

# 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 FULL!!**

➤ **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 – 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**

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# Wednesday, 17 February 2016

## Meeting # 1297

### Quote of the Week

**“Japan never considers time together as time wasted.  
Rather, it is time invested.”**

### From The Desk

Fantastic support for our YEP student Reiko Izumi, didn't she do well? Reiko gave us a bit of insight into her life back in Japan and shared some of her experiences that she has had while on exchange. “Students in Japan have to clean their classrooms and they talk less in class than in Australia.” Perhaps we could suggest that to the education department as an idea worth considering?

Malcolm McPherson attended our meeting as a visiting Rotarian but also as a representative for **Youth Insearch**. He presented our club with a certificate of appreciation for the donation that we gave them from the money raised through Pedal the Peel. The Hug was a bonus 😊.

Our birth child – Sunrise Rotary Club have been in contact about our **annual cricket game**. Selection for this great sporting event will start soon plus confirming a date!!

**The Golf Committee** are looking for donations – see Rob Clifton if you have anything.

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

Have a great week.

Yours in Rotary

**Graeme Kruger**

**Malcolm McPherson, on behalf of Youth Insearch**, presented Graeme Kruger with a Certificate of Appreciation to Tamworth First Light for the \$1,000 donation recently received.

Appreciate the man hug!



## 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](mailto:christine.shewry@joblinkplus.com.au) or Paul Stevenson on 0458 835 000 or [stevo@bigpond.com](mailto: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

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## 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](mailto: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 Club secretaries have been sent an information brochure and registration forms to send out to club members for those wishing to attend.

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# GUEST SPEAKER **Reiko Izumi (YEP)**

**Introduced** by Graeme Kruger

**Thanked** by Dimity Chaseling

**Reiko** showed slides of her home in Japan and introduced us to her parents and sister and she owns a Pembroke Corgi. Some of the things she has experienced here – swimming pools, herds of cattle, kangaroos, beaches – at home it is snow, snow and more snow at Christmas time.

Loved her time at the beach and Christmas with the Kruger's and all the experiences that are so different to home including the Country Music Festival and the Cavalcade.

Reiko is in Year 11 at Calrossy – in Japan she stays in one classroom all day and the teachers come to the classroom. Here she goes to the classrooms and has different students (some the same) in each classroom. In Japan the students are responsible for cleaning their classrooms – here someone else is paid to clean the classrooms. Her favourite subject is Agriculture and now wants to study that back home at University as well as Social work. Reiko closed by thanking all of us for having her here in Australia, particularly in Tamworth.

Q Is Summo wrestling taught in schools in Japan

A No

Q Do you like Australian food?

A Yes to steak and vegemite – steaks very big so like hot, cold, or warm!

Q What career are you thinking of pursuing?

A Was to be Social work – would now like to include Agriculture

Q Will your family be coming out to visit you here?

A Yes, very soon but an issue with visa – should be sorted soon.

**Note** Reiko's host families here are Stevenson's (Councillor), Penman family, James Treloar, Kruger's, Sommerlads, Robinsons and currently Deb Barnes

**Reiko Izumi being thanked by  
Dimity Chaseling**





**Santa Crawl – cheque for \$17,587.40 presented to Chris Watson on behalf of Rodney McDonald House**



**Phil Heffernan auctioning the Hug Card auctioned for \$55.00 to go to Youth Insearch**

Meeting Roster	Wednesday, 17 February	Wednesday, 24 February	
Venue	<b>Diggers</b>	<b>Diggers</b>	
Topic	<b>David Burley – Roulettes 1979-81</b>	<b>Di Ford - Interplast</b>	
Door Team	Rob Sharp Tim Coates	Bruce Hemmett Peter Hyde	
Meeter & Greeter	Dwone Jones	Louise Matthews	
Welcome	Dennis Johnson	Michael O'Connor	
President Assist	Andrew Beer	Phil Heffernan	
Visitor Assist	Dimity Chaseling	Les Jacob	
Corporal Assist	Joe Townsend	Phil Penman	
Introduction	John Glynn	Peter Pulley	
Vote of Thanks	Dave Baddams	Steve Massey	
<b>Post Office Raffle Roster</b>			
<b>19 February</b>	<b>26 February</b>	<b>4 March</b>	<b>11 March</b>
Paul Stevenson Brett White	Brett White Peter Ryan	Peter Ryan James Treloar	James Treloar Maureen Thornton
<b>18 March</b>	<b>25 March</b>	<b>1 April</b>	<b>8 April</b>
Maureen Thornton Dave Baddams	<b>Good Friday</b>	Dave Baddams Terry Robinson	Terry Robinson
<b>Corporals for February</b>		<b>Corporals for March</b>	
John Fogarty & Ian Howle		David Baddams & Andrew Beer	
<b>Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions</b>			
Members Birthdays	Val Hellmann <b>(25/02)</b>		
Partners Birthdays	Susie Stevenson <b>(25/02)</b> ; Judy Coates <b>(25/02)</b>		
Anniversaries	N/A		
Club Induction	Terry Robinson <b>(25/02) 12 years</b> ; PDG Jane Bradford <b>(28/02) 9 years</b> ; John Fogarty <b>(27/02) 8 years</b>		
<b>Stats for last meeting</b>			
Attendance	82%		
Make-Ups	Nil		
Visiting Rotarians	Malcolm McPherson (Tam West)		
Visitors	Susie Stevenson, Marina Lawrence, Reiko Izumi (YEP)		
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  
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