' and take into account the fact that I slept with her last night, then number two must be true, and thus I am sure that Hell is exothermic and has already frozen over. The corollary of this theory is that since Hell has frozen over, it follows that it is not accepting any more souls and is therefore, extinct..... ...leaving only Heaven, thereby proving the existence of a divine being which explains why, last night, Teresa kept shouting 'Oh my God, Oh my God.'

HIS STUDENT RECEIVED AN A+

FEBRUARY IS PEACE & CONFLICT PREVENTION / RESOLUTION MONTH

PEACE FELLOWSHIPS

What are Rotary Peace Fellowships?

Each year, Rotary selects up to 100 individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at one of our peace centers. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses.

In just over a decade, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 900 fellows for careers in peace building. Many of them go on to serve as leaders in national governments, NGOs, the military, law enforcement, and international organizations like the United Nations and World Bank.

[Check out the Rotary Peace Map](#) to see where our alumni are creating positive change.

Two types of peace fellowships are available.

Master's degree

We offer master's degree fellowships at premier universities in fields related to peace and conflict prevention and resolution. Programs last 15 to 24 months and require a practical internship of two to three months during the academic break. Each year, we award up to 50 master's degree fellowships at these institutions:

- [Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](#), USA ([fact sheet](#))
 - [International Christian University](#), Japan ([fact sheet](#))
 - [University of Bradford](#), England ([fact sheet](#))
 - [University of Queensland](#), Australia ([fact sheet](#))
 - [Uppsala University](#), Sweden ([fact sheet](#))
- Professional development certificate**

For experienced professionals working in peace-related fields who want to enhance their professional skills, we offer a three-month program in peace and conflict prevention and resolution at [Chulalongkorn University](#) in Thailand ([fact sheet](#)). This program incorporates two to three weeks of field study. We award up to 50 certificates each year.

[APPLY NOW](#)

We are now accepting applications for the 2017-18 Rotary Peace Fellowships program. Candidates have until 31 May to submit applications to their district. Districts must submit endorsed applications to The Rotary Foundation by 1 July. [Find everything you need to complete the application process.](#)

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

A peacemaker trained by The Rotary Foundation travels from England to Australia to help Sudanese refugees prepare to return home and resolve conflicts.

Sixty million people are displaced by armed conflict or persecution, and 90 percent of armed-conflict casualties are civilians, half of them children. Through service projects, fellowships, and other Rotary-sponsored campaigns, members train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict, and aid refugees who have fled dangerous areas. Members also pursue projects to address the underlying structural causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.



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Meeting Roster	Wednesday, 10 February	Wednesday, 17 February	
Venue	Diggers	Diggers	
Topic	TED Talk & Reiko Izumi	David Burley – Roulettes 1979-81	
Door Team	John Toulmin Lesley Hood	Rob Sharp Tim Coates	
Meeter & Greeter	Paul Stevenson	Dwone Jones	
Welcome	Deb Barnes	Dennis Johnson	
President Assist	Christine Shewry	Andrew Beer	
Visitor Assist	Brian Thompson	Dimity Chaseling	
Corporal Assist	David Hinwood	Joe Townsend	
Introduction	Graeme Kruger	John Glynn	
Vote of Thanks	Richard Hardwick	Dave Baddams	
Post Office Raffle Roster			
12 February	19 February	26 February	4 March
Graham Dooley Paul Stevenson	Paul Stevenson Brett White	Brett White Peter Ryan	Peter Ryan James Treloar
11 March	18 March	25 March	1 April
James Treloar Maureen Thornton	Maureen Thornton Dave Baddams	Good Friday	Dave Baddams Terry Robinson
Corporals for February		Corporals for March	
John Fogarty & Ian Howle		David Baddams & Andrew Beer	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Diane Ford (16/02)		
Partners Birthdays	Helen Hinwood (11/02), Robert Betts (13/02) Partner of Dimity Chaseling		
Anniversaries	N/A		
Club Induction	N/A		
Stats for last meeting			
Attendance	64%		
Make-Ups	AG Phil Lyon		
Visiting Rotarians	Nil		
Visitors	Garnett Wood OAM, Rod Laing, Marina Lawrence, Reiko Izumi (YEP)		
Heads & Tails	Peter Hyde		
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

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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