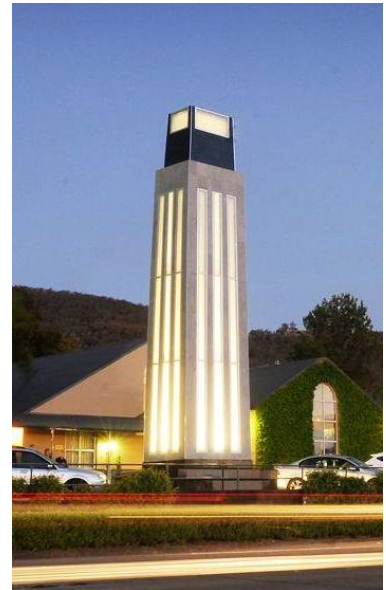




Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light

2017 2018

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Quote from Country Music Colin Buchanan:
“The measure of a man isn’t found In the dollars in his pocket
Or in where he lives in town.
It’s what lies deep within Past the colour of his skin
When we look there we begin to understand
The measure of a man.”



Quote from Australian of the Year Professor Michelle Yvonne Simmons:
“Do what is hard, place high expectations on yourself, take risks and do something that matters. Understand there are as many opportunities here (in Australia) as there are anywhere else in the world.”

Meeting 1392

Wednesday 14 February 2018

Quote; education costs money, but then so does ignorance – Sir Claus Moser

Another great roll up this week and another interesting guest speaker **Nick Bradford** gave us an insight into the wool industry and more specifically the process of manufacturing wool products from scratch. Great to see these industries surviving as we lose more and more manufacturing businesses. We should all support the Nundle Woollen Mill if possible, pay them a visit one day soon. Would be interesting to see all those old machines in full swing. **It's a bit far for a vocational visit early in the morning, but maybe a visit and lunch at the pub one weekend??**

I commend to you the annual district conference to be held on 9-11 March in Armidale.

There is a golf day on the Friday for those of that persuasion. Followed by dinner that night, then a full program of speakers and events on Saturday and Sunday morning. It is sure to be an interesting event, some of the guest speakers are very good and you will be inspired by what some Rotarians do!! **Give it a go!!**

Sad to see that **Jim and Carmel Raymond are moving to Port Macquarie** and hence leaving our Club. Jim, a past president, has been a very active member of our Club and he will be missed immensely. Phil Penman will have details of a farewell lunch for Jim & Carmel soon. We wish Jim all the best in his retirement as he spends more time with the grandkids and family.

Next Board meeting is next Tuesday afternoon so if you have anything for your Board to discuss please let me know asap.

Have a great week, see you **Wednesday when Jane will discuss the proposed merger of our district. A very important subject so please come along and give your views before your Club votes.**

Cheers Michael.

GSE team is now reduced to 4 members. Can you help with transport on 28 February to 1 March?

Farewell luncheon for Jim and Carmel on 4 March at GG station

Special time at Post Office Hotel on 9 March.



WHAT'S ON

FEBRUARY	14	Jane Bradford PDG -REDISTRICTING
	21	Ray McLaren "Materials, Madonna & Energy "
	24/25	Pres Elect Training Day
	28	Ashleigh Dallas & Mitch Soree
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

Hi All

It is rapidly approaching that time of the year again when the University of Newcastle together with the Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light conducts the Science and Engineering Challenges for the school students of our Tamworth District. As usual 'The Challenge' will be conducted at TREEC, Tamworth.

This year, because of the success and interest shown by all schools, the 2018 Science & Engineering Challenge will be conducted over 4 days, from Tuesday 20th March, 2018 to Friday 23rd March, 2018 with the set up being conducted on Monday 19th March, 2018. As a result of this expansion we are looking for around 69 volunteers over the 5 days as follows:-

19-03-2018	Monday 2:00pm – 5:00pm	5 volunteers required
20-03-2018	Tuesday 8:30am – 3:00pm	16 volunteers required Years 9-10 high school
21-03-2018	Wednesday 8:30am – 3:00pm	16 volunteers required Years 9-10 high school
22-03-2018	Thursday 8:30am – 3:00pm	16 volunteers required Years 5-6 primary school
23-03-2018	Friday 8:30am – 3:00pm	16 volunteers required Years 5-6 primary school

You have all been extremely generous with your time over the past years and I am asking again for some more volunteer time as above. If you would please consider this and let me know of your decision we would be most grateful.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions.

regards

David Hinwood

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Rotary Youth Studying Astronomy and Related Sciences

Residential Camp for Year 9, 10 and 11 students Thurs 5 - Sun 8 April 2018

The Rotary Club of Coonabarabran Inc will be holding a camp in April 2018 for young people who are interested in astronomy. The camp is known as RYSTARS (Rotary Youth Studying Astronomy and Related Sciences).

It will be held from 4pm on Thursday 5 April to 1.00pm on Sunday 8 April. The camp will provide activities, seminars and workshops run by professional and amateur astronomer's resident in Coonabarabran.

These will include activities such as:

- Learning about, and how to assemble, different telescopes
- Visiting a variety of telescopes in the area, including a guided tour of the 3.9m AAO telescope at Siding Spring and a visit to the 40-inch telescope at 'Milroy'
- Night time observing (weather permitting)
- Experiences with remotely operated telescopes which are situated in different parts of the world.

Accommodation will be at the Warrumbungle Mountain Motel on Timor Rd, with supervision by Coonabarabran Rotarians.

Cost - \$300.00. This covers all meals, travel to venues and entrance fees. Numbers will be restricted to 20 students, and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. In order to spread involvement across the district and beyond as fairly as possible, it may be necessary to limit applications to two per school.

Arrangements for travel to and from Coonabarabran are the responsibility of the student.

Participants may wish to approach their local Rotary Club about this venture and their interest in attending - some clubs may consider subsidising attendance costs. A more detailed program of activities will be sent to those who nominate to attend. Application forms are available on the Club's website www.coonabarabranrotary.org

APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE FRIDAY 23 March 2018

HE GUARDS THE SLEEP OF HIS PAUPER MASTER AS IF HE WERE A PRINCE.



AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH RURAL MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Our D9650 has just been notified that there are two students who have been awarded this scholarship to assist them with their continuing medical studies in our District.

- **Lachlan Jackson is based in Tamworth and**
- **Ellie McEwen is based in Armidale**

Lachlan and Ellie are both fifth year students and their applications make very interesting reading.

Two very fine young people who would be fabulous guest speakers at your Rotary club.

Ellie makes mention of her participation in NYSF and the opportunities it afforded her to continue to pursue studies in Medicine and the long-lasting memories she has of her interaction with Rotary and Rotarians.

Lachlan is a Queensland boy born and bred on a rural property who has worked hard to ensure his continuing studies in Medicine.

Both are students at Newcastle University.

If you wish to make contact with either of these fine young people to show them that Rotary continues to be interested in their journey and offers friendship and hospitality during their studies, below are their email addresses:

Lachlan – Lachlan.jackson@outlook.com Mobile 0438 914 567

Ellie – ellie.mcewen@uon.edu.au Mobile 0428 983 506

You might be sad because you've gone through a lot,
But you should also be proud of yourself
For being strong enough to make it through

Small boy was overheard:

“Old people at weddings always poke me and say: “You're Next.”

“So I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.”

At the Pearly gates:

“Actually, you had a pretty great life, but you were looking down at your phone and you missed it.”

Nick Bradford and the Nundle Woollen Mills.

Nick and Kylie have owned the Nundle Woollen Mills since 2007. Nick grew up on his parents sheep and cropping property near Deniliquin in southern NSW, He studied at Melbourne College of Textiles, graduated in 1987 and has a career extending for more than 30 years, working for a wool buying and international trading company for 15 years and travelling and buying in many countries around the world. Nundle is home now. It is more relaxed, unfortunately 35 km off the highway but delightful with less than 300 residents.

The mill is the last working mill in Australia processing greasy wool. Most of the machinery is over 100 years old and unique world wide. Although the wool is purchased at auction it all comes from the same grower at Ballaratt. Wool prices are up by 25% but this ensures there will always be a good supply. With the increased prices being paid for fat lambs some of the supply was reduced.



Nick gave a demonstration of the processes the wool goes through before a cone is produced.

He also showed the products available ; hats, scarves, socks;Golf shirts; mens' shirts Wool balls. These items are available at other retail outlets too.

The mill has been awarded Tourism recognition at State level in 2014 & 2017

And National Level in 2015 & 2017.

REMEMBER TO WASH YOUR WOOLLENS IN COOL WATER>

Nick was thanked for his informative presentation by Dennis Maunder.

	Wednesday 14 February West Diggers 6.30 for 7am	Wednesday 21 February West Diggers 6.30 for 7am	Wednesday 28 February West Diggers 6.30 for 7am
Topic	Jane Bradford PDG REDIRECTING	Ray McLaren Materials, Madonna, Energy	Mitch Soree PP Ashleigh Dallas
Door Team	Peter Bell John Fogarty	Steve Hawkins Maureen Thornton	Ron Allen Barry Biffin
Meeter & Greeter	Phil Lyon	Robert Sharp	Helen Tickle
Welcome	Peter Pulley	Tom Hellmann	Brett White
President Assist	David Hinwood	Dennis Johnson	Louise Matthews
Visitor Assist		Marina Lawrence	Brodie Shields
Corporal Assist	Andrew Maughan	Les Jacob	Ian Howle
Bulletin Notes	Terry Robinson	Bruce Hemmett	Julian Smith
Introduction	Terry Robinson	Bruce Hemmett	Julian Smith
Vote of Thanks	Chris Watson	Robert Clifton	James Treloar
60 seconds			
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
Graham Dooley Michael O'Connor	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	Bernadette Hyde 18/2 : Erin partner of Mitchell Soree 19/2		
Anniversaries	Brett & Trudy White 18/2 (34 years)		
Club Induction	nil		
Attendance	.84%		
Make-Ups	nil		

Visiting Rotarians	Nil
Visitors	Kaisa; Naomi Blakely; Paul Crosby; Nick Bradford
Heads & Tails	Tom Hellmann
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.

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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 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