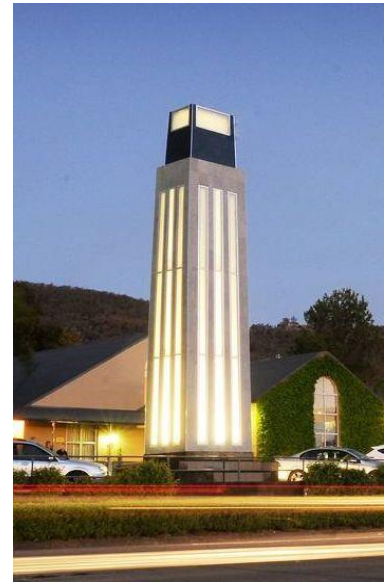




Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



2017 2018 – Changeover

Annual Report 2017-2018

ROTARY CLUB OF TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT

Changeover – Saturday 16th June 2018

Grand Ballroom – West Diggers

Kable Avenue, Tamworth.

CLUB HISTORY YEAR 2017-18

WORLD PRESIDENT

Ian Risely

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Bob Ryan

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Michael Smith

President Elect – John Worldon

Secretary – Michael O'Connor

Treasurer – Deb Barnes

Director - CLUB ADMINISTRATION – Phil Penman

Attendance: Brodie Shields

Programme: Helen Tickle

History: Brodie Shields

Catering: Brian Logan

Public Officer: Michael O'Connor

Sergeant at Arms: Glenn McIntosh

Bulletin: Val Hellmann

Welfare Officer: Phil Heffernan, Paul Stevenson

Webmaster: Bruce Hemmett

Director - MEMBERSHIP – Jim Raymond (Peter Ryan May to June)

Director - PUBLIC RELATIONS – Dimity Betts (Andrew Maughan while on leave)

Director - SERVICE PROJECTS – James Treloar

Vocational Service:

Youth Services:

Golf Committee:

Marina Lawrence

Andrew Beer

John Treloar

RYLA :	Louse Mathews
Pedal the Peel:	Terry Robinson
RYAG Equine :	Barry Biffin
Science & Engineering:	Steve Hawkins

Director - ROTARY FOUNDATION – David Hinwood

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MEMBERSHIP

Arrivals

Peter Leonard	27 Sep 17
Mitch Soree	27 Sep 17
Naomi Blakly	14 March 18
Paul Crosby	28 March 18

Departures

Dean Clutterbuck	23 Aug 17
Diane Ford	13 Sept 17
Terry Burgess passed away	4 Oct 17
Andrew Beer	14 Nov 17
Christine Shewry	22 Nov 17
Simone Church	17 Jan 18

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

(To Be Announced at Change-over)

Steve Burrows Memorial Club Person of the Year Award

(To Be Announced at Change-over)

PERSONAL PROFILES

Andrew Maughan	
Mitch Soree	28 Feb 18
Peter Leonard	14 March 18
Paul Crosby –	30 April 18
Naomi Blakey	6 June 18

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

8 Nov 17	Brain Injury Unit and Inala House WestPac Helicopter (combined with Sunrise)
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YOUTH

SOCIAL, SPORTING & FELLOWSHIP

22 Oct 17	Gun Club – Loomberah
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GUEST SPEAKERS

Speaker	Topic
Terry Bella	Sustainable Agriculture
Andrew Maughan	Personal Profile
Peter Ryan	Disruptive Technology
Anita Barbara/Sarah Massey	NE Brain Injury Rehab
Pastor James Ardill	Tamworth Habitat for Humanity and Foodbank
Nick Broadbent	Adventures in South America
Paul Bennett	Regional Growth
Paul Sullivan & Col Pearce	Microlend.Australia
Barry Biffin	Tent Pegging World Cup
Ruythe Dufty	Tamworth Network Schools
Phil Betts	Tamworth Astronomy Club
Ashleigh Hickman	D9650 Chair of Interplast
Kate Arnell	HNE Mental Health
David Jenkins	GM TEYS Australia
Peter Ryan	Proposed Aquatic Centre
Kaisa Kasunen	Our Exchange Student from Finland
Penny Milson, Helen Orvad, Dr Tracy Chumacher	Tamworth Cardiovascular Health Group
Meg Larkin	Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society
Richard Hardwick	Beersheba Centenary Visit
C. McFarlane	CPR Awareness in NSW
Nick Bradford	Nundle Woollen Mills
Ray McLaren	Materials, Madonna, Energy
Judy Biffin	Int. Tent Pegging
Christine Shewry	JobLink Plus
Barry Harly	TCMF
Peter Ross	TRC
Kaisa, Exchange Student	Farewell Speech
Prof. Kim Rae, UNSW	Aboriginal Mothers and Babies Health
Paul Crosby	Personal Profile
Naomi Blakey	Personal Profile

ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

. It is with pleasure, and a tinge of sadness, that I present my final report for the year. When you enter a year as President it is done with some trepidation and nervousness but by the end I feel I will almost miss it. I feel it has been another successful year for the club, not ground breaking, but certainly the club operates many successful events and assists the community in many ways so thank you all for your efforts once again. You are what make this club so great.

. Whilst this year has not seen us distribute as much in the way of cash as previous years, I still feel we have made a difference to our community in many ways, not all these are measured in monetary terms.

. 2018 saw a very successful Hunter Valley golf trip but it also saw the end of the Gold Coast golf trips and hence a void in our funds raised has occurred. Luckily we have the Pedal the Peel bike ride which has gone some way to filling this void. The ride raised some \$30000 dollars this year, the proceeds being split 50/50 with the Sunrise club due to their valued assistance in running the event. The annual Santa Crawl event also saw your club raise \$10597 in ticket sales to assist Ronald McDonald House. Along with other donations and disbursements to go out this month, this will see your club distribute around \$52955 for the year, still a magnificent effort.

. The club conducted its weekly raffles at the Post Office hotel, raising over \$5000, to which we thank Andrew Cootes & all those ticket sellers once again. Our exuberant fine sergeant helped us raise over \$3000 in ways never seen before and what a fantastic job he did, thanks Glen.

. The club also assisted in non-monetary ways with the RYLA camp, RUOK BBQ, the country music cavalcade organisation, Rotary Lodge improvements, the MHERV Van visit to town, Dungowan rodeo bar, the Science & Engineering Challenge – now stretching over 4 days and also stretching our “man power”, and the very successful Careers Expo, Rob Sharp & Steve Massey did an outreach visit to Kokopo Hospital, & the “End Polio” movie night, among others, well done to you all for your help in these events.

. The club also had a number of successful social events which have been outlined in Phil Penman's club administration report, thanks for your efforts Phil.

. Various club members also assisted in Rotary events and functions on a district level, with PDG Jane Bradford organising the district weekly E News, a big task, as well as performing emcee duties for the District Conference. Liz Gill helped run the RYAG sheep event at Walcha and spoke on this at the conference. Bruce Hemmett organised the conference attendees and website and Phil Lyon organised a successful GSE visit from Uganda.

. This year saw the club host an exchange student from Finland. I thank those who hosted or assisted Kaisa in her adventure to our district, especially Dave Hinwood who acted as councillor and did so much for Kaisa.

. The club's membership numbers are fairly stable from the start of the year but whilst we have had some members move on, I feel they have been “replaced” with some more enthusiastic and sometimes younger members. If a member is not active in Rotary then I feel they are not really a Rotarian. One member that will be missed is Terry Burgess, Terry passed away this year and the club has initiated an annual RYLA scholarship in his honour.

. Thanks to Val Hellmann for her efforts in producing the weekly bulletin, it's an arduous task especially when the President is often late with his report!

. Vocational visits this year included the Westpac Helicopter Base, Inala House Brain Injury Unit and Inspirations Café & Giftware, along with these we had many interesting and varied guest speakers to entertain us or provoke us over breakfast, thanks to Helen for her efforts in this area.

. I take this opportunity to thank my Board and to those that filled in for Board members who moved on or were otherwise occupied during the year. I could not have done my job without my Board as my work life balance barely leaves time for Rotary and to be President can be a time demanding job, I only hope I have managed to full fill my role satisfactorily. Thanks also to other members who have gone beyond the norm to improve club functions and operations.

. I apologise if I have missed anyone in my thanks but please note that I appreciate all your help this year in contributing to a great club.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2017-2018

Following is a summary of the financial activity of the Club during the past year.

Balance of accounts:

As at 10th June 2018 the balance of all accounts was as follows:-

1. S1 Admin account	10/6/18 -	\$28,653.72
2. S12 Fines	A/C	\$ 7,345.30
3. S3 Blue Angel	A/C	\$ 7,882.89
4. Rotary I13		\$31,551.46

Year in Summary:

Breakfast Profit	\$3,422.25
Fines income	\$3,027.45
Golf Committee Donation	\$10,000.00
Pub Raffles (plus \$200 8/6/18)	\$4,954.45
Science & Engineering Exp (less \$300)	-\$6,775.95
Exchange student costs	-\$4,385.00
Donations paid	-\$4,858.97
- Schools	\$ 200.00
- PNG	\$1612.57
- ROMAC	\$1500.00
- RI - Polio	\$1178.50

Further Grants Planned for Close of Year:

Club Funds	\$20,000
Pedal the Peel	\$15,000
- Youth Insearch	\$5,000
- Billabong Clubhouse	\$5,000
- Can Assist	\$5,000
Club Person	\$ 1,000

Deb Barnes
Treasurer
13/6/18

Membership Director
Final Report 2018

Jim Raymond as Membership Director for 2017 – 2018 advised the board that he and Carmel was moving to Port Macquarie to be closer to family, so I started my role as membership director earlier than expected stepping into the role in March 2018.

Past membership director, Brodie Shields completed a membership review as well as provide a member kit for new members to help with the onboarding, retention and encourage higher involvement from new members within the club and club projects.

We started the year with 63 members with an average attendance of 66% to meetings. We finished the year with 62 members with an average attendance of 76% which is a great improvement from the start of the year.

The average of a Rotary member is 71 years. Fortunately, with the recruitment of a number of younger members over the last few years, the average age of Tamworth First Light Rotary member is 61.

Peter Ryan

Reserve Membership Director 2017-2018

CLUB ADMINISTRATION REPORT 2017-2018

Director - Philip Penman

It is a pleasure to provide the annual report for the Club Administration portfolio for the year 2017-18. During the year we have offered the members many opportunities to engage in activities outside of the regular weekly meetings, to socialize and get to enjoy the whole Rotary experience. President Michael Smith had advocated the need to try and engage as many members as possible during the year and I believe we have achieved our goal fully.

The year commenced with a very affordable bonfire and pizza night to welcome our Finnish exchange student to town and to enjoy the company of other members and their partners. This was attended by over 50 people and the hosts needed to encourage the stragglers to leave well after midnight.

Les Jacob and Michael O'Connor organised a clay shooting morning at Loomberah Gun Club in September followed by lunch which was something quite different and was well attended by many club members and friends. Hopefully this can be continued in future years as it offered members a chance to engage in an activity that they otherwise may not get the chance.

The very popular Guess Who's Coming to Dinner was held again and was attended by around 30 who thoroughly enjoyed the evening and the surprises it brings. A big thank you to Michelle Shanahan who coordinated the evening this year. A special thanks to those hosts who open their homes to make this night a great success.

Following on last years' successful Christmas Party, we ventured again to Tamworth City Bowling Club for a "wet" lawn bowls opportunity followed by dinner. With over 70 attending, we seem to have struck an accord with this option which again was a fun evening.

Lunch at the Glasshouse Restaurant at Goonoo Goonoo Station was held in early March which was a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon with other Club members. Once again, this carried on to late afternoon to the point the staff no longer wanted our patronage. A great venue for a leisurely afternoon.

I have no doubt we have achieved our goal of offering members a variety of opportunities to mix and socialize with fellow members. I urge any members who have ideas for the social side of our Club to step forward and give it a go in the coming year. These events all help contribute to the vibrancy of the Club and any participation in the events will certainly allow you to get even more out of your Rotary life.

Under the banner of Club Administration are a number of other areas which I would like to recognize.

Program Director – Helen Tickle has provided us with an interesting and varied arrange of speakers throughout the year. As we go from year to year it is amazing the cross section of speakers we attract which are always interesting and informative to our members. A list of the speakers is attached. Thank you Helen, for a great job.



Seargent – Glenn McIntosh has attacked probably the hardest job in the Club with enthusiasm and wit throughout the year. Pushed the boundaries – often; Funny – mostly; Audible – always; Commitment - never in question. Thanks Glen for a really great year – making people laugh and empty their pockets at 7.00am is never an easy ask.

Bulletin – Val Hellmann has done a great job with the bulletin each week. Again, one of the tougher jobs in the Club and dependent on the timing and contributions of other members, Val has perfected the job with minimal fuss. Many thanks Val.

Catering – Brian Logan as usual continues to work below the radar in organizing food for the many times we are off-site. A great Club person. Many thanks Brian.

Historian – Brodie Shields has incredibly big boots to fill following the sad passing of our inaugural and long serving Historian, Terry Burgess. However, I am sure Brodie will rise to the occasion and continue to maintain the Club records in great order.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Club Administration portfolio during the year. This portfolio is so important within the Club as it help sets the vibrancy of the Club for the year. The success hinges on the willingness of members to be involved and offer suggestions for activities that will interest as many members as possible.

Foundation Director – Annual Report – June 2018

Orthopaedic Outreach Program

A trip to St Mary's Hospital, Vunapope, Kokopo, East New Britain Province in Papua New Guinea was undertaken in August 2017. This trip included Rob Sharpe and Steve Massey from our club. Steve attended to getting the X-ray machine activated and sourcing lead shielding for the unit and lead aprons for the people around it. Steve also set about meeting the local Rotary Club who was able to assist with things on the ground. A District Grant of \$3,996 was utilised in getting the X-ray machine installed and up and running together with the purchase of the lead protection.

A further matching grant is being applied for from the International Rotary Foundation for \$30,000 to assist in the improvement of the health delivery at the hospital with the supply of a proper sterilizing room as well as after surgery recovery rooms.

David Hinwood



Rotary Club of Tamworth First-Light Community Service Report 2017/18

The Clubs major Community Service projects were again Science and Engineering Challenge, Pedal the Peel, Northwest Regional Careers Expo and the Country Music Cavalcade. These projects all use a great deal of the Clubs resources and I would like to thank all those members of the club who assisted plus many partners and friends. But a special thanks to the committees and individuals who did the bulk of the organising for these events, especially Steve Hawkins, Mitch and Terry, Marina Lawrence and Ron Allen who made these events the success they were. RYLA is another Club event but left solely to Louise with a little assistance from others sourcing candidates, a special thanks to Louise and her ever growing family. The Club also provided assistance to many other community events the Dungowan Rodeo, thanks to Ron Allen. RUOK, it was pleasing to note the club has excellent BBQ skills but also special thanks to West Tamworth Rotary for the use of their BBQ equipment (mobile kitchen). And of course our swara into Mens Health enormous thanks to Phil and Robin Penman for not only organising but also accommodating staff as well. Thanks to the Post Office Hotel for allowing us to conduct the raffles there on Friday nights but also thank you to the many club members who make themselves available to sell tickets and or just participate. Thank you to Wests Entertainment Group for providing Diggers as our meeting and breakfast venue, it continues to be a very comfortable home and as the Clubs IT skill levels continue to develop the facilities seem to work even better. It would be remiss to not make a special mention of David Hinwood who has assisted several of the committees whilst also looking after his own areas of responsibility, but my thanks is to all members who have assisted the Club with their participation at any of our Community Service events.

James Treloar



Public Relations

Director: Dimity Betts

It's been a busy year for the Public Relations Director, for more reasons than one! I'd like to thank Andrew Maughan who took the reins from October to February whilst I was learning the ropes of being a Mum!

Public relations this year focused on our Facebook page and gaining media coverage for our club projects.

Our Facebook page

This year's focus was to promote what our club does outside of our meetings, increase followers on our page and promote our guest speakers prior to meetings for anyone interested to come along. These were all achieved.

Amongst the highlights reel:

- The Men's Health Education Resource Van (MHERV) project post reached 3750 people and received 29 likes, 30 shares and 6 comments.
- Peter Ryan receiving his Paul Harris Fellow reached over 2000 people and received 47 likes and 17 comments
- Our cheque presentation to Inala House (Cancer Council NSW) reached 1700 people, and
- The spirit of our Rotary family was very evident when a post of a very pregnant PR director received 38 likes, 3 shares, 9 comments and reached 1392 people. I certainly lowered the average age there!

Other posts included:

- Rotary areas of focus including water and sanitation; economic development; and basic education and literacy.
- Guest speaker notes,
- Welcome to new members,
- Club projects including Pedal the Peel, the Northwest Careers expo, the Science and Engineering Challenge and the MHERV,
- Monthly guest speaker program.

Some projects gained excellent media coverage

MHERV van

- Over 4000 people reached through 2 posts on Facebook,
- Media releases picked up by radio 88.9, NBN news and Prime news

Science and Engineering Challenge

- 3 Facebook posts reaching over 900 people,
- Event covered by the Northern Daily Leader, NBN, Prime and ABC local radio

Recommendations for next year

- Set up a Linked In profile (unfortunately I didn't get to it this year!),
- Forster relationship with 88.9 who have offered a regular spot on the station (Jodie Crosby and John Wolfe),
- Continue to grow our social media presence by encouraging members to follow our page, and remember to like and share our posts to increase our reach,
- Work more with other committees to ensure club projects and news worthy stories get out into traditional media. Careers expo and Pedal the Peel do their own PR, but I'm sure the PR director and PR team could help by writing media releases, sending them out etc, if required.

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
 Wests Diggers
 Kable Avenue
 TAMWORTH NSW 2340
 Phone: 02 6766 4661

Club Officers and contact details

President—Michael Smith

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