

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 **HAS !!ONE VACANCY!!** Please contact **John Treloar asap – 0418 659 052 or john@treloars.com.au****
- **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



Photo taken last November looking to the north-east from Brodie & Pam Shields' home

Fabulous cloud / sun combination

Wednesday, 24 February 2016

Meeting # 1298

Quote of the Week

“Power and position often make a man trifle with the truth” – George A Smith

From The Desk

Another great turnout for the meeting, thanks to all for attending.

Roulettes 1981 - How many young people say “when I grow up I want to be a pilot in the air force”? We had the privilege of being addressed by one at our weekly meeting. Dave Burley shared his experience as an instructor and member of the Australian Roulettes in the Australian Air Force. Many of us can only wonder.

Opinion Piece - Over the last 30 years of working in both the public and private sectors, I have observed the shifts that occur in these sectors. In particular, how money is spent on image, office fit-out and branding. More recently I have noticed a distinct shift between the corporate image and standard of offices in the public sector compared to the private, small business sector.

Private businesses have become more conservative and have spent less in that area whereas the public sector has done well and is looking rather sharp, creating the impression that they are better off. It’s not a good look when these two are out of balance with each other – just saying?

RYLA - I had the privilege of interviewing our two RYLA candidates with Louise Matthews today and was encouraged by their interest and willingness to challenge themselves. They will be attending our meeting on Wednesday, 9 March to introduce themselves to you.

NZ - I will be away in New Zealand next week and Past President Louise Matthews will chair the meeting for me.

Golf - Any takers for a spot on the upcoming Golf Trip – there is one opening, see John Treloar.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE: 15 TO 17 APRIL AT TAREE

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
- **Working with Children forms** – only a few still need to be returned to Maureen Thornton – now becoming an urgent issue
- **Saturday, 19 March - Opera by the Lake** – tickets still available from the Forster Visitor Information Centre – Gates open at 1:00pm and the main concert commences at 3:00pm – no tickets sold at the gate. **Brian Bruton, President of Rotary Great Lakes – 0408 180 866 for further information.**

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



GUEST SPEAKER – David Burley – Roulettes 1979 – 81

Introduced by John Glynn

Thanked by David Baddams

David Burley joined the Air Force as soon as he left school. He flew helicopters as well and going through various promotions landed up as a Flying Instructor at Sale in Victoria. Part of being a flying instructor is that you become part of the Roulettes Air Acrobatic Team and he was the Leader from 1979 through to 1981 and was part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the RAAF in 1981. Usually the team consisted of five aircraft but for the Jubilee Year this was increased to seven. The Team flew Macchi MB326H aircraft.

After retiring from the Air Force he moved to Ballarat and was a pilot for Mission Aviation to Papua New Guinea, was at BAE Systems in Tamworth for some 18 months and joined the Civil Aviation Authority based in Tamworth. He has been retired for the past three years and enjoying the freedom that retirement offers.

We watched the Roulettes in action for the Diamond Jubilee – 16 minutes was the length of the display. It was very interesting but certainly showed how cinema photography has changed and progressed so much since then.

Q Flying as close to the aircraft in front – was it necessary to stay away from the wake?

A Yes – we stayed just below the “smoke” or turbulence.

Q When turning – how do you judge the speed?

A The Leader calls and the wingmen hang on to keep up / slow down as required – concentration is at maximum levels throughout a demonstration – always watching the Leader - hence very tiring but exhilarating when you land.

David spoke about the “Red Sails” – The Leader had called for a barrel role and misjudged and flew into the ground – the team concentrating so much on him all followed him into the ground – all were killed.

Q Do the pilots tune their aircraft?

A Yes – although each aircraft is technically the same, each are slightly different to fly so we each had our own specific craft to fly – some were slightly faster, slower, heavier and each knew everything about their specific craft.

A really interesting and entertaining breakfast.



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Lovely to listen to someone who loved their field of work....

David Burley certainly showed this as he talked about his career and his time with the Roulettes.

David Burley being thanked by **David Baddams**

Did anyone notice how the “flyers” all got together after breakfast to have their own “chat” about flying??



Compost Revolution

2nd workshop – “The Practicalities”

9am - 1pm, 2nd MARCH 2016

TO BE HELD @ DPI TRAINING ROOMS

4 Marsden Park Road, Calala NSW 2340

BBQ lunch provided by Steggles

RSVP

BY MON 29th February FOR CATERING PURPOSES

For further enquires contact Anne Michie: 0432 258 983

email: anne.m@eastwestonline.com.au

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- **Dr David Tomlinson**

Scientific Advisor -
Castle Mountain Zeolites

- **Bede Burke**

Egg Producer -
Tamworth on farm experience
with composting

- **Richard Makim**

Grazier -
Moredun NSW on farm case study

- **David Hardwick**

Compost: Back to Basics -
why and how to use it and ways
to making it on farm

- **Terry Bella**

Famer and Businessman-
Case Study: Reasons for a change
of direction



Rotary



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1. **Law of Mechanical Repair** -After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.
2. **Law of Gravity** - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.
3. **Law of Probability**- The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
4. **Law of Random Numbers** - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.
5. **Supermarket Law** - As soon as you get in the smallest line, the cashier will have to call for help.
6. **Variation Law** -If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now
7. **Law of the Bath** - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.
8. **Law of Close Encounters** - The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.
9. **Law of the Result** - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.
10. **Law of Biomechanics** -The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.
11. **Law of the Theatre and Sports Arena**
At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.
12. **The Coffee Law** - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.
13. **Murphy's Law of Lockers** - If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.
14. **Law of Physical Surfaces** - The chances of an open-faced jam sandwich landing face down on a floor, are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.
15. **Law of Logical Argument**-Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.
16. **Brown's Law of Physical Appearance** - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.
17. **Oliver's Law of Public Speaking**- A closed mouth gathers no feet.
18. **Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy** -As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.
19. **Doctors' Law**- If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better... But don't make an appointment, and you'll stay sick. This has been proven over and over with taking children to the paediatrician.

RCTFL Member Allocation 2015 2016

President: Graeme Kruger Secretary: Brodie Shields Treasurer: Michael Smith

President Elect: Terry Robinson

Club Admin	Service Projects	Membership	Rotary Foundation	Public Relations
Valerie Hellmann (B)	Helen Tickle (B)	Laurence Hearne (B)	Phil Heffernan (B)	Brett White (B)
Dennis Maunder		Ron Allen	Philip Lyon	Graham Dooley
Lesley Hood	Community Service	Robert Clifton	James Treloar	Chris Watson
John Worldon	Max Cathcart (C)	Deb Barnes	Michael O'Connor	Ross Lobsey
Jenny Jackson	John Treloar		Julian Smith	
Narelle Langfield	Peter Bell		Maureen Thornton	
Dennis Johnson	Tim Coates		Dick Davison	
	Brian Thompson			
	Jim Raymond			
	Peter Ryan			
Sergeant	Youth			
Simon Chamberlain	Paul Stevenson (C)			NE Outreach/
Bulletin	Sue O'Connor			International
Jane Bradford	Adam Bennet			Diane Ford (C)
Program	Jennie Wright			Rob Sharp
Ian Howle				David Baddams
Welfare				Tom Hellmann
David Rogerson	RYAG Equine			John Toulmin
Historian	Barry Biffin			DJ Jones
Terry Burgess				Graham Nuttall
Web	RYLA			
Bruce Hemmet	Louise Matthews			
Catering	Peter Hyde			
Brian Logan (C)				
John Glynn	Vocational			
Trevor Hannaford	David Hinwood (C)			
Richard Hardwick	Brian Yeo			
Les Jacob	Phil Penman			
Richard Walker	Peter Pulley			
	John Fogarty			
	Science & Eng			
	Steve Massey (C)			
	Steve Hawkins			
	Phil Heffernan			
	Jane Bradford			
	Anne Jacob			
	Pedal The Peel			
	Terry Robinson (C)			
	Louise Matthews			
	Brett White			
	Graeme Kruger			
	Phil Heffernan			
	Richard Walker			

B = Board and C = Committee Chair

Please check which Committee you would like to be on for next year. For new members, assess and decide where you might like to be – chat to the Chairperson of that Committee and please let Terry Robinson – incoming President – know your thoughts.

The Board does try to fit in with all requests wherever possible.

The new Rotary year begins on 1 July 2016.

PRESIDENT ASSIST

To ensure members who are rostered for the duties of, Meeter and Greeter, Door, Visitor Assist, Welcome to our Members & Guests, Introduction of the Guest Speaker(s) and Vote of Thanks are present and if they are not to find a replacement and ensure those people's names are updated on the President's Running Sheet. Select the Table Order (after the head table).

Need to be in attendance by 6.30 am

DOOR TEAM

To record the attendance of our members and guests, collect meeting dues, and if possible balance the cash float i.e. monies paid = money received.

Need to be in attendance at 6.30 am

MEETER & GREETER

To meet & greet our members & welcome guests to our Club at the top of the stairs and to hand name badges to members. Also ensure any guests of members or visiting Rotarians are introduced to the Visitor Assist to ensure they are made feel welcome.

Need to be in attendance at 6.30 am

VISITOR ASSIST

To ensure any visitors to the Club are felt welcome by introducing yourself to them and other members and guests of our Club. To also include them in fellowship before and if necessary make sure they are included with several members for breakfast and are not left on their own.

Need to be in attendance from 6.30 am

WELCOME

To publicly welcome our Members & Guests (following the introduction) to our meeting when called upon by the President or his/her substitute.

Need to be in attendance by 6.50 am (or earlier)

INTRODUCTION

To make yourself known to our Guest Speaker/s, assist them to the head table and sit with them. During breakfast find out some information about the guest speaker which will assist you in your introduction.

VOTE OF THANKS

To move a vote of thanks to our guest speaker, and present a little thank you gift (ensure you have it before the meeting commences and take notes during their presentation to ensure your thank you is informed).

CORPORALS

To assist the Sergeant by putting out all Club Property and putting away at the conclusion of the meeting. Need to be in attendance by 6:30 am.

CORPORAL ASSIST

To assist the Sergeant, by putting away all Club Property at the conclusion of the meeting if the Corporals are unable to do so.

Meeting Roster	Wednesday, 24 February	Wednesday, 2 March	
Venue	Diggers	Diggers	
Topic	Di Ford - Interplast	Trevor Khan MLC	
Door Team	Bruce Hemmett Peter Hyde	Richard Walker Steve Walker	
Meeter & Greeter	Louise Matthews	Terry Robinson	
Welcome	Michael O'Connor	Peter Ryan	
President Assist	Phil Heffernan	Jim Raymond	
Visitor Assist	Les Jacob	Peter Bell	
Corporal Assist	Phil Penman	Jane Bradford	
Introduction	Peter Pulley	Max Cathcart	
Vote of Thanks	Steve Massey	Rob Clifton	
Post Office Raffle Roster			
26 February	4 March	11 March	18 March
Brett White Peter Ryan	Peter Ryan James Treloar	James Treloar Maureen Thornton	Maureen Thornton Dave Baddams
25 March	1 April	8 April	15 April
Good Friday	Dave Baddams Terry Robinson	Terry Robinson Christine Shewry	Christine Shewry
Corporals for February		Corporals for March	
John Fogarty & Ian Howle		David Baddams & Andrew Beer	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Val Hellmann (25/02)		
Partners Birthdays	Brenda Coates (21/02) : Bernadette Hyde (18/02) : Susie Stevenson (25/02) : Judy Coates (25/02)		
Anniversaries	Brett & Trudy White (18/02) 32 years:		
Club Induction	Terry Robinson (25/02) 12 years: Jane Bradford (28/02) 9 years: John Fogarty (27/02) 8 years		
Stats for last meeting			
Attendance	72%		
Make-Ups	AG Phil Lyon		
Visiting Rotarians	N/A		
Visitors	Marina Lawrence, Ben Davies, Simone Church, Reiko Izumi (YEP)		
Heads & Tails	Brodie Shields		
Raffle	Phil Penman		

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

West's 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