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Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light

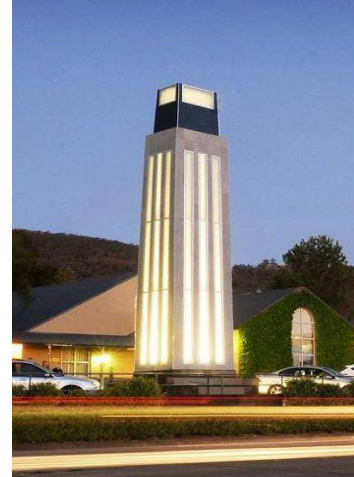
2018-19

District Governor: Lorraine Coffey

President: John Worldon

Secretary: Liz Gill

Treasurer: Deb Barnes



MEETING 1455

WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2019



Sheba Dam - courtesy of David Hinwood

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2019 DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER – (Computer or Paper)

29.06.2019 – Saturday – D9650 Changeover

Long Term Youth Exchange (YEP)

Marina (Lawrence) & Jordan Hearne have agreed to host a Finnish girl – arriving in July. We do have another host family and would appreciate another two families preferably from our Club plus seeking support from members to assist in covering weekends away, trips to Sydney or just going to the movies or participating / watching sports in Tamworth or travelling away for weekends etc to provide a broad range of activities whilst this student is with us for the next twelve months....

Please contact Marina Lawrence 0403 759 148 or marina.lawrence4@gmail.com if you can assist with hosting or any suggestions above – you will not be disappointed – just remember many of you have grandchildren already – treat this youngster the same way!

***Editor's Note** – My apologies to Marina's husband – Jordan – must have had a breakdown between brain and fingers to type Justin instead of Jordan – hopefully will try not to make the same mistake twice! There is nothing worse or more irritating / upsetting than missing or adding an incorrect letter to a first name or surname or even worse just to change the name totally so again my apologies.*

Please Note - details for Direct Depositing into the Club's Bank Account – Our Club will have annual subs being decided shortly or any other payments members may wish to deposit direct
Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light

BSB 802-298

Account no 000064148

Don't forget to provide your name so the Treasurer knows who to allocate the monies too....

Quote of the Week

'Courtesy is as much a mark of a gentleman as courage'

Theodore Roosevelt

WORLD'S WEEK IN ROTARY 12 JUNE 2019

Following on from the receipt of member feedback, our Board has resolved that our weekly Club meetings be moved to the new Event Centre at Wests Leagues Club, with the first meeting to be held on Wednesday 26th June. It has also been resolved that consultations take place between our Club and Wests about new and improved breakfast options.

The other great news is that our grant application to Wests for \$5000 support for the Science & Engineering Challenge has been successful. Our Club is absolutely most appreciative of this generous support.

At the meeting on Wednesday, it was originally intended that a vote be put to members to amend the Club By-Laws in relation to the Fine Money. There was quite an amount of constructive discussion by members leading up to the meeting, which extended to include associated important items such as:

- Updating all Club By-Laws
- Club Finances Generally
- Review of Club Major Projects.

With the proper consideration of these items requiring much more time than was available for the matter at Wednesday's meeting, it was decided to postpone the discussion until another meeting.

Please be reminded that the Third Friday Social Function at the PO Hotel will be held next Friday, the 21st June.

John Worldon



PERSONAL PROFILE – ROB CLIFTON

- Born in Tamworth on 8 August 1955 – delivered by Ian Howle’s father – Don and spent many happy hours at the Howle household as our mothers were great mates.
- Parents are Happy and Keven and had three siblings – Richard, David and Anthony. Anthony died from complications caused by meningitis aged 4 in 1956.
- Father ran the Holden dealership in Tamworth, Gunnedah, Manilla, Barraba and Bingara and mother was a stay at home mother.
- Early education – Peter Pan Preschool (asked to leave), Calrossy Preschool (asked to leave) and finally St Nicholas! Not asked to leave but not sure how much father had to donate to the church!
- Had a great life roaming the streets of East Tamworth where I met James Treloar. We managed to get up to quite a bit of mischief without getting into too much trouble. Although there was one incident concerning a fire up in the hills at the end of Napier Street (James was not involved in that one!)
- Followed in my brother’s footsteps and attended St Ignatius College, Riverview in Lane Cove for six years. Really enjoyed boarding school although the other two did not
- Academically did pretty well in the early years but not knowing what I wanted to be -was not very dedicated to studying. I could read and write Latin and was in the advanced maths classes all the way through. When the HSC came along, I passed First Level Physics but missed First Level Maths – didn’t do enough work
- Knew from an early age that I did not want a 9 – 5, Monday to Friday office job. I applied to do architecture but due to my HSC results ended up doing engineering. I passed first year (just) – no study / no work did not work in second year. However, my golf handicap did come down a few shots!
- It was about this time I started to think about flying as a career - so gave 2nd year away and started flying in December 1977
- First job was in Walgett in 1979 at the Walgett Aero Club
- After a little more study – went to Darwin in 1980 for twelve months doing charter work and coastal surveillance. Lots of flying into Aboriginal communities – taking coffins with deceased Aborigines back to their communities was quite an eye opener.
- Verbally invited to a mate’s wedding back in Tamworth in August 1981 -sadly the invitation did not arrive so missed the wedding but met my wife, Jen. Wasn’t she lucky and she went to the wedding that I missed!
- Worked in Tamworth for the next couple of years at Tamair with the original owners – Jim Packer and John Rowarth and also with Keith Singh
- Married in April 1993 and transferred to Sydney with East Coast Airlines which was the forerunner of QantasLink. Jen stayed in Tamworth for the first three months of our marriage.
- January 1984 I did get a job with Qantas and Jen became pregnant with our first child James. He was born in September that year – a very busy period in our life and we moved back to Tamworth in June 1986. April 1986 Samantha arrived on the scene followed by Alistair in November 1988 and Tom in November 1991
- Life went on for the next 35 years with promotions and aircraft type changes. The whole time Jen was at home looking after the four children while I was away approximately six months of each year – I must say it appears a bit of a blur!
- Now that I am retired, I look forward to playing more golf, doing more fishing and spending time with my children and five grandchildren with two more on the way.
- Plus a fair bit of travelling coming up, especially around Australia.
- As I said earlier – I not great at study but chose a career that required constant study. Every job has its downside but were outweighed by the upsides
- I will finish by saying that I have had a privileged life doing what I love and I have a great and healthy family.

OUTBACK AIR RACE 2018

– Member Speaker newly retired Qantas Pilot – ROB CLIFTON

August 2018 – Brisbane to Broome

The target was to raise \$500,000.00 – we raised \$521,640.00 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service and our team raised just over \$12,000 towards that target and felt very pleased at our first attempt and our Funds went to Broken Hill. The top money-earner was David Tait from Tait Auto Group in Goondiwindi and Moree who raised \$62,552.00 and second place was Peter Clisdall from Mittagong who raised \$28,011.00.

38 Aircraft competed in this race and our team consisted of John Glynn, Dr Guy Fitzgerald and myself – we were “The Tamworth Cruisers” and we flew via Bundaberg, Longreach, Mt Isa, Adels Grove, Daley Waters, Katherine, Kununurra and arrived at Broome.

This is not actually a speed race – it is based on Time Trial and accuracy flying and we came in 22nd – took a while to adjust to the rules and what we actually had to do but it was great fun and we would all love to do it again one day.

Great array of interesting people – Chris was a District Court Judge from Perth – Alan from CFS with his two sons and 12 year old grandson – farmers from Moree and several places in Western Australia – two student pilots – Horace Ho and Eason Chan from Hong Kong and Lee – in his early 20’s – built his own aircraft and flew on his own for the entire trip.

Overall it was a great experience!



	19 June		
Topic	Jamaica Blue Breakfast / Coffee 7:30AM		
Door Team			
Meeter and Greeter			
Welcome			
President Assist			
Visitor Assist			
Corporal Assist			
Bulletin Notes			
Introduction			
Vote of Thanks			
PO Raffle	21 June	28 June	5 July
at 6:30 PM	John Treloar Brett White	Brett White Peter Ryan	Peter Ryan Barry Biffin
12 July	19 July	26 July	2 August
Barry Biffin Brodie Shields	Brodie Shields Brian Thompson	Brian Thompson Marina Lawrence	Marina Lawrence
Corporals for June		Corporals for July	
Lesley Hood and Richard Hardwick		Peter Hyde and Dennis Johnson	
Birthdays and Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays			
Partners Birthdays			
Anniversaries			
Club Induction			
Attendance	84%		
Make-Ups	Nil		
Visiting Rotarians	Sam Peacocke (South Dubbo);		
Visitors	Octavian Hotaran		
Heads and Tails	Mitch Soree		
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

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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