



Rotary

CLUB OF TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT BULLETIN

2016-2017

District Governor: Ian Jackson

President: Terry Robinson 0427 661 066

Secretary: Helen Tickle 0417 684 583

Treasurer: PDG Jane Bradford 0429 666 100



Photo courtesy of: Phil Penman

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



NOTES & DIARY DATES 2016



District conference- 24th-26th March 2017 at Laurieton

Dungowan Camp Draft- Ron Alan is looking for RSA holders to assist at the Dungowan Camp draft on Saturday 24SEP16. Please contact Ron if you can assist. A roster will be passed around the next few meetings.

Social nights- This will be a regular occurrence on the 3rd Friday of the month, join us for drinks and dinner at the Post Office Hotel. Put these dates in your diary: October 21st @ 6pm

Westpac Ball- Westpac has called on us to help at Rio! Ball at William Cowper. It will be held on Saturday September 24th. Assistance required 530-730pm for their ball, to help with car parking. See Chris Watson

Phil Lyon-spoke on district membership. There are 56 clubs in district 9650 and some are struggling with 10 or 11 members. He also spoke about the need for Rotarians to be educated more about what Rotary does. For example Howard Buffet has just been gifted \$1billion by his father Warren Buffet with the requirement to spend it within 40 years and on the world hunger and on sustainable agriculture.

60 seconds-Phil Heffernan spoke about welfare and the importance of looking out for each other. He said if you notice someone not attending Rotary check in with them, make sure they are ok.

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 Deb Barnes

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 Brett

White/Marina Lawrence

Minister for Woman's Affairs

Brett White

Wednesday, 21st September 2016

Meeting # 1328

Quote of the week: “The trouble with the world is that the stupid are cocksure and the intelligent are full of doubt” – Bertrand Russel.

ROBBOS RAMBLINGS

Phil Lyon spoke about the desirability of all members educating themselves with respect to what Rotary does and how they can become involved.

He recommended that members utilise the rotary9650.org.au website as well as the Rotary International website to inform themselves.

Phil is on the District Committee for membership and provided us some statistics as to the number of members in our District and whilst our club remains strong, there are quite a few clubs that are struggling with membership.

As you are aware, Brodie and his team are reviewing how we attract, induct, retain and mentor new members.

Having a mentor for our new members is in my view essential in ensuring that members become engaged in Rotary and receive the full benefits of what Rotary can offer on many fronts.

If you have any ideas in this regard please speak with Brodie or Phil.

I recently spent some time researching RAWCS. This stands for Rotary Australia Worldwide Community Service. There are over 2000 Rotary approved overseas service projects which clubs can become involved in by sending teams overseas, making donations in kind etcetera.

The service projects range from providing fresh water, to educational facilities, to training, supplying mosquito nets, teaching and building types of projects.

The club has indicated that there is a large group of people who would like to be involved in an international project and I encourage all of you who have that interest to log on to rawcs.org.au and investigate a worthwhile project and come and see me. Let's make it happen!

I would like to see a team of First Lighters involved in an international project prior to 30 June next year.

The Motor Neuron Disease Ball is on 17 September and there has been strong volunteer interest from the club's members in supporting this cause. Thankyou.



If you are considering going to the District Convention at Laurieton on 24 March to 26 March, remember that you should book your accommodation early. The club will subsidise registration fees by 50%. If you want to get involved in Rotary and know what Rotary is about, then attending the District Convention is a must.

Have a great week and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Cheers,

Robbo

GUEST SPEAKER

Dimity Betts-Personal Profile

Introduction: Tim Coates

Vote of thanks: David Hinwood

Dimity spoke about growing up in Tamworth and on a farm. She shared many childhood memories of days spent swimming in the dams, making cubbies in the gullies, bike rides, long bushwalks, having cows, goats, horses and 30,000 chickens as pets.

Dimity was the third born to Annette and Phil Chaseling and has a big brother Tim, big sister Wendy and little sister Emma. Dimity attended Tamworth East Primary then Oxley High School, completing year 12 in 2004.

She first went overseas to Malaysia in 1997 as an 11 year old, to a World Pheasant Association (WPA) conference. The WPA also took her on trips to Nepal and Thailand. Whilst in Nepal she met the then Prince of Nepal (he is now the King). Some other travel highlights included China, on one of Mr Green's Oxley trips; Myanmar, at the time Aung Sun Suu Ki was released; Alaska, visiting Rob's brother and sister in law who live there; and New Zealand, a trip she won as the Queen of Country Music in 2012.

Other highlights growing up included: Rotary exchange students, netball, science and food. She would love to do a food tour of the world!

Dimity studied Biomedical Science, Nutrition and Public Health; she worked in Pharmacy and Pathology, and now works for Cancer Council NSW as the manager for New England and Northwest.

In 2004 she became an Aunty for the first time; she now has 13 nieces and nephews!

In 2011 Dimity moved back to Tamworth after studying and living in Noosa for a few years.

In 2012 she had the privilege of winning the Tamworth Queen of Country Music Quest, an experience she'll never forget and one that she believes brought so many opportunities.

In April this year Dimity married Robert Betts, also a local, and someone Dimity has known forever! They have a dog, Callie and enjoy spending time on Rob's family farm in Moonbi.

Dimity finished off saying she would like to complete her Masters next year, and in the future wants to buy a house and go to the ballet!



SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH



A dangerous idea offers hope for girls in Afghanistan

More than 400 girls, including these seven-year-old best friends, attend the Zabuli Education Center outside Kabul. Razia Jan (far right), a U.S. Rotarian who returned to her native Afghanistan, opened the school in 2008. Photo Credit: Photo courtesy of Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation

In 2005, Razia Jan came up with a dangerous idea: to start a free private school for girls in her native Afghanistan. The Taliban were using extreme violence to keep girls from learning. In 2008, the year she opened the school, terrorists in the country -- armed with bombs, poison gas, guns, grenades, and acid -- killed 149 teachers, students, and employees in Afghan schools.

But Jan did not intend to let terrorists stop her. She approached Afghan Ministry of Education officials and persuaded them to donate a piece of land in a village 30 miles outside Kabul. Today, the Zabuli Education Center is in its sixth year and has a roster of more than 400 girls in kindergarten through ninth grade.

Without the school, many of the students never would have had the chance to receive an education. "I can feel a change happening in these girls and in this community," says Jan, who moved back to Afghanistan after building a successful tailoring business in Duxbury, Massachusetts, USA. "Knowledge is something nobody can steal from them."

By Megan Ferringer

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<https://www.rotary.org/en/dangerous-idea-offers-hope-girls-afghanistan>



Meeting Roster	Wednesday 21 st September	Wednesday 28 th September	
Venue	Diggers 6:30am	Diggers 6:30am	
Topic	Club assembly- committee reports	Dr. Jenny May- Canada	
Door Team	Dwone Jones Brian Logan	Tim Coates Christine Shewry	
Meeter & Greeter	Marina Lawrence	Simone Church	
Welcome	Graham Nuttall	Barry Biffin	
President Assist	Dennis Maunder	Graham Dooley	
Visitor Assist	Michelle Shanahan	John Fogarty	
Corporal Assist	Brodie Shields	Louise Matthews	
Bulletin Notes	Julian Smith	Jim Raymond	
Introduction	Michael Smith	Peter Bell	
Vote of Thanks	Chris Watson	Maureen Thornton	
Post Office Raffle Roster			
23 September	30 September	7 October	14 October
Graham Dooley Laurence Hearne	Laurence Hearne Dwone Jones	Val Hellmann Dwone Jones	Val Hellmann Marina Lawrence
21 October	28 October	4 November	11 Nov
Bruce Hemmett Lesley Hood	Bruce Hemmett Brian Logan	Brian Logan Phil Lyon	Phil Lyon Steve Massey
Corporals for September		Corporals for October	
Richard Walker & Andrew Beer		Dennis Johnson & Paul Stevenson	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Ian Howle (26/09)		
Partners Birthdays	Jay Lynch (DJ) 21/09		
Anniversaries	Tim and Judy Coates (12 years-25/9), Dennis and Kerry Johnson (44 years-23/9), Phil and Margaret Lyon (46 years-26/9), James and Lisa Treloar (8 years-27/9)		
Club Induction	Ron Allen (25 years-25/9), John Glynn (8 years-24/9)		
Attendance	55%		
Make-Ups	NIL		
Visiting Rotarians	Neil Lyon-Toowoomba		
Visitors	NIL		
Heads & Tails	Skinner		
Raffle	Simone Church		

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
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Club Officers and contact details

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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 |