



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: Marina Lawrence (sunrise air balloon trip, Hunter Valley)

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

Pedal the Peel meeting- Thursday 29th September at Terry Robinson's office, 5:30pm

Dungowan Camp Draft- has been cancelled due to weather. Ron Allen thanks those who put up their hand to help.

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

60 seconds- Richard Walker talked about adjustment to retirement and mentioned that he did have a "bucket list" to do which has been adjusted in time. He built a new house and building a shed and landscaping has taken a bit of his time. He is involved with the Composting Workshops. His time with Rotary has been fantastic for him also.

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, 28th September 2016

Meeting # 1329

Quote of the week: "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." – Mahatma Gandhi.

ROBBOS RAMBLINGS

Thank you to all those who helped with the Motor Neuron Disease Ball held on 17 September. It was big effort. It appears that over \$100, 0000.00 has been raised for research into motor neuron disease which has no cure at this point of time.

Lesley Hood has had a fall and we wish her all the best for her recovery.

Virgin fine sergeant Lawrence Hearne delivered a great fine session and I believe his anointment to fine sergeant in the future is assured.

The Club Assembly was held at out our last meeting where each board director provided a report of what was going on in their portfolios.

I am pleased to report that overall the club is in a healthy position and moral is high.

I invite you to speak with me or any of our Board regarding any suggestions you might have to improve our club.

Richard Walker spoke on the challenges of retirement in his sixty seconds of fame.

Brodie rolled out the new club information brochure for new members. Please obtain a copy and review it.

There is a keen interest to be involved in a RAWCS project this year. Please go to the RAWCS website and find a project that appeals and then talk to me.

Next week, we have Dr Jenny May talking about Canada.

We have a Swedish Friendship Exchange Group arriving in Tamworth on 31 October. We need to provide hosting for 4 couples for three nights until the morning of the 3 November.

Jane Bradford is organising this. Please see Jane if you are willing to host a Swedish couple.

The Swedish team will be presenting at our club on the morning of the 2 November.

Would those who are seriously considering the District Convention at Laurieton during 24-26 March next year please let me know so that I indicate numbers to the District Organising Committee.

Have a great week, see you on Wednesday.

Cheers

Robbo







DIRECTOR'S REPORTS-SUMMARIES

Thanks to Julian Smith for these notes!

- **President's Report:** Terry Robinson

Happy with general mood. Social side is good with Post Office Hotel venue on Friday nights being held every 3rd week. Wants more feedback on Club and how to improve it.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Michael Smith prepared a P & L statement which revealed a profit so far this year of \$17,000 (due to subs being paid) Fines this year are averaging out at \$97 per meeting. Breakfasts are just being covered. We make approx \$35 per meeting profit but we have to pay for a minimum of 40. (today would be a loss situation) Last year's account are due to go to the Auditors soon.

- **Program:** Peter Ryan (for John Fogarty)

JF doing a great job with guest speakers arranged till next March. Vocational visits being panned at present. Bruce Hemmett is working on a new App which ultimately allow for breakfast's to be paid on line. Also a spreadsheet will be available to be downloaded.

- **Service Projects:** Brett White

Vocational Service: Marina Lawrence is doing a great job. Meeting with Sunrise is imminent. Career Expo this year will have 130 exhibitors. Looks like it may be re-branded to New England North West Careers Network.

Youth Service: Andrew Beer is in contact with Oxley HS. Also involved with the Science and engineering expo and Equine activities

Pedal The Peel:

Sunrise is on board. Event next year is 2nd April. Pushing for sponsorship

RYLA: Louise Matthews is trying to finalise the venue. Lake Keepit are making it difficult with charges and facilities. May have to go back to the coast. LM has one participant lined up.

● **Membership:** Brodie Shields

We have 71 members with 61% attendance.

A new document is being prepared for new members as an introduction to the club. He has contacted older members who have been missing in recent times and they are generally OK but have not been available to attend meetings.

● **Public Relations:** Deb Barnes (apologies)

Facebook page is lifting presence.

● **Rotary Foundation:** Steve Massey (apologies)

Centenary coming up with events planned

● **Papua New Guinea:**

Di Ford is looking at October for the next visit. Also looking at a solar water project . Cost looks inhibitive for our Club at between \$75-150K. It will deliver however clean water to between 3-5000 people. Looking at other projects less costly. Could be a project for RAWCS to be involved.



“Yes, you kind of look like Mick Jagger.
Well, back to the meeting.”

SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

For most of us, reading and writing are as natural as breathing. But imagine if you didn't have the functional literacy skills needed to complete a job application, sign a check, understand a child's report card, or read a prescription.

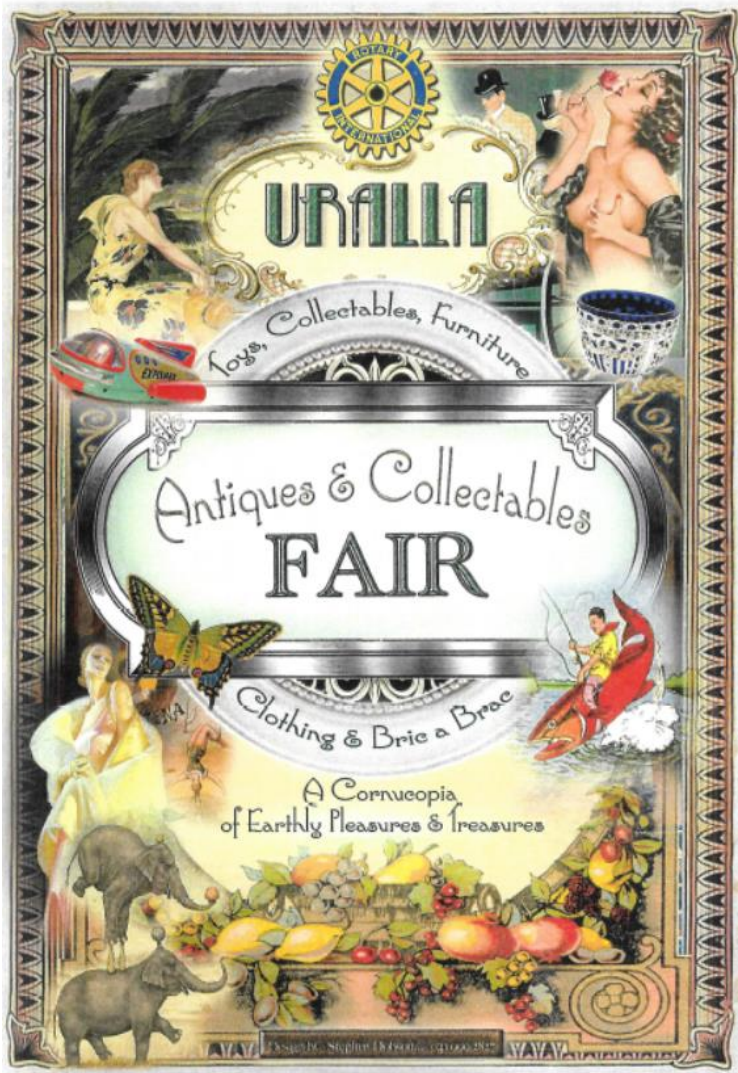
While the overall number of illiterate persons has fallen since 2000, 781 million adults — 15 percent of the world's adult population — still lack basic reading and writing skills. Women account for nearly two-thirds of illiterate adults.

In the province of KwaZulu-Natal, adult illiteracy is high and HIV/AIDS is prevalent. Operation Upgrade, a nongovernmental organization in South Africa, runs an adult literacy program that prepares learners for practical life skills such as opening a bank account, writing and posting a letter, managing finances, and developing a small business. The curriculum also includes information and supplemental projects related to HIV/AIDS and other health issues, nutrition, food security, and other community development concerns.

The adult learners cover all these topics through lessons in Zulu literacy, English literacy, and numeracy.



Several Rotary clubs have partnered with Operation Upgrade to teach adult learners literacy, numeracy, and related practical skills. The curriculum includes a Zulu literacy component in which students are taught how to break sentences into words, words into phrases, and then into phonetic syllables, enabling them to build new words based on what they learned.



Special event! Join us

LET'S TALK: WOMEN & HEART DISEASE



Heart disease is the leading cause of death in Australian women yet it can be prevented. Have your questions answered at this interesting and memorable forum being convened to help save #womenshearts

Thursday 3 November 2016, 9:15am–1:00pm
Tamworth Community Centre, Darling St, Tamworth

This is a FREE community event.

- Hear real womens stories
- Have your questions answered by health professionals
- Free lunch and time to chat

RSVP (encouraged for catering purposes)

Penny Milson
Penny.milson@heartfoundation.org.au
(02) 6766 1394



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Meeting Roster	Wednesday 28 th September	Wednesday 5 th October	
Venue	Diggers 6:30am	Diggers 6:30am	
Topic	Dr. Jenny May- Canada	Peter Ryan-TED talks (& Hat day)	
Door Team	Tim Coates Christine Shewry	John Toulmin Dean Clutterbuck	
Meeter & Greeter	Simone Church	Natalie Conn	
Welcome	Barry Biffin	Laurence Hearne	
President Assist	Graham Dooley	Rob Clifton	
Visitor Assist	John Fogarty	Tom Hellmann	
Corporal Assist	Louise Matthews	Peter Hyde	
Bulletin Notes	Jim Raymond	Stephen Massey	
Introduction	Peter Bell	Stephen Hawkins	
Vote of Thanks	Maureen Thornton	Phil Lyon	
Post Office Raffle Roster			
30 September	7 October	14 October	21 October
Laurence Hearne Dwone Jones	Val Hellmann Dwone Jones	Val Hellmann Marina Lawrence	Bruce Hemmett Rob Clifton
28 October	4 November	11 November	18 November
Bruce Hemmett Brian Logan	Brian Logan Phil Lyon	Phil Lyon Steve Massey	Steve Massey Lesley Hood
Corporals for September		Corporals for October	
Richard Walker & Andrew Beer		Dennis Johnson & Paul Stevenson	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Richard Walker (2/10)		
Partners Birthdays	Pam Shields (29/9)		
Anniversaries	NIL		
Club Induction	Julian Smith (15 years-3/10)		
Attendance	49%		
Make-Ups	NIL		
Visiting Rotarians	NIL		
Visitors	NIL		
Heads & Tails	Dennis Maunder		
Raffle	Skinner		

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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Secretary—Helen Tickle

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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 |