



Rotary

CLUB OF TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT BULLETIN

2016-2017

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President: Terry Robinson 0427 661 066

Secretary: Helen Tickle 0417 684 583

Treasurer: PDG Jane Bradford 0429 666 100



Photo courtesy of: Phil Penman (courtesy of Murray Hartin), sunrise at Boggabri!

To submit your favourite 'first light' photo, please send to dimity.betts@nswcc.org.au



NOTES & DIARY DATES 2016



Magpies Rugby- a majority of the club voted to not continue the Magpies canteen/bar/gate at home games after this year. The vote was necessary after Magpies decided to outsource the bar to another supplier (who also do Pirates bar). We will be looking for something else to take its place.

Photography exhibition- brought to you by Tamworth Camera Club. It will open on Friday 22nd to Saturday 30th July at Inspirations Gift & Patchwork Gallery. All proceeds to Blue Angel Foundation.

Goods needed for Syrian Refugees-Paul Stevenson is travelling to Turkey and will be visiting Syrian Refugees who are seamstresses. If anyone has any goods that could be useful to them, see Paul.

Opera by the Lake- a project of Rotary Clubs of Great Lakes, will be held in March 2017. Please forward expressions of interest to run a bus over to attend to Dimity Betts. See flyer below.

Golf Trip- Any donations of goods that could be used in raffles for the upcoming golf trip would be appreciated. It is one of our major fundraisers and many members have been generous in the past. Please see John Worldon or John Treloar if you can help. The golf trip is the 7th-12th August..



Wednesday, 27th July 2016

Meeting # 1320

Quote of the week: “You can tell whether a man is clever by his answers..... You can tell whether a man is wise by his questions.”

ROBBOS RAMBLINGS

It was a fun and vibrant meeting last week. Kristie Reading speaks volumes for the youth exchange program. Kristie attributed much of her success and opportunities that she has taken to her growth and what she learned from the Rotary youth exchange program. I am certain that Kristie will be a future leader in our community and we will continue to hear from her.

She would certainly be a great member for our club.

There was an excellent turnout at the Post Office Hotel on Saturday night for Graeme Kruger's farewell. Special guest Jackie Kruger from Leeton, was also in attendance.

It was a fun and relaxed evening and does show that First Lighters can go out in the evenings and enjoy themselves.

At the board meeting on Monday, it was resolved that club Subs be set at \$275.00. This is a \$5.00 increase on last year. These fees are principally utilised to pay Rotary International per capita, district subs, Rotary Down under magazine, a donation to RAWCS and a small sum for club administration. The District and the Rotary International subs are due right now, so please attend to payment when you receive an invoice from Jayne.

The Rotary Club of Sunrise have formally accepted an invitation to be involved in the Pedal the Peel Cycling Challenge. We are looking forward to working with Sunrise and re-engaging with the club.

The Board resolved to pay \$5000 to the First Light Foundation.

Socially, we will be meeting at the Post office Hotel once a month on a Friday evening for drinks and dinner for those who wish to stay on. This is an invitation to members and partners.

I would like to involve member's partners in Rotary events as much as possible.

Peter Ryan will also organise a “golf driving evening” in the next month or so...Look out for the notification in the Bulletin and in club meetings.

A ball is being organised by Debra Bath (Darryl Bath a former member of our club) in aid of raising money for the cure of motor neurone disease. We have been asked to assist on the bar and food delivery as well as purchase a table. The ball is on 17 September 2016.

That's it from me.

See you all on Wednesday.

Robbo



GUEST SPEAKER

Kristy Reading-post GSE

Introduction- Louise Matthews

Thanks- Graham Dooley

Notes- Tim Coates



Kristy spoke on the time since GSE 2010 when she was on the team to visit District 5440 Colorado USA.

In 2010 she was a Journalist with NBN upon return then moving with NBN to Newcastle in 2012. On obtaining a youth mobility VISA she sold her house, car and packed up moving to London, East Kensington and began freelance work at the BBC. She outlined how “she bluffed the interview successfully” to commence work on the News channel on 10 hour shifts. The work was varied and she ran scripts, vision, headline stories, as she said an addictive job.

Kristy recounted her best stories as Princess Charlotte; UK Elections; the passionate and heart rending stories of migrant and refugee flights; David Bowies death and most recently the Brexit situation. Kristy says she did get pigeon holed with the death of high profile Aussie legend Richie Benaud and enjoyed immensely running that story in its entirety.

In August 2015 there were budget cuts at the BBC and the casuals/contractors were thinned out so she sought alternate work with Reuters.

In her 20 months of working in England she visited 15 countries she had not been to before and enjoyed that immensely.

Now she is back in Tamworth on a short term contact with the ABC doing the rural report until at least August. Her long term vision is to continue to work and live in the regional areas, as that is the lifestyle she enjoys.

Kristy thanked RTFL for the support and opportunity afforded her through GSE 6 years ago and looks forward to the future.





James Treloar couldn't decide between black and brown boots, so he wore one of each!





MEET YOUR 16/17 BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Board:

President Terry Robinson

PE Michael Smith

Secretary Helen Tickle

Treasurer Jane Bradford

Club Admin Peter Ryan

Service Brett White

Foundation Steve Massey

Public Relations

Membership Brodie Shields

Committee Chairs:

Sergeant Lesley Hood

Bulletin Dimity Betts

Programs John Fogarty

Welfare Paul Stevenson

Youth Andrew Beer

Community Service Jim Raymond

Web & IT Bruce Hemmett

Catering Brian Logan

RYLA Louise Matthews

RYAG Equine Barry Biffin

Vocational Marina Lawrence

Science & Engineering Steve Hawkins

PNG Project/International Di Ford

Careers Expo David Hinwood/Helen Tickle

Minister for Woman's Affairs Brett White

GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIANS



Jane Bradford – your Treasurer for the 2016 – 2017 year

- I was born in Quirindi Hospital and lived on a grazing / farming property at Coolah
- I am the eldest of four children – followed by a brother and two sisters
- My sisters and I were educated at Kambala, Rose Bay in Sydney and my brother went to The Kings School at Parramatta
- My first job after leaving school was with a Wool & Skin buyer in Coolah
- Moved to Sydney and was trained and worked at Elizabeth Arden as a beautician / manicurist in the top Hairdressing Salon in the St James Building in the Sydney CBD
- Had a freak accident – many months in hospital and learning to walk again (plus many months later learning to ride a horse again – major challenge!)
- Moved back to Gunnedah and worked as a receptionist in a dental practice – met Murray and made the biggest change of all
- We moved to London for a year or two and stayed 12.5 years – we travelled extensively round the United Kingdom and saw lots of Europe – particularly ski resorts (finally mastered the fear and skied well)
- Worked and managed a four-man very busy dental practice in Beckenham, Kent but a suburb of London
- In 1974 I (with 15 others) was paid by the British Government to go back to Bromley College (like TAFE here) and studied Office Administration
- Qualified as a Fellow of the Institute of Qualified Private Secretaries (FIQPS) – big increase in pay!
- First time a “foreigner” was actually allowed to do this course with no checks or balances as to my progress or how long I would have to work at the end of the twelve month course
- Worked for an accounting firm overlooking the Thames in London – merged and moved to a much bigger accounting firm near Piccadilly Circus – had a truly super boss
- Worked for a pension (superannuation here) and general insurance broker at Sloane Square – enjoyed the variety of work
- Had a fairly serious skiing accident – spent some months in hospital – learnt to walk again
- Worked as a casual for the rest of my time in England – worked for two banks – loved it – never had so little to do and yet was paid very well!
- Returned home – had the worst job in my life working for a family member in Gunnedah
- Worked for The Northern Daily Leader – loved my boss – had no idea of the meaning of the word “work” but was a delight – I knew every restaurant in town!
- Purchased Monelu on 2 March 1986 – officially retired in May 2015 – still keeping my hand in with the clients I truly enjoy and like

- Worked with some interesting and rewarding organisations and businesses such as Australian Grain Harvesters Association (AGHA) - CEO (12 years), Tamworth Egg Farmers Association (TAMEGG) – Company Secretary, Tamworth Chamber (CEO for 11 years – organised and grew the Queen of Country Music, The Cavalcade and the Tamworth Business Awards)
- Hobbies were riding in the UK, golf, skiing, travel, reading (if time permits), used to love entertaining and cooking in England – only cook what is necessary now.....
- Interests – President of the Australian Secretaries Association, started a Secretaries Association in Tamworth which has had a few name changes and is now “Connect Tamworth” – am a Life Member - is open to women who work whether in management or any field of work who wish to meet on a monthly basis and liaise with other women in business
- Also belonged to Zonta in Tamworth(President etc 19 years) , Oxley Dog Training Club and showed / trained Belgian Shepherds (Tervurens) (Life Member), Business & Professional Women’s Association(Secretary and Treasurer), Rotary member for 22 years (100% attendance) many positions leading up to Past District Governor (Positive, Decorative, Gregarious) and beyond, Tamworth City Council – one term
- I received the Noel Park Award in 2015– totally unexpected and truly humbled to be honoured by my Peers – the members of the Tamworth Chamber.
- This year I received the Steve Burrows Award, my awarded donation will go towards Polio eradication.

GOLF AND WHAT IT ALL MEANS!

Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer..

Golf ! You hit down to make the ball go up.You swing left and the ball goes right.The lowest score wins, on top of that, the winner buys the drinks.

Golfers who try to make everything perfect before taking the shot rarely make a perfect shot.

A 'gimme' can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers ...
Neither of whom can putt very well.

An interesting thing about Golf is that no matter how badly you play, it is always possible to get worse.

Golf's a hard game to figure.One day you'll go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the traps and miss every green.The next day you go out and for no reason at all your game turns to shit!

If your best shots are the practice swing and the 'gimme putt', you might wish to reconsider this game.

Golf is the only sport where the most feared opponent is you.

Golf is like marriage, If you take yourself too seriously it won't work, and both are expensive.

The best wood in most amateurs' bags is the pencil.



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Opera by the Lake

March 4th 2017
John Wright Park
Tuncurry NSW

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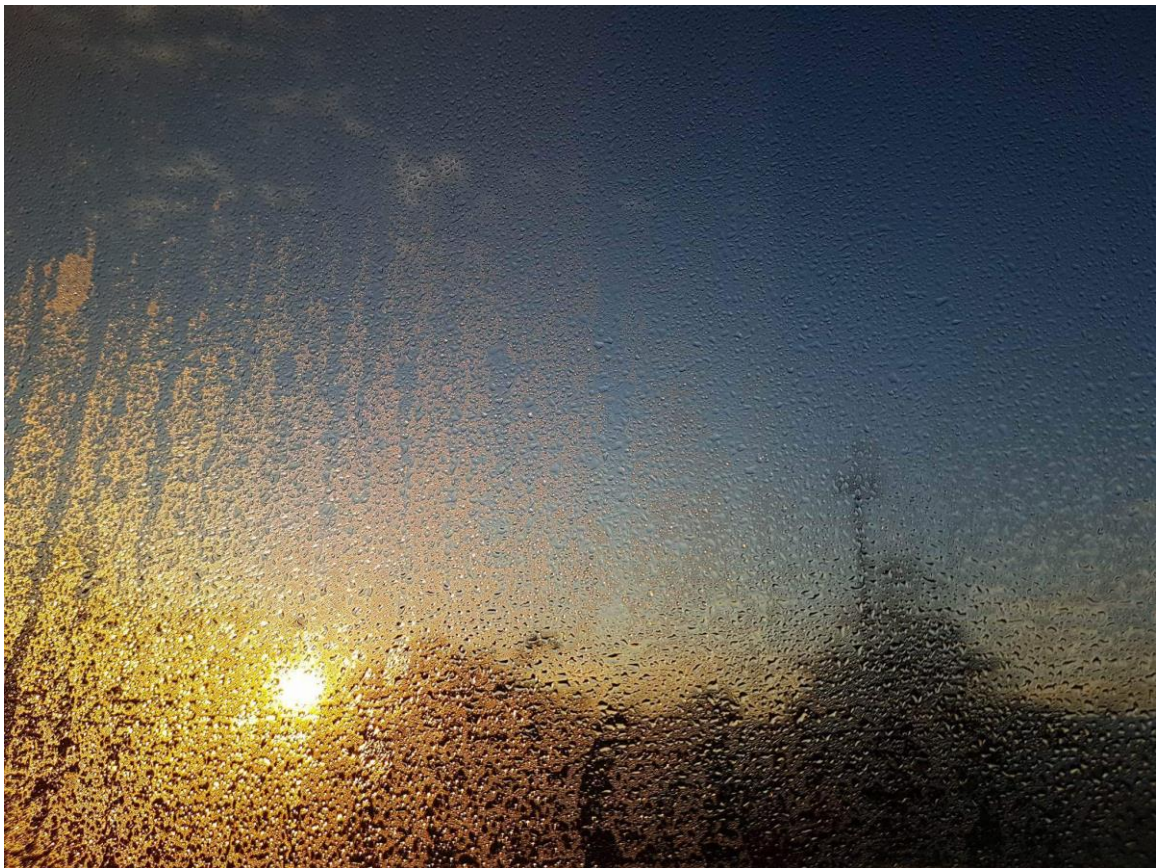


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A COUPLE OF PHOTOS THAT DIDN'T QUITE CUT IT AS 'FIRST LIGHT' FRONT PAGE



Too good not to share. A beautiful sunset from a Simpson Desert adventure in 2014. Taken at sunset overlooking a clay-pan. Thanks Garnet Wood.



There's a great sunrise on the other side of the glass! Very artistic effort Marina Lawrence!

Meeting Roster	Wednesday 27 th July	Wednesday 3 rd August	
Venue	Diggers 6:30am	Diggers 6:30am	
Topic	Deb Barnes-personal profile	Katie Penman-GSE Germany	
Door Team	Phil Lyon John Fogarty	John Worldon Robert Sharp	
Meeter & Greeter	Phil Penman	James Treloar	
Welcome	John Treloar	Peter Pulley	
President Assist	Anne Jacob	Peter Hyde	
Visitor Assist	Simone Church	Joseph Townsend	
Corporal Assist	Michael O'Connor	Brian Thompson	
Bulletin Notes	Stephen Hawkins	Dean Clutterbuck	
Introduction	Laurence Hearne	Peter Ryan	
Vote of Thanks	Stephen Massey	Liz Gill	
Post Office Raffle Roster			
29 July	5 August	12 August	19 August
Michael O'Connor Liz Gill	Marina Lawrence Dimity Betts	Dimity Betts Marina Lawrence	Dwone Jones David Baddams
26 August	2 September	9 September	19 September
David Baddams Barry Biffin	Barry Biffin Rob Clifton	Simone Church Graham Dooley	Rob Clifton Simone Church
Corporals for July		Corporals for August	
Brian Logan & David Hinwood		Deb Barnes & Max Cathcart	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Terry Burgess (27/7), Jim Raymond (29/7)		
Partners Birthdays	Janet Treloar (30/7)		
Anniversaries	NIL		
Club Induction	NIL		
Attendance	71%		
Make-Ups	NIL		
Visiting Rotarians	NIL		
Visitors	Natalie Conn, Kristy Reading		
Heads & Tails	Anne Jacob		
Raffle	Dimity Betts		

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
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Other Clubs meet:

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| Monday | Tamworth West, West Tamworth Bowling Club, 6:30pm |
| Tuesday | Tamworth Rotary Club, Service Club, 6:15pm |
| Wednesday | Tamworth on Peel – (Calala Rotary), Calala Inn, 6:30pm |
| Friday | Tamworth Sunrise, Sanctuary Inn, 7:00am |