



Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light

2018-19

District Governor: Lorraine Coffey

President: John Worldon

Secretary: Liz Gill

Treasurer: Deb Barnes



Meeting 1429

Wednesday 14 November 2018



Members may remember a fine one on Steve Hawkins a week or so ago - he was being incredibly careful taking photos of a very rare tiny orchid (about the size of your thumbnail) and managed to pull it out of the ground as he forgot the clip on the stem as he and camera moved away. It has been safely replanted....

This is a rare Pink Finger Orchid - thank you Steve Hawkins for such a beautiful picture.

We really have some great photographers in our Club - maybe the Board could consider a photo competition (heaps of work but... the pleasure of beautiful photographs whether black and white or colour would provide pleasure to many - maybe a new fundraiser?)

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DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER – (Computer or Paper)

11.11.2018 – Sunday – Movie “They Shall Not Grow Old” one-off screening in Cinema 2 for Armistice Day

17 – 18.11.2018 Rotary Showcase begins with Registrations at 10:45am

Dinner at Econo Lodge – 6:30 for 7:00pm

Sunday begins at 8:30am – closes 12:30pm

18.11.2018 Multiculturalism in Tamworth invitation details in Bulletin 5.00 – 8:00pm at C3 Church, 204 Duri Road

01.12.2018 Club Christmas Party – 3:00pm – Longyard Golf Club – Thorny’s Putt Putt

RSVP by Thursday, 22 November to Naomi Blakey

Further details in this Bulletin

2019

15 – 16.02.2019 Regional Waste Warriors Expo – further details to follow

16.02.2019 – Trivia Night – details to follow

16 & 17 February, Saturday and Sunday

Presidents Elect Training (Incoming Secretaries are also invited), Tamworth.

08 – 10.03.2019 – District 9650 Conference in Armidale

10 – 14 03 2019 – Central West Golf, Food and Wine Trip

19 – 22.03.2019 Science & Engineering Challenge

31.03.2019 – 06.04.2019 – ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) – start looking for an employee **NOW who you know** would gain from the opportunity – *don't leave till last minute*

15.05.2019 - Wednesday – Careers Expo

15.06.2019 – Saturday – Club Changeover

29.06.2019 – Saturday – D9650 Changeover

Quote of the Week

'Only those who never step never stumble'.

R.P. Evans

WORLD'S WEEK IN ROTARY 7 NOVEMBER 2018

It was great to be updated once again about Ronald McDonald House. It is also very topical at present with the Santa Crawl coming up soon. This will also be an item of discussion at our Board meeting next week. Please let me know beforehand if you have any thoughts or suggestions.

Thank You to past presidents Mother Louise and Thommo for sitting in the president's chair over the past two weeks - it has been much appreciated. President last week Thommo and sergeant this week - and for those newer members who may not be aware, Thommo was the initial president of our Club in 1990.

Biffo is now offering fresh and exciting career opportunities to start in June next year. Positions are strictly limited, so make sure you get your application in as soon as possible. Further, please feel free to strongly encourage others to also apply.

John Worldon

STORIES BEHIND SOME EVERYDAY EXPRESSIONS

Beyond the Pale

If a visitor turns out to be unacceptably coarse or rowdy, you might brand him as *beyond the pale*, and resolve never to invite him again. The *pale* in question was originally the *English Pale* (sometimes called *Irish Pale*) in Ireland – that is – those areas in Ireland that at some time or other during the 14th and 15th centuries were effectively as well as theoretically under English administration.

These areas were regarded by the English as oases of civilisation. Beyond, according to the English view of things, stretched a land of barbarism, stubbornly resistant to the civilising influence of the English language and culture. (The Irish themselves no doubt saw things differently.) So anyone who regularly behaved in a socially improper way was considered *beyond the pale*, and shunned accordingly.

One other well-known *pale* in history was the “pale of Jewish settlement” in the Russian Empire in the 19th century – that is, the area within which Jews were permitted to reside.

The word *pale* originally referred to a pointed stick or stake, hence a fence or boundary, and hence the area enclosed by such a boundary. It goes back through the old French *pal* “a stake or picket”, to the Latin *palus*, which is also a source of our words *pole* (“a shaft”), *impale*, *palisade*, and even *travail* and *travel*.



at Thorny's Putt Putt near the Mill at
Longyard Golf Club, Longyard Drive,
Hillvue, NSW, 2340

- 3pm on Saturday - 1 December 2018
- Cost — \$25pp
- Competition for Best Dressed!

Putt Putt competition teams of 4 across all 36 holes.

- Canapes will be taken around the course and on the out-door deck.
- Drinks available at the bar.
- Best dressed competition.
- **RSVP by Thursday, 22 November**
- Please let Naomi know if you are interested in coming, any guests and food requirements.
- Email naomi.blakey@gmail.com

It is more important to know where you are going than to get there quickly. Do not mistake activity for achievement”

ROTARY ---- GUEST SPEAKER NOTES Meeting 7th November 2018

Ross Bingham - CEO Ronald McDonald House Northern – introduced by Helen Tickle and thanked by Dennis Maunder

Ross has frequently visited our area in his capacity as CEO Northern, a region extending from the Central Coast to the Queensland border.

There are currently 366 Ronald McDonald Houses (RMH) in 42 countries and regions, providing a home away from home for families with hospitalised children under 21 years of age. Evidence shows that children recover much better if family are around them.

The first RMH in Australia was established in 1981; in Newcastle 1991 and in Tamworth September 2008.

Houses are generally situated around major Children's Hospitals and some near regional hospitals.

Tamworth RMH services the families of hospitalised children from the New England and North West.

John Hunter is the specialist hospital for serious cases from the northern area.

RMH Family Retreat at Forster provides accommodation for families with children suffering from serious illness and comprises four deluxe family cabins over-looking the calming waters of Wallis Lakes.

SOME STATISTICS.....

- 50% of the families that stay at the Newcastle Ronald McDonald House come from the New England North West
- Total number of different families from NE NW that we care for in our Newcastle and Tamworth Houses = 430
- These 430 different families came 698 times and spent 4342 nights at our Houses which equals 10 nights for an average family
- 111 different families from Tamworth postcode 2340 stayed at our Newcastle House in the last 12 months
- 143 different families stayed at the Tamworth Ronald McDonald House from NE NW – 33 Moree, 26 Narrabri, 12 Gunnedah, 11 Inverell, 7 Quirindi
- Also 31 families from the NE NW had a week's holiday at our Forster Family Retreat at no charge to rest and reconnect as a family in the last 12 months
- Five Tamworth families had a holiday at our Forster Family Retreat.
- 80% of funding comes from the community.

Ross thanked the Club and Community for its ongoing support and said "That RMH couldn't do it without you".



Ronald McDonald House®
NORTHERN NSW

Thank you - in 2017 you helped

Provide an oasis of comfort for

695  **FAMILIES**

staying at Ronald McDonald House
Newcastle & Tamworth

which equals

15,915 

BEDS FILLED by families with
a sick or injured child

20%



of families stayed at
Ronald McDonald House
more than **90 DAYS**



THANK YOU

98



students supported by the
NORTHERN NSW
Learning Program team

10,884

UNIQUE FAMILIES SUPPORTED



in the Ronald McDonald
Family Rooms in Gosford
& Newcastle

157

FAMILIES took time out to
RELAX & RECONNECT
at the Ronald McDonald
Family Retreat
Forster



Thanked by Dennis Maunder – Ross Bingham – President John Worldon



MULTICULTURISM IN TAMWORTH

Juanita Doody spoke to us recently about Multiculturalism in Tamworth – here is a wonderful invitation and opportunity for us to sample delicious food, get to know some of our newer / long standing members of the Tamworth Community and, maybe try a samba or two and have a great evening of fun and laughter....



The Latin community of Tamworth is ready to SALSA

We would like yo invite the members of the Tamworth community to gather with us!

We would love to share our experiences settling in Tamworth and showcase our culture. Come and be part of it! Eat something different, dance some salsa, samba and why not Zumba?

Our community is big! Colombians, Mexicans, Chileans, Venezuelans, Argentinians, Brazilians and all in between.

Come along, bring a plate and get to know us and give us the chance to know you.

At C3 Church - 204 Duri Road - South Tamworth.

Sunday 18th November 2018.

Time: 5-8pm.

Drinks available (free)

Children welcome.

Contact: Eddie Whitham - Multicultural Tamworth Inc

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	14 November	21 November	28 November
Topic	Mandy Fisher Personal Profile	Steven Mair Issues Facing Today's Youth	Annual General Meeting
Door Team	Peter Pulley Sue O'Connor	Philip Penman Brett White	Bruce Hemmett Steve Massey
Meeter & Greeter	Terry Robinson	Richard Hardwick	Marina Lawrence
Welcome	Peter Ryan	John Treloar	Rob Sharp
President Assist	Paul Stevenson	Steve Hawkins	Maureen Thornton
Visitor Assist	Peter Bell	Phil Lyon	Richard Walker
Corporal Assist	Barry Biffin	Brodie Shields	Chris Watson
Bulletin Notes	Andrew Maughan	Michael O'Connor	
Introduction	Andrew Maughan	Michael O'Connor	
Vote of Thanks	Graham Dooley	Julian Smith;	
PO Raffle	16 November	23 November	30 November
at 6:30 PM	Phil Penman Laurence Heame	Laurence Heame Steve Massey	Steve Massey Brian Logan
7 December	14 December	21 December	
Brian Logan James Treloar	James Treloar Mandy Fisher	Brodie Shields Mandy Fisher	
Corporals for November		Corporals for December	
Val Hellmann & Louise Matthews		Glenn McIntosh & Bruce Hemmett	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Steve Massey (11.11); DJ (18/11); Julian Smith & Paul Stevenson (19.11)		
Partners Birthdays	Nil		
Anniversaries	Nil		
Club Induction	John Worldon (11 years – 14.11); Glenn McIntosh (2 years – 16.11)		
Attendance	70%		
Make-Ups			
Visiting Rotarians	None		
Visitors	Ross Bingham (Guest Speaker)		
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

Tamworth—First Light

Meets Wednesday morning,
6:30 for 7:00 am at
West's Diggers
Kable Avenue
TAMWORTH NSW 2340
Phone: 02 6766 4661

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?

Other Clubs meet:

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Friday

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