



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

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Photo courtesy of: Tim Coates (sunrise over Moonbi Hills)

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NOTES & DIARY DATES 2016



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

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.

Santa Crawl- save the date for 16th December

Club Roster- a trial will commence whereby the person rostered to do the introduction will also do the bulletin notes. As the 'introduction' person you are sitting next to the guest speaker so have the benefit of getting to know the guest speaker during breakfast making bulletin notes (i.e. guest speaker notes) nice and easy. Thanks Dennis Maunder who will kick us off this week.

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 for further details and to advise if you will be attending

Reclaim the night- from 5:30pm Friday 28th October at the Lookout. Help raise awareness of violence against women.



Wednesday, 26th October 2016

Meeting # 1333

Quote of the week: "Pretend every person you meet has a sign around his or her neck that says ... "Make me feel important" ... that is the key to succeeding in life" – Mary Kay Ash

ROBBOS RAMBLINGS

Another great meeting. Lots of laughter from woe to go and great inspirational words delivered by District Governor Ian Jackson.

Ian spoke about the size, the power and the reach of Rotary. We maynot be able to achieve great things as an individual but as a group we can do amazing things in the world.

He said Rotary is ordinary people like you and me and as a group we can make a difference in the world and serve humanity.

He also spoke about the importance of not only recruiting new members, but also engaging them, mentoring them and retaining them.

That is exactly what we are doing in our club and Brodie is working on an individual membership package which relates to our club and not Rotary in general.

Ian also spoke of the desirability of making the Rotary Foundation your charity of choice and again this is something which I have been trying to push. 92% of the funds raised is utilised in serving the community unlike other very well-known organisations. We also get a substantial amount back from the Rotary Foundation which we can then spend as we like.

We then have the opportunity of getting matching grants and doubling the money that we actually put in.

Ian spoke also about becoming a centurion where you can donate \$100.00 per year to the Foundation. Again this is something which I have been trying to encourage the club to adopt.

There is currently \$45,000.00 available for local grants from the Foundation, so if you have a local project you need to apply before the end of October.

Ian indicated that in his view a successful Rotary Club was a club that had great fun and fellowship. In his view service projects and fundraising would simply follow for Clubs with these attributes.

This is something I strongly agree with and hopefully we have been making inroads into ensuring that our club is full of fun and fellowship.

We have a great club and I encourage you to consider approaching suitable people to join our club. We need to keep it fresh, young and vibrant and we can only do that by encouraging new members engaging them and our

current members becoming more engaged and passionate about Rotary's ability to work as a group and achieve amazing things in the world.

Barbara Jackson spoke about her partner's project involving a PhD scholarship for cancer research. This will be run and supervised by the Australian Rotary Health Foundation. It is a 3½ year research scholarship and is something we should support.

Ian showed us a fantastic DVD on the sights of Laurieton and once again encouraged us to attend the district convention so that you really get to understand and know of the power of Rotary, both on a local and worldwide basis.

As previously indicated, for first time attendees, the club is willing to reimburse up to \$200.00 worth of expenses for a member attending the District Convention in Laurieton.

The District Muster which is really a mini conference is being held in Tamworth on 5 and 6 November. It starts at lunchtime on the Saturday and finishes at lunchtime on Sunday. It is another opportunity to get to be involved in Rotary and know what it is all about. Registrations are contained in last week's E News.

By the time you read this message, we will know whether our public speaking representative Geordie Brown was successful at the public speaking contest.

Please put in your diary to meet at the bottom of the lookout, White Street on Friday, 28 October for the Reclaim the Night get together condemning violence against women. This is a real issue in our communities and I think Rotary should be seen to be supporting it in numbers.

Pedal the Peel cycling challenge has sponsorship packages available for purchase ranging from \$500.00 upwards. If you are interested or think you are able to interest a potential sponsor please contact me. Sponsorship is our major source of raising funds for this event and I need your help.

Please pencil in Thursday, 24 November for the Rotary Christmas party. More details later.

Next week Brodie will be speaking regarding the history of the internet. It was his firm that introduced the internet to Tamworth.

We also have a presentation next week to representatives of the Motor Neurone Disease organisation.

A reminder of the Apex reunion on 19 November for lunch.

Please pencil in the Santa Crawl for 16 December.

Jim Raymond spoke regarding the decline in attendance numbers at club meetings and requested that members consider their attendance responsibilities and support the club. I am very keen to re-engage members and if you are one of them, I invite you to speak with me and/or Brodie.

That's it from me. See you next week.

Cheers

Robbo

How close we are to eradicating Polio.

Most of us move through the early stages of our lives with ease. Going from sitting, to crawling, to walking - our parents capturing each milestone with happy family snaps along the way.

But, this was not the case for one baby born in India just over 36 years ago.

Ramesh Ferris had not yet started to crawl when at 6 months of age he was cruelly struck by the polio virus. He fought for his life, but the disease permanently damaged his legs, shrinking and twisting them, making walking impossible.

Ramesh was one of the lucky ones. Adopted by a Canadian family he underwent a number of painful corrective surgeries and can now walk with the assistance of braces and crutches.

“The polio survivors I meet in India were forced to pad their knees with cut up pieces of tire and crawl on the ground. There is no dignity in that. That’s why I have become determined to speak out and try and make a difference in the lives of polio survivors everywhere.” - Ramesh Ferris, Canadian Polio Survivor

Ramesh has since become a global advocate for the eradication of polio. In 2008 he hand cycled 7140 kms across Canada in a program he called Cycle to Walk to raise funds and awareness for polio eradication, education, and rehabilitation.

Because even though polio cases have been reduced by 99.9%, Ramesh knows all too well that while polio exists anywhere, it is a threat everywhere.

YOUR 16/17 BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Board:

President Terry Robinson

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Secretary Helen Tickle

Treasurer Jane Bradford

Club Admin Peter Ryan

Service Brett White

Foundation Steve Massey

Public Relations Deb Barnes

Membership Brodie Shields

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Sergeant Lesley Hood

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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

DG Ian Jackson & Barbara Jackson

Introduction: John Treloar

Vote of Thanks: Paul Stevenson

Notes: Michael O'Connor & Deb Barnes

The club had this pleasure on 21 October 2016 of hosting the District Governor of 9650, Ian Jackson and his wife Barbara. John Treloar introduced Ian. Ian joined Rotary in 1965.

Ian was pleased to see such a large turn up at the meeting and thanked our President and members for our hospitality. He must be feeling the pinch financially as he is currently driving a very old taxi!

Ian spoke of the International theme for Rotary for this year, i.e., 'Rotary Serving Humanity'. He said he

was a member of Rotary because he wants to make a difference and a contribution to the world. He stressed that we can all make a difference by our membership of Rotary. There are 1.2 million Rotarians in the world today striving to make a difference and we are doing just that. Take the eradication of Polio, a project financed by the Rotary Foundation. We are almost there. Wild polio still exists in a small number of countries. The aim is to fully complete the immunization programme next year. When the project is completed it will be a staggering accomplishment conceived by and completed by Rotary.

Ian and Barbara attended the World Rotary Conference this year. The President of Rotary International, stressed during his address, that Rotary is about people and people can make a difference. From the conference he developed his aim for the district was to make sure we have some fun and fellowship as well as making a contribution to our community. We must enjoy being Rotarians.

He spoke of the challengers that are before us. The first is membership. We should not become complacent about the healthy numbers in our club. He was of the view that the best way to attract and keep members was by personal invitation to join. Recruiting and information sessions are all well and good but it has been proven that people who receive a personal invite and are mentored remain members longer.

The next challenge is our perceived relevance to the community. Rotary's values are seen as a bit old fashioned and probably need a health check. Clubs need to look at their values and how we do business to remain attractive.



We have many opportunities that we need to look at. For example, RI has introduced new and more flexible rules for the conduct of meetings and membership classifications. We now have “Satellite Clubs’, ‘e-Clubs’, and we must not neglect Rotaract and Interact Clubs.

Members should consider making the Rotary Foundation their charity of choice. Ian acknowledged that our club was a very generous contributor to the Foundation and has been for many years. He mentions some very interesting statistics, i.e., 92% of all contributions of all contributions are used at the coal face. In comparison other major charities expend 70-80% in administration. He also mentioned that it was the centenary of the Foundation in 2017. Maybe we can end polio in the centenary year?

Ian also asked members to consider the ‘Centurion Programme’. If a member donated US\$100 a year for ten years he/she will be entitled to a Paul Harris Fellow. Ian did say that in Australia PHF’s are usually presented as an award of merit to members of clubs and the community. If a Centurion member elected, the PHF they are entitled to can be redirected to a deserving person.

District Designated Funds (DDF’s) was also a favourite of Ian’s. Of the funds allocated to the Rotary Foundation, 50% comes back to the district. It is then allocated 50% to district projects and 50% to club projects. Clubs are encouraged to apply for funding for their projects which could be around \$4000 per project.

Barbara then spoke about her partner’s project. This year it will centre on cancer research by way of a PHD research scholarship. The scholarship will be administered the Rotary Health Foundation and amount to \$38,000 over three years. Our club will donate the proceeds of our ‘two up’.

Ian concluded with a video promoting the District conference in Laurieton between the 24-26 March 2017. He then jumped off a cliff.

And some great points from Deb Barnes....

- DG’s plan for 2016-2017
 - Fun and fellowship
 - Ian believed First Light have definitely captured this spirit.
 - First light was the most outstanding meeting he had been to, started laughing before he got through the door.
- Rotary Serving Humanity – doing good in the your world
 - You may think you are small, you are not, every day you serve Rotary, every good work you do, makes the world a better place.
 - One good work at a time, one day at a time, that’s all it takes.
 - Sri Lanka’s Prime Minister @ World Convention in Seoul June 2016
 - “A country with Rotary is better off by far than a country without”
 - “For our third world country of Sri Lanka, Rotary has made such a difference”.
 - After the tsunami Rotary came,
 - The eradication of Polio – Rotary again
 - What a difference to the family when Rotary took a little girl to India for life saving heart surgery”.
- Rotary is about people like you and me, we can make a difference if we try.





OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>



On September 25th 2015, countries adopted a set of goals to **end poverty**, **protect the planet**, and **ensure prosperity for all** as part of a new sustainable development agenda. Each goal has specific targets to be achieved over the next 15 years.





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 26 th October	Wednesday 2 nd November	
Venue	Diggers 6:30am	Diggers 6:30am	
Topic	Brodie Shields-Birth of the Internet in Tamworth	Jane Bradford- Swedish Rotary Friendship Exchange	
Door Team	Peter Pulley Joseph Townsend	Peter Bell Barry Biffin	
Meeter & Greeter	Brian Logan	John Fogarty	
Welcome	Marina Lawrence	Simone Church	
President Assist	Julian Smith	Tim Coates	
Visitor Assist	Graham Nuttall	Jim Raymond	
Corporal Assist	Michelle Shanahan	Christine Shewry	
Bulletin Notes	Dennis Maunder	Louise Matthew	
Introduction	Dennis Maunder	Louise Matthew	
Vote of Thanks	Chris Watson	Maureen Thornton	
Post Office Raffle Roster			
28 October	4 November	11 November	18 November
Bruce Hemmett Brian Logan	Brian Logan Phil Lyon	Phil Lyon Steve Massey	Steve Massey Lesley Hood
25 November	2 December	9 December	16 December
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	NIL		
Partners Birthdays	Cheryl Thornbury- partner of Richard Hardwick (29/10),		
Anniversaries	Jacque and John Fogarty (28/10)		
Club Induction	NIL		
Attendance	66%		
Make-Ups	NIL		
Visiting Rotarians	DG Ian & Barbara Jackson		
Visitors	Stephen Tait, Peter Coulson, Peter McLean		
Heads & Tails	Helen Tickle		
Raffle	Paul Stevenson		

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

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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 |