

From the desk



Rotary  Club of Tamworth
First Light **Bulletin**



DATES TO REMEMBER **IN YOUR DIARIES**



2016

- **Sun 10 – Thurs 14 April – German Group Study Exchange** arrives in Tamworth from Coonabarabran via Gunnedah – home hosting for three nights has been arranged plus vocational visits all day on Tuesday, 12 April.

Weekend 15 – 17 April – District Conference – Taree

Sunday, 1 May – District Assembly – Inverell

May 2016 - Bowelscan Month – Rotary Bowelscan Week is Saturday, 14 – Saturday, 21 May 2016

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



Come and watch past State of Origin legends play at this fun family event! Steggle's Blues V TAMS Maroons.

Legends include: Petero Civoniceva, Nathan Blacklock, Robbie O Davis, Ben Smith, Kevin Champion, Ivan Cleary, Shaun Berrigan, Noel Goldthorpe, Stu Kelly, Bruce Maguire, Kerry Boustead, Jason Death, Bryan Neibling, Ashley Harrison, Craig Wilson, Rod Silva, Greg Florimo & many more

Gates Open 12 noon

Women's game - 2pm

A Grade - Norths Tamworth v Moree Boomerangs - 4.30pm

Lead up games from 1pm

A Grade - Wests Tamworth v Armidale - 3pm

Legends game 6.30pm



Be a gift
to the world

Wednesday, 6 April 2016

Meeting # 1304

Quote of the Week

*The supreme art of war is to subdue
the enemy without fighting” Sun Tzu*

From the Desk....

It was Club Assembly this week, with the Directors giving members a summary of their portfolios. In essence the Club is doing well and many of the goals set at the beginning of the year are being ticked off. You will be able to read a summary of each director's report below as compiled by the editor.

We were also lucky enough to have Katie Penman, our club nominee for the upcoming GSE excursion to Germany. We wish Katie all the best and know that she will make a wonderful ambassador for her family, our Club, Rotary and Australia.

Chris Watson also gave us a brief overview of his experience with his family in Fiji during the recent devastating hurricane. He has requested that the club consider supporting a fundraising initiative that was started by the team who were there - \$10,000 raised to date.

A book that I have browsed and enjoyed over the years is - **How to Lose Friends & Infuriate People, written by Jonar Nadar.** Don't be fooled by the title, it's really worth a read if you are a thinker. *“It's a book dedicated to the heroes who know that nothing is ever final, that possibilities are endless, that life is never simple, that a rolling stone can gather moss, that a watched kettle does boil, and that those who cry last, cry the most.”* He certainly challenges conventional management and corporate leadership. Here is a poem that he wrote when he was only 16.

HATS OFF TO THE HEROES

A sign of intelligence to choose what you like
a sign of maturity to choose what is right,
A sign of character to voice what you like
a sign of integrity to voice what is right,
A sign of bravery to do what you like
a sign of heroism to do what is right.

Have a great week.

Yours in Rotary

Graeme Kruger

Graeme in reflective mood



NOTES....

- **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)**
- **Bowelscan – First Light will be at Centrepont Shopping Centre – Saturday, 14 May to Saturday, 21 May between the hours of 10:00am – noon and noon – 02:00pm – Kits will cost \$15.00 (same Kit as last year)**

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.

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

Science & Engineering Challenge – Steve Massey reported that 850 students participated this year. Concept now under pressure with Tamworth Council increasing rental fees quite markedly this year and already warned of another increase for next year. Possibly looking at the William Cowper Hall for next year. A very successful dinner held and positive response from schools. Steve thanked his Committee for an excellent response and successful overall result for 2016.

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.

Essential to book tickets please contact www.spiritofanzac.gov.au (easy to do – you can decide a suitable time for you / friends to go – sooner you book – more choice you have)



Chris Watson spoke about his recent trip to Fiji – not something he wishes to repeat in a hurry and made him re-think future plans for he and his family – it was very scary but must have been terrifying on the other side of the island.

- ❖ They flew into Fiji on 19 March last and the wind just got stronger and stronger
- ❖ Concern grew when they saw windows being boarded up – mattresses then wood at their hotel
- ❖ There were only 11 in the resort at that time and they were told there was a “safe house” further up the hill – if required
- ❖ They then heard that all planes had been cancelled from Sydney – did not inspire confidence
- ❖ Staff stayed with us to try to keep all of us safe
- ❖ Finally, about midnight we were taken up to the bunker – now a Category 5 and no power
- ❖ Our family stayed huddled together with our baby daughter, Charlotte, as the noise grew and grew – was really loud and frightening
- ❖ Once over, the eleven of us went out to villages to see what we could do to assist them – our resort was basically OK
- ❖ We went further afield and saw shocking scenes of destruction
- ❖ We started to fund-raise – these people have absolutely nothing. We have raised \$10,000 so far and hope the Club may be able to support financially as well
- ❖ We want the money to go direct to the people – they need to buy rainwater tanks and similar and help with rebuilding their schools and, where possible, their homes – they have nothing

Note The Club will certainly consider at the next Board meeting.



Group Study Exchange with Germany – Katie Penman is our applicant and Team Member

Katie noted that the German Team would be arriving shortly and she was getting quite excited now their departure was getting closer. Katie is a dietician and she thanked our Club for our support. The team will be flying to Hamburg to meet their counterparts again in May – the team will be going to D1890 in north Germany. Both teams have a male Rotarian Team Leader and two males / two females make up the teams. The German team will be in Tamworth from Sunday afternoon, 14 April and depart for Taree and the District Conference on Thursday late morning to be met by Taree Rotarians at Nowendoc.

Katie is excited about the opportunity of discussing her field of work and comparing notes about how we both do things and learning from the experience. She will enjoy the sightseeing available and making new, long term friends for when she decides to go travelling. Katie finished by saying that she was looking forward to speaking to our Club again on her return.

Graeme Kruger wishing Kate every success for this Exchange



Club Administration Report – Director Val Hellmann

- Breakfast venue and menu progressing well
- Vocational visits going well thanks to Brian Logan
- Ian Howle continues to find interesting guest speakers
- Bulletin continues to provide interesting articles relating to the monthly Rotary topic
- Maureen has been following up those members who have been unwell – please keep her advised. Our current challenge is to think of a card / gift or something special for our Bride to Be
- We have decided not to engage in a cricket match with the Rotary Club of Sunrise and are looking at a Barefoot Bowls day before it gets too cold
- The 2TM BBQ trailer is costing \$50 each time we need to hire it. We are looking to hire from another Rotary Club (without cost)
- Future BBQ's have not been confirmed (possibly at Hopscotch and assisting other Clubs)
- Next social outing is Sunday, 15 May at Eastview Estate, Kentucky – the basic cost for bus return and two (2) course lunch is \$70.00 – there are still vacancies.

Service Projects Report – Director Helen Tickle

Rotary Youth Leadership Award - 2nd - 9th April 2016 Macksville.

Louise Matthews leaving Friday to be there for the duration. Last year had 28 participants – this year have 40 participants – congratulations to Louise – a lot of work has gone into increasing the numbers for this year. Our Club has signed off on seven. First Light Rotary has sponsored two participants. All seven will give presentations to the Club in. may.

Vocational

- A Vocational Visit was undertaken on Wednesday 16th March to Tamworth Frames and Trusses Taminda. Most informative in gaining knowledge and understanding of one of our Taminda businesses.
- Careers Expo to be held on Wednesday, 18 May at TRECC. Plans are well underway. Monthly meetings are held with our Careers Expo partner, JobLink Plus. Exhibitor registrations are coming in. An exhibitor registration fee of \$70 has been charged this year to help offset expenses. There has been no resistance to the charge. An exhibitor fee is common practice at Expos and similar types of events
- A \$2000 Grant Application to Tamworth Regional Council (Annual Donations Program) was successful. Application is underway to DET for funding (usually \$2000)
- Jo Townsend, NSW Business Chamber, has organised 4 - 5 speakers to make 15 minute presentations throughout the day, in the front room at TRECC.

Science & Engineering Challenge – Tuesday – Thursday, 22-23 March

Very successful with 850 students and 20 schools participating.
Under financial pressure with increases in TRECC and University fees.

Community Service

- Rugby due to commence on Saturday, 23rd April. Not clear as to whether or not this will be a home game. Phil Penman to advise
- Our Club has been asked if we would like to conduct the BBQ at an upcoming **International Legends of League** match on Saturday, 16th April. Club members indicated their willingness to participate. More details coming.

Pedal the Peel - Next event is proposed for March 2017

Rotary Foundation Report - Director Phil Heffernan

- The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm which Rotary International supports and administers.
- As of Wednesday, 15 June last the Foundation had nett assets of \$964m.
- **Polio Eradication** - During the fifteen (15) financial years the Foundation distributed \$131 million for Polio eradication (bringing the total amount for Polio to over \$1 Billion). \$94 million in grants; \$25 million to Districts; and \$69 million in Global grants.
- Our Club contributes our fine money directly to the Foundation equating to \$5/\$6000 per annum.
- The main contributions from the Foundation revolve around Peace / conflict prevention and treatment, Community and economic development, Literacy and (WASH) water sanitation and hygiene.
- PRID John Boag addressed our Club on Wednesday, 4 November last. He gave us many examples of how the Foundation is administered and the use of Funds.
- Our Club, through PP Di Ford is making application to the Foundation for a \$30K "Matching Grant" for use at the PNG Hospital our club has visited and continues to support on numerous occasions.

Our own Club Foundation has a balance of \$84K at present. When this amount arrives at the \$100K agreed then interest can be disbursed on an annual basis.

Publicity – Director Brett White

- Our Facebook page has exceeded all expectations with over 1,500 viewers and has now gone global with viewers from as far afield as Africa and Japan
- Continue to supply photos for both the Bulletin and Facebook on a weekly basis

Golf Committee Report – Dennis Maunder

The summary:

- The Gold Coast trip netted approximately \$18,600
- The Tallwood's trip netted approximately \$8,700
- We currently have funds of \$37,551
- After retaining funds for deposits for the Gold Coast trip, we should have \$15,000 to donate to the club at this stage
- We have already donated \$5,000 towards the PNG project
- We acknowledge the tremendous service by Terry Burgess the treasurer for the golf committee for the last 25 years
- Terry was one of the members to consistently go and run the Gold Coast trip in its earlier years.

Membership – President Graeme Kruger reported that we have inducted five (5) new members, have one induction plus transfer shortly and three prospective members

Profit & Loss

Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light

1st July 2015 to 28th March 2016

	Total
Income	
Career Expo Income	4,400.00
Christmas Party Income	2,240.00
Donations Received	30,625.00
Fines Income - Club	2,978.60
Golf Committee	5,000.00
Graduation Concert	775.00
Interest Received	559.56
Meeting Income - Breakfast & Meals	30,771.00
Membership Subscriptions	15,860.00
Pedal The Peel	16,300.00
Pub Raffles Income	3,978.35
RAWCS via subs	630.00
Santa Pub Crawl	7,898.40
Science & Engineering	3,500.00
Shirts	770.00
Sundry Income - GST Free	3,399.35
	129,685.26
Less Expenses	
Accountancy and Audit	935.00
Bank Charges	15.50
Careers Expo Expenses	2,700.00
Changeover Costs	39.95
Christmas Party Expenses	1,830.00
CMAA Graduation Concert	2,250.00
Donations Paid	67,169.66
Exchange Student Expenses	1,312.30
Meeting Expenses	31,577.00
Members Expenses and club supplies	1,124.06
Printing & Stationery	165.00
Rotary Down Under	2,700.00
Rotary Fees - District	6,311.25
Rotary Fees - International	5,718.84
RYLA Expenses	1,900.00
Science & Engineering Expenses	6,076.00
Shirts	936.90
Software Expense	261.00
Sundry Expenses - GST	0.00
Sundry Expenses - GST Free	2,971.48
	135,993.94
Net Loss	-6,308.68

Balance sheet
Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light

As at 28 March 2016

Asset

Current Assets	
Administration Account - S1	11,531.51
Pedal the Peel - S2	0.92
Service Account - S2.1	480.03
Science and Engineering - S2.2	5,083.32
Bonus Savings - Fines - S12	3,208.52
Pub Raffle - S2.3	4,231.25
PNG District Grant - S2.4	157.07
Club Person of the Year - S2.5	1,003.79
Rotary 113	30,000.00
Cash Float	400.00
Accounts receivable	300.00

56,396.41

Total Assets

56,396.41

Liability

Total Liabilities

0.00

Net Assets

56,396.41

Equity

Retained earnings	16,153.31
Current year earnings	-6,308.68
Historical balancing	46,551.78

Total Equity

56,396.41

Meeting Roster	Wednesday, 6 April	Wednesday, 13 April	
Venue	Diggers – 6:30am	Diggers – 6:30am	
Topic	Simon Santosha – Men & Drought	GSE – Germany Presentation	
Door Team	Christine Shewry DJ Jones	Brian Thompson Jane Bradford	
Meeter & Greeter	Dimity Chaseling	Rob Sharp	
Welcome	Andrew Beer	Tim Coates	
President Assist	Dennis Johnson	Bruce Hemmett	
Visitor Assist	David Baddams	Phil Heffernan	
Corporal Assist	John Glynn	Les Jacob	
Introduction	John Toulmin	AG Phil Lyon	
Vote of Thanks	Brett White	Graeme Kruger	
Post Office Raffle Roster			
8 April	15 April	22 April	29 April
Terry Robinson Helen Tickle	Paul Stevenson Christine Shewry	Christine Shewry Graham Dooley	Graham Dooley Lesley Hood
6 May	13 May	20 May	27 May
Lesley Hood Brett White	Brett White Brian Logan	Brian Logan DJ Jones	DJ Jones Jane Bradford
Corporals for April		Corporals for May	
John Glynn & Deb Barnes		Brian Thompson & Joe Townsend	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Chris Watson		
Partners Birthdays	Robyn Penman (12/04)		
Anniversaries	John & Janet Treloar (09/04) 40 years		
Club Induction	Steve Hawkins (08/04) 1 year: Brian Logan (12.04) 16 years		
Stats for last meeting			
Attendance	58%		
Make-Ups	AG Phil Lyons		
Visiting Rotarians	Liz Gill (Walcha)		
Visitors	Kate Penman (GSE Team Member): Captain Dean Clutterbuck (Salvation Army)		
Heads & Tails	N/A		
Raffle	Helen Tickle		

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

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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