



Rotary

**CLUB OF TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT
BULLETIN**

2016-2017

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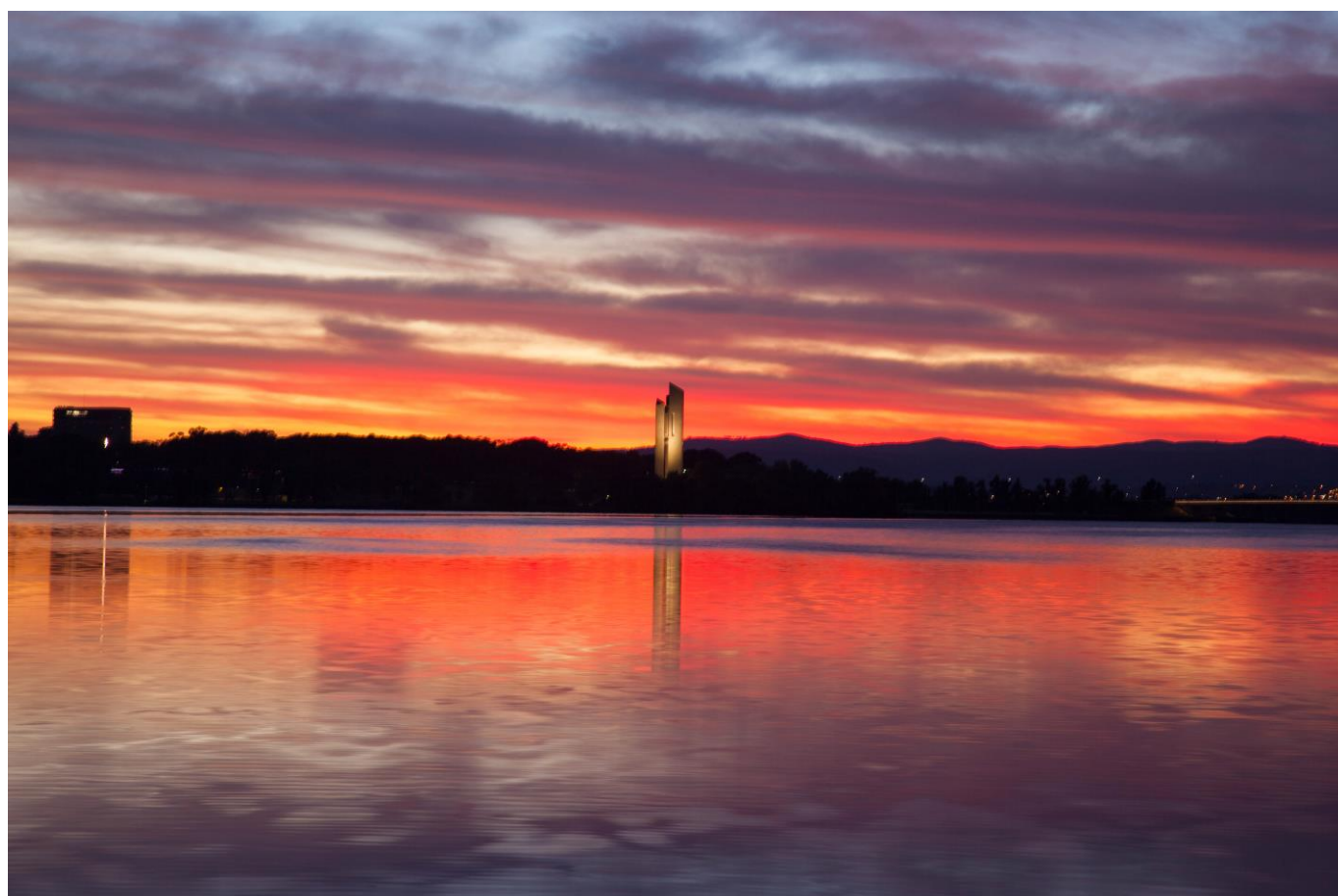


Photo courtesy of: David Hinwood (The National Carillon, Canberra)

To submit your favourite 'first light' photo, please send to dimity.betts@nswcc.org.au



NOTES & DIARY DATES 2016



SANTA IS COMING TO "DIGGERS"

Wednesday 14th December, 2016
Santa and his Helper will shower all members
with gifts and best wishes
and celebrate our LAST Meeting for 2016

To help Santa and his friend
to grant wishes for
The Salvos,
please bring your gifts of either non-perishable tucker
and/or children's toys.



No Wrapping Please

Sunrise photos- Dimity needs more sunrise photos! Please send them through!

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.

Westpac bike ride- If you are interested in the bike ride from Tamworth to Nambucca Heads, see President Terry to express your interest.

Facebook page- have you 'liked' our page yet? Also, remember to 'like' and 'share' posts to spread the word!

Santa Crawl- save the date for 16th December

Christmas Break- last meeting for the year is December 14th-NO MEETING 21st or 28th December.

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, 30th November 2016

Meeting # 1338

Quote of the week: Go into the world and do well but more importantly, go into the world and do good!"
Minor Myers Jr.

ROBBO'S BABBLING RAMBLES!

WowSigma Aerospace, what an amazing business and facility we have here in Tamworth.

The diversity of little-known but major businesses in Tamworth astounds me.

Sigma Aerospace carry out piston and turbine engine overhauls, aircraft maintenance and component repairs, tooling and equipment calibration, instrument repairs and avionics to name a few of its services.

They work on aircraft as small as a cessna and as big as large jet aircraft.

Its customers include Qantas link, the Northern Territory's major aircraft Charter firm and clients from all over the world.

They have offices in Brisbane and Tweed Heads. Thank you to Matthew Wheatley and Geoff Jones for taking the time to show us through their impressive facility.

Many thanks go to Marina for setting up a brilliant and excellent vocational visit.

We as a club, really enjoyed the excursion.

Thanks also go to Brian Logan for providing a delicious breakfast with no facilities available.

The Christmas party was held on Thursday night at Tamworth City Bowling club.

There were lawn bowls going from end to end, but none of them going where they were supposed to be going.

We had a fantastic attendance and it was a relaxed and social affair which is exactly the type of events the club thrives on.

On the international front, the District has approved our District grant application for money to be spent on radiation screening equipment at Kokopo hospital.

Di Ford will hopefully provide us with some additional information at our next meeting as to how and when the grant is to be used and how it is to be implemented.

We are also looking forward to an update on our global grant application also for the Kokopo hospital.

A list will be circulating at the next meeting for assistance at the Santa Crawl to be held on the evening of 16 December. This event is in favour of Ronald McDonald House in Tamworth.

If you have any suggestions as to what you would like to be doing in our Club, whether it be at breakfast meetings, social or service, please let me or one of our board know.

Cheers and see you on Wednesday.

Robbo

GUEST SPEAKER

Sigma Aerospace at Tamworth Regional Airport

Introduction and Notes: Brian Thompson

Vote of Thanks: Marina Lawrence

Sigma Aerospace which is based at Hanger 7 at Tamworth Regional Airport. The facility was acquired from Qantas after more than 30 years' operation as a successful regional airline maintenance base. Sigma added a reputable airline instrument repair facility, previously New England Instrument Company, to its operation and has now opened a second turbine engine overhaul shop at a new Brisbane facility to support its Honeywell Major Service Centre.

Matt Wheatley, who purchased the business after coming back to Tamworth in 2009, was previously employed by Qantas. Today Sigma Aerospace supports airlines (regional through to international operators) as well as utility and special mission customers by way of its direct maintenance services (including engine, airframe, avionics and structural repairs) worldwide contract engineering services and inventory management. When Matt Wheatley purchased Sigma it employed approximately 20 full time employees. With its office at Tamworth and supplementary office at Brisbane and Tweed Heads the group now employs between 50 to 70 at any one time. Sigma has recently taken on two new apprentices and is looking to employ a further two. There are six people in administration.

All types of aircraft maintenance and service is done, ranging from single engine planes up to a 20 seat capacity aircraft. Sigma bases its ideals and core values on world class maintenance, work and facilities. Matt and two



of his senior employees showed our group through their working facilities. It was quite obvious that they do need larger premises because of the number of aircraft currently undertaking service work.

It was a most informative and enjoyable morning. Many thanks to Brian Logan and his crew for providing an excellent breakfast.



NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Foundation programm

Current programs of the Foundation fall into three main categories:

1. **Polio eradication.** Since this program's inception in 1985 more than two billion children have received the oral polio vaccine. To date 209 countries are polio-free. India was declared polio-free in 2012 with the only remaining countries left with endemic polio being Pakistan, Nigeria and Afghanistan. Rotary has committed more than US\$850million towards polio eradication, partnered with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation which has also committed US\$555 million.

2. **Humanitarian grants programs.**
 - Disaster Recovery
 - District Simplified Grants. This program began in 2003 and currently supports programs in 44 countries at a cost of US\$5.2 million.
 - Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants: Support for large scale 2-4 year projects that improve health, alleviate hunger or promote human development. Started in 1978 projects in the 74 countries have been funded at a cost of US\$74 million.
 - Matching grants: provide matching funds for international service projects of Rotary Clubs and Districts. Started in 1965 more than 20,000 Matching Grants have helped fund projects in 166 countries at a cost of more than US\$198 million.

3. **Educational Programs**
 - Ambassadorial Scholarships: Funding for scholars to study in other countries and therefore become ambassadors of goodwill. Founded in 1947 over 37,000 scholars from 110 countries have received support at a cost of US\$446 million.
 - Group Study Exchange (GSE): These annual awards are made to paired Rotary districts and provide travel expenses for a team of non-Rotarians from a variety of vocations. Since 1965 almost 48,000 individuals in more than 11,000 teams from more than 100 countries have participated at a cost of US\$85 million.
 - Rotary Peace Fellowships: Up to 100 fellows are selected each year to earn a masters level degree or professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies at one of six Rotary peace Centres at leading universities in Australia, Sweden, Japan, US and Thailand.
 - Rotary grants for University teachers: Awarded to teach in developing countries for three to ten months.



Meeting Roster	Wednesday 30 th November	Wednesday 7 th December	
Venue	Diggers 6:30am	Diggers 6:30am	
Topic	Marina Lawrence- Personal Profile	AGM-annual reports and elections	
Door Team	Di Ford Val Hellmann	Dennis Maunder Peter Pulley	
Meeter & Greeter	Ian Howle	Brain Logan	
Welcome	David Hinwood	John Worldon	
President Assist	Leslie Jacob	Graham Nuttall	
Visitor Assist	Dennis Johnson	Joe Townsend	
Corporal Assist	Paul Stevenson	Julian Smith	
Bulletin Notes	Rob Clifton	Marina Lawrence	
Introduction	Rob Clifton	Marina Lawrence	
Vote of Thanks	John Treloar	Barry Biffin	
Post Office Raffle Roster			
2 December	9 December	16 December	23 December
Louise Matthews Sue O'Connor	Sue O'Connor Robert Clifton	Santa Crawl	No Raffles
30 December	6 January	13 January	20 January
No Raffles	Peter Ryan Jim Raymond	Brodie Shields Phil Penman	Phil Penman Christine Shewry
Corporals for November		Corporals for December	
Marina Lawrence & Deb Barnes		Dean Clutterbuck & Laurence Hearne	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Anne Jacobs (3/12)		
Partners Birthdays	Hellen Allen (4/12)		
Anniversaries	David and Helen Hinwood (5/12-41 years)		
Club Induction	Helen Tickle (11 years-30/11), Dimity Betts (1 year-25/11)		
Attendance	52%		
Make-Ups	NIL		
Visiting Rotarians	NIL		
Visitors	Greg Rogers		
Heads & Tails	Skinner		
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

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
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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 |