

# CLUB OF TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT BULLETIN

2016-2017

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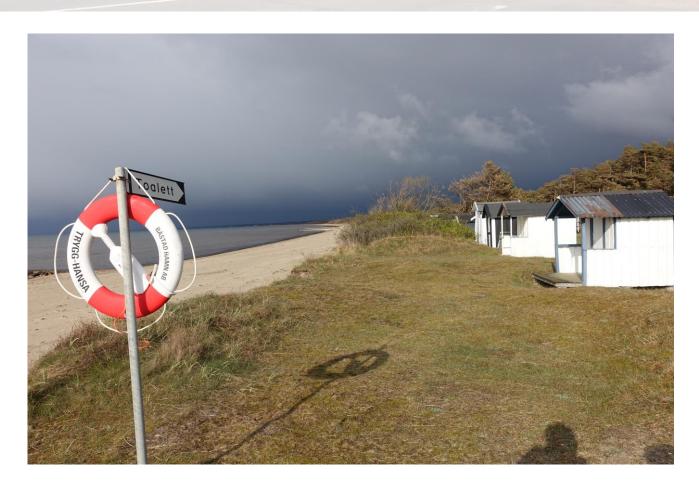


Photo courtesty of: Ian Howle (not 'first light' but instead in acknowledgement of our Swedish visitors this week. 'Beach Resort' Bastad, Sweden)

To submit your favourite 'first light' photo, please send to <a href="mailto:dimity.betts@nswcc.org.au">dimity.betts@nswcc.org.au</a>



## **NOTES & DIARY DATES 2016**



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

**Michael Smith, President elect** called on members who would like to be part of his committee to come and see him.

**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.

60 Seconds- Dennis Maunder told us about a financial education programme he is running through the Church

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 <a href="mailto:suebrianthompson@gmail.com">suebrianthompson@gmail.com</a> 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, 9th November 2016

## **Meeting # 1335**

**Thought of the week:** 99 years ago on 31 October 1917 the Australian Light Horse bravely charged a barrage of machine guns at Beersheba. History has not seen such a full scale charge since ... but what did most people remember yesterday ... Halloween!

Lest we forget.

#### **ROBBOS RAMBLINGS**

This week we hosted the Swedish friendship exchange group. Some of our guests were the people who hosted Liz and Jane on their recent friendship exchange to Sweden and treated them to many wonderful and memorable experiences.

It was intriguing to hear team leader Mats Molin talk to us about Sweden, its culture, economy, its people, its history and recreational pursuits.

For those that didn't get to the BBQ with the Swede's on Wednesday night, you missed a cracker. We had a surprise concert presented by our Ashley Dallas, which prompted an impromptu concert from the Swedish group, and then followed by the Aussies ably led and supported by Ashleigh.....sounded half decent with Ashley leading and covering for us.

One of the consistent things I heard when speaking with our Swedish friends, was how they enjoyed our meeting and having more fun at their meetings was something that they will take back to their own clubs. Fun and fellowship is critical to a clubs success....keep up the good work.

Congratulations must go to Liz Gill and Jane Bradford for putting together an excellent Tamworth experience for our Swedish visitors. I want to acknowledge the huge effort and work load they took on. Many thanks.

One of the unique features of Rotary is that it is an international organisation. One of Rotary's key pillars is international relations and friendships and friendship exchanges certainly achieve this goal.

It serves to demonstrate that individuals as a group, particularly when the groups exist all over the world are in fact capable of changing the world and better serving humanity.

Michael Smith, our President Elect is looking for an executive and directors for next year's Board. Please consider. I can guarantee to you that you will get more out of taking on a position than you will give.



Please mark in your diary Thursday evening, 24 November for our **Christmas party** to be held at the Tamworth City Bowling Club. While enjoying a beverage, we will play a few ends of lawn bowls followed by an Asian banquet. The cost is a very reasonable \$30 per head and partners and family are, of course very welcome.

If you are an ex-Apexian don't forget the reunion to be held on 19 November at the Longyard Golf Course at 12.00 noon. Partners are invited and are welcome.

Please also mark in your diary:

- 16 December to assist with the Santa Crawl,
- 2 April to assist with Pedal the Peel Cycling Challenge
- 17 May 2017 to assist with the Careers Expo
- 7 March for the School of St Jude fundraising dinner.

Dennis Maunder during his 60 seconds told us about a financial education programme he is running through the Church. It was gratifying to note that my credit card debt was above the national average.....thanks Dennis.

Next week we have a special presentation to be presented by Davo and Hawkeye who will present "their story". Have a great week and see you on Wednesday.

Cheers

Robbo

# **YOUR 16/17 BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Board:	Committee Chairs:	RYLA Louise Matthews
President Terry Robinson	Sergeant Lesley Hood	RYAG Equine Barry Biffin
PE Michael Smith	Bulletin Dimity Betts	Vocational Marina Lawrence
Secretary Helen Tickle	<b>Programs</b> John Fogarty	Science & Engineering Steve
Treasurer Jane Bradford	Welfare Paul Stevenson	Hawkins
Club Admin Peter Ryan	Youth Andrew Beer	PNG Project/International Di
Service Brett White	Community Service Jim	Ford
Foundation Steve Massey	Raymond	Careers Expo Brett
Public Relations Deb Barnes	Web & IT Bruce Hemmett	White/Marina Lawrence
Membership Brodie Shields	Catering Brian Logan	Minister for Woman's Affairs
		Brett White



**GUEST SPEAKER** 

**Swedish Friendship exchange** 

Introduction: Jane Bradford

Vote of Thanks: Maureen Thornton

Mats, tour leader gave a great presentation on their home land Sweden and in particular the disctrict they are

from D2400. The group of 13 Swedish Rotartians and partners were from 4 areas of the district which sits in the

south of the country.

Halmstad is in the west of the district, was once danish territory and features a university, golf courses and

beaches.

Karlskrona is a world heritage area and was also once Danish territory.

Kristianstad, or more specifically Ahus (a small village where the Rotary club is) was also once Danish territory.

Ljungby, the only town not once ruled by the Danish! It is very industrius area and heading into Moose and Elk

territory.

Mats also spoke about Sweden as a country. He noted it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest European country with a population of

10 million and was first inhabited in the North 12000 years ago when ice melted, before that it was only

populated in the south. Sweden had a violent early history, early on many Swedes moved to USA and Australia,

and in more recent times it has seen a wider acceptance of immigrants due to Middle East unrest.

The economy is rich in hyro, iron, industry and innovation, and more recently music (ABBA!) and gaming. Mats

mentioned that the zipper was invented by a Swede! Now how could we live without those!

He also spoke about the climate (mostly varies between cold and freezng!) but summers can be beautiful and

mild; work and how casual/relaxed it is; the excellent social security system in Sweden; leisure, including some

favourites hiking, ice skating and swimming; and Swedish traditions including Lucia on December 13<sup>th</sup> whereby

coffee and sweet buns are served.

During their visit the Swedish group also experienced Melbourne Cup (thanks to the Penmans for hosting) and

dinner at Liz Gill's place.





















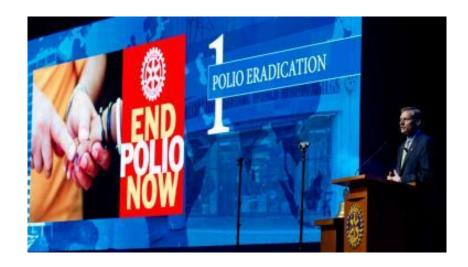








### **NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**



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 <a href="https://vimeopro.com/rotary/trf">https://vimeopro.com/rotary/trf</a>

# 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 9 <sup>th</sup> November		Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November		
Venue	Diggers 6:30am		Diggers 6:30am		
Topic	Davo & Hawkeye- our story		Chris Bassingthwaight-IT security and Cyber scam		
Door Team	Max Cathcart Phil Heffernan		Tom Hellmann Peter Hyde		
Meeter & Greeter	Brodie Shields		John Toulmin		
Welcome	Michael Smith		Simone Church		
President Assist	Graham Dooley		Laurence Hearne		
Visitor Assist	Andrew Beer		Dean Clutterbuck		
Corporal Assist	Richard Walker		Ron Allen		
Bulletin Notes	Stephen Hawkins		Louise Matthews		
Introduction	Stephen Hawkins		Louise Matthews		
Vote of Thanks	Natalie Conn		Steve Massey		
Post Office Raffle Roster					
11 November	18 November	25 November		2 December	
Phil Lyon Steve Massey	Steve Massey Lesley Hood	Robert Clifton Louise Matthews Louise Matthews Sue O'Connor			
9 December	16 December	23 December		30 December	
Sue O'Connor Robert Clifton	Phil Penman Jim Raymond	Jim Raymond Terry Robinson		Terry Robinson Peter Ryan	
Corporals for November			Corporals for December		
Marina Lawrence & Deb Barnes			Dean Clutterbuck & Laurence Hearne		
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions					
Members Birthdays	NIL NIL				
Partners Birthdays	NIL				
Anniversaries	Andrew and Natasha Beer (8 years-15/11), Bruce and Julie Hemmett (11 years- 12/11)				
Club Induction	John Worldon (9 years-14/11)				
Attendance	62%				
Make-Ups	NIL				
Visiting Rotarians	13 Swedish Friendship exchange members				
Visitors	Glen McIntosh, Juanita Greville				
Heads & Tails	Skinner				
Raffle	Dimity Betts				



### 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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Secretary—Helen Tickle

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## Other Clubs meet:

Friday

**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 Tamworth Sunrise, Sanctuary Inn, 7:00am



