

# From the desk



**Rotary**  Club of Tamworth  
First Light **Bulletin**



# DATES TO REMEMBER **IN YOUR DIARIES**



**2016**

➤ **March – Tuesday 22, Wednesday 23, Thursday 24 – Science & Engineering Challenge plus dinner meeting at Diggers on Wednesday, 23 March**  
**19 / 20 March      President Elect Training - Armidale**

➤ **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**

**Sunday, 1 May – District Assembly – Inverell**

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

**Sunday, 22 May – District Assembly – Port Macquarie**

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

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

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### **Unusal Business Signs**

***Gynaecologist's Office  
"Dr. Jones, at your cervix"***

***In a Podiatrist's office  
"Time wounds all heels"***

***At an Optometrist's Office  
"If you don't see what you're looking for,  
you've come to the right place"***

***On a Plumber's truck  
"We repair what your husband fixed"***

# Wednesday, 16 March 2016

## Meeting # 1301

### Quote of the Week

In support of International Women's Day - Tuesday 8 March  
**"You cannot succeed when half of us are held back." – Malala Yousafzal**

### From The Desk

It was great to be filling in again for Graeme who is in Leeton helping to celebrate Jackie's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. A big Happy Birthday to Jackie.

We seemed to be inundated by women today because International Women's Day was yesterday or because our very own Minister for Women's Affairs, Brett White is on leave in Vietnam?

We had two of our Club's sponsored RYLA participants tell us what they expected to derive from their experience in just a few weeks' time and we look forward to hearing how the experience matched up to their expectations shortly after that!

Our immediate Past District Governor, Greg Moran, spoke on the importance of Rotary Shelter Boxes in disaster relief across the world, from Vanuatu to Turkey. Greg is a part of the Shelter Box Response team and related not only his personal experiences but also how Shelter Boxes have evolved over time to be stocked with what is needed, depending upon when and where the disaster relief is required.

Sue Moran gave us an update on her project from last year where she raised over \$30,000 for Rotary Health Research.

Don't forget that our next meeting is at Northwest Frames & Trusses at 7 Beaufort Street, Tamworth. A reminder to all members to bring your safety glasses and any spares that you may have at home or at work – we have the safety jackets.

Regards

**PP David Hinwood**

***A COMMITTEE***

*A group of the **UNFIT***

*Appointed by the **UNWILLING***

*To do the **UNNECESSARY***



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# NOTES....

- **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.is it
- **Our trip to Eastview Estate, Kentucky has been changed to Sunday, 15 May 2016.** 24 people have shown interest – there is space for a further ten. Please contact Val Hellmann on 02 6766 3462 (leave a message)

**MEMBER'S PLEASE NOTE** – for our Vocational visit to **Northwest Frames and Trusses** at 7 Beaufort Street, **you need to bring your Safety Glasses and any spare pairs that you may have at home or at work.** We have the safety jackets for you.

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## Life is Good



### **I am a Seenager. (Senior teenager)**

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 50 years later.  
I don't have to go to school or work.  
I get an allowance every month.  
I have my own pad.  
I don't have a curfew.  
I have a driver's licence and my own car.  
The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant.  
And I don't have acne.  
Life is great.

I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names...



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## Rotary Club of Tamworth, Inc.

P.O. Box 265, Tamworth NSW 2340  
2015-2016

President: Wayne Woods

Secretary: Raymond McLaren



# The Rotary Club of Tamworth Inc extends an invitation to attend

## Fundraiser Dinner for The School of St Jude

St Jude's is a charity funded school providing over 1,900 students with an education. The school is located in Arusha, Tanzania, East Africa.

Without an education, children in Tanzania face a continuing cycle of poverty, hard labour and sickness. Gemma Sisia, originally from Guyra NSW, founded the School of St Jude, and with the help of Rotarians and Volunteers, built the first class room in 2002.

This year, we are excited that Gemma is in Australia with Dorice Livingstone-Adel, who is a graduate from the school. They are travelling, giving presentations on The School of St Jude; we hope you can join us.

**Date:** Wednesday, 30th March 2016

**Time:** 6.30 for 7.00pm

**Venue:** West Diggers Club, The Grand Ballroom  
Kable Avenue, Tamworth NSW 2340

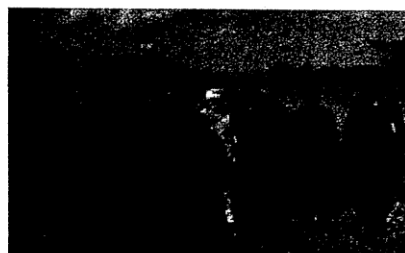
**Cost:** \$50.00 – Two Course meal  
Wine, water and juice on tables

For Tickets, please contact Annette Williams 02 67603773 (business Hours)  
or [rotarytamworthstjude@gmail.com](mailto:rotarytamworthstjude@gmail.com)

Payments of \$50pp can be made by direct deposit or Credit Card to  
Rotary Club of Tamworth No 2 A/c, BSB 082 842 Acc No. 509926375 Ref: St Jude & Surname  
Please contact Annette by phone or email when payment has been made to add your full names to the door list

For Catering purposes, please **RSVP by 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016**

There will be beautiful Maasai shuka for sale on the night, large range of colours to choose from. These Maasai Blankets have been imported direct from Tanzania, helping their community, at \$30.00 each



### FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION



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# The School of St Jude

## FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION

March 7, 2016

MEDIA RELEASE

*(Arusha, Tanzania)* Generous Rotarian of Tamworth are about to have their very first chance to see firsthand the difference they are making in one of the world's poorest countries.

Now offering free education to more than 1900 impoverished students, The School of St Jude in Tanzania was established by former Aussie teacher Gemma Sisia and continues to be primarily funded by Australians from across the country.

Gemma is so proud of last year's inaugural secondary graduates, most of whom are currently completing a voluntary year teaching in severely under-resourced government schools. She is bringing one of those lucky high-achievers to Australia this month to share what a difference St Jude's is making in Tanzania.

Bubbly, bright Dorice Livingstone joined St Jude's after finishing in the top 10% of a government primary school, and has been using her high-quality education to give back to the community as a biology teacher.

"When I was in a government school it was hard," Dorice said. "Sometimes the teacher was at class; sometimes she wasn't. We spent from morning until night without any food and we didn't have any books.

"Because I was at St Jude's (in high school) I passed Form 4 (Grade 10) very well and Form 6 very well."

Just 2.4% of the 1.63 million Tanzanian students that enrolled in their first year of school with Dorice completed their secondary schooling. Dorice and her female class mates, who make up more than 50% of the St Jude's population, are vital to a thriving future in Tanzania.

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# The School of St Jude

**FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION**

Women receiving a first-rate education help break the cycle of poverty, are less likely to die in childbirth or marry early and against their will, and are more likely to have healthy children that they send to school.

This final point is key, as UNICEF's latest figures show only 24.4% of females currently attend secondary school in Tanzania. According to the United Nations Development Programme, most girls in Tanzania have left school by their 12th birthday after just 4.5 years of education, and more than 1 in 10 will have a baby by age 19.

St Jude's is playing a leading role in turning these trends around.

Not only did Dorice's graduating class rank in the top 10% nationally, all of them passed and more than half of them achieved the highest possible mark. The past year has been a particularly special one for Dorice and Gemma, who want to share their story and express the entire St Jude community's gratitude, when they visit Tamworth, this month.

"The School of St Jude now has almost 2000 students who have a real chance to escape poverty and receive a high-quality, life-changing education. It's a dream that I've worked hard on building for more than 15 years now, and these amazing students and their families would never have had the opportunity without the wonderful support of Australians like the Rotary Club of Tamworth," Gemma said. "I'm especially proud of our graduates, who are earning rave reviews as they volunteer at local government schools. I can't wait to introduce Dorice to Australia!"

Gemma's inspiring story has been featured twice on the ABC's Australian Story, and in 2007 she was honoured with an Order of Australia medal for her achievements.

Dorice has received her passport and is anticipating her very first plane trip with Gemma. Come along and give them a true blue welcome this month!

To attend, contact: Annette Williams Ph: 02 67603773 M: 0428662320

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**Shelterbox Talk by PDG Greg Moran**

**Louise Matthews with  
our Rylarians  
Kate Alcock and Megan  
Apthorpe**



**Laurie Hearne thanks Guest Speakers Sue Moran and PDG Greg Moran**



# **NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER SERVICE NEEDS HELP**

**From:** Bill Warburton [[mailto:bill\\_jan@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bill_jan@bigpond.net.au)]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2016 2:46 PM

**To:** Bill Warburton

## **New England North West Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service – Tamworth Volunteer Support Group**

I have been a member of the Tamworth Volunteer Support Group for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service, which provides free aeromedical retrieval and transport throughout our region, for nearly ten years.

The Tamworth Support Group runs fundraising activities to assist in covering the cost of providing this essential service by running raffles throughout the year as well as running the successful Balladeers Concert at Kootingal during the Country Music Festival, supporting BBQ's and assisting at other events as and when presented.

During the period since the formation of the Tamworth Support Group, shortly after the first helicopter was based here in Tamworth in 2000, to the present date the Group has raised more than \$633,000 helping to ensure no one ever has to pay.

As with many local community organisations, the Tamworth Support Group numbers have been dropping off in recent times and this has greatly increased the involvement needed from the remaining members.

With the support of members of your club we can turn this around as the Rescue Helicopter Service moves into a new era over the next twelve months and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service bases in Tamworth, Lismore and Newcastle join together under a new contract with NSW Ambulance to cover the majority of NSW north of the Hawkesbury with four new, and larger helicopters.

If the Tamworth Support Group numbers can be increased to the numbers of five or six years ago the commitment needed from each member would be reduced to around four or five hours a month on average, with one session on the roster, plus attendance at the monthly meeting held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6.03pm, where the following months rosters are made.

The next meeting of the Tamworth Volunteer Support Group is to be held on

**Wednesday, 16 March 2016  
at 6.30pm – Chillingworth Room  
West Tamworth Leagues Club**

**It would be great if some of your club's members, and/or someone they know, could come along to that meeting (or a third Wednesday in the future) to hear what we do.**

Absolutely no obligation however I hope members may then see their way clear to joining the support group and benefiting the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

See you there  
**Bill Warburton**

**PS: Please call me on 02 6766 6111 or 0408 465 355 if you have any questions**



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## Each Rotary month has a different Theme – the month of March is **WATER AND SANITATION**



### **Water and Sanitation**

Clean water is a basic need for human beings. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives.

However, at least 3,000 children die each day from diseases caused by unsafe water, which is what motivates Rotarians to build wells, install rainwater harvesting systems, and teach community members how to maintain infrastructure.

While very few people die of thirst, millions die from preventable waterborne diseases, providing the impetus for Rotarians to also improve sanitation facilities in underdeveloped countries. Projects start by providing toilets and latrines that flush into a sewer or safe water enclosure and then add education programs to promote hand-washing and other good hygiene habits.

Jack Sim, founder of the World Toilet Organisation, has used humour to draw attention to sanitation issues. By age 40, he was a successful entrepreneur running 16 businesses. He had enough money to retire, so started searching for a neglected cause to which he could devote his time and effort.

Realising that people did not want to talk about toilets, he set about making the humble commode into a media darling, founding the World Toilet Organisation in 2001 and holding a special day every year to draw attention to sanitation. Sim credits Rotary with helping him break the taboo around the subject. “By making people laugh,” Jim noted, “they will listen to you.

Everyone has their personal horror toilet stories, whether about their travels or about their children, so just let the conversation flow naturally and everybody will talk about toilets. In fact, once they feel it’s a legitimate topic, they won’t stop. Even schoolchildren in the slums have cell phones yet they have no toilets.”

**Jim states that as Rotarians we must shift our focus from water to water *and* sanitation.**

Courtesy of Enews Issue 37

Meeting Roster	Wednesday, 16 March	Wednesday, 23 March	
Venue	Vocational Visit	Diggers – 6:30pm	
Topic	North West Frames & Trusses 7 Beaufort Street, Taminda	Science & Engineering Dinner	
Door Team	Maureen Thornton John Fogarty	Steve Hawkins Jane Bradford	
Meeter & Greeter			
Welcome			
President Assist			
Visitor Assist			
Corporal Assist			
Introduction	David Hinwood	David Hinwood	
Vote of Thanks	John Worldon	Steve Massey	
Post Office Raffle Roster			
18 March	25 March	1 April	8 April
Maureen Thornton James Treloar	<b>Good Friday</b>	Dave Baddams Terry Robinson	Terry Robinson Paul Stevenson
15 April	22 April	29 April	
Paul Stevenson Christine Shewry	Christine Shewry Graham Dooley	Graham Dooley Lesley Hood	Lesley Hood
Corporals for March		Corporals for April	
David Baddams & Andrew Beer		Anne Jacob & Deb Barnes	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Michael O'Connor (17/03): Maureen Thornton (22/03)		
Partners Birthdays	Debra Brooks (Brian Logan) (20/03)		
Anniversaries	Simon & Jane Chamberlain (17/03) 26 years		
Club Induction	Nil		
Stats for last meeting			
Attendance	69%		
Make-Ups	AG Phil Lyon,		
Visiting Rotarians	PDG Greg Moran, Sue Moran		
Visitors	Kate Alcock & Megan Apthorpe (RYLA), Jane Alcock, Michelle Shanahan, Simone Church, Reiko Izumi (YEP)		
Heads & Tails			
Raffle			

## 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

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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