

From the desk



Rotary  Club of Tamworth
First Light **Bulletin**



DATES TO REMEMBER **IN YOUR DIARIES**



2016

- **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

I finally found it!



I really found it! Just inland a bit from Macksville along SR73. Somehow you just always knew it was out there...**somewhere.**

Wednesday, 23 March 2016

Meeting # 1302

Quote of the Week

**“It is the timber of poetry that wears most surely,
and there is no timber that has not strong roots among the clay and worms”.**

John Millington Synge

From The Desk

Members were pleasantly surprised by what they saw at North West Trusses vocational visit. Brendan Somerfield and his team took time out of their busy schedule to show members around their new premises. Thanks also to Val Hellmann and Brian Logan for organising the BBQ breakfast. We were also joined by Reiko Izumi's family (Father - Hideki, Mum - Yayoi and Sister - Tomoyo) who were visiting Tamworth for a few days after a fleeting visit to Sydney.



Reiko's host parents and councillor enjoyed dinner with her family at the Tamworth Hotel on Monday night. Steve behaved himself!!

Phil Heffernan gave the whole Izumi family a tour of Tamworth on Tuesday morning and Sue Robinson took them to Bupa for a vocational visit on Wednesday morning. I had the privilege of showing them a small part of the wider region of Tamworth culminating with a stop at the Moonbi Lookout. They left for Japan on Wednesday afternoon amidst a few teary eyes from a very close and warm family. Reiko's parents expressed their sincere gratitude and appreciation for what our club has done so far. They also said that they had a wonderful time in Tamworth and enjoyed the warmth and friendliness of Australia.

Finally, congratulations to our golfing fraternity – raised \$8,600 to go towards our projects – Well done Rob Clifton – a well-organised affair by all accounts....

GRAEME KRUGER



Hideki Izumi sporting his new Akubra 😊



Reiko's host parents and councillor enjoyed dinner with her family at the Tamworth Hotel on Monday night.

NOTES....

- **Working with Children forms** – only a few still need to be returned to Maureen Thornton – **now becoming an urgent issue**
- **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)**

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE – INVITATION FROM TAMWORTH SUNRISE

As you will know from the itinerary which has been distributed, the GSE team is to have a **BBQ breakfast hosted by Sunrise on THURSDAY 14 APRIL AT THE OXLEY LOOKOUT**. Sunrise is moving its meeting to that day to accommodate our wonderful visitors. If any members of your club wish to attend we would be most happy for them to join us.

Would you please communicate with your members and convey this invitation to them.....

For catering purposes, please ask your members to RSVP direct to me by no later than Monday 11 April. Anybody who responds after that date may not receive breakfast. – Cost will be \$17 per head.

We would be very pleased to see many of your members in attendance to farewell the team members on their way to Taree for the District Celebration.

Cheers - Tony (Happy) Young - Secretary, RC Tamworth Sunrise
a.d.young@icloud.com - 0417 468 882

SPIRIT OF THE ANZAC CENTENARY EXPERIENCE – 26 APRIL – 1 MAY 2016 - VOLUNTEER COMMS PACK

The Australian Government and the Australian War Memorial, supported by the Commonwealth Bank and Telstra are proud to be bringing the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience to communities across Australia. The experience is the flagship community event within the Commonwealth Government's National Program commemorating the Anzac Centenary.

The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience follows a chronological timeline spanning pre-war Australia to the present day and uses a mix of arresting visuals, artefacts, audio and film to engage visitors in a very stimulating and emotional manner.

The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience needs you!

We are currently seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help welcome visitors to the experience in addition to providing assistance and support at each location on our national tour. To become part of this once-in-a-lifetime commemorative event in your local area, please register your interest by emailing the volunteer coordinators at volunteers@spiritofanzac.gov.au .





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

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 23rd 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



Be a gift
to the world

**Northwest Trusses and Frames
Design Room / Office**

Brendan (Manager) explaining how the plans arrive in the office and are transferred into the computer with all measurements – when completed the frame design in 3D is sent to that section of the floor

**The Trusses design in 3D
is also sent to that section of the floor**



Brendan explained about the safety features on all machinery – an example being the yellow box on the left



The premises were surprisingly clean and tidy considering all the sawdust and bits of unused timber connected to the trusses and frames – everything had its place – very impressive

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

Celebrate Rotary Water and Sanitation Month!

By Azka Asif, Rotary Programs Staff

Clean water is a basic human right that many are often denied. There are 2.5 billion people in the world that lack access to improved sanitation and 748 million people that don't have clean drinking water. Nearly 1400 children die each day from diseases caused by lack of sanitation and unsafe water. When people have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives.



In 2015, the United Nations introduced their new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty and promote prosperity while protecting the environment and addressing climate change. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 on water and sanitation encourages us to address universal access to drinking water and sanitation along with improved water management to protect ecosystems and build resiliency. *

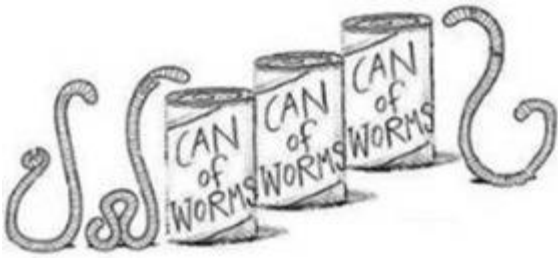
Rotary members are committed to reaching the water and sanitation SDG through projects like building wells, installing rainwater harvesting systems, and teaching community members how to maintain new infrastructure.

During March, Rotary Water and Sanitation Month, we're celebrating our commitment to create healthier communities by supplying clean water and sanitation facilities to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Here are just a few examples of club service projects that are creating a lasting impact:

- The Rotary Club of Bangalore Metro in India installed a [water purification plant](#) in the village of Ramanahalli. Due to extensive mining, the ground water in this rural community is completely contaminated with fluorides and other contaminants. The new water purification plant provides reliable access to potable water.
- In the rural community of Bharat Pokhari in Nepal, villagers walk 25 km to fetch buckets of water every day. Oftentimes girls spend two hours a day bringing home water before and after school. In partnership with the Rotary Club of Williamson (USA), the [Rotary Club of Pokhara](#) installed a water tank in the village giving more than 500 families access to safe drinking water closer to home.
- The Rotary Club of Suna Migori in Kenya [provided a source of clean rainwater](#) to students at four schools and a clinic. At each location, Rotarians provided new latrines and hand washing stations. The project has impacted more than 1500 students and their families, hundreds of patients at the clinic, and increased school attendance especially among girls.
- In rural Ghana, seven million people are at risk from waterborne diseases. Rotarians are working with partners to address community water and sanitation needs. Watch the video below about this project.

Throughout the month of March, encourage fellow Rotary members to check back here for tips, resources, and inspirational success stories to help plan club and district water and sanitation projects. Add your voice to the conversation using the blog's commenting feature and share how your club supports water and sanitation initiatives on [Rotary Showcase](#).

"4 Worms in Church"



Four worms and a lesson to be learned!!!!

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon.

Four worms were placed into four separate jars.

The first worm was put into a container of alcohol.

The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke.

The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup.

The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results:

The first worm in alcohol **Dead** .



The second worm in cigarette smoke . . . **Dead** .



Third worm in chocolate syrup **Dead**.

Fourth worm in good clean soil . . . **Alive** ...

So the Minister asked the congregation, "What did you learn from this demonstration?"

Maxine was sitting in the back - She quickly raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!"

That pretty much ended the service!

Meeting Roster	Wednesday, 23 March	Wednesday, 30 March	
Venue	Diggers – 6:30pm	Diggers – 6:30am	
Topic	Science & Engineering Dinner	Club Assembly	
Door Team	Steve Hawkins Jane Bradford	John Treloar Marina Lawrence	
Meeter & Greeter		Anne Jacob	
Welcome		Richard Hardwick	
President Assist		Lesley Hood	
Visitor Assist		Deb Barnes	
Corporal Assist		Paul Stevenson	
Introduction	David Hinwood		
Vote of Thanks	Steve Massey		
Post Office Raffle Roster			
25 March	1 April	8 April	15 April
Good Friday	Dave Baddams Terry Robinson	Terry Robinson Paul Stevenson	Paul Stevenson Christine Shewry
22 April	29 April	6 May	13 May
Christine Shewry Graham Dooley	Graham Dooley Lesley Hood	Lesley Hood Brett White	Brett White Brian Logan
Corporals for March		Corporals for April	
David Baddams & Andrew Beer		Anne Jacob & Deb Barnes	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Louise Matthews (24/03); Peter Ryan (26/03); Sue O'Connor (27/03)		
Partners Birthdays	Kerry Walker (25/03); Dianne Delaney (John Glynn) (28/03)		
Anniversaries	Nil		
Club Induction	Simon Chamberlain (25/03) 1 year; Lesley Hood (27/03) 3 years		
Stats for last meeting			
Attendance	55%		
Make-Ups	AG Phil Lyon		
Visiting Rotarians	Sam Peacocke		
Visitors	Simone Church		
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

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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