



## Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light

**2018-19**

**District Governor:** Lorraine Coffey

**President:** John Worldon

**Secretary:** Liz Gill

**Treasurer:** Deb Barnes



**MEETING 1441**

**WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 2019**



*Great photo showing just how desperate this drought is for the fish in Keepit Dam and how plentiful is the food for our birdlife with limited “parking” space. Another unusual photo from David Hinwood - Thank you!*

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## 2019 DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER – (Computer or Paper)

**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 / Discovery Days**

**31.03.2019 – 06.04.2019 – ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) –**

Our club is seeking two more candidates – please consider offering one of your employees an opportunity which will benefit them for the rest of their lives – **contact Louise Matthews – [lmjew@bigpond.com](mailto:lmjew@bigpond.com) for further details....**

**07.04.2019 – Sunday – Pedal the Peel** – seeking sponsorship, volunteers – just a few hours of your time on a lovely Sunday morning

**15.05.2019 - Wednesday – Careers Expo**

**15.06.2019 – Saturday – Club Changeover**

**29.06.2019 – Saturday – D9650 Changeover**

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## **FUNDRAISER MOVIE**

*The Lions Club of Tamworth & District are putting on a fundraiser movie called*  
***“Swimming with Men” on Thursday, 14 March at 6:30 for 7:00pm***  
*should be very entertaining as it is middle-aged men learning to synchronise swim.*

*Many of the Lions Club members support Rotary for our End Polio fundraiser movies – It would be great if some of us could reciprocate*

***Tickets are \$15.00 per person.....***

*If interested – please speak with either Liz Gill – 0414 493 583 –  
or Jane Bradford – 0429 666 100  
or at our meeting on Wednesday morning.*

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## Quote of the Week

*'We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails.'*

Dolly Parton

## WORLD'S WEEK IN ROTARY 27 FEBRUARY 2019

There has been an excellent response to the new Club Shirt, with almost forty shirts being ordered as the initial order. Please contact Mick Gay at HipPocket on 0267 624 022 for any additional orders. Please remember that, as well as the business shirt, there are two colour options with the Polo Shirt - Navy with Sky Blue trim, and Sky Blue with Navy trim, and please let Mick know your preference when you order. The cost is \$30.50 for the Polo Shirt and \$50 for the Business Shirt, including monogramming. Please transfer the funds by EFT to the Club account or pay Phil Lyon or Deb Barnes when you can.

The final component of our Club attire is the cap. Options are currently being considered, and the current thinking is a Navy cap with Sky Blue lettering. Fabric options are cotton or synthetic. Any thoughts or suggestions would be most welcome.

Even with technology issues, past member John Sommerlad was able to deliver to us an excellent presentation about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program. In the meantime, Bruce Hemmett has kindly emailed John's presentation to all members. Please note that there are at least three ways to support this Program, namely:

1. Corporate
2. Individual
3. Rotary Club

Please be encouraged to attend the Rotary District Conference from 8-10<sup>th</sup> March. It does overlap with our Club's Central West Golf Trip, and my personal attention will be directed towards this latter project.

Volunteer rosters are currently being prepared for both Science & Engineering and Pedal the Peel to be held during March and April respectively.

### John Worldon



*No need for words*



## DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY – GUEST SPEAKER JOHN SOMMERLAD

What an awkward way to start a presentation – the computer system would not work – the guest speaker has to go verbatim – never an easy situation – however John Sommerlad spoke extremely well – without “ums n arhs” or repeated phrases and held our attention throughout. The overview of John’s talk will be in point form – however understand that members will receive a copy of the actual USB about Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. Dolly Parton turned 73 in January 2019 – one of 12 siblings – only nine still alive today and not surprisingly Dolly is an Honorary Rotarian.

What a brilliant example of a person “making it” in their chosen field and was / is prepared to “give back” so the opening point is:

- Our greatest gift is the **ability to read**
- Dolly lived in Pigeon Falls, now owns and restored and uses as a retreat for her writing
- Dolly has written over 3,000 songs, received 47 nominations in a variety of fields – not just music
- Dolly’s Park is the 34<sup>th</sup> most visited park in the United States
- Philanthropy for Dolly has two arms – the musical arm and the Dollywood Foundation
- The Foundation has 14 staff members paid for by Dolly – not the Foundation
- Smokey Mountains disaster – Dolly Parton raised over US\$12M for the survivors
- Why this particular project? Dolly’s father was illiterate and suggested she should try to leave a legacy and so the Imagination Library evolved – over 100 million books given away and increasing every year
- As a baby is born and registered – that child will receive one book a month for the first five years – 60 books tailored to the culture, ethnicity, language etc

### Why Tamworth?

- Tamworth has a large percentage of children under-developed in reading and startlingly much higher than the State average
- Why is Tamworth fighting for a University? Again, we have the lowest percentage of people attending University of all the Enviro Cities in this State
- Research shows that children with a good start in reading produce much higher outcomes in learning and comprehension
- Where there is interaction between parents / child in reading creates a better family / social mix
- Why Australia for this program? Next obvious choice – “United Way” based in Melbourne has been licensed to run this program in Australia with a start base of US\$5B and in due course it will cross to New Zealand
- Tamworth has some 750 plus births each year – aimed to have 80% enrolled in this program (Ashleigh Dallas qualified and has just received the first book for her daughter)
- Can be registered whilst in the hospital or at the local library – Tamworth has six libraries within our region
- A Melbourne Professor chooses the books – preferably Australian authors
- A\$300,000 per annum cost so donations really help
- Two Districts already doing this in Australia – Illawarra and Bendigo with their combined Rotary clubs
- All donations are administered by “United Way” – Not Tamworth Regional Council
- Rotary USA and Canada have just re-signed for a further three years to this program.

### Answers to Questions asked:

- Postage is \$9 per book – about \$2 in the States – this is the area we need support with – great if we could pressure Australia Post to offer a special rate for this program – worth a try...
- Improving our reading capabilities is the start to improving our educational standards so both TAFE (or similar) and a University essential for Tamworth’s future
- University is crucial to Tamworth’s continuing growth – Tamworth is the only major centre in NSW, probably in Australia – without a University
- Tamworth region has the fastest growing population growth in NSW, possibly overall as well.

Introduced by Helen Tickle and thanked by John Treloar.



John Treloar thanking John Sommerlad for an outstanding talk.

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*Congratulations to Ron Allen and his wonderful Team of volunteers for their work with the Country Music Cavalcade – much appreciated by all the spectators....*

*What a pleasant surprise for the Club as we also received a cheque for our volunteering – a nice surprise....*



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	6 March	13 March	20 March
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Dr Susan Pendlebury NW</b> Cancer Centre Radiation Oncology Director	<b>RYLA Candidates</b> Impana Dayananda Joseph Melville	<b>Science &amp; Engineering</b> Challenge - TRECC
<b>Door Team</b>	Maureen Thornton Lesley Hood	Rob Sharp Richard Walker	Paul Crosby Peter Hyde
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Brett White	Peter Leonard	
<b>Welcome</b>	Michael Smith	Peter Hyde	
<b>President Assist</b>	Phil Knight	Michael O'Connor	
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Ian Howle	Mitch Soree	
<b>Corporal Assist</b>	Brian Logan	Phil Penman	
<b>Bulletin Notes</b>	Helen Tickle	Louise Matthews	Glenn McIntosh
<b>Introduction</b>	Helen Tickle	Louise Matthews	Glenn McIntosh
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Mandy Fisher	Naomi Blakey	Steve Hawkins
<b>PO Raffle</b>	<b>8 March</b>	<b>15 March</b>	<b>22 March</b>
<b>at 6:30 PM</b>	John Rouvray Brodie Shields	Brodie Shields Peter Leonard	Peter Leonard James Treloar
<b>29 March</b>	<b>5 April</b>	<b>12 April</b>	<b>19 April</b>
James Treloar Marina Lawrence	Marina Lawrence Phil Lyon	Phil Lyon Mitch Soree	Good Friday
<b>Corporals for February</b>		<b>Corporals for March</b>	
Mandy Fisher & Namoi Blakey		Ian Howle & Peter Hyde	
<b>Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions</b>			
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Nil		
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Nil		
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Brenda & Michael Smith (13yrs 11/03)		
<b>Club Induction</b>	Nil		
<b>Attendance</b>	88%		
<b>Make-Ups</b>			
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Nil		
<b>Visitors</b>	John Sommerlad (ex-member & guest speaker), Mick Gaye, Juno Betts		
<b>Heads &amp; Tails</b>	?		
<b>Raffle</b>	?		

## 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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