

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: 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 dimity.betts@nswcc.org.au

NOTES & DIARY DATES 2016



District conference- 24th-26th 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 3rd Friday of the month, join us for drinks and dinner at the Post Office Hotel.

Santa Crawl- save the date for 16th December

Christmas Party

Barefoot Bowls at Tamworth City Bowling Club - 6.00 pm Thursday the 24th 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 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, 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:

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

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 district they are from D2400. The group of 13 Swedish Rotarians 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 industrious area and heading into Moose and Elk territory.

Mats also spoke about Sweden as a country. He noted it is the 3rd 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 hydro, 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 freezing!) 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 13th 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 <https://vimeopro.com/rotary/trf>

Rotary Club of First Light is getting Festive!

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

\$30.00 per head.

Partners and children welcome.

Hope you can join us!



An Old Fashion Christmas Fair

Merry Christmas

Billabong clubhouse

Help us celebrate an olé fashion Christmas!
See the Giant Tree!!

We have fun filled excitement in store for EVERYONE:
GAMES, STALLS, and KNOCK EM DOWNS
Sausage Sizzle & Light Refreshments

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

PRIZES FOR THE BEST CHRISTMAS OUTFIT!

ABILITY LINKS
NEW SOUTH WALES

Bring the kids and have a photo with Santa in His Sleigh

Where: Billabong Clubhouse and Grounds – Darling St
When: 17th December 2016
Time: 9am – 2pm
Information: Bec 0459096935

Meeting Roster	Wednesday 9 th November	Wednesday 16 th 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		
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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 TAMWORTH NSW 2340
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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 |