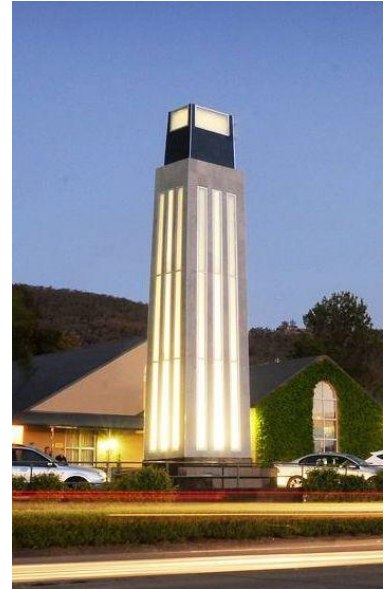




# *Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light*

**2017 2018**

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*Remembering our Peacekeeping Forces*

## *Diary Notes and Dates*

September	23	Dungowan Camp Draft see Ron Allen)
October	20	Post Office Hotel social
	14	St John's Fete
	29	Graffiti Removal Day
November	25	Hummingbird Ball (see DJ)
December	6	Annual General Meeting
	15	Santa Crawl
Feb/March	27 to 3	RYAG Sheep at Walcha
June	16	Change over Dinner
	23-27	Convention in Toronto

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### **From Parenthood Without Hassles-Well Almost by DR Kevin Leman:**

Child's Ten Commandments. Number 6. "I need your encouragement, but not your praise, to grow. Please go easy on the criticism; remember, you can criticise the things I do without criticising me."

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### **From KIDMAN The Forgotten King: by Jill Bowen, describing Bel and Sid's marriage:**

"He worshipped her. She was never part of the background of his life but instead an equal, competent partner. He consulted her about everything. They made decisions together. If she advised against anything, he did not go ahead with it."

In 1935 he was asked; :What's the greatest deal you ever made?"

His eyes lit up, he answered: "My wife. She's been my mate for fifty years,"

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### **From Weekly News District 9650**

**Julia Lim has progressed in Selections to go to Canberra for NYSF**

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"I wondered why somebody didn't do anything, then I realised I am somebody."

Wednesday 20 September 2017

Meeting 13635

**Quote: “ A person wrapped up in themselves makes for a very small package”**

Thanks to Barry Biffin for his talk on Tent Pegging this week. It should be a very exciting event to have a leg of **the World Cup qualifiers in Tamworth**. I am sure there will be ways the Club can get involved in the event and show some great country hospitality to our overseas visitors if nothing else. From many years attending the local show and the Sydney Royal Easter Show I can say the tent pegging is a great event, especially if you can get close to it. Barry made it sound easy but performing these feats at a full gallop on horseback is not as easy as he makes out. **Good luck to Barry and the Aussies!**

A few matters arising from the monthly Board meeting this week;

**Mitch Soree and Peter Leonard** have been proposed as new members of our Club.

The Board has accepted these nominations and we look forward to welcoming them as full members in the near future, subject to any objections.

We have had a few members move on of late so it will be good to get some new blood in and hopefully some extra enthusiasm.

The local charity group **“Blue Angel Foundation”**, a group that supports cancer sufferers has recently had to deregister. **Peter Bell**, one of the members of this organisation has asked if the remaining funds from this organisation can be transferred to our Rotary Club, which has been done. Along with this, the Blue Angels would still like to run their quilt show and photographic exhibitions but they will be run under our name. Your Board had approved the transfer of these funds which will be held in a separate bank account for now. Peter will head up this committee within our Club. The committee will run in a similar vein to the Pedal the Peel event in terms of being fairly autonomous.

The **Dungowan campdraft** event is on next weekend Please see Ron Allen if you can assist on the bar.

Michael O'Connor has put forward a proposal for a **“Pub and Grub” Tour** next year. The event would possibly see interested people travelling away for a “long weekend” to small country towns to experience local fare and beverages. The idea is to involve those who would like an alternative to the annual golf trips to have some fun and fellowship. Golfers are also welcome! There are certainly some great places out there within an easy drive so it sounds great. The events would be open to members, partners and friends, it may be a good way to introduce prospective members to Rotary. More to come on that one!

We have a lot of members travelling away at the moment so please try to make it to meetings if you are in town. We need 40 members to attend just to cover our breakfast costs. If you are on leave for more than two weeks **you NEED to apply for leave of absence** to Jim Raymond!!! Some members are not aware of this requirement so please take note!!

Until next week

**Stay safe and enjoy life. Michael.**

Guest speaker was Barry Biffin who was introduced by Maureen Thornton and Thanked by Richard Walker

Barry showed slides of Tent Pegging from all around the world. This included a display of flags and Arabs in their full white dress seated on horseback. Some competitors are only 8 to 10 years old.

Tent pegging originated from Military days when elephants legs ' were used as the posts .It was brought to Australia by the Mounted Police. The lancet is 2.2 metres long. However different countries have different lengths. When travelling Barry takes his own lancet and horses are supplied by the host country.

There is a world cup held every two years. Pakistan has very tight security. This was scary with Police everywhere. The Police provided an escort (sirens and all) for the 120 kilometre journey from the Lodgings to the event. Arman has a beautiful ship where welcome dinners are held. Abu Dhabi has all competition inside an airconditioned shed. ( Pegs are painted blue when the sand is white.) Egypt hosted last year.

**Tamworth will host the World Cup next year – 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> January. Six countries will compete with Russia bringing 10 teams. This is the first time in Australia. The competition will be at the Harness club because of the length of field required, It is hoped that TRC will host a Civic Reception.**

The Finals will be held in Russia



**Rotary Shelter Box is currently working in Caribbean, Nepal, Louisiana and Texas, where there are severe problems caused by flood water.**

## Basic Education and Literacy Projects on Rotary Showcase

### Distribution of 2550 School Desks to 82 Schools

With the help of RI District 9685 and Rotary Clubs of Chatswood Sunrise, Castle Hill & E-Club of Greater Sydney and The Rotary Foundation, 7650 students were able to sit on the benches in their schools instead of sitting on the floor. They were overwhelmed with joy and expressed many THANKS to Rotary for its wonderful gesture. This is one of the BEST PROJECTS executed by our Club in the Centennial Year of The Rotary Foundation.

### Rotary Library (JR Torres Elementary School)

This project aims to enhance students reading skills and development. Initiated by the Rotary Club of Metro Bacolod, District 3850 Philippines and the Rotary Club of Jinju Seonhak, District 3590 Korea, each school beneficiary is given 2 Sets of Desktop Computers and 1000 Pieces of Story Books for Grade 4-6 students. This project is also in collaboration with the different Rotary Clubs in the province of Negros Occidental, Philippines.

This project of RC Central Melbourne locates sub-standard primary schools in remote villages in the province of Luang Prabang in Laos. The schools are usually made of simple bamboo or other similar materials and have no clean water, electricity or toilets. We raise the funds in Australia to renovate the school building to Government standard including adding clean water, toilets and electricity. To date we have completed four schools and are in the process of raising funds for the fifth school in the village of Ban Heutan in the District of Chomphet.

### District Grant with RC Doncaster to pay for school fees of orphans

An initiative by RC Doncaster (Australia) working with RC Bulawayo South (Zimbabwe) and Vulindlela Guardians to raise funds to pay school fees for 77 orphaned and vulnerable junior school children in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe for 7 years and increasing the numbers by 10% each year.

Venue	West Diggers 6.30 for 7am	West Diggers 6.30 for 7am	West Diggers 6.30 for 7am
Topic	Ruythe Dufty Director Public Schools NSW Tamworth Network	Phil Betts Tam Astronomy Club	Ashleigh Hickman Rotary Dist 9650 Chair of Interplast
Door Team	Dennis Johnson Brett White	Val Hellmann Laurence Hearne	Barry Biffin Bruce Hemmett
Meeter & Greeter	Michelle Shanahan	Terry Robinson	James Treloar
Welcome	Steve Massey	Rob Clifton	Julian Smith
President Assist	Phil Lyon	Graham Dooley	Dimity Betts
Visitor Assist	Brian Logan	Lesley Hood	John Treloar
Corporal Assist	Phil Heffernan	Dennis Maunder	Ron Allen
Bulletin Notes	Helen Tickle	Jim Raymond	Peter Ryan
Introduction	Helen Tickle	Jim Raymond	Peter Ryan
Vote of Thanks	Simone Church	Brian Logan	Paul Stevenson
60 seconds	<b>Tom Hellmann</b>	<b>D Jones</b>	<b>Max Cathcart</b>
PO Raffle	<b>15 September</b>	<b>22 September</b>	<b>29 September</b>
	Richard Walker Jim Raymond	Terry Robinson Tom Hellmann	Terry Robinson Dwone Jones
<b>6 October</b>	<b>13 October</b>	<b>20 October</b>	<b>27 October</b>
Dwone Jones Chris Watson	Chris Watson Peter Bell	Peter Bell Steve Hawkins	Steve Hawkins Phil Penman
<b>Corporals for September</b>		<b>Corporals for October</b>	
Steve Hawkins & Peter Bell		Bret White & Simone Church	
<b>Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions</b>			
Members Birthdays	nil		
Partners Birthdays	Jay Lynch 21/9 (partner of Dwone Jones)		
Anniversaries	Dennis & Kerry Johnson 23/9 (45years); Peter & Annette Ryan 17/9 (21 years)		
Club Induction			
Attendance	71%		
Make-Ups			
Visiting Rotarians	nil		
Visitors	Kaisa Kosunen;		
Heads & Tails			
Raffle	Ron Allen		

## 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.

<p><b>Rotary Grace</b></p> <p>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</p>	<p><b>The Four-Way Test</b>  <b>Of the things we think, say or do</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is it the TRUTH?</li> <li>2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?</li> <li>3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?</li> <li>4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?</li> </ol>								
<p><b>Tamworth—First Light</b>          Meets Wednesday morning,          6:30 for 7:00 am at          Wests Diggers          Kable Avenue          TAMWORTH NSW 2340          Phone: 02 6766 4661</p>	<p>Club Officers and contact details</p> <p><b>President—Michael Smith</b>          president@tamworthfirstlight.org.au</p> <p><b>Secretary—Michael O’Connor</b>          secretary@tamworthfirstlight.org.au</p>								
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