



Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light

2018-19

District Governor: Lorraine Coffey

President: John Worldon

Secretary: Liz Gill

Treasurer: Deb Barnes



MEETING 1456 SATURDAY 15 JUNE 2019
CHANGEOVER – ANNUAL REPORT



Sheba Dam - courtesy of David Hinwood

Introduction and Thank You

Congratulations to every single member for your significant efforts and fantastic achievements over the year, and you have all contributed to the success of the programs and activities of our Club.

Thank You to the Directors and Supporting Teams, and Program Leaders and Committees. In particular, Thank You to all Board Members for your constructive contributions to the Board.

The final Thank You is for the courtesy and respect extended to me as President.

The Best Qualities of our Club

The focus of all activities is FUN - while I do acknowledge that we are slightly sacrilegious at times!

There is a significant diversity of personnel within our membership of fifty-nine.

While there is sometimes a hesitation by members to step forward as the manager of a particular project, there is always a willingness to assist project managers and become involved.

The Year in Brief Summary

While the Club has been involved in a large number of programs and activities over the year, it has staged three major events over the past four months, namely:

- Waste Warriors Expo
- Science & Engineering Challenge
- Careers Expo.

While each of these major projects has ended up being self-funding, it has been an absolutely major challenge by all concerned to achieve this.

Throughout the year, when even the smallest of ideas has been under consideration, the availability of funds has always been a major consideration and constraint. How this might be better dealt with in the future is for another discussion on another day.

There have been a number of fundraising activities throughout the year, including:

- Santa Crawl
- Pedal the Peel
- Golf Trip
- Bohemian Rhapsody
- DG's Partner Program
- Pub Raffles

Most of these activities are for the benefit of pre-determined specific causes.

Efforts to Make a Difference

With a degree of confidence, I can say that our Club has made a significant difference to the lives of others, with involvement in Programs and Activities such as:

- MHERV Project
- Waste Warriors Expo
- Science & Engineering Challenge
- Careers Expo
- Clean Up Australia
- Amazing Enviro Race
- CPR in Vietnam

Rotary Youth Programs

- NYSF
- RYLA
- Public Speaking
- Conoco Phillips Science Experience

Country Music Cavalcade

Our Club has been attempting to make a difference to the medical facilities available to the people of Kokopo in PNG. As you will see in the Annual Report from our Foundation Director, a number of obstacles and frustrations have thwarted our efforts to date in this regard.

A number of our members have been working very hard throughout the year attracting interest for the formation of a Rotaract Club in Tamworth. While this project is not yet quite across the line, I am confident that these efforts will eventually bear fruit and make a difference.

While the last details are being finalised as this Report goes for publication, with the delay in finalisation being due totally to the tightness of the Club's financial situation, it is likely that by the time of the Changeover modest donations will have been made to the following causes:

- Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- Royal Far West
- School of Counselling Studies
- Hunter Medical Research Institute
- Westpac Rescue Helicopter
- Salvation Army
- MND Research

Attending to the Important Items

There has been a very conscious effort to properly manage risk and liability. While I have personally (and regularly) stressed the importance of this to project leaders, there has been excellent incorporation of appropriate risk and liability management into most, if not all, Club activities this year.

Our Club has a new Club Shirt. We have three new Club Shirts in fact - a business shirt and two polo shirt options. There has been a significant response to this new Shirt, with the initial order comprising forty shirts.

The topic of a new venue for our weekly meetings has been under discussion over the past several weeks, and a final decision should have been made prior to the publication of this Report at the Changeover.

A major review has been carried out of the Club Foundation, and its Trust Deed and operation. The recommendations from this review are currently being implemented.

What I Might have Done Differently

Upon reflection, there are probably at least five items which I might have done differently or better over the past year, including:

- One of our members Louise Matthews is significantly involved in the RYLA Program at the Club, local and Rotary District levels. Through the significant efforts of Louise and others, our Club sponsored nine of the thirty-two RYLA participants this year (including financial support to three participants). While this is obviously a wonderful effort and achievement, I believe that I could have better publicised this excellent initiative through the Combined Presidents forum.
- I believe that I should have encouraged more social activities

- While our Club now has a Child Protection Person, additional attention might have been devoted to this critically important matter
- Other Club activities got in the road of more attention being devoted to new fundraising activities
- An invitation should have been extended to the Immediate Past President to become more closely involved in Club activities of his choice.

The Future

This year, our Club has successfully partnered with a number of other personnel and organisations, such as:

- Other Rotary Clubs
- Non - Rotarians
- Community Organisations
- University etc.

This partnering has occurred with such activities as:

- Waste Warriors
- Pedal the Peel
- Science & Engineering Challenge
- Santa Crawl
- Careers Expo.

A good example of this partnering is our arrangement with Wests Leagues Club over the year. While our weekly Club meetings have been held at its Diggers venue, the Club has provided a venue for our monthly Board meetings, assisted with the Santa Crawl, and provided a significant grant to support the Science & Engineering Challenge. In my view, successful partnering is very important to the future of our Club.

There needs to be constant review of what the Club does and how it does it. The Club and its members need to be amenable to change, and they need to move with the times. The Club needs to be responsive to the expectations of its members.

and Finally

It has been a pleasure to be President of this Rotary Club over the past year. Thank You for that opportunity.

The Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light is a great Club. It is strongly glued together by the high qualities of its diversified group of members.

Best Wishes for the Future

JOHN WORLDON

**ROTARY CLUB TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT
TREASURER'S REPORT 2018-2019**

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

Balance of accounts:

As at 31st May 2019 the balance of all accounts was as follows:

1. S1 Admin account	31/5/2019 -	\$ 46,075.54
- Funds Held		
- Careers Expo	\$17,769.30	
- RAWCS Drought	\$ 4,596.36	
- Science & Eng	\$0	
- Waste Warriors	\$ 3,660.00	
	(Admin Balance \$20,049.88)	
2. S3 Blue Angel A/C		\$ 6,945.08
3. Rotary I13		\$ 32,279.50

Year in Summary:

Breakfast Profit	\$ 1,167.00
Fines income	\$ 2,837.80
Golf Committee Donation	\$ 7,500.00
Pub Raffles	\$ 4,674.90
Santa Crawl RMH	\$ 2,097.00
Donations paid	\$ 6,495.00

Grants Planned for Close of Year:

Club Funds	\$ 10,000
Pedal the Peel	\$ 15,000
- Youth Insearch	\$5,000
- Billabong Clubhouse	\$5,000
- Can Assist	\$5,000
Club Person	\$ 1,000

Dennis Maunder
for

Deb Barnes – Treasurer 2/6/2019

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT

Science and Engineering

If numbers of participants and feedback from teachers is any indication, we had another successful event, due largely to the efforts of all members involved.

The University of Newcastle obtained and allocated to us additional funding from the Chief Scientist which will see a reduction of between \$2000 to \$4000 in their costs. We have been pleasantly surprised with the responses to the usual requests for donations considering the current climate and financial situation.

Mherv was run on 5 & 6 October 2018. We were the 15th town on a 33-town tour. 36 people attended over the two days. 36 down on last year, however, we know this is due to the location requested for the van which was not in our hands. Rob Woolley has advised he will provide feedback to organisers to ensure it is in a better position for next year since Rotarians were strong supporters. Rob enjoyed his visit and was grateful for the hospitality of Liz and Laurence Hearne who provided accommodation.

Clean Up Australia Day

Clean up Australia Day was held on March 3rd and was a success. We cleaned up approximately 16 bags along the Peel River behind Hungry Jacks and Paradise Park. We ended up with two extras from the general public and one from Calrossy as she was not able to find her school. John put on a BBQ after - it was a great reward after all that hard work.

Lift the Lid was held on October 10th 2018 and we raised \$75 towards Mental Health.

Do it for Our Farmers Drive

Doing it for our Farmers Drive was successful. Brodie's car was very packed from all the donated non-perishable items. Some members have also been down to help at Carpet Court as well as care package drop offs to farmers. This will be an ongoing initiative to support, whether it is Doing it for Our Farmers or R U Aware We Care.

Salvation Army drive

Members brought in toys and food items for the Salvation Army at our last meeting for the year. Thanks to Maureen Thornton for being able to organise Dean Clutterbuck to attend the meeting and take the items to the Salvation Army depot.

Rotaract started off well received but has since dwindled. We are currently holding guest speaker meeting and socials to see if we can attract more members. Should this not provide sufficient interest we will cease to run Rotaract at the end of June.

Pedal the Peel

This event was held on a glorious Sunday morning at Moore Creek tennis club on 7 April.

There were approximately 250 riders and about 50 volunteers assisting.

Funds were raised from commercial sponsors (the majority of the funds), rider registrations, bicycle raffle and barbecue sales (minor).

Notwithstanding the level of sponsorship being reduced this year, we were able to clear \$15,000 which is yet to be donated to the three chosen charities namely:

1. Youth Insearch \$5,000.00
2. Billabong Clubhouse \$5,000.00
3. Can-Assist \$5,000.00

Next year's event will be held on Sunday, 29 March 2020. This is so that it does not conflict with other sporting events and Taste Tamworth.

Northwest Regional Career Expo

This year the event was held on 15 May 2019. We had 73 exhibitors register, 15 schools provided 1,707 students from around the region. We received grants of \$3,000 from Department of Education and \$1,000 from Tamworth Regional Council. We are currently waiting on final invoices to be received to calculate or balance. I would like to note: TAFE did not invoice last year for catering (it is confirmed that this apparently happened to a few businesses and at the moment we have been told it will not be followed up). Overall a successful event.

Vocational Visits

We attended the Food Service area of the Tamworth Base Hospital on 10 October 2018 which was very informative and an excellent vocational visit.

20th Feb we attended the Leader Building.

8th May we attended the Event Centre for Wests/ Mercure Hotel.

DIRECTOR – MARINA LAWRENCE

YOUTH REPORT – NAOMI BLAKEY

National Youth Science Forum

This year over two-weeks in January 2019 Impana Dayananda from Carinya Catholic School in Tamworth attended the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra. Impana was able to attend the Club prior to attending to give us a run through of why she wanted to go - to understand more fully what type of career in science she wished to achieve and why. Then upon her return she was able to tell us about her experience which included attending lectures, excursions, completing experiments, social activities and networking with industry professionals.

As a club we sponsored Impana half of the cost for attending - with the total cost being \$2,500.00 of which we sponsored \$1,125.

We have also just signed off on the application for Emily Cronin from Calrossy Anglican School to send off her application for National Youth Science Forum and can't wait to see if she gets selected for interview at the end of July 2019.

Public Speaking

On the 17 October at our weekly breakfast meeting we held our Club's Public Speaking competition. Our speakers were Abigail from McCarthy and Impana from Carinya. They both gave two speeches one about Rotary values and the other of a topic of their choice. Both spoke in a professional manner and about current social issues.

Abigail won the competition by one point and went onto the Semi Finals at Quirindi two-weeks later.

At the semi-finals she was able to complete the same two speeches from our Club event as well as one impromptu speech as well. Abigail went really well and came in fourth.

Conoco Philips Science Experience

Over a couple of days at the University of New England (UNE), Armidale we had Joseph - a Year 9 student from McCarthy Catholic School - attend the Conoco Philips Science Experience. In essence it is a prequel event for the National Youth Science Experience. The experience brings the Year 9 students into contact with lectures and students from UNE currently studying science. Over the days they complete a lot of practical work ranging from testing soil to making different levels of mince pies. For this event we sponsored Joseph the full amount for the couple of days and he was able to share with the Club how the event went and all of the experiments they completed.

ROTARY CLUB OF TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT FOUNDATION REPORT 2018 / 2019

It has been a very frustrating year as Foundation Director, owing to slow progress with our major project. Our application for a global grant to fund improvements to St Mary's Hospital in Kokopo is alive and ongoing, and I hope is nearing completion.

In collaboration with Rob Sharpe, Dave Hinwood, Julian Smith and two Tamara nurses, we have come up with a plan to improve sterilisation procedures in the theatre building at the hospital. We also want to build a designated sterilisation room, and a separate recovery room (at present recovery is in the corridor with the heat and the flies).

This has been costed by our chosen local builder at 150,000 Kina (about AUD\$60,000). In round figures we have \$30,000 (donated by Rob Sharpe some time ago), and the global grant is for a further matching \$30,000.

The process is to apply for the grant online first. If that passes, eight authorisations are then needed, and once they have been secured the grant application automatically goes to Rotary International for their approval.

The grant application passed the online stage in June 2018 (thanks to Dave Hinwood for his help). All six Australian authorisations were in place by the end of July 2018.

Soon after that the Rotary Club of Kokopo disbanded. It is however now reformed, largely as a result of our proposed project, with twice as many members (7). However, the club needed to be "qualified" to be able to oversee any project requiring a Global Grant. The Kokopo club finally became qualified in March this year, and the first of our two required Papua New Guinea (PNG) authorisations has now been completed (on 29/5/19).

The second and last authorisation, (from the President of the Rotary Club of Kokopo) was promised on 1 June 2019, but at the time of writing has yet to be completed. I am, however, confident that after nearly a year we are now very close to securing all eight authorisations. The grant application will then automatically proceed to Rotary International for approval.

It is planned that if and when this project gets underway, some interested members of our club will travel to Rabaul to provide assistance with the works. It has been a frustrating year, but we are now, hopefully, closer to our goal.

STEVE MASSEY
FOUNDATION DIRECTOR

ROTARY CLUB OF TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR – FINAL REPORT 2019

Past membership director, Brodie Shields completed a membership review as well as provide a member kit for new members in 2017 to help with the onboarding, retention and encourage higher involvement from new members within the club and club projects.

We started the year with 58 members with an average attendance of 76% to meetings. We finished the year with 59 members thanks to the onboard of Steve Martin in May 2019, with an average attendance of 79% which is an improvement from the start of the year a great improvement from the previous year of 66%

The average of a Rotary International 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 62 with an average year of service for our members being 15 years.

PETER RYAN
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



**ROTARY CLUB of TAMWORTH - FIRST LIGHT
CLUB HISTORY YEAR 2018-19**

WORLD PRESIDENT	DISTRICT GOVERNOR
Barry Rassin	Lorraine Coffey (Dennis)

CLUB OFFICERS

President	John Worldon	Secretary	Liz Gill
President Elect	Barry Biffin	Treasurer	Deb Barnes

Director - CLUB ADMINISTRATION – Chris Watson

Attendance	Brodie Shields	Sergeant at Arms	John Rouvray, Brian Thompson, James Treloar
Program	Sue O'Connor	Bulletin	Jane Bradford
History	Brodie Shields	Welfare Officer	Lesley Hood
Catering	Brian Logan	Webmaster	Bruce Hemmett
Public Officer	Mike O'Connor	Executive Secretary	Brodie Shields

Director - MEMBERSHIP –Peter Ryan

Director - PUBLIC RELATIONS – Andrew Maughan

Director – YOUTH SERVICES (created Dec 18) – Naomi Blakey

Director - SERVICE PROJECTS – Marina Lawrence

Vocational Service	Marina Lawrence
Golf Committee	John Treloar
Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)	Louise Mathews
Pedal the Peel	Terry Robinson
RYAG Equine	Barry Biffin
Science & Engineering	Steve Hawkins

Director - ROTARY FOUNDATION – Steve Massey

NE ORTHOOUTREACH: Steve Massey

MEMBERSHIP

Arrivals

Departures

Mandy Fisher	29 August 18	John Fogarty	2 July 18
Phil Knight	12 Nov 18	Max Cathcart	17 August 18
Steve Martin (transfer from Broken Hill)	22 May 19	Julian Smith	31 December 18

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Marina (Lawrence) Hearne for her total involvement in Club activities

Note Dimity Betts also became a Paul Harris Fellow

Awarded by the Rotary Club of Tamworth West and the Rotary E-Club of D9650 for her involvement in all areas of drought relief

STEVE BURROWS MEMORIAL - Club Person of the Year Award

Anne Jacob

PERSONAL PROFILES

11 July	John Rouvray		
14 November	Mandy Fisher		
30 January	Phil Knight		
22 May	Steve Martin		

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

10 October	Visit to Catering Facility TBH
20 February	Visit to the Leader building
8 May	Visit to Event Centre at Mercure Motel

YOUTH

Sponsored Impana Dayananda to National Youth Science Forum
Sponsored Joseph Melville to the Conoco Philips Science Experience
Signing off on Emily Cronin to National Youth Science Forum 2020
Having Impana from Carinya and Emily from McCarthy compete in our local Public Speaking event with Emily making it through to the Semi Finals at Quirindi
May – Careers Expo
March – Science & Engineering Challenge

SOCIAL, SPORTING & FELLOWSHIP

October – Movie Bohemian Rhapsody raised funds for Polio
December Christmas party at The Longyard Golf Course
April – Pedal the Peel

GUEST SPEAKERS

Speaker	Topic
Saraswati Sarungallow and Carissa Lyons-Cain	Terry Burgess RYLA scholarship
DG Lorraine Coffey (Dennis)	DGs Visit
Sharon Armitage	Domestic Violence Disclosure Support
Mike Cashman	Tamworth Bicentenary
Juanita Doody	Multicultural Tamworth & Regional Migration
Anna Bowden	Royal Far West
Laura Telford & Sally Foster	District Rotaract Rep
Libby Rodgers-McPhee	Hunter Medical Research Institute
James Treloar	Noel Park Award 2018
Peter Ryan	Tamworth Business Awards 2018
Simon Haggerty	Goonoo Goonoo Station
Barry Murphy	Challenge Disabilities
Ray Tait	Ambulance Service
Tanya Roworth	Tamworth Community Transport
Ross Bingham	Ronald McDonald House
Steven Mair	Issues Facing Today's Youth
Michael Johnson	Bridge and U3A
Cheryl Burns	Country Music Starmaker
Divya Darling	Enlighten UP: Mindset of Success
John Sommerlad	Dolly Parton Imagination Library
Dr Susan Pendlebury	NW Cancer Centre for Radiation Oncology
Cameron McFarlane	CPR Grant for Vietnam
Jenny Regan	Regional Counselling College
Dwone Jones	Life Stories
Aimee Caulfield	Youth Volunteer Award
Wally Franklin	ANZAC
Aimee Caulfield	Youth Insearch
Brian Logan	Service in the Middle East
Chris Celovic	Defence Reserve Support
Al Mabin	Visiting Author

**BRODIE SHIELDS
CLUB HISTORIAN &
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

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

Club Officers and contact details

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