



## *Rotary Club of Tamworth - First Light*

**2018-19**

**District Governor:** Lorraine Coffey

**President:** John Worldon

**Secretary:** Liz Gill

**Treasurer:** Deb Barnes



*Guess Where?*

*It's a beautiful photo - thank you David Hinwood*

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## DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER – (Computer or Paper)

**24 July 2018 – Tuesday – Sergeants Dinner – 6:00pm – PO Hotel**

**ACCEPTANCES** to Jane Bradford – 0429 666 100 or [jbmail@monelu.com](mailto:jbmail@monelu.com) – numbers for catering have to be confirmed on Monday morning

**24 July 2018 – Tuesday – Proposed Rotaract Planning Committee Meeting**

**15 June 2019 – Saturday - Club Changeover -**

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**From:** Michelle Shanahan <[Michelle.Shanahan@aveo.com.au](mailto:Michelle.Shanahan@aveo.com.au)>

**Date:** 4 July 2018 at 10:57:00 am AEST

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**Subject:** FW: Rotary - Michelle Shanahan

Hi John

Congratulations on your appointment.

I am sorry I have taken so long to make contact, but as you are aware I have transferred to Coffs Harbour with the same Company.

I had been living in Tamworth and travelling to Coffs for some months before the actual move physically to Coffs, this made it hard to attend Meetings within the last few months prior to me moving. It was a hard decision to leave Tamworth, leaving my good friends, my home and I guess my comfort zone, I do have family here and it is closer to Brisbane for my 1 and ½ grandchildren.

I do not intend to finish with Rotary entirely, work has been quite hectic since I arrived a month ago and I would like to become a member of a Club in Coffs. I have not had a chance as yet to investigate what Clubs are here, I know when things settle down I will.

I would ask of you, if you do not mind, to thank everyone for their warmth and friendship and not to mention all the laughs and banter, I enjoyed every bit of it, I am sorry I did not get to say goodbye in person.

If anyone is in Coffs Harbour at any time please give me a call.

Fondest regards

Michelle

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**Quote of the Week**

*People begin to become successful the  
minute they decide to be.*

*Harvey Mackay*

**Meeting 1413**

**Wednesday 25 July 2018**

## **WORLD'S WEEK IN ROTARY 18 JULY 2018**

Up until this week, I had never stopped to contemplate in detail the Rotary Year of a District Governor and Partner.

DG Lorraine and partner Dennis were at the front door of our meeting venue at 6.30am on Wednesday when the thermometer on my car said Minus One.

And then we hear about the cold/no water shower earlier in the week, and that Dennis is not a morning person.....!

It was great to welcome you both to our Club Meeting on Wednesday, and then afterwards at our Club's Weekly Coffee Gathering.

Our Club certainly appreciates your significant commitments to the roles, and we wish you good health, safe travels, (hot showers), and success for the rest of the Rotary Year.

It was great to have a past charter member of our Club - Daryl Bath and his wife Deb as our guests (along with Mandy) on Wednesday. As we know, Daryl has Motor Neurone Disease (MND), and it is a courageous effort to come along to our meeting knowing that MND is going to be a subject of discussion.

It is actions such as this by Daryl, and similar demonstrations of courage by others with MND, which will raise awareness of the disease, assist to raise money for research, and ultimately result in a cure for MND.

John

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**Deb and Daryl Bath**





**“What a positive group of women in our Club!”**

<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Liz Gill</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Deb Barnes</b>
<b>Assistant Governor for Cluster 6</b>	<b>Dimity Betts</b>
<b>RYLA MUM</b>	<b>Louise Matthews</b>



**Two more busy members as follows**

<b>Brodie Shields</b>	<b>Executive Secretary (Historian by another name)</b>
<b>Sue O'Connor</b>	<b>Program organiser (guest speakers – pass suggestions to Sue please)</b>
	<b>Mandy Fisher – keen visitor to our Club</b>

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Club Members – looking a little chilly...  
Helen Tickle & Marina (Lawrence) Hearne

Our Sergeant for this week - James Treloar  
and our D9650 DG Lorraine Coffey



President Elect –  
Barry Biffin  
Richard Walker  
Daryl Bath and  
Ian Howle

All above photos are courtesy of DG Lorraine Coffey's partner – Dennis Chellingsworth  
Thank you Dennis

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**Worth a read....**

*Here's to the crazy ones, the misfits, the rebels, the troublemakers, the round pegs in the square holes... the ones who see things differently -- they're not fond of rules... You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them, but the only thing you can't do is ignore them because they change things... they push the human race forward, and while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius, because the ones who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world, are the ones who do. Steve Jobs (Quirindi Club – 04.06.2018)*

Vote of thanks – Louise Matthews  
Guest Speaker – DG Lorraine  
Coffey  
Partner – Dennis Chellingsworth  
President – John Worldon

(courtesy of our Club photographer  
– Andrew Maughan)



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## Re-establishing Rotaract

in Tamworth

Looking for ages 18 - 30-years

Please send contact details and email address to

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**Louise 0420 743 083**

**For those who like to go to the coast in January and would be interested in a “House Swap”  
over the Country Music Festival in 2019 – this could be of great interest**

We have a fellow Professionals agent from Victoria who has a beach house at Anglesea on the Great Ocean Road that was wanting to swap for a 4-bed house close to town (East area).

**House swap for 2019 Country Music Festival – Anglesea, Victoria**

Near new two storey 4 bed, 3-bathroom house with water views at Anglesea, on the Surf Coast on the Great Ocean Road. Here is the link to the photos of the property:

<https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-house-vic-anglesea-120946442>

Happy to look at leaving a car at the airport as part of it as well.

If you are interested in a house swap with professional persons (references will be provided), please contact Brett White

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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR LORRAINE COFFEY'S SPEECH TO OUR CLUB - 18 JULY 2018

As Dennis and I sat with another 550 odd incoming Governors to hear the full speech from Barry Rassin, we were inspired. Inspired to create the wave of change that will live beyond each of us – to take Rotary to the next step in its future.

Over 50 years ago, a group of Rotarians came up with a succession plan – Interact came first in 1962. We have a few interact clubs in our district for High School students, and a new one about to start in Gloucester. This gives them a 'taste' of community service, and a sense of pride in a project they might pursue. Last night I discovered that Di Hall is keen to start an Interact Club at Calrossy and Tamworth High.

Then six years after Interact, they chartered their first Rotaract Club (Rotary – Action) for young people between the ages of 18 and 30, taking them a step further towards being a Rotarian. We have just 1 Rotaract Club in our District – The Hastings Rotaract club in Port Macquarie.

Where did we go wrong? Why didn't we follow through with this plan? How did we, as Rotarians, become so old? Do you know our average age is around 72? Paul Harris was just 36 when he started Rotary – they were young and vibrant, with ideas that changed the world!

Why don't we go back to the drawing board with those Rotarians in 1962, who came up with this wonderful idea – can we pick up where they left off, and get this succession plan going again do you think? Our Rotaractors think we can, and they are prepared to go on a 'Rotaract Roadshow' (their words) and travel all over our district, if you can get together around 15 -20 young people for an information Saturday afternoon. They are inspired, and they have inspired me! Are you inspired also?

And we made a start early in the year by inviting our Rotaractors to PETS and Assemblies, and they will have a representative as an observer on our Management team. They just love the fact that we have included them in all this at last. Is this a step in the right direction do you think? It shouldn't be too hard for us to double the number of Rotaract clubs in our district as our RI President has asked. And let's not forget that Rotaractors can also be Rotarians today. And I head a whisper that your club might have a new Rotaract club planned for Tamworth – if this is true, this is great news. Did you know that Tamworth used to have a Rotaract Club? And I am told that there is a Trust Fund account in their name held by the Tamworth Club.

Anything is possible for the Rotary of today – we need to close the old chapter with all the old rules and regulations, and turn the page to a new chapter, to a Rotary for today's world and today's lifestyles – the wave of change that will bring us up to date.

We don't have to meet every week – and all our meetings don't have to be formal. We don't have to be a business person. Partners are encouraged to join, and they are popping up all over the place. I met one such couple in Narrabri – Julie and Graham Julie Herbert - Julie is the new secretary of her club and she is a former member of Inner Wheel. She loves being part of Rotary. We have only 6 Inner Wheel clubs left in our District, and back in 1924 when they were established, women weren't able to join. Today, they would be Rotarians in their own right of course. I found it interesting that four of those six clubs are in our western region – Inverell, Narrabri, Wee Waa and Tamworth. The other two clubs are on the coast at Port Macquarie and Forster Tuncurry.

All these women could join Rotary today if they so choose, and they wouldn't necessarily have to join their partner's club either – they could be a satellite club and meet whenever they like, with their own group of friends.

Let's embrace the changes from the last Council on Legislation and re-new and re-invigorate our clubs. We can now have satellite clubs, Friends of Rotary, Family clubs – so many endless possibilities.

Some of us have aged since we first joined. I remember what my club was like 27 years ago – I dressed our fellows up in Can Can outfits and Tutu's and hobnail boots for one of our Changeovers. It was so much fun! We can't stop the tyranny of time, but we don't have to get stuck in a time warp. Let's continue our wonderful projects.

And let's have fun in the process – mix it up; have more social functions; include all our families. You're a breakfast club – bring the kids with you if you need to and set up a special table for them. Let's teach them young.

Also, on the good news front, Glen Innes is back in our District – they are so happy about this, and we are glad to have them. On the sad news front, we have a club that is about to hand in their Charter after 47 years. They had a wonderful project that earned heaps of funds in their community, but they wore themselves out, and their club members got older and their numbers dwindled. The few active club members who are left will transfer to another club, so all is not lost, but do you know what they didn't do? They didn't put up their hand to let the District know they were in trouble – and when I was told about it, I was told it was all too late. All is not lost though, the new President of that club is going to try to start a Family Club, like the one in SA.

Our Drought appeal is underway. We have applied and authorised through RAWCS a Compassionate Grant, which will match all donations up to the value of \$15,000. And those donations are tax deductible. Reg Pierce is the person to speak to if you know someone in dire need.

The other thing I wanted to mention is the Convention in Hamburg and the Friendship exchange before-hand. Who is coming?

As your district Governor, I look forward to working with you – this is not my year, it is OUR year to 'Be the Inspiration' – can we do that?

**I believe we can!**

**Lorraine Coffey – DG D9650**

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## THE STORIES BEHIND SOME EVERYDAY EXPRESSIONS STARTING WITH "IN QUEER STREET"

To refer to someone as being *in queer street* is a rather old-fashioned way of saying that they are in financial trouble. There is perhaps nothing more to the phrase than the idea of a person's finances being in a *queer* – that is, odd and awkward – state. But two ingenious theories have been put forward that provide a more colourful account.

The first theory derives from the supposed question mark, or *query*, that a shopkeeper or wholesaler might write in his account book alongside the name of a suspect customer. The customer would now have a "question mark against his name", and would soon find his credit drying up, leading to further financial embarrassment. With a *query* against his name, he was likely to find himself *in queer street* very quickly.

The second theory points to the rarer idiom in *Carey Street*, meaning 'bankrupt', and suggests that *in queer street* is simply a corruption of this phrase. Carey Street, running off Chancery Lane, is a small street in London. Down one side of it lie the Royal Courts of Justice – including the former bankruptcy court. To be in *Carey Street*, and perhaps to be *in queer street*, was to make an appearance in court to face a bankruptcy hearing.

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	25 July	1 August	8 August
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Sharron Armitage, Domestic Violence Disclosure Support</b>	<b>Director Strategy Presentations for 2018 /19</b>	<b>Mike Cashman Tamworth Bicentenary</b>
<b>Door Team</b>	Ron Allen Laurence Heame	Bruce Hemmett Lesley Hood	Anne Jacob Dennis Johnson
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Peter Bell	Val Hellmann	Brian Logan
<b>Welcome</b>	Dimity Betts	Ian Howle	Phil Lyon
<b>President Assist</b>	Naomi Blakey	David Hinwood	Louise Matthews
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Max Cathcart	Peter Hyde	Dennis Maunder
<b>Corporal Assist</b>	Graham Dooley	Tom Hellmann	Andrew Maughan
<b>Bulletin Notes</b>	Paul Crosby	<b>Each Director's Report</b>	Sue O'Connor
<b>Introduction</b>	Paul Crosby		Sue O'Connor
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Steve Hawkins		Paul Crosby
<b>PO Raffle</b>	<b>27 July</b>	<b>3 August</b>	<b>10 August</b>
<b>at 6:30 PM</b>	Peter Hyde Glenn McIntosh	Glenn McIntosh Marina Lawrence	Marina Lawrence Dwone Jones
<b>17 August</b>	<b>24 August</b>	<b>31 August</b>	<b>7 September</b>
Dwone Jones Peter Leonard	Peter Leonard Phil Penman	Phil Penman Peter Ryan	Peter Ryan Terry Robinson
<b>Corporals for July</b>		<b>Corporals for August</b>	
Sue O'Connor & Richard Hardwick		Barry Biffin & Les Jacob	
<b>Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions</b>			
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Nil		
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Phillip Hood (22/7), Janet Treloar (30/07)		
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Stephen & Sarah Massey (34 years)		
<b>Club Induction</b>	Graham Dooley (24 years), Tom Hellmann (5 years)		
<b>Attendance</b>	81%		
<b>Make-Ups</b>			
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	DG Lorraine Coffey; Johnathon Hartley (Tamworth Club)		
<b>Visitors</b>	Dennis Chellingsworth; Darryl & Debra Bath; Mandy Fisher		
<b>Heads &amp; Tails</b>	Graham Dooley		
<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  
West's Diggers  
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Club Officers and contact details

#### President—John Worldon

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#### Secretary—Liz Gill

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Treasurer – Deb Barnes

### 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