



# 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.

**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.

**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, 16th November 2016**

**Meeting # 1336**

**Quote of the week:** *"Common sense is like deodorant ....the people who need it, never use it."*

### **ROBBOS RAMBLINGS**

The presentation by Richard Newbery and Graham Davidson, alias Hawkeye and Davo was hilarious, entertaining, uplifting and motivational.

Together they have ridden their tandem bicycle over thousands of kilometres to raise funds for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

Hawkeye and Davo have a unique friendship and connection that was obvious and it shows that disability is no obstacle to serving the community and making the world a better place.

We were extremely privileged to have their company.

I'd like to throw out a challenge to our club. If Hawkeye and Davo can ride from Nambucca Heads to Tamworth or vice versa, then I think some of our club should be able to undertake a similar challenge.

I have some interest in the event and I've already spoken to a number of members who are considering it. We already have a number of our own members who support the ride and I think that it could be a great event for our club with some good healthy side effects as well. Have a think and let me know if you're interested.

It is fantastic to see Greg Roger and Glen McIntosh attend our club for the second time and Simon O'Connor for the first time.

One of the outstanding things I discovered from the District Muster last weekend was that over the last three years clubs in Rotary District 9650 have donated about \$74,000 to the Rotary Foundation. By way of District and global grants, the District has received over \$670,000 in return.

That is one of the amazing things about the Rotary Foundation, that the more you give the more you get back and what's more you get to determine where the money is spent and you know that the administration costs are absolutely minimal.

Don't forget about the lawn bowls and Asian banquet Christmas Party to be held at Tamworth City Bowling Club on Thursday evening, 24 November. Partners and family are very welcome.

Chris Watson will be calling for volunteers for the Santa Crawl on 16 December very shortly.

Gemma Rice will be hosting a dinner for the School of St Jude's at West Leagues Club on 7 March 2017. Please put the date in your diary.

Pedal the Peel Cycling Challenge is on 2 April. That would be a great warm up for those intending to ride in the next Westpac Rescue Helicopter Ride.

The Careers Expo ably managed and directed by Marina is to be held on 17 May 2017.

Finally the changeover next year is 17 June when President Elect Michael Smith (Trump) will take over the reins.

Our next social at the Post Office Hotel is on Friday, 18 November.

Before closing I must again thank John Fogarty for the fantastic programme of guest speakers he has arranged this year.

I've been really enjoying our club meetings and I hope you have too.

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

### Davo & Hawkeye

**Introduction and Notes:** Jim Raymond

**Vote of Thanks:** Natalie Conn

Guest speakers Davo and Hawkeye spoke on their friendship and the Westpac Helicopter fund raising mountain bike rides they have participated in. A total of 6 of the longer rides plus a number of 1 day captain's rides.

As Hawkeye has lost his sight they ride a tandem bike. Their 1st ride was Wee Waa to Tamworth with the latest ride this year Dubbo to Tamworth.

They have encountered all types of terrain and conditions none more so than on the Cameron Corner to Tamworth ride, a distance of approximately 1500km over corrugated, sandy and wet roads.

They spoke of the many funny incidents that have happened to them on these rides. From falling off on difficult terrain like the time Hawkeye found himself in front of Davo, albeit on the ground as the bike had jack knifed in soft sand.





## NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

### The Rotary Foundation – Grants

This is the third and final article informing members of the workings of our Foundation. There are two types of grants that clubs are able to apply for:

#### 1. District Grants

- This is money that has been returned to the districts as a direct result of donations received by the Foundation from that District. The Foundation returns 50% of money received. The thinking of Australian Rotarians is different to other parts of the world. We expect donations to the Foundation to be from our clubs – Rotarians from other countries regard donations to RF as a personal thing. Money donated from 9650 to the Foundation over the last 5 years has actually declined. This severely restricts the amount of money returned to our District for District grants. It is thought our District will have US\$33,500 (AUS \$43000) to distribute for the 2015/16 year.
- District Grants are therefore block grants that enable clubs and districts to carry out activities in their own communities or elsewhere.
- Managed by the district
- Can fund projects, Vocational training Teams, Youth Programs, Scholarships, Construction, Cultural exchanges etc.
- 75% of projects were undertaken in Australia, 25% overseas.
- In the last 3 years in 9650 – 29 clubs have received grants worth AU\$141,000.

- Examples include restoration of community areas along riverbank, supplies for schools in Harare, fitness equipment in parks, scholarships to study in Paris, Green House garden in Nepalese Village, music programs for disadvantaged indigenous students, an upright freezer for Meals on Wheels and water tanks for a Kokoda hospital.

## 2. Global Grants

- These are designed to fund large-scale humanitarian projects that have high impact and produce sustainable measurable results
- They need to have a budget of at least \$30,000
- They need to have an international partner
- They also need to be within one of six areas of focus

-Peace and conflict prevention/resolution

-Disease prevention and treatment

-Maternal and child health

-Basic education and literacy

-Economic and community development

Theoretically a small amount of club money for a project can be multiplied by utilising both District and Global grants.

- The Foundation's World fund provides a minimum of \$15,000 and maximum of \$200,000. Clubs and districts contribute District Designated Funds (DDF) and/or cash contributions that the World Fund matches. DDF is matched at 100% and cash is matched at 50%.
- For example if a club has a project with a budget of \$30,000
  - Club could provide \$4000 which is matched 50c in the dollar by the World Fund (\$2000)
  - DDF could provide a further \$12000 which the WF matches dollar for dollar (another \$12,000)
  - The Club then has its \$30,000 budget for the project.
- Some examples of Global Grants in our region are: the Coffs Harbour Club providing clean water in Kirabati, Tamworth Club providing sanitary toilets for girls in India, and Port Macquarie working in Nepal with the development of vegetable gardens in hothouse conditions.

Our club (through the work of Di Ford) currently has submitted an application for a District Grant for our hospital upgrade plans in Kokopo, Rabaul, PNG. Di and I are soon to meet with PDG Ken Hall to discuss a global grant application to compliment this District Grant application.

November is Foundation month in this, the centenary celebration year of the Rotary Foundation. I hope members can appreciate the benefits that this Foundation is able to achieve for the globe. I therefore encourage members to donate to the Foundation by becoming a Centurian (the form is attached). Fifty percent (50%) of all money donated is returned to our District 9650 to be utilised directly in our District grants.

Steve Massey

Foundation Director

## Rotary Club of First Light is getting Festive!

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\$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 ÉM DOWNS  
Sausage Sizzle & Light Refreshments

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

PRIZES FOR THE BEST CHRISTMAS OUTFIT!

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

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

ABILITY LINKS NEW SOUTH WALES



## Nine Important Facts To Remember As We Grow Older

#9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.

#8 Life is sexually transmitted.

#7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

#6 Men have 2 motivations: hunger and hanky panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.

#5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.

#4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.

#3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

#2 In the 60's, people took LSD to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.

#1 Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.

Please share this wisdom with others while I go to the bathroom.



Meeting Roster	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	
Venue	Diggers 6:30am	Diggers 6:30am	
Topic	Chris Bassingthwaight-IT security and Cyber scam	Vocational Visit- Sigma aerospace	
Door Team	Tom Hellmann Peter Hyde	Phil Lyon Rob Sharp	
Meeter & Greeter	John Toulmin	Michael O'Connor	
Welcome	Simone Church	Peter Ryan	
President Assist	Laurence Hearne	Phil Penman	
Visitor Assist	Dean Clutterbuck	Deb Barnes	
Corporal Assist	Ron Allen	James Treloar	
Bulletin Notes	Louise Matthews	Brian Thompson	
Introduction	Louise Matthews	Brian Thompson	
Vote of Thanks	Steve Massey	Richard Hardwick	
Post Office Raffle Roster			
18 November	25 November	2 December	9 December
Steve Massey Lesley Hood	Robert Clifton Louise Matthews	Louise Matthews Sue O'Connor	Sue O'Connor Robert Clifton
16 December	23 December	30 December	6 January
Phil Penman Jim Raymond	Jim Raymond Terry Robinson	Terry Robinson Peter Ryan	Peter Ryan Christine Shewry
Corporals for November		Corporals for December	
Marina Lawrence & Deb Barnes		Dean Clutterbuck & Laurence Hearne	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Stephen Massey (17/11), Julian Smith (19/11), Paul Stevenson (19/11)		
Partners Birthdays	NIL		
Anniversaries	NIL		
Club Induction	NIL		
Attendance	65%		
Make-Ups	NIL		
Visiting Rotarians	NIL		
Visitors	Greg Rogers, Glenn McIntosh, Richard Newberry, Graham Davidson		
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  
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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                |