



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



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## NOTES & DIARY DATES 2016



**District conference-** 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Laurieton

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

**Tallwoods golf trip-** next meeting in John Treloar's office will be held at 5pm October 18<sup>th</sup> to finalise the next Tallwoods trip.

**Santa Crawl-** save the date for 16<sup>th</sup> December

A re-union of all former members and spouses/partners of the Tamworth, West Tamworth, Peel and Cockburn Valley- Kootingal clubs is to be held at the Longyard Hotel on Saturday 19th November 2016 commencing at 12 noon. Please contact Brian Thompson on 0427665635 or at [suebrianthompson@gmail.com](mailto:suebrianthompson@gmail.com) for further details and to advise if you will be attending

### **INTERNATIONAL "END POLIO NOW" DAY IS WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER**

Could members please wear something **PURPLE FOR BREAKFAST THAT DAY – could be purple socks, undies, shirts, pants – purple nails or just the little finger dyed purple**

The latest figures indicate that we are 0.1% away from the final eradication of this dreadful disease. Please support – just for fun – our Sergeant will have a field day – and the funds raised will be our donation to this cause.

It is hoped that the International President who will announce the elimination of Polio to the world will be Australia's Ian Riseley in 2017/2018.

### **Janet Seidel Concert-an Invitation from John Muller**

**TAMWORTH REGIONAL CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC MARIUS ST ON SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER  
COMMENCING AT 3PM.**

BACK IN 2012 JANET WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH TAMWORTH'S FIRST LADY OF JAZZ KATE ARMSTRONG WHEN SHE OPENED HER CONCERT AT THE TAMWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE WITH THE JOHN MULLER BAND AND HAS PERSONALLY INVITED HER TO OPEN SATURDAY WEEKS SHOW ALONG WITH HER MULTI TALENTED PIANIST TIM GODDEN.

CALL IN AT THE BILLABONG CLUBHOUSE 6 DARLING ST TO SECURE YOUR TICKETS \$35 AND CONCESSION \$30.

YOU CAN ALSO CONTACT KAREN AT THE CLUBHOUSE 67669960 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

PLEASE FORWARD ONTO YOUR MATES.DON'T MISS THIS WORLD CLASS PERFORMER.



**Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

**Meeting # 1332**

**Quote of the week:** "If your mind is empty, it is always ready for anything ....it is open to everything. In the child's mind there are many possibilities but in the expert or adult mind there are often few".

**ROBBOS RAMBLINGS**

Our guest speaker on Wednesday was Steve Hawkins. It never ceases to amaze me what interesting people we have in our club.

Steve started school in the very small town of Dorrigo in an even smaller school. He finished his career being principal of a very small school in a small village. Steve is obviously an outstanding educator, notwithstanding his "small" size.

Steve revealed what a great life he has had and that in reality he is a stand-up comic. Well done Steve.

The club has resolved to donate \$2,000.00 to the Rotary Foundation Centenary Project (RFCP) installing water purification units and solar units in approximately 80 schools in India.

Ken Hall is currently preparing a grant application so that money donated can be quadrupled. This is one of the great things regarding the Rotary Foundation.

This should be an outstanding project and there are opportunities for a work team to assist with implementation.

Discussions are continuing regarding a hands on project in three remote villages in Timor-Leste also involving clean water powered by solar.

The board also resolved to purchase a shelter box in response to the devastating effects of Hurricane Matthew in Haiti.

The next club social at the Post-Office hotel is on Friday the 21 October at 6 pm. I will not be able to be there but please enjoy the evening.

The board remains committed to encouraging members to attend a district convention. In this regard the board has resolved to reimburse any member who has not previously been to a district convention up to \$200.00 in expenses for attending. Please consider.

The amount of reimbursement for each District Convention will be decided on an annual basis and will largely depend upon the location of each district convention.

Please consider Laurieton next year between 24 and 26 March 2017.



The District Muster is to be held in Tamworth on the 05 and 06 November. Please let me know if you wish to attend.

The Santa Crawl organised by Chris Watson in support of Ronald McDonald House is to be held on 16 December. Please put that date in your diary.

Next week we have district Governor Ian Jackson attending and Ian will provide his vision for the district during this year. Ian has requested that all directors stay on after the meeting for 10 or 15 minutes so that he can get a feeling as to what the club is doing. You will find Ian in a very personable and a likable fellow.

I would like the club to consider supporting "to Reclaim the Night" on Friday, 28 October at 5:30 PM at the Oxley Lookout, White Street Tamworth. This is an annual and international event which actively campaigns against all forms of domestic violence.

I will be asking our Minister for Women's Affairs to organise a troop of supporters. Please put the date in your diary and I'm sure a bottle of wine won't go astray.

Have a great week.

Regards

Robbo.

## 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



# GUEST SPEAKER

## Steve Hawkins-Personal Profile

**Introduction:** Anne Jacob

**Vote of Thanks:** Les Jacob

**Notes:** Deb Barnes

'Small has characterized my life. I wasn't the first in my family's short but proud lineage to be highly influenced by short- My father fitted in a shoe box when he was born- and being born during the depression this was his first bassinette.

I was born in a small hospital in the petite country town of Dorrigo. My family eventually shifted the short distance of 4 miles to the very small village of North Dorrigo. After some time my 3 brothers, and in last position, my sister was born. My parents purchased one of the only two businesses in the village- once again we moved a very short distance- next door- to the Non-official Post Office and Telephone Exchange. My mother ran the Post Office. Dad worked on Telstra.

When I turned 5 it was time to go to school. I had to walk about 100 metres to attend school and yes – it was, in Department of Education speak, a small school- which had a staff that varied between 1 & 2 teachers.

I have such fond memories of that time of my life- For the first month I was so homesick by 10 o'clock each day I would walk around holding the hand of the teacher for the rest of the day.

Eventually I got to read those exciting classics: A Book To Read, Its Fun To Read, Gay Days, and Seaside Stories- A book to which a large number of First Class students in the state could not easily relate. But we did get to meet those unforgettable characters David, Sue and Wendy.

Other educational experiences included mixing the ink in a recycled beer bottle, chopping the wood for the heater and collecting the golf balls the teacher had hit over the main road and onto the local rec ground.

Sometimes we had a number a teachers on the same day- I especially remember the day the teacher rolled his car coming home from the liquid lunch he had consumed in town and his wife kindly filled in for the afternoon session.

Growing up in a village was the best childhood I could have wished for. The entire village was our backyard and every adult member of our community had full parenting rights- which were exercised when necessary. The local tip was an early version of Bunnings and sex education was a very practical, hands-on experience.

High school was in Dorrigo- It was, at that stage, the smallest high school in NSW.

The official name was Dorrigo Rural School- Rural schools were a special class of High Schools- They were too small to be entitled to an Ag teacher, but because agriculture was the dominant local industry an Ag teacher was appointed above the schools normal staffing allocation.

The school did grow somewhat during my time there and eventually we became Dorrigo High School- a we got a shiny new principal- previous to that we had shared the Principal based at the Primary School.

During this time my musical talents surfaced- first the bagpipes and then a guitar- purchased by spending on one day the entire profit from raising poddy calves- our pocket money for our annual holidays in Queensland. Our group was extremely well known on the Dorrigo Plateau. It's surprising how many times you can play the same 6 songs over and over, without receiving a complaint.

After Year 12 I decided I wanted to be a tec. Officer with the PMG. Having won a Cadetship and ,much to my father's disgust, rejected a Teacher's College Scholarship, and headed off to that extremely large city that I knew nothing about-Sydney. Accommodation was arranged near North Strathfield as this was where I was to be trained. When I reported on day 1 the man at the door looked at my ranking, and told me to report to North Sydney Tec. At that stage I didn't even know there was a place called North Sydney. I tried hard for 3 weeks but the country boy was not assimilating well.

Eventually I caved in and headed home. I filled in an affidavit with a series of untruths and was once again granted a teaching scholarship. I was sent to Mitchell College Of Advanced Education in Bathurst instead of Armidale or Lismore Teachers College, as this was the only college that had a mid-year intake. Bathurst was much more my size and for some unknown reason I survived the 3 year course- and met my future bride there.

Jill was several semesters ahead of me so for some time she was teaching and I was a student. This brought many benefits including the fact that I was a kept man- living a lifestyle far beyond the capabilities of the average student. I went to the pub several times a fortnight- not just on scholarship pay day and we occasionally ate in the restaurant instead of having take-away prawn chips.

We were married in my last semester so that we would be posted as a married couple. This brought additional benefits. One being that I now had a shared steady income- I became the only student on campus to drive his own, brand new Holden Torana- you know the type that was constantly winning on the race track next door.

Because of my rather unfortunate experience with highly populated areas, for our first appointment we applied for anywhere in the state except the greater metropolitan region. Someone understood my plight, decided to send me as far away from Sydney as they could, looked at a map and posted us to Broken Hill.

Had a great time in the Hill and our eldest child, Kris, was born in our fourth year there.

Fond memories of the hill include- looking out the door during a fierce hail storm and, due to a lack of storm water drainage, watched a VW floating down the street.

We went to the highly illegal Tommo's Two-up school one night and saw a person escorted from the premises by the police- because once you had won over a certain amount the police were called to provide an armed guard to take you home.

Broken Hill was at that time a union run town- and the Barrier Industrial Council was the ultimate law. This had a dire effect on your experience when shopping. You see shop assistance could not be sacked and there was very little if any assistance provided by some shop persons.

Next posting was Inverell and our second child Tony was born there.

That changed our lives somewhat more than the arrival of the average child- for, as many of you know Tony was born totally blind and with mild cerebral palsy.

The day after his birth I went to the local community health centre for brochures on the Royal Blind Society, etc. When I told them of my reason for wanting the information I was quickly ushered to a back room for a quiet talk. During the conversation I was told that we seemed to be handling things very well but that sometime in the next 5 weeks we would have a breakdown. This became our catchcry and our crutch, and the focus of much frivolity during the next few months- and no, we never did have that Tony induced melt-down

Small, which had been in the background for sometime raised its head once again and next I was appointed to the small school of Attunga. We lived in the village and yes, after our 3rd move, our third child Grant was born.

My next appointment was to Manilla Central School.

During this time I had a short stint as relieving principal at Bendemeer and liked what I saw.

My next move was back to the big smoke- an appointment to Tamworth West as Executive Teacher. After a short time at West and Mrs Anne Jacob was appointed as principal. I was part of Anne's executive team for several years.

But small was once again calling me. Finally I applied for the small school of Tintinhull and was appointed Principal- of a 1 teacher school. Things had gone full circle and I was once again in a very small school.

Because of my passion for Science, computers and adult education I was seconded to regional office for several periods of time. I was a member of the regional team that trained teachers to implement the Science & Technology Syllabus, to develop Leadership Skills and develop skills in the use of computer technologies in the classroom.

I was Principal representative in computer and technology on both regional and state committees.

During the majority of this period Jill was working at Oxley Vale school. She held a variety of positions including relief teacher, reading recovery tutor and support learning difficulties. It was in the area of Learning Difficulties that she developed an enviable reputation and was recognised with a regional award for her outstanding contribution in this area.

Over the 14 years I was principal of Tintinhull school it grew from 17 students to in excess of 50 and had 3 permanent teachers.

I thoroughly enjoyed managing a small school and could not think of a better educational environment in which to learn and teach.

The school I developed reflected my beliefs and my own aspirations for the education of children. I had created something of which I was extremely proud. I started and finished my 55 years of schooling in small schools. But eventually I turned 60 and it was time for Jill and I to focus on other interests and 2.5 years ago we retired.

Our eldest son Kris and his wife Jenne and their 4 children have recently returned to live in Tamworth. Some of you may have met Kris on a professional basis- He is a highway patrol officer.

Tony lives with us and has a life style program through Challenge. You may have heard Tony on 88.9 FM- He has a 12.30 time slot called Hawko's Hits.

Grant and his wife Bec live in Gulgong, along with their 3dogs, 4 cats, 3 horses, 17 ducks and assorted other animals.

We have 4 grand children who are all extremely bright and talented and obviously destined for astro-physics or brain surgery.

Happily retired- Gardening, photography and travelling now takes up most of our time.'





## OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 a day. Our members promote economic and community development and reduce poverty in underserved communities through training, well-paying jobs, and access to financial management institutions. Projects range from providing people with equipment to vocational training. Our members work to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities. Read about some of them here:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rick-burns-thoughtful-approach-iraq-and-afghanistan>

<https://www.rotary.org/en/new-ugandan-club-takes-challenges-growing-economy>

<https://www.rotary.org/en/free-vegetable-gardens-sprouting-around-france>

Read Rotary's Economic Development and Community Development Project Strategies:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/economic-and-community-development>



You're invited to a  
**Days for Girls  
Sewing Day!!**

October 22, 2016, at 10 am

For further information  
including venue details  
Please contact us via this page or  
Email:  
[tamworthnsw@daysforgirls.org](mailto:tamworthnsw@daysforgirls.org)

• PETER WADEWITZ

*Recycling organic waste, anaerobic digesting,  
bio fuel, gas & composting, bio bin technologies.*

• PETER COULSON

*Recycling wastes, anaerobic digesting, bio gas,  
& business planning.*

• JOHN WINTER

*Biochar & sustainable farming.*

• DR STEPHAN TAIT

*Anaerobic Digesting & Purifying Waste Water.*

• M.C JULIAN JOHNSTON

*Regional Operation Manager for Proten.*



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ROTARY  
SERVING  
HUMANITY

Alcohol Free  
Event

Friday 28th October 2016  
5.30 pm

*Oxley Lookout White Street Tamworth*

# Reclaim the Night

## Tamworth Domestic Violence Committee

Reclaim the Night, is an annual, international event which actively campaigns against all forms of violence against women.

NSW Rape Crisis Centre reports that 1 in 5 women in Australia will experience sexual assault in their lifetime. Many others will experience assault. We need to reclaim our spaces – on the streets, in our homes, online, in workplaces; everywhere. Women have the right to live free of fear, free from the threats of physical, emotional and psychological abuse.

Come along to help us raise awareness of violence against women.  
To show your support for this event walk some or all of flagstaff mountain to be followed by a barbecue!

CEO's of local organisations will be challenged to join in the 'trek to the summit' to show their support in raising awareness of violence against women and children



Meeting Roster	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	
Venue	Diggers 6:30am	Diggers 6:30am	
Topic	Ian Jackson-District Governor	Brodie Shields-Internet to Tamworth	
Door Team	Elizabeth Gill Dennis Johnson	Peter Pulley Joseph Townsend	
Meeter & Greeter	John Worldon	Brian Logan	
Welcome	Richard Hardwick	Marina Lawrence	
President Assist	David Hinwood	Dennis Maunder	
Visitor Assist	Ian Howle	Graham Nuttall	
Corporal Assist	Val Hellmann	Michelle Shanahan	
Bulletin Notes	Leslie Jacob	Julian Smith	
Introduction	John Treloar	Julian Smith	
Vote of Thanks	Paul Stevenson	Chris Watson	
Post Office Raffle Roster			
21 October	28 October	4 November	11 November
Bruce Hemmett Rob Clifton	Bruce Hemmett Brian Logan	Brian Logan Phil Lyon	Phil Lyon Steve Massey
18 November	25 November	2 December	9 December
Steve Massey Lesley Hood	Lesley Hood Louise Matthews	Louise Matthews Sue O'Connor	Sue O'Connor Phil Penman
Corporals for October		Corporals for November	
Dennis Johnson & Paul Stevenson		Liz Gill & Jane Bradford	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Ron Allen (22/10)		
Partners Birthdays	Robyn Cathcart (22/10), Jane Chamberlain (22/10)		
Anniversaries	NIL		
Club Induction	Peter Bell (10 years, 25/10), Anne Jacob (18 years, 21/10), Jo Townsend (1 year 21/10)		
Attendance	51%		
Make-Ups	NIL		
Visiting Rotarians	NIL		
Visitors	Jill Hawkins		
Heads & Tails			
Raffle			

## 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  
 Phone: 6766 4661

Club Officers and contact details

#### **President—Terry Robinson**

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#### **Secretary—Helen Tickle**

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### Other Clubs meet:

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