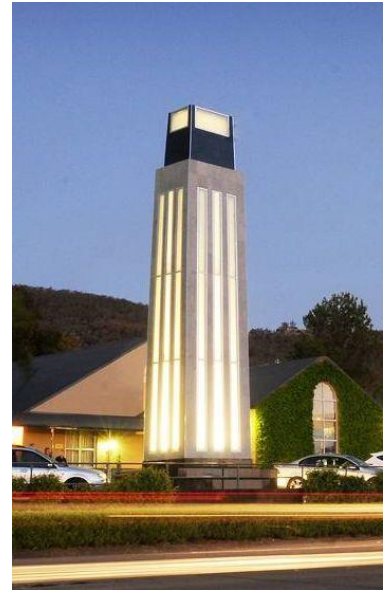




# Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light

**2017 2018**

<b>District Governor:</b>	Bob Ryan	0409 457 705
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**SEPTEMBER**

**IS**

**BASIC EDUCATION**

**AND**

**LITERACY MONTH**

## *Diary Notes and Dates*

**Post Office Hotel Social Friday 15 September 2017**

**Annual General Meeting 6 December 2017**

**Change over Dinner 16 June 2018**

**Toronto Convention 23 to 27 June 2018**

**Uganda Exchange April/May 2018**

**Rotary Club of NSW 2017 Police Officer of the Year Awards 10 November 2017**

<http://www.sydneyrotary.com/events/irene-jeurgens.htm/>

**Rotary Australia New Zealand Short Term Exchange RANZE for Year 9/10 . Family to family exchange. [hallkr@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hallkr@bigpond.net.au)**

**Graffiti removal day 29 October**

**Epiphanies Tamworth raised \$20000 for research into Youth Mental Health**

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**Hastings Rotaract has been chartered. It is the only one in District 9650. It caters for 16 members aged 18 to 30 years.**

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**Our thoughts are with Bruce Hemmett and his family on the sad passing of his mother**



**DEPARTURES** Max Cathcart; Anne Jacob(until end Oct); Steve Hawkins, Marina Lawrence(until Nov); Phil Penman; John Worldon(until end Oct); Rob Sharp; Christine Shewry; Jane Bradford & Elizabeth Gill, Steve Massey; Richard Walker Peter Hyde(until mid Oct). John Fogarty

Wednesday 6 September 2017

Meeting # 13633

Quote: Tact is the ability to make someone feel at home when you wish they were at home.

Well the first Club Assembly for the year, thanks to those that attended and for those who gave reports. I appreciate all the help I receive from my Board and chairs of committees Things seem to be rolling along well with a couple of projects gaining momentum.

Steve Massey has worked hard on the Kokopo project for a good while now and I thank him for his persistence on this one .His last trip to Kokopo recently with Rob Sharp seems to have seen some progress. Hopefully with some assistance from the local hospital up there we can see some real improvements for them.

Another project gaining some traction is the Rotary Lodge project. Julian Smith is working with the Sunrise Club to facilitate some improvements to the rooms at the Lodge. It is envisaged to completely refit two rooms in the first instance and go from there. The Sunrise Club have arranged a good deal of the materials and trades required for the project so we are hoping there will be minimal cash outlay for our Clubs. Keep an eye out for when you can lend a hand!!!

Part of our Rotary International President's wishes this year is for each and every Rotarian to plant a tree. James Treloar is liaising with council to see if we can fulfil this wish with a view to planting trees in Chauvel Park in South Tamworth. This park was selected after a request from a local resident in that area. Your Board felt that if the local residents were on board for this project, then the likelihood of success for our plantings would be enhanced. Eg the plants may receive some TLC after we have done our part. Steve Hawkins spoke about the possibility of Tamworth holding the national finals of the science and engineering challenge in the next year. This would be a great event but would involve some substantial work on our behalf so we look forward to hearing more on this topic.

Michael O'Connor, who I must say is a very efficient Secretary and a great help to me, gave a report on the Club's Foundation. This year may actually see the Foundation reach its target of \$100000 in capital. With further interest and a likely donation from the Club, that target may well be fulfilled before 30 June next year.

Thanks you to all other persons who gave reports on their respective portfolios Your work is appreciated. Please remember if you are designated to a roll for a weekly meeting and you can't fulfil that roll. Then it's up to **YOU** to arrange a replacement!! See you next week!! Michael



## Reports

Treasurer's: The account balance is \$28000. There are still some outstanding subs. The club requires an attendance of 40 members to break even with breakfast

Club Administration: Bonfire night was a great success. Clay shooting morning being organised for 24 September. Extended family picnic being organised for October. ?Guess who's Coming to Dinner to be planned for November. Christmas Party at TBC being planned for late November/December. It equipment at Diggers being sorted.

First Light Foundation: \$3000 was donated by the Terry Robinson Board. Current balance is \$96188.19. Michael O'Connor explained the purpose, aims and obligations of the trust.

Service: Items planned by James Treloar– Currabubula Art Show, RYLA, Peddle the Peel, RYAG, ?Dungowan Show ground. Louise Matthews is totally committed to planning RYLA. Steve Hawkins is planning the Science and Engineering forum and hopeful of Tamworth being selected for the National Finals. Marina Lawrence and Brett White have started planning the Careers Expo

Membership: There are now 63 members.. Meeting attendance is about 67%

Public Relations: Dimity Betts will be taking leave in October and Andrew Maughan will replace her.

Rotary Lodge: Julian Smith gave an update on the Lodge. Dave Stevenson and Brian Singh are planning the trade work. WE may be required to assist with painting in groups of 4 in about 4 weeks.

PNG: Steve Massey gave an update.

A District Grant has been requested. Currently the Xray department is being rebuilt. \$30000 will be used for refurbishing the operating theatres.

This is a paragraph from My Brilliant Career, Chapter 7, Was E're a Rose Without Its Thorn?

Written by Miles Franklin in about 1896, a young lady about 16 to 20 years old.

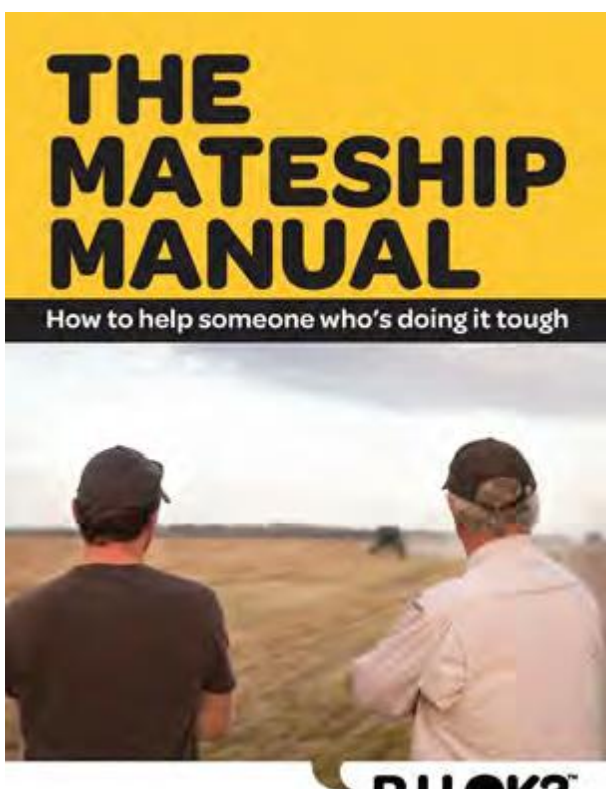
"Worse and worse! Girls! Girls! Those of you who have hearts, and therefore a wish for happiness, homes, and husbands by and by, never develop a reputation of being clever. It will put you out of the matrimonial running as effectually as though it had been circulated that you had leprosy. So, if you feel that you are afflicted with more than ordinary intelligence, and especially if you are plain with it, hide your brains, cramp your mind, study to appear unintellectual-it is your only chance. Provided a woman is beautiful allowances will be made for all her short comings. She can be unchaste, vapid, untruthful, flippant, heartless, and even clever; so long as she is fair to see men will stand by her, and as men, in this world, are "the dog on top", they are the power to truckle to. A plain woman will have nothing forgiven her. Her fate is such that the parents of uncomely female infants should be compelled to put them to death at their birth."



### CONVERSATION CONVOY.

6 September 2017 carpark meeting 4pm to 5.

**“OUT OF THE BLUE”** is a play by Stig Wemyss hosted by R U OK? in collaboration with Health Play The play set in a hotel bar, where locals have gathered to pay tribute to a mate they have lost to suicide. It offers a powerful pathway to sharing, conversation, action and, hopefully, change.



The play will be followed by a community forum and light supper - including a Q&A session with leaders from the mental health and suicide prevention sector. R U OK? will also be officially launching 'The Mateship Manual' a practical resource to help you start a conversation with a mate or loved one who might be struggling with life.

**When:** Wednesday 06 September Time: 7pm - for 7.30pm start  
**Where:** West Tamworth League Club  
**Cost:** \$10.00 (includes supper)  
**Tickets available at The Club or via**  
<https://ruokevent.eventbrite.com.au>

## 60 Seconds from Richard Walker

Richard told of his return visit to to “ Baratria” a property in Western Queensland . where he had worked as a jackeroo. 102000 acres, 130km north of Longreach and 80 km south of Winton. There had been a staff of 10, The Manager and his wife were addressed as MR and Mrs, riding boots were polished, a collar and tie were worn for dinner with the family and no grog was permitted.

Today this property has only a Manager and outside contractors are employed.

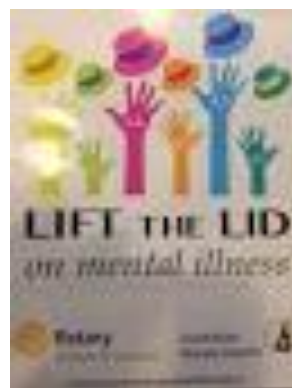
Going back was good but sad and hard. The homestead and out buildings were the same but the dingo fence was flattened, the sheep replaced with cattle, the horses replaced with motorbikes.

Richard showed photos from the 1960s and photos from today.

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Our sergeant is trying to sell our Rotary caps . Remember that 10 October is Hat Day for fund raising. Lift the Lid requires you to wear/bring a hat to the Rotary meeting. The sergeant will be selling caps fpr those who forget.

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OUR YOUNG FOLK SUPPLIED THESE THOUGHTS:

Our house elves are currently on strike.

You will have to clean up your own mess until further notice.



**COFFEE! COFFEE!  
IT'S OUR DRINK!  
IF WE CAN'T GET IT ,  
WE CAN'T THINK.**

Meeting Roster	Wednesday 6 September	Wednesday 13 September	Wednesday 20 September
Venue	West Diggers 6.30 for 7am	West Diggers 6.30 for 7am	West Diggers 6.30 for 7am
Topic	Paul Sullivan & Col Pearce Tam Chapter Microlend .Aust	Barry Biffin International Tent Pegging Federation World Cup	Ruyth Duffy Director Public Tam Network Schools NSW
Door Team	Les Jacob Julian Smith	Dwone Jones Louise Matthews	Dennis Johnson Brett White
Meeter & Greeter	Dimity Betts	Phil Lyons	Michelle Shanahan
Welcome	Tom Hellmann	Chris Watson	Steve Massey
President Assist	Helen Tickle	Peter Pulley	Phil Lyon
Visitor Assist	Andrew Maughan	Max Cathcart	Dean Clutterbuck
Corporal Assist	Barry Biffin	Brodie Shields	Phil Heffernan
Bulletin Notes	David Hinwood	Maureen Thornton	Helen Tickle
Introduction	David Hinwood	Maureen Thornton	Helen Tickle
Vote of Thanks	Ron Allen	Richard Walker	Simone Church
60 seconds		<b>Lesley Hood</b>	<b>Tom Hellmann</b>
PO Raffle	<b>1 September</b>	<b>8 September</b>	<b>15 September</b>
	Sue O'Connor James Treloar	James Treloar Jim Raymond	Richard Walker Jim Raymon
<b>22 September</b>	<b>29 September</b>	<b>6 October</b>	<b>13 October</b>
Richard Walker Terry Robinson	Terry Robinson Dwone Jones	Dwone Jones Chris Watson	Chris Watson
<b>Corporals for September</b>		<b>Corporals for October</b>	
Steve Hawkins & Peter Bell		Bret White & Simone Church	
<b>Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions</b>			
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Andrew Beer 11/9		
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Natasha Beer 11/9; Jenny Clifton 8/9; Sue Thompson 8/9		
<b>Anniversaries</b>	nil		
<b>Club Induction</b>	Dennis Maunder 12/9 27 years		
<b>Attendance</b>			
<b>Make-Ups</b>	nil		
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	nil		
<b>Visitors</b>	Kaisa Kosunen;		
<b>Heads &amp; Tails</b>	Steve Hawkins		
<b>Raffle</b>	James Treloar		

## 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  
 TAMWORTH NSW 2340  
 Phone: 02 6766 4661

Club Officers and contact details

#### President—Michael Smith

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#### Secretary—Michael O'Connor

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### 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