

Rotary



**2016-2017 Changeover  
Annual Report 2016-2017**

***ROTARY CLUB OF TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT  
Changeover - Saturday, 17 June 2017  
Grand Ballroom - West Diggers  
Kable Avenue, Tamworth***



Rotary



## PRESEIDENT'S REPORT 2016-2017

### President Terry Robinson

To be a Rotarian is simply to have a desire to do something to help others. To be a Rotarian is to develop your skills, broaden your networks, grow your understanding and knowledge, enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded people and build lifelong friendships.

Rotary is where people, help people achieve extra ordinary things. For more than 100 years, motivated people from around the globe have come together as Rotarians to unite the power of one with the power of many to bring about exceptional change in our own communities and our world.

Rotary is focused on improving the well-being of local and international communities and bringing about peace and understanding.

To be a member of the Rotary Family is to be part of something much bigger than yourself. You are a member of a diverse, worldwide team whose members together have and will provide extra ordinary service to humanity.

As Rotarians, we need to be proud of what we as a group locally and internationally have achieved and we need to broadcast that not to inflate our own self egos but to encourage others to join our membership and become involved as active, engaged members of our Rotary organisations.

So, what makes a good Rotarian? Anyone who cares about our community and /or making the world a better place, is a potential Rotarian. Let's not be selfish, let's spread the word and invite such people to share the opportunities that Rotary provides, so that together we can "Serve Humanity" .... Which of course was our theme this year.

#### **How is our Club's report card for 2016/17?**

The vision that I shared with the club at the beginning of my tenure included:

1. Having a fun filled weekly meeting with a positive vibe, great guest speakers and vocational visits and being welcoming and inclusive to our members and guests.
2. Encouraging our members to be active and engaged Rotarians and contributors.
3. Increasing our social activities for club members and partners in the belief that if there is good social activities, then you will likely also have active and engaged Rotarians
4. To encourage members to commit to attending the District Convention in Laurieton
5. To reconnect with our child club, Sunrise Rotary club

6. Continue to source quality members and introduce a new members kit and mentoring program
7. Continue with the Papua New Guinea project and secure a district and global grant
8. Promote and support the Rotary Foundation
9. Focus on youth programs

### **Well how did we go?**

Frankly, I am very pleased with our Rotary year however it is only because we have a motivated and dedicated group of directors, chair people and members who are committed to making our club work.

The projects, events and service work that Clubs like First Light Rotary carry out, do not simply happen, it is a combination of many dedicated Rotarians focused on making sure that our club activities are the best they can be. Congratulations to you! You have made me look good.

What are some of the highlights?

**Club meetings** – honestly, I believe that the guest speakers and programs organised by John Fogarty is probably one of the best meeting programs that I have experienced in our club - thank you John. Every meeting was something to look forward to. The vibe in the club is strong and positive and fine Sgt Leslie Hood has administered justice and extracted funds from those most deserving. The meetings have been fun and relaxed which was highlighted when our District Governor, Ian Jackson commented that he began laughing the moment he walked in the door and didn't stop until he left.

Another strong feature was our continued support of **Youth Insearch**. This is an organisation that assists wayward youth to find purpose and meaning in life and to become valuable contributors to our communities. This year with funds principally raised from our Golf trips and the Pedal the Peel cycling challenge we have donated approximately \$23,000 to that very worthwhile cause.

The **Golf committee** have continued to exceed all expectations in organising three golf trips this year and having those trips almost filled to capacity. Their ability to make those trips fun filled and memorable so that past participants continue to come again and again, remains a key feature of their success. This year the Golf Committee donated \$30,000 to the club. Congratulations to the current and past golf committee members.

The **Pedal the Peel Cycling Challenge** took on a different format this year. We invited the Sunrise Rotary Club to join us, to share in workload and also fundraising. I must say that it was a great joint venture and yielded a fantastic result. We firstly reconnected with Sunrise Rotary Club, which was one of my goals. Sunrise is a great club, they have vibrant, enthusiastic and engaged members and they have skills that many of us older Rotarians don't have in terms of technology and we should continue to support Sunrise Club, where ever we can.

In terms of the result, the cycling challenge raised about \$37,000 and we donated \$34,000 to the community. This is more than double last year's Pedal the Peel Cycling Challenge fundraising efforts.

**The Science and Engineering Challenge** seeks to encourage students to consider a career in the science, maths and engineering faculties by allowing them to experience meaningful, scientific activities which have made a difference in our world, by having them invent and create similar results. We are one of only a few clubs throughout Australia who holds a three-day event catering for not only the high school students but also primary schools' students throughout our district. Over 1000 students participate in the Challenge each year and as a result there has been a positive uptake in students participating in the science, maths and engineering faculties at university.

This year our club elected to take on the full carriage and conduct of the **North West Regional Careers Expo**. For many years the bulk of the work had been carried out by Joblink Plus. Marina Lawrence who had only just become a member, accepted the position of Vocational Director after having been told that it only involves organising one or two vocational visits throughout the year. Within a few weeks of accepting the position she was the head of the committee organising the Regional Careers Expo which resulted in over 78 exhibitors from all over NSW attending. Approximately 1600 school students from the Tamworth region attended and benefited. Our Careers Expo is believed to be the largest outside metropolitan Sydney in New South Wales. It is a credit to Marina and her committee. I must also recognize and thank the involvement of Charles Impy, who was instrumental in assisting our Club with this project. A further highlight was when our Club was recognised at the **District Convention** and awarded the Vocational Service Award for our continuing involvement in the Science and Engineering Challenge and the North-west Careers Expo.

**RYLA or Rotary Youth Leadership Awards** has continued to grow in strength as the business community starts to recognise the value that the RYLA program imparts to their employees



and subsequently their business. It remains a challenge for us to encourage other Rotary clubs to support RYLA.

Our Louise Matthews is heavily involved in the program and continues to be one of the main promoters and is affectionately known as “mum” by the students. Dwone Jones and Christine Shewry continue to support the program and provide their own inspiring presentations. This year we sponsored one young lady and we’re hopeful that she will become a member of our club. What a great result that would be.

Barry Biffin almost single-handedly organised the **RYAG Equine program** for approximately 15 participants interested in the equine industry and he is hard at work organising the next event.

We have a team of Oxley high students attending the **Model United Nation’s Assembly** as well as Julia Lim, a student from Calrossy who we will be sponsoring to attend the **National Youth Science Forum**.

I am certain we have supported our youth this year and why not. They are our future and that is where we need to focus our efforts.

Whilst we often hear of service clubs donating large sums of money from fundraising projects, I don’t think we consider what value programs like the Careers Expo, the Science and Engineering Challenge, RYAG Equine, Model United Nations and so on are to our youth and the community. If you simply looked at the cost to conduct those events, it would exceed \$100,000 but the real tangible value arising as a result of those programs for our youth and our communities, that we and other Clubs conduct, is definitely much higher.

**Our International Project at Kokopo** New Guinea. We were successful in obtaining a district grant for \$3,996.00 to assist with acquiring and installing lead shielding for an x-ray machine in St Mary’s hospital. The application for a global grant to assist with a surgical recovery room is ongoing. I personally am disappointed that we were not able to get a substantial start on this project and I’m hopeful that next year will see that project come to fruition. We were the first club in our District to give our support to the **District Centennial Project** to provide clean drinking water in 80 State schools in India. We donated \$2000 to this project along with other Clubs. The District then applied for a District and a Global grant, which have been approved. The District now has total funds of \$126,000.00. The result is that the lives of 80,000 school students will be improved. There may be an opportunity for a work party to

visit India in 2018. If you ever needed an example of what a great organization Rotary is and what a great charity the Foundation is, then re-read this paragraph.

**The Bulletin** is one of the most important and time-consuming tasks in our club. It was taken on by one of our new members Dimity Betts and what a great job she has done. The contents and layout of the bulletin has been excellent, the distribution reliable and it has been a great source of efficient communication to our members. I really enjoyed the different first light sunrises on the title page of each bulletin.

**Other club projects and fundraising** initiatives were supported by members including:

The Polio movie night- Hidden figures which raised over \$1800.00.

The pub raffle at the Post Office Hotel which raised over \$7000.00

Assisting the Santa Pub Crawl in aid of Ronald McDonald House which raised over \$22,000

Marshalling at the Country Music Cavalcade in January 2017

Assisting at the motor Neuron Disease Ball that raised over \$115,000.00.

Assisting the Cancer Council Dance for Cancer Ball

Catering for the RUOK mental health concert at the Country Music Festival

Conducted a Legacy Fundraiser

Running the bar and gates at the Tamworth Rugby Club

Rotary Bowel Scan program

Donating \$4000.00 to Kairos Outside Women's Ministry

Donating \$8500.00 to Inala House for Cancer Accommodation to update their bathroom fittings

Donating \$3,450.00 for new flooring to the Brain Injury ward at Tamworth Hospital.

From a **publicity** point of view, Deb Barnes has really pushed the club's profile utilising Facebook. After each meeting presentation and each service event, Deb has published photographs and information on Facebook which is being shared and on a number of occasions we have had "hits" which have exceeded 1000.

Further we also received considerable and consistent publicity from the events referred to above in my report including Pedal the Peel Cycling Challenge, Science and Engineering and the Careers expo.

We as Rotarians need to be proud of what we have achieved and not be afraid to let the community know and encourage others to join us and/or support us.

Increasing our social activities was one of my goals this year. In my view, a social club is a healthy club. A number of activities were carried out during the year including lawn bowls, regular catch ups at the Post Office Hotel, a movie night and generally ensuring that our weekly club meetings were an enjoyable and fun filled. The highlight at least from my point of view was the 6-hour lunch and superb food delivered to us at the Glasshouse restaurant at Goonoo Goonoo Station. Thank you, Peter Ryan.

We also had a fantastic and fun filled joint meeting with the Sunrise Rotary club. It is my recommendation that this become an annual event.

**The District Convention** was held in Laurieton in March. We had seven members and their partners attend. That was a much higher number of members who attended than usual and I thank you for supporting me and I know that each of those persons who attended came away enthused and invigorated regarding the power of Rotary.

Particular thanks must go to my ever efficient and reliable **secretary** Helen Tickle and **Treasurer** Jane Bradford. I would not have been able to perform my presidential role without your continued support and assistance. Thank you.

Many thanks must also to Brodie Shields our membership director for developing the **new membership kit and mentoring program**.

I must also give special thanks to Brett White and Peter Ryan for taking on and effectively managing the big club portfolios of **Service and Club administration**.

We have this year we have been involved in projects that have contributed money totalling \$110,000.00. These are detailed at the end of my report.

I have been honoured and proud to be the President of your club and hopefully I have left First Light Rotary Club in a little better position than I found it.

The dedication of our club Rotarians and their partners throughout the year was both humbling and inspiring to me.

One of the great things regarding being involved in a service organisations is that despite the hard work, you always get more out of your role in an organisation than you put into it.

I have learnt, I have developed, I have grown and I am a better person because of it. I encourage you to aspire to taking on different board positions and also to aspire to take on the presidency of what is recognised in our District, as one of the best clubs.

I could not have done what has been done without my ever willing and enthusiastic Board and again a big thank you.

I could not have been your president without the enduring support and encouragement from my **wife Sue**. Thank you.

I wish incoming president **Michael Smith** all the best for his year. Michael, be aware that the outgoing board and many past presidents are there to assist and guide you should you need it.

When our Club focuses on what is best for Rotary and best for our communities, then the right decision will always be made.

I personally thank everyone who supported me during the year, did as I asked and those who gave me encouragement, guidance and support.

This has been one of the most rewarding years of my life.

Yours in Rotary,

*Terry Robinson*

## **TREASURER'S REPORT 2016-2017**

**Director-Jane Bradford**

### *Donations and Contributions 2016/2017*

1. Legacy \$ 663.00
2. End Polio \$2500.00
3. Motor Neuron Disease \$2500.00
4. Youth Insearch \$23,000.00
5. Ronald McDonald House \$22,000.00
6. Kairos Outside for Women \$4000.00
7. Billabong mental health clubhouse \$4000.00
8. Headspace -mental health \$4000.00
9. Banksia mental health unit \$5000.00
10. Batyr- mental health \$4000.00
11. Inala House -Cancer Accom. \$8500.00
12. Brain Injury unit – flooring \$3480.00
13. Rotary International Foundation \$4000.00
14. First Light Foundation \$3000.00
15. Salvation Army \$2500.00



16. Potable Water Project \_ India \$2000.00
17. DG's partners Project-Cancer research \$1037.00
18. Club Person of the Year \$1000.00
19. St Vincent DePaul \$1500.00
20. Disaster Aid \$1500.00
21. Bullimbal School \$1000.00
22. Tamworth Film and Sound Archive \$1500.00
23. Australian Rotary Health \$1500.00
24. ROMAC \$1500.00
25. End Malaria \$1500.00
26. Alzheimer's Australia \$1000.00
27. Tamworth Prostate Cancer Support \$1000.00
28. Tamworth Breast Cancer Support \$1000.00
29. RUOK \$ 250.00

**TOTAL \$110,430.00**

**Other Significant Contributions**

Science and Engineering Challenge  
North West Regional Careers Expo  
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards  
Rotary Youth Equine program

**Estimated Value to our community \$100,000.00**

**Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light, you have really "Served  
Humanity".**

## CLUB ADMINISTRATION

### Director- Peter Ryan

It has been a great year for the Administration portfolio this year with a focus from our president, Terry Robinson was to lift member participation and have fun. We introduced a couple of new initiatives which we have had positive feedback from the members this year. We introduced a social night on the 3rd Friday of each month for members at the Post Office Hotel. This has had good attendance and has helped increase the funds of the Friday night Rotary Raffles. We also introduced Club member 60 seconds talks at each meeting which was managed by John Fogarty. This initiative allowed the allocated member to talk on any topic they chose for 60 seconds. These talks were often informative, sometimes extremely funny and on occasions we learnt something about our fellow members that we did not know. We organised Lawn Bowls Christmas party which was also well received where we had club members and their partners play lawn bowls. For some people, this was their first playing lawn bowls which was followed by dinner at Tamworth City Bowling Club. Feedback was that everyone had a great time.

One of the feature events of the year was the Rotary Lunch at the Glass House Restaurant at Goonoo Goonoo Station in February. We had more than 40 people booked in for a 2 hour lunch which turned into a 6 hour long lunch with Glass House staff kicking our members out at 6.00 pm as their dinner guests started to roll in. A great day had by all who attended. I think we helped achieve a couple of President Terry's goals of increasing member participation and having fun.

**Program Director – John Fogarty** has done an outstanding job of organising guest speakers for each of our meetings. The quality and diversity of speakers was excellent. Members learnt a lot about a number of organizations, some of which we did not know existed. Program of speakers attached. This also helped the board when distributing funds to organisations as through the guest speakers we found a number of worthy organizations that would appreciate our assistance. The technology for the quest speakers created some challenges at the start of the year. We were able to get this sorted in the first few weeks of the Rotary year. Thank you to John for doing a great job.

**Bulletin –Dimity Betts.** OMG. Dimity has done a fantastic job. For such a new, young member of Tamworth First Light Rotary to step up and do the job she has done at the same time

conditioning, training and breaking in a new husband, Dimity has done an outstanding job. We did split the role so that the person that was allocated to introduce the guest speaker was also allocated to take notes for the meeting which made the role a little more manageable. The Bulletin Editor is a big role. Thank you Dimity for a job well done.

**Catering – Brian Logan.** As always Brian organised the catering for the club and provided us with great food and service when we were away from West Diggers. You know that once you give the dates to Brian it just happens. Thank you Brian.

**Seargant – Lesley Hood.** Lesley has done a great job as sergeant. We could not see her for the first few weeks, so she bought her own stool. Thank you Lesley.

**Welfare Officer - Paul Stevenson.** We had the right person on the job as our Welfare officer. Paul is extremely compassionate and the things he does behind the scene for the community is amazing. There were a number of members that received a visit or a phone call from Paul during the year. Thanks Paul.

**Web – Bruce Hemmett.** Mr BP – Bruce just does the job. Bruce has been doing this task for a number of years and keeps on keeping on.

**Historian – Terry Burgess –** Terry has maintained the historical records for the club, even though he has not been able to attend meetings due to his health. Thank you Terry.

Thank you to everyone for a great year. I think the secret to the running of the administration portfolio is to surround yourself with good members, and I was fortunate to have a great team around me in 2016 / 2017.

## MEMBERSHIP

### Director- Brodie Shields

At the beginning of the year I set out to review the way we recruit new members. In my research I found plenty of material within Rotary Internationals website and many attempts to achieve the same outcome from members past. Overall, I found the information overwhelming, conflicting, and confusing. No doubt those past members found this as well.

It was decided then to go our own way, and produce our own guidelines, oriented the way we (First Light) operates, and tailored to suit a Club of our size.

I am pleased to say, of the dot-point list set out at the start, all but one has been achieved.



Procedures and guidelines are now in place on our website, and available to all members. It is now up to the members and future Boards to adhere to those guides.

Guidelines include everything a member needs to know if they have a potential member in mind. There are guides to assist the new member and their mentors in assimilating into Rotary, and our Club in particular.

We have inducted 5 and lost 4 due to transfer/resignation. At the time of writing First Light is the largest Club in the District with 69 members.

The ratio of Female: Male members is above average.

I thank the many members who served on this committee for their wisdom and support.

It has been a pleasure working with Terry Robinson and his Board this year. I encourage all members to seek a Board and/or a committee position. It is not hard and is very rewarding.

## **ROTARY FOUNDATION**

### **Director-Steve Massey**

1. As this was the **centenary** of the Rotary Foundation, there was a push throughout the year to encourage members to donate to the District Centurion Program. The Foundation is the most efficient of any charities and half the money donated is returned to the District to be used in District Grants.
2. **Global Grant** – Terry Robinson, Brett White and I intend to push this along next year with some of us visiting PNG in August when Rob Sharpe next goes. Some old plans to refurbish the hospital were located, but found to be too grand and expensive. Current thinking is for a simple extension to provide a recovery room using First Light existing PNG funds. Then the global grant would be used to furnish and finish this area.
3. **District Grant** –the club was fortunate to be granted \$3996 from District funds to upgrade X-ray safety at the hospital – x-ray aprons for the patients and protective sheeting and lead lined glass for the operators. The total cost of this project is budgeted at \$4862. This is an ongoing project into 17/18.

## **SERVICE PROJECTS**

### **Director-Brett White**

It has been an eventful and full Rotary year with many projects, schemes and community involvement. My committee heads have been a joy to work with and a lot has been accomplished and we have excelled in some areas.

We have an active involvement now with Oxley High School thanks to Andrew Beer and I am glad he is continuing on next year in this role.

When Marina Lawrence took on her first committee role early in her Rotary life, she could not have envisaged that Job Link would have severed their ties with the event. To say Marina stepped up and owned Careers Expo understates her achievement. This important community event has now been returned to our Club and is destined for bigger and better things.

I am pleased to confirm that Marina will again head this Committee and I will assist.

Thanks to Jim Raymond who never says no and has been of great assistance with organising events and the teams.

Louise 'Mum' Matthews showed why RYLA is vital to the development of our young people and future community leader. We are so lucky to have Louise in our Club and community.

Barry Biffin became the sole organiser and facilitator of the RYAG Equine this year and ran the camp with the assistance of Judy. A highly successful event once again as detailed below in Barry's report.

Steve Hawkins management of the Science & Engineering with his committee ensured we ran another successful event. The event continues to grow and surprise with the changes to the format for the student and teachers.

Finally to Pedal the Peel. Terry and the committee from our Club, Sunrise Rotary and Andy Chambers from Forsyths worked very hard to ensure this event was well organised and nearly doubled in rider numbers. Fund raising was extreme with sponsorship packs and other fund raising ensuring a considerable amount of funds for the nominated charities was already raised well before the event.

Richard Wise was an integral part of the organising committee and his loss is yet to be fully realised.

The reports from the committee heads are as follows and I thank them all for their efforts.

### **Community Service – Jim Raymond**

Activities carried out this year included;

- Post Office Hotel raffle which continues to be a great success.
- Magpies Rugby – bar, gate and canteen. Our association with the rugby club finished at the end of the 2016 season.
- Support for the Motor Neurone Disease fund raiser.
- Assisted with car parking for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Rio Ball.
- Gate for Country Rugby.
- Annual Bowl Scan.
- Marshalling for the Country Music Cavalcade.
- Ronald McDonald House Santa Crawl
- RUOK BBQ
- Pedal the Peel

I would like to thank to my committee members, Michael O'Connor, Val Hellman, Ron Allen, Dean Clutterbuck, Peter Pulley and Chris Watson for their help during the year.

### **Youth – Andrew Beer**

From what I understand we managed to gain a little more traction with Oxley High this year, with students participating in the following activities over the course of the year.

- MUNA; Club sponsored 1 team to attend, with 3 teams from Oxley in total attending (Sunrise club sponsored two)

- Public Speaking; As a club we identified two candidates, as we could only sponsor , Sunrise stepped in and sponsored the other. Ironically our representative failed to show on the night, however the other Oxley High student sponsored by Sunrise did well

- National Youth Science Forum; A young lady by the name of Julia Lim from Calrossy has been identified as a suitable candidate and therefore First Light has supported her application. She has requested we assist financially, with the board currently considering her request. Next

step is for Julia to go through the district selection process and if successful will attend the forum in early 2018.

### **RYAG Equine – Barry Biffin**

RYAG Equine invites students in Years 10 to 12 on a two-day camp to enhance their understanding and explore career paths in Australia's flourishing equine industry.

The camp is run by the Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light, with RYAG Equine Committee head Barry Biffin previously in the stockfeed business and now a competitive tent pegger – an ancient equestrian sport related to cavalry practice.

On Saturday morning the students are up at 4:30 am to watch track work at the local racecourse. They also visit the trotting track to watch how a trotter gets their gear on for a race and learn about selecting colt or filly with good prospects. Stewards explain the role they play in a race meeting, whether that be gallops or trotting.

After that, local saddlery owners speak about equestrian merchandise being exported to Australia, such as saddles, equipment and clothing. A stock feed retailer shows the students different kinds of horse feeds available and describes how they are manufactured.

They also visit studs to see the business of raising champions, meeting stallions, broodmares and foals. Workers offer insight into how their equine careers began, their educational backgrounds and the daily life working with and around horses. An equine veterinary clinic gives insight into artificial insemination and general horse husbandry.

The organisers synchronise the camp with one of the many blockbuster equestrian events held at Tamworth's state of the art Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre. This gives students the opportunity to go behind the scenes and encounter equine staff including trainers, vets and riders in action. In 2016 they were guests at the Quarter Horse Youth World Cup watching riders from all over the world competing with Australians in events like cutting.

Tamworth TAFE in various years have participated through discussing the various training programs available associated with horse industry practice. The Mounted Police have also spoken about what it takes to become one of their team.

There are roughly 300 different jobs centred around horses – from stud management to turf maintenance at racetracks. Our camp aims to give students perspective on the huge amount of career options available to them in the field.

#### **RYLA** – Louise Matthews

D9650 RYLA 2017 was again held at Yarrahapinni Adventist Youth Centre at Grassy Head, 1 – 8 April 2017. RYLA will remain at this facility in 2018 due to an inability to find suitable properties to cater for our needs inland in D9650 at this point in time.

36 participants, 5 leaders & 4 committee members attended Camp. Only 22 Clubs out of 56 in the District were represented, which again is disappointing. Lightning Ridge sent another participant this year & Dorrigo, who unfortunately couldn't field a participant, paid half toward a young fellow from the Backtrack program in Armidale. These tiny Clubs are certainly punching above their weight.

Thank you to RCTFL Board for sponsoring Rhianna Smith & signing off on 5 others who were sponsored by their employers. Brianna Freestone & Liam Rushton-Grace (Joblink Plus), Julia Csanki (Challenge Community Services), Dominique Judd (Tamworth Regional Council) & Jack Dawson (Hopscotch Café).

Huge thanks also goes to our members who contribute as presenters at Camp. Christine Shewry imparts her knowledge & wisdom regarding "What Employers Want" & Dwone DJ Jones tells his "Personal Story" which has a lasting impact on everyone who is privileged to hear it. We are also lucky to have Jenny & Sam Bailey (the quadriplegic farmer from Croppa Creek). Every one of these people give freely of their time because of their belief in this life changing program.

Another thank you to Nic Hinwood from KEO Design (RYLArian 2012 now member RCT Sunrise) for producing a video for use all over the District promoting RYLA & using a number of very familiar faces.

I am honoured to be the D9650 RYLA Mum. It is continually challenging - physically, emotionally & intellectually, but, I love it. We are in good hands – **RYLA is the future of Rotary.**



## **Vocational – Marina Lawrence**

### **Vocational visits –**

- Sigma Aerospace
- Andromeda
- Newcastle Rural Health

All fantastic local employers supporting our community with fascinating industries and services.

### **Careers Expo –**

This year Careers Expo was organised and run by our Rotary Club. A summary of the event is as follows:-

- 78 exhibitors
- 98 sites
- 1,600 students from 13 schools
- Just over \$10,000 in funds from exhibitor registrations
- \$2,000 grant from the NSW Department of Education and Community
- We expect to break even from the event
- Report card of the event has been issued with most received back. Feedback has been extremely positive. Exhibitors are already telling us that they will be back next year.
- UAC emailing other Universities who did not attend to tell them that they missed out on a great opportunity.
- Manilla Central School emailed to tell us that it was almost the best careers event they have attended in the last 10 years.
- State Member for Tamworth, Kevin Anderson open to discussions on how we can get our local emergency services (Police, Fire Brigade and Ambulance) to attend next year.
- We have other exhibitors who have also sent information to other companies or organisations that they feel should be part of the Expo.
- Next year's event will be bigger and better.

I am looking forward to next year's North West Regional Careers Expo

## **Science & Engineering – Steve Hawkins**

Thanks to the efforts of our hard working committee, in conjunction with the University of Newcastle, another very successful event was held this year.

The event was held from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March at TRECC.

This year saw the introduction of a \$3 levy per student. This has helped greatly in the effort to reduce the overall cost of the event.

Approximately 800 students from across the region participated. The high level of student involvement was very obvious and is indicative of the outstanding educational value of the activities. Students were also able to learn firsthand about possible career paths within the sector.

The annual dinner of previous years was also replaced with a breakfast at the venue. This enabled members to experience the types of activities enjoyed by the students.

## **Pedal the Peel – Terry Robinson**

A wonderful project for the community and Rotary with the involvement of the Rotary Club of Sunrise. Terry has expanded on this project within his President's report.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

### **Director-Deb Barnes**

Tamworth Rotary First Light has received extensive publicity over the 2016-2017 year. This was via Prime and NBN News, Northern Daily Leader, eNews and Facebook.

The major items covered were:

- Pedal the Peel;
- Science and Technology Challenge;
- Careers Expo;
- Golf Tours; and
- Weekly presenters

Facebook has been our measurable publicity with several posts reaching more than 2400 people:

- David Green presentation of Paul Harris Fellow;

- Careers Expo;
- Science and Engineering Challenge;
- RYLA presentation;
- ANZAC presentation;
- Palliative Care; and
- RUOK?

Weekly posts provided brief overview our guest speaker;

- Welcome Terry Robinson as new president;
- \$106,288 in donations to local charities and an International project;
- Jane Bradford as Steve Burrows Club person of the year;
- Helen Tickle as Paul Harris Fellow;
- Farewell to Reiko;
- Greg Rowlands from Tamworth Taxi's;
- Kairos – Outside;
- Personal profile By Dimity Betts;
- Swedish Friendship Exchange;
- Davo and Hawkeye on Westpac rides;
- Chris Basingthwaith on computer security;
- Sigma Aerospace visit;
- Personal profile by Marina Lawrence;
- Donation to Youth Insearch received by Mal McPherson;
- Personal Profile by Richard Hardwick;
- Personal profile by Simone Church;
- Personal profile by Dean Clutterbuck; and
- Brian Sullivan shared some history with us.

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## CLUB HISTORY YEAR 2016 – 2017

**Put together by Brodie Shields-Membership Director**

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WORLD PRESIDENT

**John F. Germ**

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

**Ian Jackson**

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Terry Robinson

Secretary – Helen Tickle

President Elect – Michael Smith

Treasurer – Jane Bradford



## **Director - CLUB ADMINISTRATION – Peter Ryan**

Attendance: Brodie Shields

Sergeant at Arms: Lesley Hood

Programme: John Fogarty

Bulletin: Dimity Betts

History: Brodie Shields

Welfare Officer: Paul Stevenson

Catering: Brian Logan

Webmaster: Bruce Hemmett

Public Officer: Michael O'Connor

## **Director - MEMBERSHIP – Brodie Shields**

Committee: Simone Church, Deb Barnes, Dwone Jones, Michelle Shanahan,  
Michael Smith, Michael O'Connor, Phil Lyon

## **Director - PUBLIC RELATIONS – Deb Barnes**

Committee: Tim Coates, Phil Lyon, Graham Nuttall, John Toulmin

## **Director - SERVICE PROJECTS – Brett White**

*Community Service* – Jim Raymond

Committee: Ron Allen, Val Hellmann, Dean Clutterbuck, Chris Watson, Michael O'Connor,  
Michael O'Connor, Rob Clifton

*Vocational Service* – Marina Lawrence

Committee: David Hinwood, Graham Dooley, Joe Townsend, Anne Jacob, Dave Baddams

*Youth Services* – Andrew beer

Committee: Dimity Betts, Richard Hardwick, Phil Penman, Liz Gill,

*Golf Committee*: John Treloar, John Worldon, Dennis Maunder, Maureen Thornton, Rob  
Clifton

*RYLA*: Louise Matthews, Michael Smith

*Pedal the Peel*: Terry Robinson

Committee: Louise Mathews, Laurence Hearne, Deb Barnes, Jim Raymond, Phil Heffernan

*RYAG Equine*: Barry Biffin

Committee: Richard Walker, James Treloar, Liz Gill, Les Jacob

*Science & Engineering*: Steve Hawkins

Committee: Steve Massey, Jane Bradford, David Hinwood, Rob Clifton, Peter Hyde

**Director - ROTARY FOUNDATION – Steve Massey**

Committee: Simon Chamberlain, John Glynn, Phil Heffernan, Dennis Maunder,  
Christine Shewry, Julian Smith, Jane Bradford

**NE ORTHOOUTREACH: DIANE FORD**

Committee: Max Cathcart, Peter Hyde, Anne Jacob, Rob Sharpe

**MEMBERSHIP**

**New Members**

Natalie Conn	17-Aug-16
Liz Gill	17-Oct-16
Glenn McIntosh (re-join)	16-Nov-16
Juanita Greville	11-Jan-17

**Members Resigned/Transferred**

Graeme Kruger	21-Oct-16
Graham Nuttall	22-Apr-17
Tim Coates	26-Apr-17
Juanita Greville	08-May-17

**PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS**

Presented at a Club meeting

**John Green**

Presented at Change Over

**TBA**

**Steve Burrows Memorial Club Person of the Year Award**

**TBA**

**AWARDS**

District 9650 Vocational Service Award – Science & Engineering, and Careers Expo.

**PERSONAL PROFILES**

Deb Barnes	Richard Hardwick
Dimity Betts	Simone Church
Steve Hawkins	Dean Clutterbuck
Marina Lawrence	Glen McIntosh

## **ACTIVITIES**

### *COMMUNITY SERVICE*

RUOK BBQ

Science & Engineering Challenge

Careers Expo

Motor Neurone ball

Pedal the Peel Cycling Challenge

Cancer Council Dance for Cancer Ball

District Grant for X-Ray shielding \$3996

### *VOCATIONAL SERVICE*

Sigma Aerospace - Airport

Andromeda Engineering - Moonbi

Newcastle Uni - Rural Health

### *YOUTH*

RYLA

MUNA

District Public Speaking

National Youth & Science Forum

RYAG Equine

### *SOCIAL, SPORTING & FELLOWSHIP*

Kentucky Winery/Restaurant

Lawn Bowls XMAS Party

Sunday Lunch - Goonoo Goonoo Station

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Monthly get together at Post Office Hotel

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
Bob Kirchner	Toastmasters
Ian Austin	Tamworth Film & Sound Archives
Peter Annis-Brown	Mens Health
Kirsty Reading	Post GSE
Katie Penman	GSE to Germany
Greg Rowland	Tamworth Taxis
Kylie Steel	Fitness Modelling
Allan Orchard	Legacy
Di Haire	Kairos Outside
Rebecca Linich	PTSD Companions
Dr Jenny May	Canada "A place to visit"
Ian Jackson	District Governor
Brodie Shields	Introduction of Internet into Tamworth
Jane Bradford	Swedish Rotary Friendship Exchange
Davo & Hawkeye	Our Story
Chris Bassingthwaighte	IT Security & Cyber Scams
Chris Watson	Santa Crawl
Dimity Betts	Palliative Care
Shalini Pratap	My journey to Tamworth
Bruce Logan	TRC Waste management
Sgt. Michael Buko	Highway Patrol Car Technology
Brad Anderson	Anzac Meeting - Fromelles
Nichola Cotter	Physio Rehabilitation
Ron Allen	Solar Energy
Louise Mathews	Post RYLA
Brian Sullivan	100th Anniversary of Beersheba
Kevin Anderson MP	Macquarie Street Update

## 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  
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 president@tamworthfirstlight.org.au  
**Secretary—Helen Tickle**  
 secretary@tamworthfirstlight.org.au

### Other Clubs meet:

<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