



Rotary

CLUB OF TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT BULLETIN

2016-2017

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NOTES & DIARY DATES 2016



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. **TONIGHT!**

Social- lunch at Goonoo Goonoo's Glasshouse restaurant. See Peter Ryan to put your name down. Sunday February 26th

The Coastal Golf trip is on from 3-5 March, we welcome all male golfers to join us for a weekend of golf & fun. Depart Tamworth Friday morning, return Sunday night.

OPERA BY THE LAKE

Don't miss this year's fabulous outdoor concert!

Saturday 4th March starting at 1:30pm

Tranquil setting at John Wright Park, Tuncurry overlooking the beautiful Wallis Lake

www.operabythelake.com

Northwest Regional Careers Expo Registration for 2017

Registrations are now open via the link below:

<http://www.nwrce.org.au/exhibitors/>

Wednesday, 17 May 2017



Wednesday, 22nd February 2017

Meeting # 1346

Quote of the week: *"The best portion of a person's life is their little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love"* – William Wordsworth

ROBBO'S RAMBLINGS

At the meeting this week we heard first hand from Richard Hardwick of his life story which consisted of 28 years associated with the Army.

Richard has had a number of occupations including an employee of State Rail, a TAFE Teacher, Correctional Services Officer and Disability Worker.

He has been deployed to protect the north west borders of Australia from "boat people" as well as illegal Indonesian fishermen poaching our waters.

He has also had a posting on Christmas Island which is some 3,000 to 4,000 kilometres off the Western Australian coast.

He spent seven months in Iraq clearing roads of bombs and seeing and being involved in horrific mind changing incidents.

He has seen a whole missing generation of young males in Iraq.

Richard openly admits that he has changed since his tour in Iraq and he does suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome.

It was an honest and confronting presentation by Richard but something I think we needed to hear so that we can better appreciate the effects of war and understand some of the things we hear in the media and to better understand and support Richard.

Thank you, Richard for your honest and personal presentation. It was greatly appreciated by all of our members.



The 2017-18 presidential theme has been announced by Rotary International President Elect Ian Riseley (a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria) as "**Making a Difference**".

With regards to membership, attracting new members is of critical importance however we need to be conscious of the retention not only of new members but also our current members. We need to find out from our members why they joined Rotary and what they would like to do within the Club and our communities. From there we can generate a sense of ownership and enable them to achieve those goals by offering them opportunities and pathways to achieve their visions.....something that is tangible for them.

Have a think about what it is you wish to achieve within Rotary and lets work together to make it happen.

Upcoming events:

1. Glasshouse Restaurant at Goonoo Goonoo Station on 26 February.
2. Golf trip on 3 to 5 March to the coast.
3. Joint breakfast meeting with Sunrise Rotary Club.
4. Science & Engineering breakfast meeting on 15 March at TREC.
5. Vocational visit to the University of New South Wales Rural Health Campus at Tamworth Base Hospital on 22 March.
6. District Convention at Laurieton on 24 to 26 March. We have 7 members registered....can we get 10??
7. Pedal the Peel Cycling Challenge at Moore Creek Tennis Club on 2 April. A full club effort is required. We are also looking for members to volunteer to ride one of the routes.
8. RYLA to be held on the week commencing 1 April.
9. Bowel Scan to be conducted for the period 29 April to 6 May.
10. Careers Expo to be held on 17 May.
11. 16 June – Club changeover.

Cheers,

Robbo

GUEST SPEAKER

Richard Hardwick-personal profile

Introduction- Michael O'Connor

Thanks- Les Jacob

Notes- Michael O'Connor

Richard has been a member of our Rotary Club for approximately 4 years. He is married to Cheryl, (about 18 months on the clock) and is currently the HR Manager for Challenge Community Services. He has two children to a previous encounter, a son, Clinton who is a plumber in Dubbo does very well and a daughter, who has just completed a Degree with Hons in Media & Journalism.



He was born and educated in Dubbo and spent his schooling years in the catholic and public system. His mother is from New Zealand and his dad originated from Cobar. Both his parents are now living in Kootingal. After completing his secondary education in 1988 he left for the big smoke and joined the Department of Railways in Sydney in various administration roles. The job took him to werris Creek and Tamworth. He left the Department and joined TAFE as an IT Teacher which he enjoyed. He taught IT in the jail system, he had a captive audience so to speak, and kids with a disability. He left TAFE and entered the alternative universe of the Army. Spending 5.5 years in the Army and completing two operational deployments.

His first deployment was attached to the Australian Boarder Protection Forces based in Darwin. He worked on patrol boats intercepting illegal immigrants and fishing poachers. Richard also during this time spent some time serving on Christmas Island and watching red crabs do what red crabs do. His second deployment was to Iraq with an Armoured

Unit whose main job was protection and escort of other international forces stationed in Iraq. During this time, he was involved in some serious combat situations and he admits that he was affected by his experiences. It is something a combat soldier cannot easily forget. He was also involved with building educational infrastructure in Iraq and facilities for orphans.

After completing full time service, Richard joined the Reserves, specifically the 12/16 Hunter River Lancers Regiment where he still serves. His main role is preparing Reserve soldiers who have elected to undertake full time operational deployments for a fixed period of time. He also conducted live firing training for the Regiment. The Regiment has a proud history of deployments, some 432 soldiers deploying to all our most recent conflicts such as the Solomon's, Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan. He then joined Challenge and has to this day balanced his family, career and military life as best he can but it does put a strain on the family at times. Richard has dedicated 28 years of his life to the military and has no plans to stop.



FEBRUARY IS:

PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

Conflict and violence displace millions of people each year. Half of those killed in conflict are children, and 90 percent are civilians.

Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

Improving quality of life. Rotary members founded the People for People Foundation, which has helped 10,000 families afford food, clothing, rent, utilities, medications, and other necessities.

Raising awareness of bullying. Rotaract clubs in the Philippines conduct antibullying campaigns in schools to teach children how to handle conflict peacefully from an early age.

Protecting domestic violence survivors and their families. The U.S. state of Louisiana has the fourth highest incidence of death caused by domestic violence. Local Rotary members met this issue by helping a shelter provide food, clothing, legal advocacy, and counseling to over 500 women in one year.

100

peace fellowships are offered each year at Rotary Peace Centers around the world

65 mil

people are currently displaced by armed conflict or persecution

\$142 mil

has been raised by Rotary to support peace

1,000+

students have graduated from Rotary's Peace Centers program

Learn more:

<https://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org/>

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/promoting-peace>

<http://rawcs.org.au/projects/peace-and-conflict-prevention-resolution-programs-2/>

Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding
- Albert Einstein -



Polio Plus Movie Night

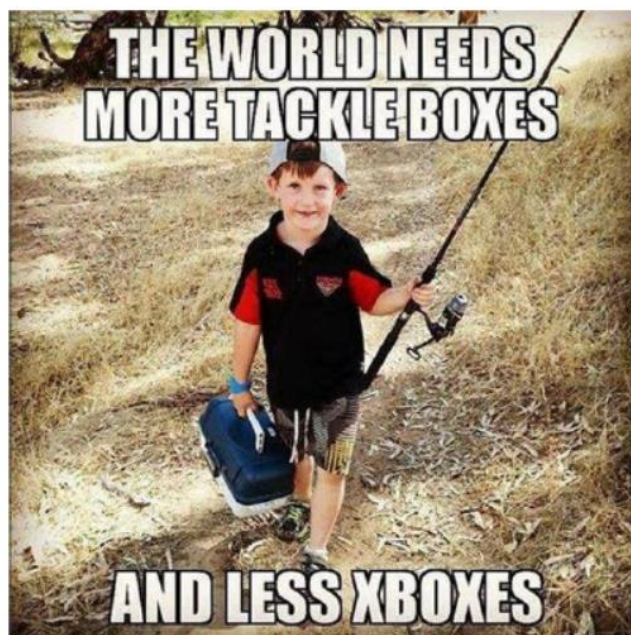
THE MOVIE

- HIDDEN FIGURES is the incredible untold story of Katherine Johnson (Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy Vaughn (Octavia Spencer) and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monae)
- Brilliant African-American women working at NASA, who served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history:
- The launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race, and galvanised the world.
- The visionary trio crossed all gender and race lines to inspire generations to dream big.



We aim to run it on **Wednesday, 22 February at 7:00pm at a cost of \$15.00pp** - \$5.00 donation pp – an easy little fund raiser for such an important program...

The trailer looks excellent. The film actually launches on Thursday, 16 February – Australia wide and has already been nominated in “best picture category”.



Meeting Roster	Wednesday 22nd February	Wednesday 1st March	
Venue	West Diggers 6:30am	West Diggers 6:30am	
Topic	Shalini Pratap-my journey to Tamworth	Simone Church-personal profile	
Door Team	Rob Sharp James Treloar	Richard Hardwick Graham Nuttall	
Meeter & Greeter	Les Jacob	Marina Lawrence	
Welcome	Val Hellmann	Brian Logan	
President Assist	David Hinwood	Denis Maunder	
Visitor Assist	Di Ford	Peter Pulley	
Corporal Assist	Dennis Johnson	Julian Smith	
Bulletin Notes	Paul Stevenson	John Treloar	
Introduction	Paul Stevenson	John Treloar	
Vote of Thanks	Ian Howle	Barry Biffin	
Post Office Raffle Roster			
24 February	3 March	10 March	17 March
Christine Shewry Brodie Shields	Brodie Shields Paul Stevenson	Paul Stevenson Christine Shewry	Brian Thompson Maureen Thornton
24 March	31 March	7 April	14 April
Maureen Thornton Christine Shewry	Brian Thompson Brodie Shields	Brodie Shields Michael Smith	Good Friday
Corporals for February		Corporals for March	
Tim Coates & Ander Beer		Jim Raymond & Peter Ryan	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Christine Shewry (22/2), Val Hellmann (25/2)		
Partners Birthdays	Judy Coates (25/2), Susie Stevenson (25/2)		
Anniversaries	NIL		
Club Induction	Terry Robinson (13 years-25/2), PDG Jane Bradford (10 years-28/2), John Fogarty (9 years-27/2)		
Attendance			
Attendance	60%		
Make-Ups			
Make-Ups	NIL		
Visiting Rotarians			
Visiting Rotarians	Alan Coates (Honorary member)		
Visitors			
Visitors	NIL		
Heads & Tails			
Heads & Tails	Phil Lyon		
Raffle			
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 |