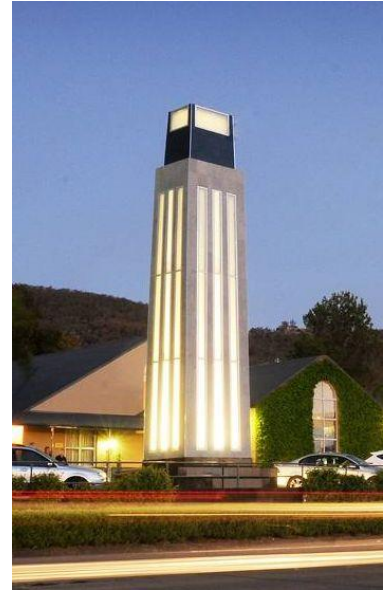




Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light

2017 2018

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I think I need to say I'm sorry



President Elect John was not on the Birthday list for last week's meeting. John, We wish you a Happy Birthday for last week and hope you a fun year to follow.

Wednesday 16 May 2018 Meeting 1405

Quote for mother's day

"I owe a lot to my parents, especially my Mum and Dad" – Greg Norman

Well we had a great talk from **Kaisa our YEP student from Finland** this week. It was fantastic to see how much Kaisa has grown in confidence and as a young person over the last 12 months. Her English is great, though she still worries about it, she is better than most Australians! She has had an adventure to talk about for her whole life. She has done many things most Australians haven't done and seen many great parts of our country.

A big thank you to those people who have hosted her and taken her to see some part of Australia. **Especially Andrew and Isis, Marina and Jordan, Phil & Robyn, Dave and Helen Hinwood and to my wife, Brenda** who at times had to look after Kaisa on her own.

It's not an easy job having a YEP student but it can be very rewarding.

A bit like having a child of your own. It's not all plan sailing but both sides get the rewards. Not that Kaisa has been difficult she has been a credit to her family and Finland.



Careers Expo is on next week so thank you to the team involved in organising that. If you would like to help please see Marina, I'm sure she can still fit you in somewhere. Remember **breakfast is on at the TRECC next Wednesday** and you need to let Marina know if you are coming or you will not be fed!!

The changeover will be held 16th June so keep the date free. 5 meetings to go!

See you next week

Kind Regards Michael Smith



This week we had the pleasure of hearing from our youth

exchange student, Kaisa, as her rotary exchange adventure draws to an end. After almost a year in Australia, Kaisa will be departing back to Finland on the 28th of May.

Kaisa took her first trip on a plane in June last year, landing in Australia without much knowledge of the country and its people. Excited, a little nervous, and ready to learn, and in a country where English was the only language spoken, Kaisa has developed her English speaking incredibly over this time. While attending school in Australia, and being immersed in Australian culture, Kaisa has found a love of cricket, playing for 3 months during her stay. Apart from the language differences, Kaisa has also experienced differences in the weather—normally her birthday in December occurred in the snow and cold, but in Australia, her birthday was full of sunshine, heat, and photo opportunities with koalas, wombats, and kangaroos. There was also a brief encounter with a giant spider, the likes of which are unheard of in Finland!

In school, Kaisa has learned about Australian farming, even attending a bull sale and trying her hand at shearing a sheep.

With her rotary exchange student friends, Kaisa has developed some lasting friendships, forged in the social activities in Bonville (near Coffs Harbour), and her week in Woolgoolga. To top it all off, her safari around Australia showed her the sights of Sydney, Melbourne, the Great Ocean Road, Adelaide, Coober Peedy, Alice Spring, Uluru, Cairns and the Barrier Reef, amongst other Australian landmarks.

Kaisa made special mention to the rotary club, and their assistance in making all this possible, as well as the generosity of the host families and others who have helped her gain the most out of this once in a lifetime experience.

On a personal level, Kaisa has developed immensely over the past year, now confident in the English language, and with a new sense of adventure to try new things, often outside of one's comfort zone. Kaisa said she has had a lot of fun, learned a lot about herself, and has built memories that will last a lifetime, and made friends who she will miss when she returns home. I'm sure we would all like to see Kaisa return for a holiday some time in the future and to reminisce on her year abroad 'on exchange'.

“Kaisa, I'm sure I speak for all of us when I say thank you for joining us and sharing your culture with us, and we are truly proud of your achievements and development over the past year. May your future be successful and full of adventure.” Mitch Soree.



MARINA NEEDS ACCURATE NUMBERS FOR BREAKFAST AT TREC FOR NEXT WEEK. PLEASE EMAIL HER NOW



Peter Ross gave a wonderful presentation on what makes a liveable city with a particular focus on the arts and culture. It was encouraging to be reminded exactly what Tamworth and the region have to offer and what an important part this plays in attracting new residents.

Peter himself was one of those new residents just 10 years ago, employed by the Council to manage the Capital Theatre. Now Peter is the manager of most of the Council venues and is instrumental in

attracting events for those and many other venues.

Peter gave a very strong case for the development of a new performing arts facility in Peel St next to the library and gallery. The business case put forward was very compelling and with the inclusion of the proposed commercial tenants it would be a very exciting project. Often it is forgotten just how important the cultural aspects of a city are and the financial benefit they can present to the community, Peter has an enormous passion for the arts and the community that enjoy those facilities.

It's with that passion and an understanding of the financial importance of the project and the grants available that will determine the progress and future of this project. But with Peter Ross and the other support around him leading this project I would give it a very strong chance of succeeding.

James Treloar

WHAT'S ON	THE FUTURE PROGRAM.
MAY	16 Careers Expo Breakfast at the TRECC
	23 Dr Kym Rae
	30 TBC Paul Crosby Personal Profile
	26 District Assembly at Gunnedah
JUNE	6 Naomi Blakey Personal Profile
	16 Change over Dinner

PRESIDENT ASSIST

To ensure members who are rostered for the duties of, Meeter and Greeter, Door, Visitor Assist, Welcome to our Members & Guests, Introduction of the Guest Speaker(s) and Vote of Thanks are present and if they are not to find a replacement and ensure those people's names are updated on the President's Running Sheet. Select the Table Order (after the head table).

Need to be in attendance by 6.30 am

DOOR TEAM

To record the attendance of our members and guests, collect meeting dues, and if possible balance the cash float i.e. monies paid = money received.

Need to be in attendance at 6.30 am

MEETER & GREETER

To meet & greet our members & welcome guests to our Club at the top of the stairs and to hand name badges to members. Also ensure any guests of members or visiting Rotarians are introduced to the Visitor Assist to ensure they are made feel welcome.

Need to be in attendance at 6.30 am

VISITOR ASSIST

To ensure any visitors to the Club are felt welcome by introducing yourself to them and other members and guests of our Club. To also include them in fellowship before and if necessary make sure they are included with several members for breakfast and are not left on their own.

Need to be in attendance from 6.30 am

WELCOME

To publicly welcome our Members & Guests (following the introduction) to our meeting when called upon by the President or his/her substitute.

Need to be in attendance by 6.50 am (or earlier)

INTRODUCTION

To make yourself known to our Guest Speaker/s, assist them to the head table and sit with them. During breakfast find out some information about the guest speaker which will assist you in your introduction.

VOTE OF THANKS


To move a vote of thanks to our guest speaker, and present a little thank you gift (ensure you have it before the meeting commences and take notes during their presentation to ensure your thank you is informed).

CORPORALS



To assist the Sergeant by putting out all Club Property and putting away at the conclusion of the meeting. **Need to be in attendance by 6:30 am.**

CORPORAL ASSIST

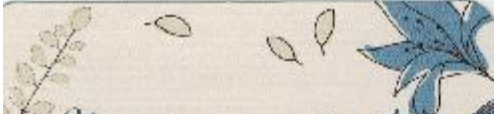

To assist the Sergeant, by putting away all Club Property at the conclusion of the meeting if the Corporals are unable to do so.



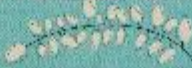

Train up your child in
the way they should go.
Don't wait until the
teenage years, unless
you love a challenge!





Marriage & Family
ARE WORTH FIGHTING FOR,
even though our culture
often teaches us to
give up.




You are important!
You are an amazing,
beautiful woman whom God
created, and you are an
Awesome Mom
who deserves to be
treated well.




If we keep in mind that
motherhood
IS A MARATHON,
not a sprint, we will
be more patient with
the process.



Training up a child is
HARD WORK
& does not happen
overnight.



YOUR HUSBAND
& CHILDREN
DO NOT
"OWE" YOU
ANYTHING.



	Wednesday 16 May TRCC	Wednesday 23 May West Diggers 6.30 for 7am	Wednesday 30 May West Diggers 6.30 for 7am
Topic	Careers Expo	Assos Prof Kym Rae Uni Newcastle. Aboriginal Mother's & Baby's Health	Paul Crosby
Door Team	Helen Tickle Val Hellmann	Brodie Shields Julian Smith	John Treloar Graham Dooley
Meeter & Greeter		Naomi Blakey	Peter Leonard
Welcome		Phil Penman	Michelle Shanahan
President Assist		David Hinwood	Peter Bell
Visitor Assist		Chris Watson	Paul Stevenson
Corporal Assist		Louise Matthews	Peter Ryan
Bulletin Notes		Stephen Massey	Brian Thompson
Introduction		Stephen Massey	Brian Thompson
Vote of Thanks		DJ	Brett White
60 seconds			
PO Raffle	18 May	25 May	1 June
NOW @6.30	John Treloar Sue O'Connor	Lawrence Hearne	Lawrence Herne Richard Walker
8 June	15 June	22 June	29 June
Richard Walker John Rouvray	Rob Clifton John Rouvray		
Corporals for May		Corporals for June	
Ian Howle & David Hinwood		Dennis Maunder & John Rouvray	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Laurence Hearne 18/5 ; Les Jacob 17/5		
Partners Birthdays	Jacque Fogarty 16/5 ; Julie Hemmett 22/5		
Anniversaries	Peter & Leonie Bell 17/5(43); Val & Tom Hellmann 22/5 (50); Anne & Les Jacob 19/5 (45).		
Club Induction	Barry Biffin 21/5 (21 years)		
Attendance	84%		
Make-Ups	nil		
Visiting Rotarians	nil		
Visitors	Brenda Smith and Kaisa		
Heads & Tails	Marina Lawrence		
Raffle	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:

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