



# Rotary

## CLUB OF TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT BULLETIN

**2016-2017**

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Photo courtesy of: Michael O'Connor (East Tamworth on ANZAC day)

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## NOTES & DIARY DATES 2016

### Changeover dinner-Saturday night 17<sup>th</sup> June @ Diggers

### Sunrise Changeover- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> at Best Western Sanctuary Inn.

**Golf trip cheque-** Rob Clifton presented the club with \$10,000 to be used for local projects including Youth In search

**Board meeting-** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:45am at Terry's office. New board invited to attend.

**Cancer Council Dance for Cancer-** Dimity is looking for volunteers to help with set up on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June as well as the bar and food service for the event.

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

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

**60 seconds-** Peter Bell spoke about the Moore Creek tennis club and their mini miner cup based on the history of the Moore Creek gold mine history (that never actually was mined).

#### **Lions Club is supporting Cancer Foundations with a movie fundraiser**

"Viceroy's House" – Hugh Bonneville & Gillian Anderson are the leads – the period is 1947 and the last six months of colonial rule in India and if you know your history – Lord Mountbatten was the last Viceroy.

Thursday, 18 May 2017 – time is 6:30 for 7:00pm and the cost of tickets is \$15 per person (no nibbles provided).

If you are interested, please speak to Jane Bradford who will collect the monies and supply the tickets!!!



Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## Meeting # 1357

Words of wisdom:

“The total amount of energy we use every year from coal, oil, gas, hydro and nuclear power is dwarfed by the amount of free solar energy hitting our planet every year. The challenge being, can we effectively harness and store it. It is also one of the only energy sources which is not owned by anyone or taxed by the government” .....yet !

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ron Allen presented a balanced view on the efficiencies and effectiveness of solar power currently. Some of Ron's key takeaway points were:

- Solar really depends on your situation, your intended time of usage and physical location otherwise it could be a waste of money.
- There is very little financial return in selling your energy back to the grid;
- The best usage for solar is during the day and if you are not at home during the day then you are not using the free energy.
- Authorities are developing the “smart metre” where potentially the authorities can turn off your power and/or charge you more for peak supply.
- Batteries provide a more reliable supply of solar power; however, their lifespan is on current technologies about 10 years with the payback for the capital costs being 12 to 15 years.
- If your premises are larger than a single residential premises you may need a separate room or premises to store the batteries and this is an extra cost and in multi-occupancy developments there may be no extra room.
- There is rapid development in the design and types of storage batteries going on and his advice is to wait another 12 months to see what develops.
- Do not buy solar power installations on price. You get what you pay for. There are many cheap imports that do not meet Australian Standards and there have been over 200 fires in Queensland from non-complying solar products.

- There is also a reasonable percentage of solar systems that do not work however, the owners of the systems are unaware.
- You will never eliminate your electricity bill as half of your account is actually payment for poles and wires.
- Ron recommends you consider time-of-use metering if you are able to schedule your electricity usage to between 10:00 pm and 7:00 am and during the weekend.

This topic generated plenty of interest and as Ron expected not everyone agreed with his views.

The Golf Committee presented a cheque to the Club for \$10,000.00 to form part of our annual funds distribution.

The Golf Committee has continued to be the backbone of the Club's fundraising for many years and the Golf committee members both current and former must be congratulated for their continuing commitment to these continuing events.

It was fantastic to welcome DJ back to the Club after a leave of absence.

On a sadder note we accepted the resignation of Tim Coates from the club.

Dimitry in her Cancer Council role asked the Club to assist with their Tamworth Dance for Cancer by assisting with the bumping in and with the bar and food distribution on Saturday 24 June.

We have a board meeting on Monday, 8 May commencing at 7:00 am at my office for the current and incoming board and any other interested members.

If you have any matters you wish raised, please let me or the board know.

The District Centennial Project involving the installation of water filtration plants in approximately 80 schools in India is moving forward.

Our club has donated \$2,000.00 to the project and the District Committee is now preparing an application for a global and matching grant.

Hopefully that project can be implemented in 2017/2018 year and there may be an opportunity for a work party to assist.

At the next meeting I will present the financial results of the Pedal the Peel Cycling Challenge.

I hope you have a great week.

Cheers

Robbo





## GUEST SPEAKER

### Ron Allen-solar energy

**Introduction and notes:** Phil Lyon

**Thanks:** Bruce Hemmett

Our guest speaker was Ron Allen (a past President of the Club) who enlightened us on the subject of Solar Energy.

Ron indicated that whilst he did not promote the installation of solar energy for everyone he was not opposed to the use of solar energy in appropriate circumstances.

He indicated that due to the reduction in payment for energy put back into the grid the best arrangement for use of solar energy was where the owner used the solar energy generated during the day before using the grid.

Battery storage of solar energy was improving quickly but had not yet reached an economically viable return. He would suggest that a further 12 – 18 months will see a marked improvement in battery efficiency.

The bottom line with solar energy is that each case needs to be researched prior to installation to obtain the best use of the energy produced at the most economic price.



## MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Rotary Clubs across Australia sponsor young people in the development of skills in the areas of communication, leadership, road safety / driver awareness, resilience and self-esteem and in furthering their career aspirations in the areas of mathematics and science.

Youth Service recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, service projects and exchange programs and aims to provide innovative and practical opportunities to assist and motivate young people in our communities to acquire learning and life skills. Youth Service is an investment in the future. A commitment to Youth Service within and through our clubs is a commitment to the next generation of potential Rotarians and the ongoing future and health of our clubs. Our club is involved in many youth service projects, including:

- RYLA
- MUNA
- Rotary youth exchange
- Science and Engineering Challenge
- Careers expo



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AUGUST  
SATURDAY  
2:00PM & 7:30PM  
CAPITOL THEATRE TAMWORTH



## A Musical Theatre Gala Concert fundraising for Mental Health Research

The stars of Les Miserables Australia come to Tamworth to present *Epiphanies* – a celebration of our struggles and hopes through some of the great melodies of musical theatre!

Presented by local singer turned professional music theatre actor Rob McDougall (*Bishop of Digne/Cover Javert, Les Miserables; Mephisto, Faust*), *Epiphanies* will present some of the greatest pieces of music from the great shows of the 20th and 21st centuries, backed by a stunning 18 piece orchestra.

Kerrie Anne Greenland (*Helpmann Awarded Eponine, Les Miserables; Violet, Sideshow*) and Daniel Belle (*The Ten Tenors; Cover Valjean, Les Miserables*) perform a dazzling array of pieces from the most beloved musicals, including Phantom of the Opera, Carousel, Wicked, The Secret Garden, Sweeney Todd, Sunset Boulevard and The Sound of Music.

Special guest artists - Brooke Gillet, Gabriella McDonald, Peter Ross and Anne Walsh.

2 hours 40 mins | Includes Interval



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# STARS OF TAMWORTH

DANCE FOR CANCER

TAMWORTH TOWN HALL FITZROY ST  
**SATURDAY 24TH JUNE 2017**

6.00PM ARRIVAL FOR 6.30 START

\$95.00 A TICKET OR \$850.00 FOR A TABLE OF TEN

THREE COURSE MEAL AND  
WELCOME DRINK ON ARRIVAL

**BOOKING DETAILS**

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Meeting Roster	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	
Venue	West Diggers 6:30am	TRECC	
Topic	Louise Matthews- post RYLA	Careers expo	
Door Team	Bruce Hemmett Phil Penman	Phil Lyon Stephen Massey	
Meeter & Greeter	Max Cathcart	Dwone Jones	
Welcome	Phil Heffernan	Michael O'Connor	
President Assist	Brodie Shields	Peter Ryan	
Visitor Assist	Maureen Thornton	Tom Hellmann	
Corporal Assist	Richard Walker	Di Ford	
Bulletin Notes	Anne Jacob	Peter Hyde	
Introduction	Anne Jacob	Peter Hyde	
Vote of Thanks	Christine Shewry	Val Hellmann	
<b>Post Office Raffle Roster</b>			
<b>12 May</b>	<b>19 May</b>	<b>26 May</b>	<b>2 June</b>
Helen Tickle Brett White	Helen Tickle Jane Bradford	Jane Bradford Simone Church	Simone Church Barry Biffin
<b>9 June</b>	<b>16 June</b>	<b>23 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>
Barry Biffin Graham Dooley	Rob Clifton Liz Gill	Liz Gill Laurence Hearne	Laurence Herne Phil Heffernan
<b>Corporals for May</b>		<b>Corporals for June</b>	
James Treloar & Richard Walker		Graham Dooley & Stephen Hawkins	
<b>Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions</b>			
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Marina Lawrence (13/5), Brian Logan (13/5)		
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Judy Biffin (13/5), Jacque Fogarty (16/5)		
<b>Anniversaries</b>	NIL		
<b>Club Induction</b>	NIL		
<b>Attendance</b>	65%		
<b>Make-Ups</b>	NA		
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	NA		
<b>Visitors</b>	NA		
<b>Heads &amp; Tails</b>	Dimity Betts		
<b>Raffle</b>	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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Club Officers and contact details

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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                |