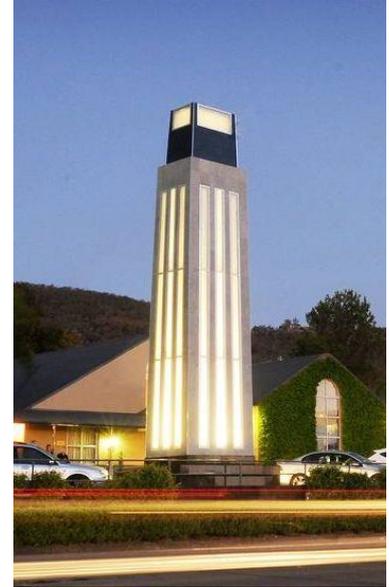




Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light

2017 2018

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FEBRUARY IS

**PEACE AND CONFLICT
PREVENTION/RESOLUTION
MONTH**

"Imagine all the people living life in peace..."

John Lennon

Rotary



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Quote; If you don't sacrifice for what you want, then what you want becomes the sacrifice.

What a great roll up for our first "official" meeting of the year. Great to be back in the swing of it and to see you all. How lucky we are to have people in our community like **Cameron McFarlane**. Cameron has all the attributes of a good Rotarian! I was really shocked by the fact that 50% of our children can't swim when they enter high school! **Everyone should learn CPR** as it might just be a loved one that you save. Maybe we can have him back for a lesson. Thanks for your talk Cameron.

Thanks again to everyone who helped out with the **Cavalcade and the RUOK BBQ**

Thanks to Ron Allen and James Treloar for their organisation.

Thanks to Peter Bell for supplying free coffees on the cavalcade morning, much appreciated from those that had a big Australia

Day!!

Those members interested in going to the **district conference in Armidale** should register asap It's on the 9-11 March so not far away So far I think we only have Jane, Liz and myself going that I know of, so please make the effort as it is relatively close to us this year.

You will get a lot out of it!!!

Well done to Biffo on organising the Tent Pegging titles in Tamworth, the men have qualified for the next stage of the World Cup, Also well done on his success with the **Women's team overseas**.

Congratulations to **Chris Watson on his "running" of the Queen's Baton** in town this week. What a great honour for him, well deserved Chris.

Also a big shout out to **Ashleigh Dallas** for winning a Golden Guitar last week. She has come a long way since we assisted her to the academy, She is such a humble person and her enthusiasm is always contagious when she performs.

Next Board meeting is Tuesday 13th

If you have anything for the Board to discuss or want tabled please let me know.

Have a great week!!

Kind Regards

Michael Smith

Dear fellow Rotarians,

As we pass the halfway point of this Rotary year, it's time to take stock of what we've achieved so far and what we still have to do. The Rotary Citation is not only an honor, but also a useful tool that helps clubs plan their service. Club leaders will receive an achievement guide by email in mid-March, with valuable resources to help you reach your

goals. If you're on track to receive a citation, congratulations! Your club is well on its way to a very productive year.

Here in Evanston, we are working hard to achieve the goals that Rotarians have laid out for us. In a Rotary-wide survey of Rotarians and Rotaractors, 90% of respondents asked for improved training, better methods to connect with other clubs, more planning resources, and better online tools. In response, your 2016 Council on Legislation passed a \$4 dues increase that is now allowing us to invest in the improved resources, processes, and technology you've asked for.

One of the many improvements we've made (and are continuing to make) has been to Rotary Club Central, which has been completely redesigned to be faster and easier to navigate. As you already know, this year we are asking all Rotary clubs to submit two numbers to Rotary: the number of volunteer hours worked and the money invested in service. The fastest and easiest way to submit these numbers is through Rotary Club Central. If you're already tracking your projects using Rotary Club Central, make sure you've entered the number of volunteer hours and amount spent for each project you're tracking. Otherwise, remember to enter those two key numbers in the Goal Center, under the Rotary Citation tab.

On 23 January we will unveil changes to the global grant reporting section of the Grant Center. You'll find that the report has an updated look, its content has been aligned with the global grant application, and the financial portion will be much simpler to use. We hope these changes will make it easier for clubs to report on the tremendous work that they accomplish through global grants.

One of the new initiatives I'm most excited about in this Rotary year is the Group Cultural Exchange program, a type of Rotary Friendship Exchange that brings together international teams of Rotarians, non-Rotarians, and young professionals. Contact your district's Rotary Friendship Exchange Committee Chair for more information about exchange opportunities through your district. If you have questions, or an experience you'd like to share, contact rotary.service@rotary.org.

Depending on where you are in the world, it may be the right time to plant your club's trees. Not only is planting trees one of the best things you can do for the environment, it also brings you one step closer to your Rotary Citation. Be sure to plant your trees by 22 April (Earth Day), and take care of the trees you've planted until they're thriving on their own.

There's still time to register for one of six Presidential Peacebuilding Conferences designed to help us better understand the connections between Rotary's six areas of focus and our commitment to building peace. The conferences will be hosted between February and June in different cities across North America, Europe, Australia, and the Middle East.

Looking ahead, it's not too early to start planning your trip to the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada on 23-27 June 2017. Register online by 31 March to receive the discounted preregistration rate, and find Inspiration Around Every Corner in Toronto! Finally, let's not let January pass without a reminder of Vocational Service Month.

Vocational service is one of the unique aspects of Rotary that makes us so effective. Our



updated vocational service handbook is a great resource for those new to the idea of vocational service, and those who want to bring it more fully into their everyday lives and service.

We all know that Rotary would not be the organization it is without the dedication of our club presidents, district governors, coordinators, directors, trustees, and other leaders all over the world. Because of your hard work, Rotary is truly Making a Difference in the world, so thank you.

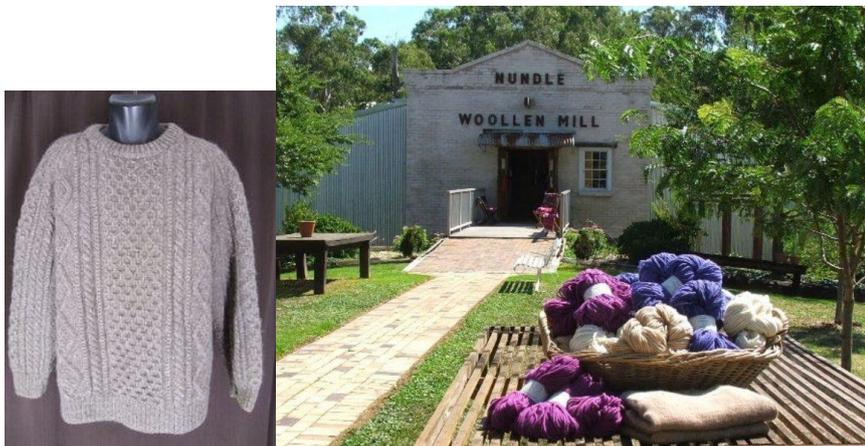
Sincerely,

Ian Riseley

Rotary International President, 2017-18

WHAT'S ON

FEBRUARY	7 Nick Bradford from Nundle Woollen Mills 14 Jane Bradford PDG -REDISTRICTING 21 Ray McLaren "Materials, Madonna & Energy " 24/25 Pres Elect Training Day
Feb 27/March	3 RYAG Sheep at Walcha
MARCH	8 to 11 District Conference 17-24 RYLA at Yarrahapinni
APRIL	6-22 NZ tour
MAY	26 District Assembly at Gunnedah
JUNE	16 Change over Dinner



Rotary International has proposed that District 9650 and 9670 merge in 2021. Some information has been reported in the Rotary E-news and our bulletin.

Due to the membership size of District 9650, (1100+) we have the opportunity to vote on the issue.

Jane Bradford has offered to address the meeting of 14FEB18 to brief our members on the detail, background and significance of the proposed mergers.

Requiring clubs to vote on such a significant event without some background information is unreasonable and the accordingly the guest speaker slot has been allocated to Jane on the day.

We believe some additional information will be supplied by the District Governor, Bob Ryan, shortly which may be useful as well. We will be required to vote on the issue before 1MAR18.

Michael O'Connor



PHOTO: [Brett and Ashleigh Dallas \(centre\)](#) are second and third generation Golden Guitar winners. (Tamworth Country Music Festival)

"It means so much, my Dad has been the backbone of all of our music, and for Dad to have a limelight moment is really awesome, he deserves it, and I always thought he should have a moment like that, I just didn't think it would be on an album we created together," she said. The Dallas family's musical traditions hark back three generations, and now the hard work has been recognised in Golden Guitar history.

Rex Dallas, Ashley's grandfather won the first of four awards in 1975, Ashley Dallas won her first in 2014, now her father's award completed the trifecta.

"It is really special, we are the first family to have three generations of golden guitars," she said.



Cameron McFarlane was introduced by Peter Hyde, who also wrote this report.

- *Cameron was a Pool Superintendent/Lifesaver for many years starting in 2003.
- *He devised a CPR Awareness(for Primary Schools) Program.
- *In 2008 an incident on the soccer field called for him to perform CPR.
- *He has successfully used CPR 4 times to save lives.
- *He became a trainer for RLSS.
- * He designed a one hour CPR training course for Primary School students.
- * This program has been running for 5 years.
- *20000 students have now gone through the program.
- * In 2015 the program was launched.
- * Cameron has received recognition and many awards. including the Volunteer Award for Northern NSW and the State.
- *Now his program is being introduced into Vietnam in order to reduce the numbers of drownings.
- * He has received a very great welcome and much generosity from businesses and motels as he has travelled to many schools.

Cameron is collecting donations for the Samuel Morris Appeal,



CREATION

A man said to his wife one day, “I don’t know how you can be so stupid and so beautiful all at the same time.”

The wife responded, “Allow me to explain, God made me beautiful so you would attracted to me; God made me stupid so I would be attracted to you.”

Common sense is like deoderant. Those who need it the most, never use it.

“What can you do to promise world peace? Go home and love your family” Mother Teresa.

Life always offers you a second chance. It’s called tomorrow.

Chris Watson was one of the 16 Baton Bearers in the Queen's Baton Relay, which passed through Tamworth on Wednesday. The Baton started its global journey at Buckingham Palace last March and has travelled through every Commonwealth nation and territory on its way to Australia ready for the opening of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Congratulations Chris!



	Wednesday 7 February West Diggers 6.30 for 7am	Wednesday 14 February West Diggers 6.30 for 7am	Wednesday 21 February West Diggers 6.30 for 7am
Topic	Nick Bradford Nundle Woollen Mills	Jane Bradford PDG REDIRECTING	Ray McLaren Materials, Madonna, Energy
Door Team	Jim Raymond Max Cathcart	Peter Bell John Fogarty	Steve Hawkins Maureen Thornton
Meeter & Greeter	Brian Logan	Phil Lyon	Robert Sharp
Welcome	Peter Ryan	Peter Pulley	Tom Hellmann
President Assist	Michelle Shanahan	David Hinwood	Dennis Johnson
Visitor Assist	Peter Leonard	Helen Tickle	Marina Lawrence
Corporal Assist	Val Hellmann	Andrew Maughan	Les Jacob
Bulletin Notes	Richard Walker	Terry Robinson	Bruce Hemmett
Introduction	Richard Walker	Terry Robinson	Bruce Hemmett
Vote of Thanks	John Treloar	Chris Watson	Robert Clifton
60 seconds	Val Hellmann		
PO Raffle	9 February	16 February	23 February
NOW @6.30	Peter Ryan Sue O'Connor	Sue O'Connor Michael Smith	Michael Smith Michael O'Connor
2 March	9 March	16 March	23 March
John Worldon Graham Dooley	Graham Dooley Phil Heffernan	Phil Heffernan Paul Stevenson	Paul Stevenson Jane Bradford
Corporals for February		Corporals for March	
Mitchell Soree & Brian Thompson		Phil Penman & Steve Massey	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Nil		
Partners Birthdays	Helen Hinwood 11/2		
Anniversaries	nil		
Club Induction	nil		
Attendance	89% Brodie thinks this s a record.		
Make-Ups	nil		
Visiting Rotarians	Nil		
Visitors	3 Or 4 Brodie can't read the writing. We will acknowledge these next week.		
Heads & Tails	skinner		
Raffle	Lost in transit.		

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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Other Clubs meet:

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