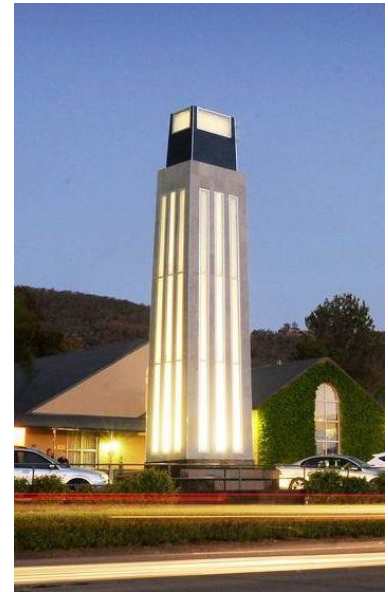




Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light

2017 2018

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Rotary Youth Agriculture in Walcha

Meeting 1396

Wednesday 14 March 2018

Quote; Trust is like paper, once its crumbled it can never be perfect again.

Thanks to Judy Biffin for her wonderful talk on her trip to Oman with her successful lady tent peggers. A gold and silver away from home is always a very good result. Not only that, they were able to experience a very different and interesting culture. **Judy and Barry Biffin** have certainly done some wonderful things with their sport and are fantastic ambassadors for their country. **Good luck at the Royal Easter Show to Barry and Judy.**

Well done to Phil Penman, Dimity Betts, Helen Tickle, James Treloar and the team for their efforts with the MHERV medical van. Not sure how they pulled that off in such a short time but they did, just shows what a bit of quick action and team work can do. Thanks to **Robyn Penman** for her efforts in hosting Rob the Nurse, he kept them entertained apparently. **Thanks also to all the volunteers** on the two days.

Your club voted to reengage with the **Tamworth Rugby (and sporting) Club** to assist with bar and gate duties for the 2018 season at this week’s meeting. I see it as a fairly easy fund raiser and a good PR exercise, so please try to get involved if you can. We all have plenty on I know but it’s not a lot of time to commit to.

District Conference is on this week in Armidale. **Bruce Hemmett and Jane Bradford** have big roles in helping to organise that event so many thanks to them for their part. **Kaisa** our exchange student leaves on her three week “safari” trip on Sunday after the conference and I know she is looking forward to that.

Plenty of events coming up very soon so please volunteer your time if you can.

See you Wednesday

Kind Regards

Michael Smith

WHAT'S ON	
March	14 Peter Leonard profile 17-24 RYLA at Yarrahapinni 20-23 Science and Engineering 21 Rotary at TRECC 28 Visit of Queen & Princess
APRIL	6-22 NZ tour 8 Sunday Pedal the Peel
MAY	26 District Assembly at Gunnedah
JUNE	16 Change over Dinner



Visit by Ugandan GSE Team

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday last week Tamworth Rotary Clubs hosted a GSE Team of four (4) Rotarians from Uganda. The visit to Tamworth was a success with attendance at Calala Rotary Club meeting and guided tours arranged through Andromeda, the Tamworth Base Hospital, Agricultural Institute, AELEC and the Powerhouse Museum.

These tours were extremely beneficial as they related to the qualifications and areas of interest of the GSE Members.

Many thanks are due to the host families, Ian & Angie Pearson (Sunrise) and Col & Vicki Quast (Tamworth West). Special thanks also go to the people who helped with the daily hosting and especially Brian & Sue Thompson, Brian Logan, Laurie Hearne and Margaret Lyon.



Ugandan GSE Team at Andromeda with Raymond McLaren



Ugandan GSE Team touring Tamworth Base Hospital

28 February 2018


Tamworth-First Light
Rotary Club, P.O. Box 1097
Tamworth, N.S.W., 2340
Australia

Thank you for your generous support of Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio. Your contributions protect children still vulnerable from contracting this terrible disease.

Since 1988, we have seen a 99% reduction in polio cases around the world, but the fight is not finished. Polio continues to paralyze children in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria. As long as one child is at risk all children are, which is why Rotary is committed to see this effort to the very end.

You are one of the heroes in this story. You embrace Rotary's vision of a polio-free world and make sure that we have the resources needed to make it happen. Again, thank you for making a difference.

Sincerely,



Bruce Allen
Supervisor, The Rotary Foundation
South Pacific and Philippines Office

Donation Details

Amount	Currency	Fund
1,178.50	AUD	Other Funds-PolioPlus

Important Information

Receipt: D8280203. PAID. No payment required.

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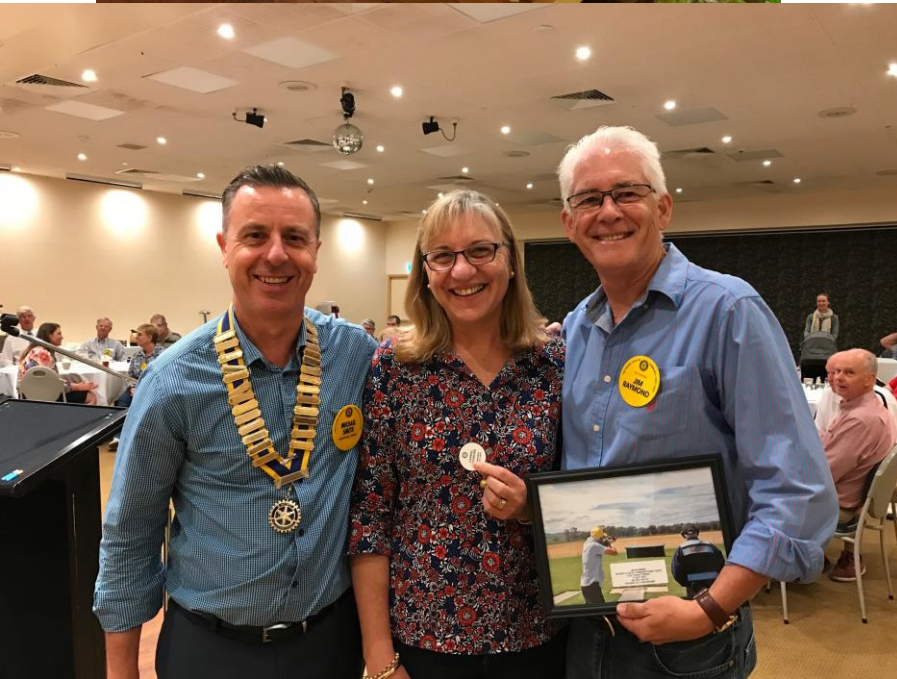
Tamworth Rugby Draw

Round 1-7 April-St Alberts College

- Round 3-21 April-Robb College
- Round 6-19MAY18-Barbarians
- Round 7-26MAY18-Armidale City
- Round 9-16 June-St Alberts College
- Round 11-7 July-Glen Inness/Tenterfield
- Round 12-14July-Robb College
- Round 14-28July-Glen Innes/Tenterfield



This was taken at Jim and Carmel's Farewell luncheon at Goonoo Goonoo Station.



Presentation by Michael to Jim



A man was walking down the street , when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner. The man took out his wallet , extracted ten dollars and asked : "If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead of dinner?" "No , I had to stop drinking years ago , " the homeless man replied. "Will you spend this on green fees at a golf course instead of food ?" the man asked "Are you NUTS !" replied the homeless man. "I haven't played golf in 20 years!" "Well , " said the man, "I'm not going to give you money. Instead , I'm going to take you home for a hot shower and a terrific dinner cooked by my wife." The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that? The man replied : "That's okay. It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up drinking and golf."

Presentation – Judy Biffin

Present Role – Administration Manager Oxley High School

Topic

Tent Pegging Ladies Competition- Judging

History Of Tent Pegging

Tent Pegging is a military exercise whereby a group of mounted soldiers would ride through an enemy camp in a pre-dawn raid, removing the pegs which held the tents in place, with the tips of their sharp spears. Foot soldiers could then attack the enemy as they struggled to get out from under the collapsed tents.

The Australian Light Horse) used Tentpegging as a training exercise during World War 1. The Australian Light Horse has been demonstrating Tentpegging at Royal Shows as far back as the 1930's.

In 1964 the first Australian Civilian Tentpegging team was formed in Deniliquin, NSW and they were invited to compete at the Melbourne Royal Show.

International events are becoming more frequent with growth of the sport in countries such as South Africa, Namibia, India, Pakistan, Israel, Great Britain, Netherlands, USA, Canada, and New Zealand.

Judy whilst not a horse rider herself took up the role as a judge with the knowledge she acquired attending events with Barry her husband. To promote the sport they attend many Pony Clubs to entice both boys and girls to take up the sport but for some the requirement of travel does create obstacles for some.

This role has taken her to many interesting and unusual places in the world and met some very interesting people along the way.

In places like Oman the sport is very well patronised and is backed by many people who have the unlimited resources to have the events organised. What makes it more interesting are the places where competition is held that are very different to Australian conditions and landscape. Some areas experience days of over 50 degrees with people choosing not to venture out until after 5pm which makes it like a nocturnal lifestyle.

At the Oman Competition Australia competed strongly being awarded Second being outperformed by South Africa coming first.

As many competitors have links to government agencies and the military they often will provide assistance and make things happen with no fuss. Various countries were represented Great Britain, Australia, Russia, Egypt, South Africa, and Jordan.

Many of the locations of the competitions provide many experiences with huge shopping malls and diverse choices you can buy really anything you require.

Tent pegging is a sport I really enjoy as it takes you all around the world to see the sight and meet so many interesting people from varied countries and cultures and not always being able to understand their language.

Kind Regards

Graham Dooley



Judy was thanked by Lesley



Congratulations to the Penman clan. A bouncing big boy Frederick Tiger. All well.

Congratulations to James Treloar at last recognised for his dedication to Tamworth He is now a freeman of the city and has the keys to the city.

John Treloar gave a SIXTY seconds address. A tour of India with a Herbs and Spices specialist. John also witness a Hindu cremation on the Ganges River. This is a men only affair and signifies the end of the persons life cycle.

The Mens' Van produced some interesting comments Should it be that colour? Should it be that big? Should it be that small? And others. In all 87 persons were examined and now have the results.

Pedal the Peel Guessing Competition books have been distributed. Posters are now displayed over town.

**REMEMBER ON 21 MARCH WE ARE HAVING OUR MEETING AND BREAKFAST AT TRC.
NO BREAKFAST AT DIGGERS.**

**Life is like a great trapeze,
To move forward and really live,
We must dare to let go.
Jane Walsh.**



RYLA Dinner 2018



The Rotary Clubs of Macksville and Nambucca Heads have the pleasure in inviting you to the 2018 RYLA Dinner

Place: Macksville Ex Services Club, Pacific Highway

Date: Wednesday 21st March 2018

Time: 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start

Cost: \$30 per person

Dress Code: Modest cocktail dress for women, jacket and tie for men.

The dinner will be towards the end of the RYLA experience and you will be treated to some wonderful entertainment by the RYLArians.

We hope you can be with us for what is always an inspirational evening.

RSVP by Friday 16th March 2018 to:

Corrina Nugent, RC Nambucca Heads
secretarynhrotary@gmail.com
0423 283 600



Rotary Youth Leadership Award
District 9650



Fundraising

Participants must fundraise or donate \$2,000 to join the event. We will provide all participants with a link to set up an online fundraising page. You could also hold events such as a trivia night, golf day or movie screening, gain sponsorship from a business, or simply shake a bucket! This is a quick and easy way for friends, family and colleagues to sponsor you.

How your fundraising helps

Funds raised on the Postie Dash will help to provide practical equipment and experiences to kids who have a disability, chronic illness, facing financial hardship or geographical isolation. Variety's work allows children to gain mobility and freedom, to get out and about in the community, be able to communicate, enhance their education, achieve independence and increase self-esteem, and where possible the assistance to help them integrate into mainstream school and activities.

more than **200** different conditions supported through Variety grants

\$3.9million worth of grants across NSW/ACT last year

27,422 kids in NSW/ACT impacted by Variety last year



Vic Shell, Regional Manager
victor.shell@varietynsw.org.au Ph: 02 4965 4911 Mobile: 0410 692 262
www.variety.org.au

Conditions of Entry

1. All motorcycles must be standard Honda CT110 Motorcycles. They must be roadworthy, registered & insured as prescribed by State Laws.
2. Riders must be a minimum age of 18 years of age and hold a current Motorcycle License.
3. All bikes and riders must attend the scheduled check-in day prior to the start of the event. Anyone who cannot make the check-in day must make alternate arrangements with event management.
4. Everyone taking part in the event must sign an indemnity form issued by Variety the Children's Charity (NSW) and have a current Working With Children's Check (WWCC).
5. All medical needs must be paid to Variety the Children's Charity (NSW), either personally or through doctors the day on the day prior to the start of the event.
6. All road numbers and entry fees must be paid prior to the start of the event.
7. As all those all entrants must abide by the rules of the road as prescribed by State Laws and Statutes.
8. For further information, clarification and full conditions please contact the office.



4th - 9th Nov 2018

Variety POSTIE BIKE DASH



About Variety – the Children's Charity

Variety – the Children's Charity believes all Aussie kids deserve a fair go. We support kids who have a disability, chronic illness, or who are facing financial hardship or geographical isolation. We grant practical equipment, programs and experiences to help Aussie kids reach their full potential. Variety.org.au

Who can join?

Anyone over eighteen years of age with a spirit of adventure and a tolerance to dust and discomfort. A wicked sense of humour will be an advantage. You will find as a general rule most of the entrants are great friends you just haven't met yet!

All registrants will be provided with a list of various accommodation venues. You can book your own accommodation based on your comfort levels and budget.

Cost
Your entry fee is a \$2,000 donation to Variety – the Children's Charity. This may be made up of fundraising or a personal donation. An \$300 initial donation must be made with your entry form and a further \$1,500 donation before we set off. These donations are tax deductible.

There is also a cost of \$480 per year meals and must be paid prior to start.

Meals
All meals will be organised and supplied from breakfast on Day 1 to our presentation extravaganza on Day 6. Everyone will be issued with a name tag and these must be worn at our meal stops. No Name Tag, No Meal!

Luggage
We have a baggage vehicle that will transport luggage and any basic camping equipment. Space is limited so only the bare essentials!

Clothing
We must insist that you wear protective clothing while riding on the event. This includes helmet, gloves, long legged trousers, a jacket and appropriate footwear. Please be mindful that jeans are not protective in the event of a spill, please consider investing in something a little sturdier.

Also open faced helmets are not acceptable on this event and a helmet with some kind of chin protection must be worn. A high-viz vest will also be supplied that you will be required to wear whilst on the road.

Registration, Insurance and Licensing
The event will be run on public roads and all bikes must have current registration and appropriate insurance for the entire event. We would advise that you cover your bikes for third party property damage at a minimum. Every rider must hold a current motor cycle license and we will need to see that before you depart. No learner riders permitted.

We will require a photograph of your current registration and insurance papers to keep on file before you are eligible to commence the event. Everyone taking part in the Variety Postie Bike Dash will be required to sign an indemnity form issued by Variety – the Children's Charity (NSW) and have a current Working With Children's Check (WWCC).

Friends and Family
Friends and family are more than welcome to join us at our designated stops. Please let us know where and when they will be joining us so we can organise seating and catering etc. We will need these numbers and payment 5 days before departure.



THE GATHERING

Day 0 Saturday 3rd November 2018

We will be meeting up at Pinewoods Rugby Union Club 16C Kent Street South Tamworth. This is where we will do the final bike inspections and make sure all the appropriate bookwork is completed before we set off. The club will be open for light refreshments between 11 am and 3 pm. The Rugby Club has made their back-up yard available for us to lock up cars and trailers for the week we are away. We will reconvene at the Post Office Hotel for some more refreshments and bike get together before the event begins.

THE JOURNEY

Day 1 Sunday 4th November 2018

Tamworth to Bundarra 150kms – Bundarra to Glen Innes 180kms
Our starting point will be in the Fitzroy Street Mall just off Peel Street (the 'Meat Street') and our breakfast will be prepared by St Nicholas Catholic Primary School. From our breakfast point we will head to our long time sponsor TAMEX Transport for a group photo before we make our way to Bundarra for lunch with the P & C of the Bundarra Central School. From lunch we make our way to Glen Innes for our evening meal at the Club Hotel.

Day 2 Monday 5th November 2018

Glen Innes to Nymboida 140kms – Nymboida to Coffs Harbour 104kms
Breakfast will be with the P & C of the West Glen Innes School. From here we head toward the coast and take a break for lunch at the Nymboida Public School. From here we wind our way to the coastal city of Coffs Harbour and enjoy the hospitality of the Coffs Hotel.

Day 3 Tuesday 6th November 2018

Toormina to Kempsey 170kms
For something different we have decided to take you for a small jaunt before breakfast, out to the kids at Toormina Public School for our breakfast. From here it is off to Kempsey RSL for our Melbourne Cup celebrations. You will have the afternoon to yourselves before we meet up again at the Kempsey RSL for our evening meal.

Day 4 Wednesday 7th November 2018

Kempsey to Kew 140kms – Kew to Taree 202kms
We meet back up at the Kempsey RSL for our breakfast and head in a southerly direction for our lunch stop at the Royal Hotel Kew. We head back inland a little from here to the Riverina City of Taree and here we'll be dining at the Taree Aquatic Club.

Day 5 Thursday 8th November 2018

Taree to Nowendoc 127kms – Nowendoc to Walcha 105kms
Our hosts this morning will be the Lions Club of Taree before we start our inland journey and take a break for lunch at Nowendoc Public School. The afternoon takes us to Walcha for dinner at the Walcha Bowling Club.

Day 6 Friday 9th November 2018

Walcha to Tamworth 190kms
Before we depart on the last leg of our 2018 adventure we head back to the Bowling Club for breakfast. From here it's back to where we began in the Fitzroy Street Mall and enjoy a lunch put together by Bullinbad School. The afternoon gives us a chance to rest up before we reconvene at the Inn Maguire Hotel for our Presentation Dinner.



ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

	Wednesday 14 March West Diggers 6.30 for 7am	Wednesday 21 March 6.30 for 7am TRECC	Wednesday 28 March West Diggers 6.30 for 7am
Topic	Peter Leonard profile Two inductions	Science & Engineering	Visit from Queen & Princess
Door Team	Dwone Jones	Terry Robinson Helen Tickle	Paul Stevenson James Treloar
Meeter & Greeter	Peter Ryan		Robert Sharp
Welcome	Michelle Shanahan		Philip Penman
President Assist	Richard Walker		Maxwell Cathcart
Visitor Assist	John Treloar		Ron Allen
Corporal Assist	David Hinwood		Dennis Johnson
Bulletin Notes	Andrew Maughan		Barry Biffin
Introduction	Andrew Maughan		Barry Biffin
Vote of Thanks	Brian Logan		Richard Hardwick
60 seconds			
PO Raffle	16 March	23 March	30 March
NOW @6.30	Phil Heffernan Paul Stevenson	Paul Stevenson	Steve Hawkins
6 April	13 April	20 April	27 April
Steve Hawkins Tom Hellmann	Tom Hellmann Sue O'Connor	Sue O'Connor ?Marina Lawrence	?Marina Lawrence
Corporals for March		Corporals for April	
Phil Penman & Steve Massey		Bruce Hemmett & Maureen Thornton	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Louise Matthews 24/3; Sue O'Connor 27/3; Peter Ryan 26/3; Maureen Thornton 22/3		
Partners Birthdays	Kerry Walker 25/3		
Anniversaries			
Club Induction)Lesley Hood 27/3 (5)		
Attendance	75%		
Make-Ups	nil		
Visiting Rotarians	nil		
Visitors	Stacie Welk ,Kaylene Grills, Carmel Raymond, Paul Crosby, Juno Betts, Judy Biffin		
Heads & Tails	Jim Raymond		
Raffle			

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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 Phone: 02 6766 4661

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president@tamworthfirstlight.org.au

Secretary—Michael O'Connor

secretary@tamworthfirstlight.org.au

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