



Rotary

CLUB OF TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT BULLETIN

2016-2017

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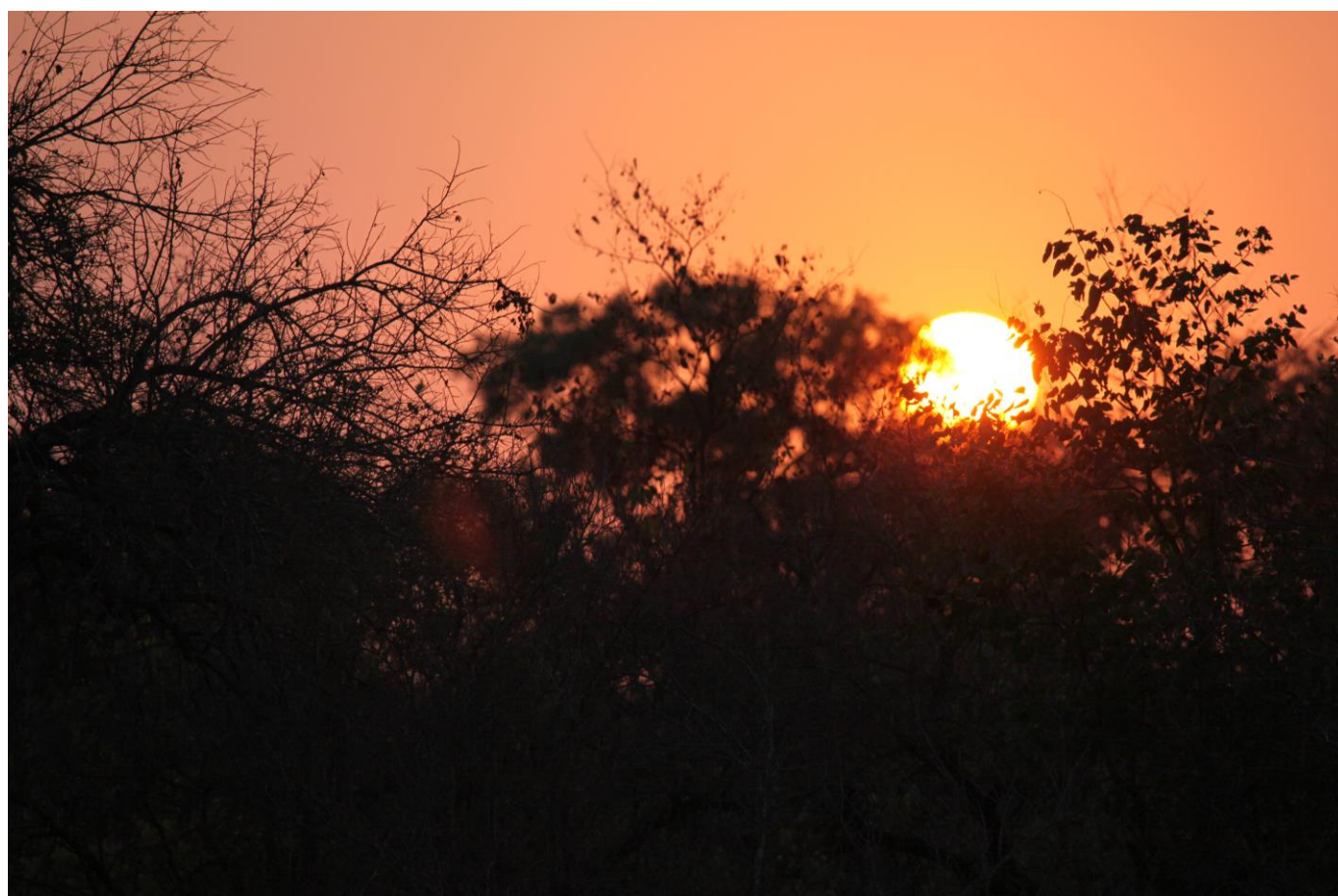


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NOTES & DIARY DATES 2016

Changeover dinner-Saturday night 17th June @ Diggers

Careers Expo- volunteers needed for bump in, bump out and on the day. The dates are May 16th, 17th and 18th. See Marina if you can help.

Club funding- at the next board meeting the board will allocate funds. Please see President Terry or anyone from the board if you'd like to submit a suggestion for funding.

Bowel Scan Month- This year kits will be sold as a combined club effort. Volunteers will be required between 29 April to 6 May.

Gold Coast golf trip- 6-11th August. See Dennis Maunder, Maureen Thornton, Deb Barnes or John Treloar to express interest.

60 seconds- Chris Watson shared some memorable funny moments from his time in travel. Stories included mishaps with his clients when going through airport security, and misunderstandings between a husband and wife.



Wednesday, 26th April 2017

Meeting # 1355

Robbo's Quote:

"Anzac Day is a day we commemorate our diggers, male and female, who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. It is a day to thank them for their service and remember those who died defending our freedom so we can live in a safer place."

ROBBO'S RAMBLINGS

At this week's meeting we welcomed Greg Thomas from the West Tamworth Rotary Club and potential new member, Andrew Moore, who is assisting Julian Smith in his work place. Please make him feel welcome

Graham Dooley suffered a heart attack last weekend and has had some stents inserted. We wish Graham and Marion our very best wishes and I ask Club members to keep in contact with Graham and assist wherever possible.

It is part of our Rotary commitment to look after our fellow members as though they were family and that is one of the great strengths of our Club.

Ian Howle is still looking for volunteers to assist with selling bowel scan kits during the week of 29 April 2017 to 6 May 2017.

At our next Board meeting, we will be making a decision as to where the funds raised this year will be distributed. If you have a suggestion, please let the Board know.

At our last meeting, we were privileged to hear from Brad Anderson regarding his family's search for a long lost uncle, William Burke, who went missing in action at Fromelles in France on 20 July 1916.

William Burke enrolled in the army whilst being under aged and records have disclosed that he enjoyed himself in Egypt where he was recorded as absent without leave.

He was sent to the western front which comprised a battlefield of approximately 1,800 kilometres.



The battle of Fromelle was a diversionary tactic designed to divert the attention of the Germans away from the Somme.

The tactic failed miserably.

Fromelle is open land without trenches or cover. The attack commenced in broad daylight in an area where the Germans were well entrenched and had large amounts of artillery available.

The result was the loss of 5,553 Australians in a 24 hour period.

It has been described as the worst 24 hours in Australia's entire history.

William Burke's mother went to her grave not knowing where or how her son died.

In 2010 a mass grave consisting of about 250 bodies was discovered at Pheasant Wood.

DNA from a male descendant of William Burke was used to match DNA found at the grave site to identify the remnants of William Burke.

Brad and many of his family travelled to Fromelle for a service exactly 100 years from the commencement of the battle which commenced on 19 July 1916.

Fromelle now houses the newest Commonwealth War Cemetery.

Of the 250 men found, about 150 have been identified.

There are still over 1,000 Australian men who died on the western front whose location is not known.

I thank Brad for his exceptional presentation which I think everybody really enjoyed and appreciated.

Presentations like those that Brad provided to us enable us to appreciate that the freedoms we now enjoy have been hard fought and not without sacrifice and gives us additional motivation to ensure that we support the forthcoming Anzac Day.



I will be on annual leave next week and one of our past presidents will step in to run our next meeting.

I hope you all enjoy your week.

Cheers.

Robbo

GUEST SPEAKER

Brad Anderson –Fromelles

Introduction and notes: Dennis Maunder

Thanks:

Brad Anderson attended our meeting with his wife Gill, and spoke on his personal story regarding his great grand uncle (William Burke 1895-1916) who was killed at Fromelles in WW1.

William overstated his age when he was enlisting, like a lot of soldiers in World War I. He was involved in action on the Western front in France, which covered 1700 km. The battle of Fromelles is seen as the worst 24 hours in Australian history, due to 5553 casualties for zero gain. The battle took place in broad daylight on relatively flat terrain, and the Germans could see everything the Allied forces were doing. In summary, the battle was a disaster.

After the battle, hundreds of bodies from the fields were buried in graves, including one mass grave would which remain undiscovered for 90 years. The bodies of 250 Australian and British soldiers were removed with great patience by forensic specialists, and DNA samples were taken from teeth and bones. Brad Anderson and his family supplied DNA for the process, and the body of William Burke was one of the soldiers identified from DNA analysis. This brought closure to the family who often wondered what happened to William.

Brad travelled to France with members of his family to the dedication of the Pheasant Wood War Cemetery in 2010. The French people are still full of gratitude for the sacrifices made all those years ago by Australian soldiers.



Meeting Roster	Wednesday 26th April	Wednesday 3rd May
Venue	West Diggers 6:30am	West Diggers 6:30am
Topic	Nichola Cotter-Physio Rehab	Nichola Cotter-physio rehab
Door Team	Peter Pulley John Treloar	John Worldon Ron Allen
Meeter & Greeter	Michelle Shanahan	Deb Barnes
Welcome	Peter Bell	John Fogarty
President Assist	Tim Coates	Andrew Beer
Visitor Assist	Louise Matthews	Dean Clutterbuck
Corporal Assist	Jim Raymond	Liz Gill
Bulletin Notes	Val Hellmann	Juanita Greville
Introduction	Val Hellmann	Juanita Greville
Vote of Thanks	Julian Smith	Joe Townsend

Post Office Raffle Roster

28 April	5 May	12 May	19 May
John Treloar Richard Walker	Richard Walker Brett White	Helen Tickle Brett White	Helen Tickle Jane Bradford
26 May	2 June	9 June	16 June
Jane Bradford Simone Church	Simone Church Barry Biffin	Barry Biffin Graham Dooley	Graham Dooley Liz Gill
Corporals for April		Corporals for May	
Phil Penman & Natalie Conn		James Treloar & Richard Walker	

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions

Members Birthdays	Phil Penman (28/4)
Partners Birthdays	Angela (partner of Glen McIntosh-29/4)
Anniversaries	Brodie and Pam Shields (44 years-29/4), Paul and Susie Stevenson (38 years-29/4)
Club Induction	NIL
Attendance	62%
Make-Ups	NIL
Visiting Rotarians	Greg Thomas (West)
Visitors	Gillian Anderson, Andrew Maughan
Heads & Tails	Marina Lawrence
Raffle	Louise Matthews

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
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Club Officers and contact details

President—Terry Robinson

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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 |

CLUB ROSTERED DUTIES

PRESIDENT ASSIST

To ensure members who are rostered for the duties of, Meeter and Greeter, Door, Visitor Assist, Welcome to our Members & Guests, Introduction of the Guest Speaker(s) and Vote of Thanks are present and if they are not to find a replacement and ensure those people's names are updated on the President's Running Sheet. Select the Table Order (after the head table).

Need to be in attendance by 6.30 am

DOOR TEAM

To record the attendance of our members and guests, collect meeting dues, and if possible balance the cash float i.e. monies paid = money received.

Need to be in attendance at 6.30 am

MEETER & GREETER

To meet & greet our members & welcome guests to our Club at the top of the stairs and to hand name badges to members. Also ensure any guests of members or visiting Rotarians are introduced to the Visitor Assist to ensure they are made feel welcome.

Need to be in attendance at 6.30 am

VISITOR ASSIST

To ensure any visitors to the Club are felt welcome by introducing yourself to them and other members and guests of our Club. To also include them in fellowship before and if necessary make sure they are included with several members for breakfast and are not left on their own.

Need to be in attendance from 6.30 am

WELCOME

To publicly welcome our Members & Guests (following the introduction) to our meeting when called upon by the President or his/her substitute.

Need to be in attendance by 6.50 am (or earlier)

INTRODUCTION

To make yourself known to our Guest Speaker/s, assist them to the head table and sit with them. During breakfast find out some information about the guest speaker which will assist you in your introduction.

VOTE OF THANKS

To move a vote of thanks to our guest speaker, and present a little thank you gift (ensure you have it before the meeting commences and take notes during their presentation to ensure your thank you is informed).

CORPORALS

To assist the Sergeant by putting out all Club Property and putting away at the conclusion of the meeting. Need to be in attendance by 6:30 am.

CORPORAL ASSIST

To assist the Sergeant, by putting away all Club Property at the conclusion of the meeting if the Corporals are unable to do so.