



Rotary

# CLUB OF TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT BULLETIN

**2016-2017**

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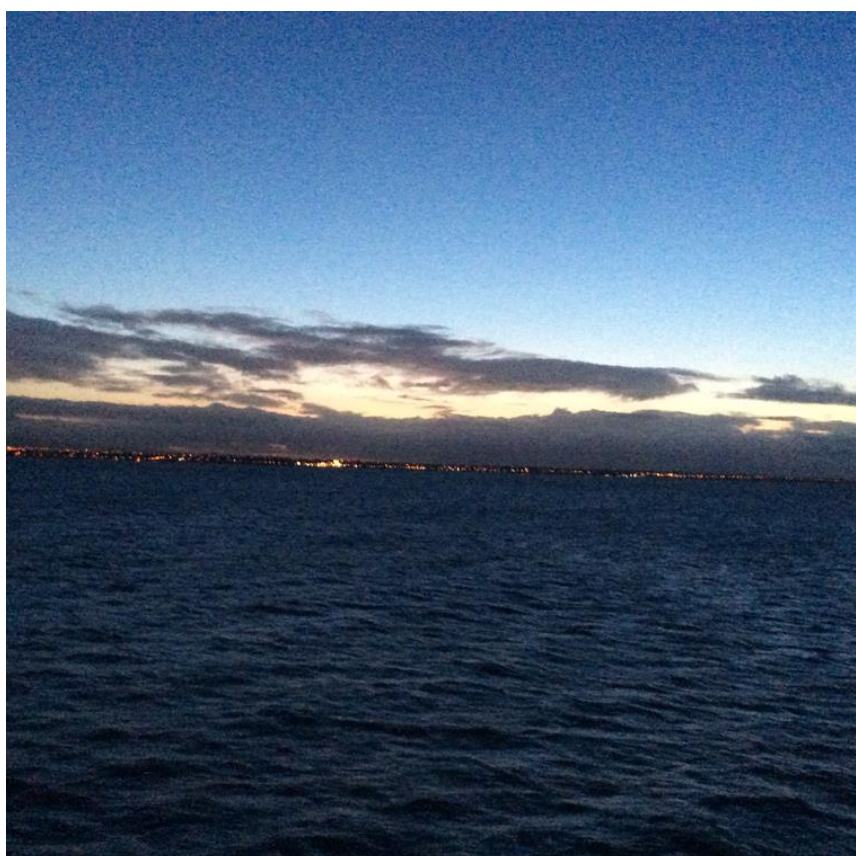


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# NOTES & DIARY DATES 2016



**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.

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

## Christmas Party

Barefoot Bowls at Tamworth City Bowling Club - 6.00 pm Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> of November followed by 3 course Asian Banquet. \$30.00 per head. Partners and children welcome.

**Special Guests-** We had special guests in Darryl and Deb Bath and also Graham and Helen Yeo. The club also welcomed back former member Glenn McIntosh. It was great to see him. Also returning was Phil Heffernan who is still recovering from his knee operation.

**60 Seconds-** Graham Dooley gave an interesting 60 second talk on his hobby of collecting vinyl records.

Steve Hawkins conducted a lively fine session in the absence of Leslie.

**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

## Northwest Regional Careers Expo

Save the date: 17 May 2017

Please encourage businesses to find us on Facebook to keep up to date. Registration will open in November.

<https://www.facebook.com/NWRCE/>



**Wednesday, 2nd November 2016**

**Meeting # 1334**

**Quote of the week:** Of the things, we say and do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

We all know the 4-way test but do we practice it regularly?..... something to think about.

**ROBBOS RAMBLINGS**

We had a "HUGE" meeting we had last week.

We had a **huge** number of guests. Visiting us was Daryl and Deborah Bath, Graham and Helen Yeo, former member Glenn McIntosh and guests Greg Roger and Juanita Greville from the Fairfax media group.

We had a **huge** number of Notices and Phil Heffernan's return from his surgical adventure, was in itself, a huge event.

We learnt from Brodie, our resident and self-confessed nerd that he and some others brought the Internet to Tamworth..... That story was **huge**.

It never ceases to amaze me the number of talented and interesting people we have in our club and the number of untold stories that remain to be discovered from within our club. Another great find from our program director John.

It gave me great pleasure to present on behalf of our Club, a cheque for \$1000 to be used for research into a cure for Motor Neurone Disease and equipments to assist sufferers from MND. MND is a disease that interrupts the signals from the brain to the spinal cord resulting in progressive weakness of the cells and eventual death of those cells. There is no known cure and the disease is now much more prevalent than it was in previous times. Research is vital to find a cure and provide more effective treatment.

Max Cathcart presented to the club a certificate of appreciation from the Westpac Rescue Helicopter service.

This Jane Bradford provided details of the Swedish Friendship exchange who arrived in Tamworth were last Sunday. We will be hosting the Swedish friendship exchange group at our meeting on Wednesday. Jane has organised a comprehensive Tamworth experience for our guests.

Please mark in your diary **24 November at 6 PM for our Christmas party**. Following the theme of great fun and fellowship, we have decided to have our Christmas party at the Tamworth City Bowling Club with a game or two of lawn bowls followed by an Asian banquet. Start time is 6 PM and it is a Thursday night so that we have the club mostly to ourselves.

If you are going to the District Muster in Tamworth, you need to register. It starts at midday on Saturday, 4 November and finishes at lunchtime on Sunday.

If you or your business or someone you know, maybe interested in a sponsorship package for the Pedal the Peel Cycling Challenge, please see me for Louise Matthews.

We received a letter from the National Bowel Scan Committee indicating that our club raised \$600 from the sale of bowl cancer testing kits. In total, the five Tamworth Rotary clubs donated \$3000 for bowel scan testing, for the 2016 program. Many thanks go to Ian Howell for organising this project.

Remember Rotary is a group of ordinary people who as a group can make a difference in the world.

See you next week.

Cheers

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

### Brodie Shields- Birth of the Internet in Tamworth

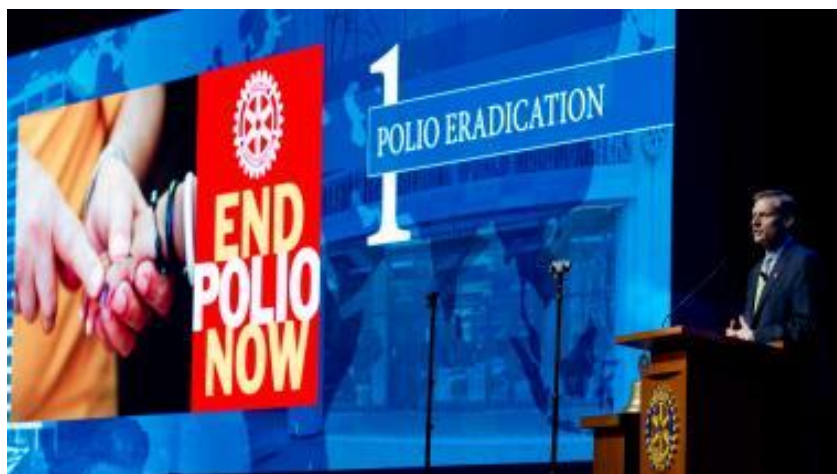
**Introduction and Notes:** Dennis Maunder

**Vote of Thanks:** Chris Watson

- Our member Brodie Shields was the guest speaker and spoke enthusiastically on the introduction of the Internet to Tamworth 20 years ago. Brodie believes Tamworth was the first regional area to embrace the Internet.
- Brodie and others including Bob Kirchner, Derek Duncan and a fellow called Dave introduced the Internet originally to Tamworth. Before long, North-West Internet took on additional shareholders.
- Brodie explained technical terms such as Internet Service Provider (ISP) the ISDN line, Point of Presence (POP), modems and rotary dialler.
- The whole business was a steep learning curve for all concerned. Eventually, the business also expanded into Armidale.
- Soon there was competition in Tamworth from Ozemail, TPG and Bigpond .
- Brodie spoke about the pioneering days of being able to read the newspaper over the Internet and download information on current affairs.
- Brodie and his co-founders could see the power of the Internet in such diverse areas as crime prevention and also airline bookings.
- The whole pioneering process of establishing and running a company in a new business area was challenging, but Brodie enjoyed it immensely and learned a lot.
- Eventually Microplex took over the assets of the local company and North-West Internet was wound up.



## NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH



The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into our priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

Strong financial oversight, a stellar charity rating, and a unique funding model mean that we make the very most of your contribution. Give and become a part of Rotary's life-changing work!

Read more at <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/rotary-foundation>

Or watch the Vimeo at <https://vimeopro.com/rotary/trf>

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## Rotary Club of First Light is getting Festive!

Barefoot Bowls at Tamworth City Bowling Club - 6.00 pm Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> of November followed by 3 course Asian Banquet.

\$30.00 per head.

Partners and children welcome.

**Hope you can join us!**





Meeting Roster	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	
Venue	Diggers 6:30am	Diggers 6:30am	
Topic	Jane Bradford- Swedish Rotary Friendship Exchange	Davo & Hawkeye- our story	
Door Team	Peter Bell Barry Biffin	Max Cathcart Phil Heffernan	
Meeter & Greeter	John Fogarty	Brodie Shields	
Welcome	Simone Church	Michael Smith	
President Assist	Tim Coates	Graham Dooley	
Visitor Assist	Jim Raymond	Andrew Beer	
Corporal Assist	Christine Shewry	Richard Walker	
Bulletin Notes	Louise Matthew	Stephen Hawkins	
Introduction	Louise Matthew	Stephen Hawkins	
Vote of Thanks	Maureen Thornton	Natalie Conn	
Post Office Raffle Roster			
4 November	11 November	18 November	25 November
Brian Logan Phil Lyon	Phil Lyon Steve Massey	Steve Massey Lesley Hood	Lesley Hood Louise Matthews
2 December	9 December	16 December	23 December
Louise Matthews Sue O'Connor	Sue O'Connor Phil Penman	Phil Penman Jim Raymond	Jim Raymond Terry Robinson
Corporals for November		Corporals for December	
Liz Gill & Jane Bradford		Dean Clutterbuck & Laurence Hearne	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Dimity Betts (08/11)		
Partners Birthdays	NIL		
Anniversaries	NIL		
Club Induction	Peter Pulley (07/11-4 years), Paul Stevenson (06/11-25 years)		
Attendance	68%		
Make-Ups	NIL		
Visiting Rotarians	NIL		
Visitors	Daryl and Deb Bath, Graham and Helen Yeo, Greg Rogers, Glenn McIntosh, Juanita Greville		
Heads & Tails	Bruce Hemmett		
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

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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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| <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                |