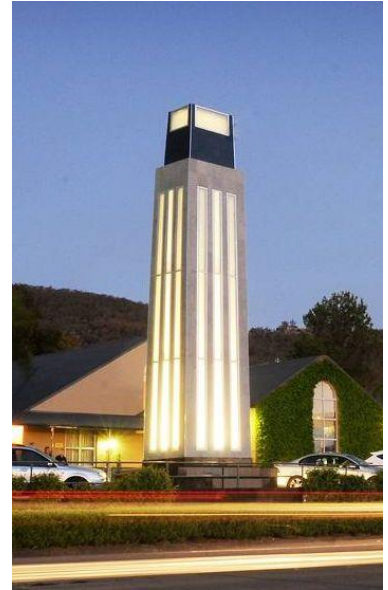




# *Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light*

**2017 2018**

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## Meeting 1402

**Wednesday 18 APRIL 2018**

Unfortunately there is no President's report this week. Michael is at a very exciting and challenging Accountants' Retreat in Sydney and stand in David is on Grandpa duty in Newcastle. However Tamworth is managing well and First Light is thriving.



### Reminder.

**Rob Sharp is off to Popondetta and Rabaul in August. Would you like to accompany him?**

#### **WHAT'S ON THE FUTURE PROGRAM.**

<b>APRIL</b>	11 RYLA participants 18 ANZAC theme Michael O'Connor 25 ANZAC DAY no Rotary meeting
<b>MAY</b>	16 Careers Expo Breakfast at the TREC 26 District Assembly at Gunnedah
<b>JUNE</b>	16 Change over Dinner



**Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)** participants Danielle Wallace & Stacie Welk returned to give an overview of their RYLA journey. **The difference in Danielle** was enough to bring me to tears, seeing how far she has come from the shy girl who couldn't even introduce herself prior to going to RYLA. That was huge for her this morning. She was sponsored by Joblink Plus, but unfortunately for Danielle, her traineeship finished the week she attended RYLA. She came into camp with a lot of mixed emotions & her confidence levels at an all time low. I'm glad to say we have given her many tools for her to develop her skills in overcoming her crippling shyness & lack of self confidence.

**Stacie Welk** was sponsored by Challenge Community Services. Stacie made an incredible impact at Camp. Her open nature & warm confident nature was a huge support for many others during the week. She omitted to tell you that she represented Australia in the US as a 14 year old in a world junior cutting horse event. She is also insulin dependent & wears an insulin pump, but, that never stopped her from getting in & having a go. She was a fantastic MC at our formal dinner & was able to ad lib when needed & was the ultimate professional.

**Michael Swain**, sponsored by Inland Technology was another I witnessed growing so much during the week. Just a pity you couldn't hear from him in person. Mick has faced the challenge of moving out of home & starting in a new position in Dubbo. I'm expecting to hear many good things about him in the future.

Our own member, **Naomi Blakey**, shared some of her amazing journey coming back as a RYLA Leader. That's a whole new ball game, the responsibility, the skills in dealing with some very fragile characters, group dynamics & leading a team so they can get the best out of the week is a huge task in itself. You won't be surprised to know that Naomi did an outstanding job & it was a pleasure to see how she grew in confidence in her own abilities during the week.



**We are so lucky to have DJ**, not only in our Rotary Club, but in our community. The impact he has on the participants at RYLA by just speaking from the heart is life changing for some in their outlook on life. He never hesitates to give so much of himself & it is so very much appreciated by all of us at RYLA. Don't know if anyone noticed, but DJ gave Danielle a gentle little pep talk prior to the meeting & I'm sure that just made the difference in her confidence level.

We have two more participants to speak to you in July. But, as Stacie said – watch this space. Along with our incoming Assistant Governor Dimity we will undertake the huge task of establishing a Rotaract Club in Zone 6 over the next 12 months. **RYLA is the future of Rotary**...The program is brilliant, the results outstanding, the experience life changing. Louise Matthews D9650 RYLA Secretary Greatest RYLA Mum

All,  
Sorry this is a bit late, have been away. This coming Wednesday, 18APR18, we will be commemorating ANZAC Day as is our usual practice.  
What I would like to do at the meeting is to honour any relative of club members who actually served at Gallipoli. If you have a relative, does not have to be really close, either side of family, I would be delighted to hear from you. I plan to put something together this week end.  
If you could help with name of relative, Unit he served in, where he was from, photograph would be good, and any other details would be great.

Regards Michael O'Connor

### CONGRATULATIONS

[Brian Logan on a fabulous effort by feeding the starving riders and workers BRAVO](#)

[Brian Thompson on the safe arrival of Thomas. A little man for Sarah.](#)

Our Guest was **Barry Harley** from TRC who told us about the **Toyota Country Music Festival** which began in Tamworth in the late 1960s when radio audiences were declining. A special "clear channel" radio signal was available and Hoedown was introduced and artists were sponsored by 2TM.

In 1969 Tamworth was proclaimed Country Music Capital

1973 the first Golden Guitar Awards were staged.

**Now in 2018** there are 2800 scheduled events; over 700 artists performing in over 100 venues; 430 registered buskers; almost 20,000 positive media reports and netting \$24,694,612. The age of visitors is decreasing with many families attending.

**Visitors;** 1/3 are locals; 1/3 NSW state (1/4 from Hunter & 1/4 from Sydney); 1/3 interstate (1/2 Queensland & 1/3 from Victoria). 1/3 people come for the 10 days.

40% of people stay in campsites. They come for the atmosphere and to see new country acts. The free concerts are very important

Local sporting groups gain \$61,000.

#### **Other important facts:**

The Country Music Capital News -the only Australian Monthly Country Music Magazine is published in Tamworth.

Toyota Star Maker -106.1 is beamed live from Tamworth Landcruiser Country.

Tamworth launched Balcony TV Music with a View.

Coca Cola Country sponsors.

Tamworth Country Connect.

Toyota Hats off to Country.

Golden Guitar Awards Australia

There is an income for Tamworth of \$50 million from 40,000 visitors.

The festival gets bigger every year, is now more family friendly; is more professionally run; is more financially viable; many new acts are displayed, old favourites enjoyed and everyone has a lot of fun with family and friends.

	<b>Wednesday 18 April West Diggers 6.30 for 7am</b>	<b>Wednesday 25 April</b>	<b>Wednesday 2 May West Diggers 6.30 for 7am</b>
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Anzac Theme Michael O'Connor</b>	<b>ANZAC DAY NO MEETING</b>	
<b>Door Team</b>	John Fogarty Peter Ryan		Paul Crosby Phil Heffernan
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Richard Walker		Peter Hyde
<b>Welcome</b>	Peter Bell		Ronald Allen
<b>President Assist</b>	Peter Leonard		Barry Biffin
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Michelle Shanahan		Stephen Hawkins
<b>Corporal Assist</b>	Elizabeth Gill		Marina
<b>Bulletin Notes</b>	Brett White		James Treloar
<b>Introduction</b>	Brett White		James Treloar
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Graham Dooley		Maxwell Cathcart
<b>60 seconds</b>			
<b>PO Raffle</b>	<b>20 April</b>	<b>27 April</b>	<b>4 May</b>
<b>NOW @6.30</b>	Sue O'Connor Marina	Marina Lawrence Brian Logan	Brian Logan Andrew Maughan
<b>11 May</b>	<b>18 May</b>	<b>25 May</b>	<b>1 June</b>
Andrew Maughan John Treloar	John Treloar Sue O'Connor	Sue O'Connor Lawrence Hearne	
<b>Corporals for April</b>		<b>Corporals for May</b>	
Bruce Hemmett & Maureen Thornton		Ian Howle David Hinwood	
<b>Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions</b>			
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	nil		
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Debbie Leonard 24/4; Roslyn Maunder 21/4		
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Dimity & Robert Betts 23/4 (2); Laurence & Elizabeth Hearne 21/4 (39); Terry & Sue Robinson 21/4 (34); Julian & Annette Smith 19/4 (26)		
<b>Club Induction</b>			
<b>Attendance</b>	71%		
<b>Make-Ups</b>	nil		
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	nil		
<b>Visitors</b>	Bernadette Hyde; John Rouvray; Stacie Welk; Danielle Wallace; Christie McGarrity; Danielle Bright; Sarah Welk; Nerida Taylor; Zac Lalor		
<b>Heads &amp; Tails</b>	Mitch Soree		
<b>Raffle</b>	skinner		

## 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:

<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