



Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light

2018-19

District Governor: Lorraine Coffey

President: John Worldon

Secretary: Liz Gill

Treasurer: Deb Barnes



MEETING 1444

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH 2019



*From the ocean last week back to drought - Keepit Dam is so low
even the house well is dry - Thank you David Hinwood*

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2019 DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER – (Computer or Paper)

31.03.2019 – 06.04.2019 – ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)

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

Members Please Note

Firstly, our congratulations to Brian Logan – officially retired last Friday, 15 March and quickly adapting to sleeping through without late night / early morning phone calls because he now has a new mobile number **0418 576 776**. He has also accepted retirement very easily by joining the coffee drinkers after the Club meeting last Wednesday – Welcome to retirement Brian!!!



*Could this be
your yacht?
An amazing
photo and it
looks very
cold*

Quote of the Week

*'Two things are infinite:
the universe and human stupidity:
and I'm not sure about the universe!'*

Albert Einstein

WORLD'S WEEK IN ROTARY 20 MARCH 2019

Congratulations to Rob Clifton and his golf committee, and members and others who supported the golf trip, for an extremely successful event. Cliffo, our Club is most grateful for your conservative budget for the trip - and perhaps a reflection of your approach to flying!

Congratulations to Steve Hawkins and his Science & Engineering team, and other members and volunteers, who contributed to the significant success of the event. I am confident that you have changed the lives forever of some of the student participants - for the better.

For those who have ordered a Club shirt, please remember to pay our treasurer Deb at your earliest convenience.

At the recent monthly meeting of the Board, the following resolutions were made:

1. More than fifty site bookings have already been accepted for the Careers Expo in May.
2. Applications are being sought for MUNA.
3. Leave applications have been granted to a number of members.
4. The Club finances continue to be just in order with a very tight operating arrangement.
5. Efforts continue with the Kokopo hospital project.
6. The new Club headwear will be a navy cap or hat, with sky blue monogramming.
7. Following the significant consultative process, a letter will be forwarded to the trustees of the Club Foundation outlining the Board resolution for future action. As with all Board correspondence, copies of this letter will be available for all members to peruse.

John Worldon

"Blast from the past"



We have an excellent Report from our Science & Engineering Committee member – Glenn McIntosh

2019 Science and Engineering Challenge and Discovery Days 19th to 22nd March - Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre.

This week's meeting departed from our normal RSL venue to attend TRECC as part of the 2019 Science and Engineering Challenge and Discovery Days run by our Club. Our host for the morning Regional Chair of the Challenge Coordinating Committee, Steve Hawkins said "All activities are designed to show students the practical side of careers in science and engineering."

The Tamworth Challenge is organised by the University of Newcastle in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light and partnered with the Office of the Chief Scientist & Engineer (OCSE).

The Challenge program is highly regarded as a means of raising awareness for students regarding career opportunities in the sciences and engineering industry. The Challenge is a fun event where students get to experience the practical side of science and engineering. It aims to give the participating students a more realistic view of what a career in technology would involve.

Chris Hendry, of the University of Newcastle's Science and Engineering Challenge, said "We need to inspire young people and show them that creativity is an integral part of any career in science and engineering. Scientists and engineers investigate and solve problems and, whilst theory is a vital part of this work, it is just as important to be innovative and creative."

In addition to Chris we also hosted Helen, Nick and Renee as part of his travelling road show off to other events in the next few weeks.

The challenge exposes secondary and primary students to the wonders of Science and Engineering through a series of problem-solving activities. The aim is to inspire these students to consider a career in an area of Science and Engineering.

Building Bridges



Breaking Bridges

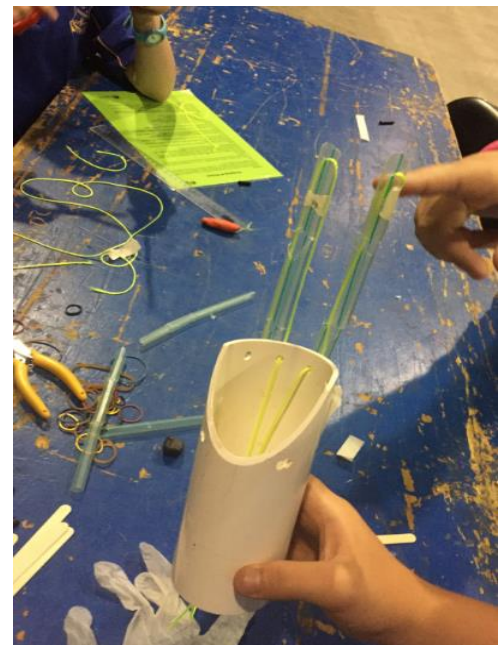
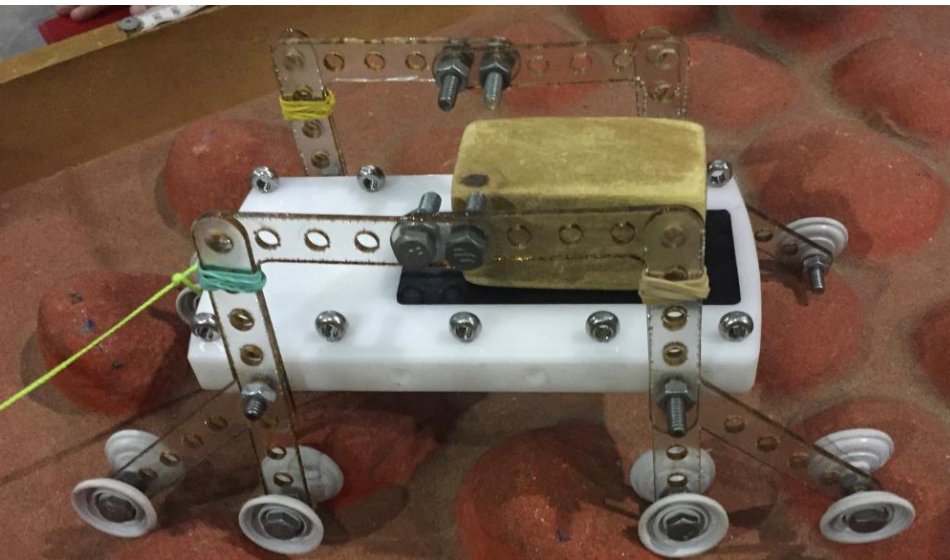


From humble beginnings this event is now run Australia wide and has gone international. It has a proven track record of encouraging students into tertiary study in these fields, and ultimately into careers in Science and Engineering.

The Challenge has been running for 20 years and was a local initiative from concerned business / teaching and scientific professionals concerned over reduced rates of applications at University for STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) and to actively encourage increased female participation and reduce the gender gap in these professions.

Primary schools are involved to encourage students to choose secondary subjects that will allow them to enter STEM based careers. The winning teams from Secondary schools have an opportunity to participate at regional finals. Winners then compete at the state finals, and onto the national finals. There is the potential for our local students to represent us at regional, state and national levels.

During **The Challenge** students are exposed to educational activities that are not readily available outside the major centres. This has the effect of value adding to the local education experience and hence to our community.



Above a “Mars Rover” and on right a “Bionic Hand”
Both made during the event this week.

The University of Newcastle provides, at a cost to us, equipment and expert personnel to administer the event over the four days of The Challenge. However, our S&E committee manages the event locally.

Our Club provides a direct monetary contribution, as well as raising additional funds locally, through donations from related industries and businesses. The Rotary Club is also responsible for organizing the venue and catering, liaising with and organizing schools.

Sponsorship has been obtained from Allan and Brenda Coates, Whitehaven Coal, Kelley Covey Group P/L, Andromeda Engineering, Belmore Engineering, East West Enviro Ag, Engineers Australia Newcastle Division, Mitchel Hanlon Consulting, Shenhua, Mettam Hearne Financial Solutions, West’s Entertainment Group, Essential Energy and other local Rotary Clubs including Sunrise, Manilla and Quirindi.

In 2018 we expanded the event from three to four days and expanded the school numbers from under 700 to more than 900. This local initiative started by our club members and others is now a national event involving more than 1082 schools and 22,500 students.

The attached snapshot from National organisers reinforces the significant impact this **Challenge** has on a National basis.

2018 was a fantastic year for our program. I'd like to list a few stats from last year that you might find interesting.

- Our Challenge day program saw 18,832 high school students
- Our Discovery day program saw 9,839 primary school students
- We had 1,382 students across our State Finals and National Final
- We had associations with 1,082 schools
- Students from remote areas totalled 15,527
- We had 2,077 teachers at our events
- 284 VIP's attended our events
- The total number of Event Staff was 3,447
- 25 events had a Challenge dinner with their event
- Our partner program, SMART, saw 22,430 students
- We had 33,553 page views on the Challenge website
- 358 Facebook posts
- 8,305 YouTube views

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There is currently a critical shortage of scientists and engineers in Australia. This Science and Engineering Challenge has, over the years it has been running, proven to be affective in addressing this imbalance in a cost-effective manner.



*The University of Newcastle Team
Chris Hendry – Leader
Members – Renae, Nick and Helen*

Members inspecting the various activities pre-arrival of students – most probably pleased to be going to work rather than having to help with activities they know nothing about!!



Interesting promotion by the University of Newcastle – apologies for the size but worth reading the types of careers that can evolve through the Science & Engineering Challenge & Discovery days

*Another amazing
movement photo*



FRIENDS OF RANG'I ON BEHALF OF THE CHILDREN OF RANG'I IN KENYA

Jenny Hawthorne's son Michael – an ex-Oxley High School student, travelled to Kenya 15 years ago as a volunteer with World Youth International and subsequently stayed on, initially as the Kenyan Coordinator for World Youth International then as an aid facilitator in his own right, being fully self-funded. Over the past 12 years he has set up three aid organisations in Kenya and Australia – Friends of Rang'i, Happy Villages and Strategic Empowerment Program.

1. The Friends of Rang'i (For) is a group of mainly Australian ex-volunteers who spent some of their time in Kenya working in Rang'i at the Care Centre, as well as Michael and three Kenyans – all of whom were orphans themselves at the RCC. FoR has helped raise money to support the running of the Rang'i Care Centre and the St Jennifer Hawthorne Samber Quality School. FOR now helps supply school equipment, medication and other projects for the surrounding five schools at Rang'i. They are helping to establish child development and feeding programs to these schools. They also organise the sponsorships for education for the children who are under the care of their scholarship program as well as other orphans and vulnerable children.
2. Happy Villages is a non-government organisation which Michael established. It aims to select one village at a time and endeavours to improve education, health, gender equality, water, infrastructure, environment and business enterprise. They spend a year researching the project and have been working in their first village – Lieta – for 11 years now.
3. Strategic Empowerment Program (SEP) is a registered community based organisation in Kenya – it is now a registered charity in Australia with all but one Board member a current or previous Tamworth resident. SEP is providing quality care, education, and support for those infected with or affected by HIV / AIDS in the East Kano location in Kenya. It, with other aid groups in the area, have managed to reduce the rate of HIV in the area from 80% to 40%.

If anyone has an interest in learning more about any of the above information, or wishes to donate to one or all of the causes - please contact **Jenny Hawthorne on 0411 592 049**

Alternatively – play a game of barefood bowls as per details on the next page



**Support Schools and Orphanage
at Rang'i in Kenya**

“BARE FOOT”

BOWLS

Sunday 5th May

Tamworth City Bowling Club

9.45 am to 12 pm

Registration 9.15 am

\$12 per person

Teams of 4

(Includes game and morning tea)

Sausage sizzle

Raffles

Bar facilities available

*Bookings at Tamworth City Bowling Club or with Jenny Hawthorne
(0411592049)*

*Or just turn up on the day by yourself or with your friends – plan to
enjoy yourself for a good cause*

For the members who already play bowls, have often thought of trying their hand at bowls,
Interested in fitness or just a social chat – this could be for you.....

Alternatively you could also be keen to learn more about
Supporting Schools and Orphanage at Rang'i in Kenya



	27 March	3 April	10 April
Topic	Cameron McFarlane: CPR Grant for Vietnam	Jenny Regan - Regional Counselling College	Dwone Jones Life Stories
Door Team	Val Hellmann Peter Bell	Richard Hardwick Helen Tickle	Rob Clifton John Treloar
Meeter & Greeter	Dwone Jones	Dennis Maunder	Sue O'Connor
Welcome	Anne Jacobs	Chris Watson	Naomi Blakey
President Assist	Michael O'Connor	Laurence Heame	Peter Leonard
Visitor Assist	Maureen Thornton	Ron Allen	Paul Crosby
Corporal Assist	Brett White	Mandy Fisher	Phil Knight
Bulletin Notes	David Hinwood	Michael Smith	Anne Jacob
Introduction	David Hinwood	Michael Smith	Anne Jacob
Vote of Thanks	Steve Massey	Paul Stevenson	Terry Robinson
PO Raffle	29 March	5 April	12 April
at 6:30 PM	James Treloar Marina Lawrence	Marina Lawrence Phil Lyon	Phil Lyon Mitch Soree
19 April	26 April	3 May	10 May
Good Friday	Peter Leonard Terry Robinson	Terry Robinson Brett White	Brett White Phil Penman
Corporals for March		Corporals for April	
Ian Howle & Peter Hyde		Marina Lawrence & Les Jacobs	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Sue O'Connor (27/03); Paul Crosby (31/03); Dennis Johnson (03/04)		
Partners Birthdays	Nil		
Anniversaries	Nil		
Club Induction	Lesley Hood (27/03 – 6 yrs); Paul Crosby (28/03 – 1 yr); Peter Ryan (02/04 – 11 yrs)		
Attendance	72%		
Make-Ups			
Visiting Rotarians	Pat Walls – Gunnedah 2380		
Visitors	Chris Hendry, Helen, Renae and Nick – Team from University of Newcastle (S&E)		
Heads & Tails	Nil		
Raffle	Nil		

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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