



Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



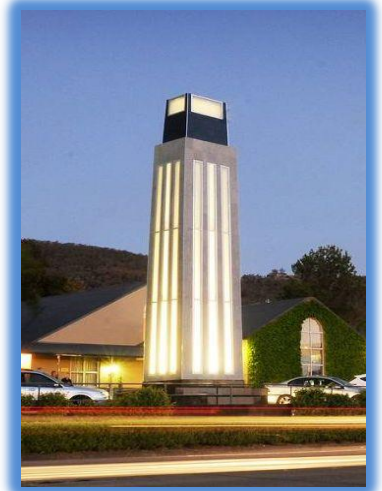
2019-2020

District Governor [Phil Hafey](#)

President: [Barry Biffin](#)

Secretary: [Liz Gill](#)

Treasurer: [Deb Barnes](#)



MEETING 1458 WEDNESDAY 3 JULY 2019



Sunrise on the road to Inverell - looks chilly - thank you Michael Smith

LONG TERM YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT – JANNI FROM FINLAND

Due to an allergy to cats there have been some unexpected changes so Janni will be unable to stay with Marina and Jordan as they have cats so a few changes have been made – please note this was not provided in Janni's profile!

Liz Gill will host from August to October and Sue O'Connor will host from November to January. We are now seeking two more host families who do not have cats and / or you may have friends who do not have to be Rotarians without cats who might be interested. The two periods would be February to April and May to July. Please contact Marina – marina.lawrence4@gmail.com

We are sure Janni would appreciate the opportunity of seeing more of our region – please consider taking her with you and your family when an opportunity presents itself – could be going to the movies, watching a sport, travelling to another town or going to the city – it will all be new to Janni.

Janni arrives in Tamworth on Sunday, 21 July at 3:00pm. Please make a note to be at the airport to welcome her to Tamworth!

ASHLEIGH DALLAS – MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE AND SUPPORT OUR SPECIAL “SONGBIRD”

I am so excited to be on the countdown of the release of my 4th album Reflection.

It only felt right to launch this new chapter of my career here in my Hometown of Tamworth at the

Toyota Hats Off to Country Festival

at West Tamworth Leagues Club

**Legends Lounge on Saturday,
13 July - 8:30pm**

I would be thrilled if you would join me in celebrating my new album and hope to see you at my show.

Many thanks

Ashleigh and the Dallas Family

www.ashleighbdallas.com.au



Ashleigh Dallas **REFLECTION** RELEASED GLOBALLY JULY 12

Multiple **Golden Guitar Winner Ashleigh Dallas** is setting 2019 to be her biggest year yet with the release of her 4th Album **'Reflection'**

This new record follows her Golden Guitar award winning **Traditional Country Album** of the year **Lighthouse** which made country music history as the Dallas family are the first country music family that shares **3 generations of Golden Guitars**.

Please take this opportunity to accept Ashleighs **Invitation** to her **Hometown Launch of Reflection** at the **Toyota Hats Off To Country Festival**

SATURDAY 13th JULY 8:30pm
WEST TAMWORTH LEAGUES CLUB - LEGENDS LOUNGE

For more information or Media enquiries please contact
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Donations Paid

01/07/2018 - 25/06/2019

Date	Description	Debit (\$)
25/07/2018	Drought Relief NSW RACG	2,000.00
15/10/2018	National Youth Forum - Impana Dayananda	1,575.00
05/11/2018	CoCoPhillips - Joseph Melville	320.00
13/11/2018	DG RAFFLE	600.00
30/11/2018	Rotary International - Movie Profit - End Polio	2,040.00
01/02/2019	Santa Crawl	18,873.00
11/02/2019	RAWCS Donation RCTFL	570.00
05/03/2019	Rotary District 9650 RYLA - Foundation	995.00
05/03/2019	Rotary District 9650 RYLA	1,990.00
18/06/2019	Dolly Parton Imagination Library	2,160.00
18/06/2019	Royal Far West	2,000.00
18/06/2019	School of Counselling Studies	500.00
18/06/2019	Hunter Medical Research Institute	2,500.00
18/06/2019	Westpac Rescue Helicopter	500.00
18/06/2019	Salvation Army	2,000.00
18/06/2019	MND Research	2,000.00
18/06/2019	NYSF Student	250.00
21/06/2019	Youth Insearch	3,500.00
21/06/2019	Billabong Club House	3,500.00
21/06/2019	Tamworth Family Support Services	3,500.00
21/06/2019	Rotary Lodge	3,500.00
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DISTRICT 9650 CHANGEOVER ON SATURDAY, 29 JUNE 2019
ANOTHER VERY SPECIAL SURPRISE FOR OUR
ASSISTANT GOVERNOR = DIMITY BETTS WHO RECEIVED
A SAPPHIRE PAUL HARRIS

must be one of the fastest ever – Paul Harris on Thursday, 13 June and a Sapphire two weeks later!! What an end to a very hectic, very busy, well organised year as Assistant Governor

CONGRATULATIONS DIMITY BETTS





Why the last mile is so IMPORTANT

7 questions with Michael K. McGovern, International PolioPlus Committee chair

1. There were more cases of wild poliovirus in 2018 than in 2017. Should we be discouraged?

No, not at all. We've always expected the number of cases to fluctuate somewhat as we get closer to zero. We've gone four straight years with fewer than 100 cases per year. That's an indicator of great progress. With dedication from governments and Rotarians in areas still affected by polio, we'll get there.

2. Why is it so difficult to eradicate a disease like polio?

Remember that even in the United States, where the polio vaccine was readily available, it still took 20 years to become polio-free. And the areas we are working in now don't have health systems that are as well-developed as in the United States.



3. What challenges are you seeing now?

We have been working intensely in the endemic countries — Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan — for a number of years, and some of the citizens in those countries are getting concerned that we are spending money on polio eradication when they have so many other needs. There's some resistance to keep on receiving immunizations for polio, and polio alone. Our challenge is to find ways to provide other services to the citizens and children so we still have the parental support we need — to provide the "plus" in PolioPlus.



4. What role does armed conflict play in those areas?

It makes the logistics of immunization far more difficult. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative partnership is not only dealing with governments — we're dealing with anti-government elements as well. While we've worked to gain everyone's trust and support, we've had areas that were inaccessible to immunization teams for months and sometimes years at a time.

5. Do immunization teams know when they miss children? Or are there children they don't even know about?

I think we have a good handle now on knowing when and where we're missing children. The challenge is to keep reducing the number we miss. In Nigeria, we have done a lot of work since we were surprised by the discovery of several polio cases in Borno state in 2016, two years after the country had last seen a polio case. We now know through GPS mapping where the children are, and we are working with authorities there to make sure all children receive the polio vaccine.

6. Where are we seeing successes?

We haven't had any cases of wild poliovirus anywhere in the world in nearly five years except in the three endemic countries. And in Nigeria, it's been almost three years since we had any wild poliovirus cases, and those occurred in a small area of the country.

7. What's the most important thing Rotarians should know?

I've been extremely impressed with the dedication and persistence of Rotarians in Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. They are working hard to make sure polio is eradicated. It's pretty amazing what they do in those countries.

Rotarians should continue to be optimistic and to support eradication. We also need Rotarians to bring the need for continued funding to the attention of their government leaders. We can't lose sight of the goal.

Next Week will have an article on how the "Elimination of Polio" has helped towards the elimination of other diseases in third world countries – quite amazing, impressive overview of the changes towards an end target.

ROTARY ON THE MOVE celebrating Women in Rotary – 30 years:

The Rotary Club of Drummoyne in D9675 (Sydney) held their fourth and most successful 'Rotary Awareness Night' in mid-May. There were over 50 people in the room at Echo Restaurant, where a number of members shared their story and passion for Rotary, including two young women recounting their positive experiences with youth programs.

MC for the night, Past President Hilary Lloyd, said that the club prefers to call it an 'awareness' night rather than an 'information' evening, and that they were strategic in inviting key community and business leaders, like local council.

Members were also encouraged to invite at least one person they thought would be interested in the event or learning more about Rotary. The club secured sponsorship for the night from a local remedial building works company, so that invited guests were able to attend for free, while members attended at a subsidized cost.

The evening went so well that many attendees remained an hour after the function officially finished to network, chat and enjoy. As a result, the club gained four members. This Rotary year, the club has gained 7 new members and currently stands at 27 members, 37% of which are female.





President Barry Biffin, Treasurer Deb Barnes and President Elect, Richard Hardwick - Membership

SOME THOUGHTS / POINTS FROM OUR FIRST MEETING AT THE EVENTS CENTRE

- First meeting at The Event Centre went well – no one got lost, plenty of parking, easy to find
 - Barry congratulated John Worldon on a good year – leaving the Club in good hands and Barry is planning to be as effective as he hands the Club over to Deb next year
 - Breakfast was good – slight variations
 - Glad to see the Past President's table was full (maybe two tables for next year?)
 - National Anthem – some 50 plus versions – we will be experts with the second verse by end of year
 - Directors spoke briefly about their portfolios and there should be a draft for members for next meeting
 - Anticipate our cupboard will be in place for next week
 - **Waste Warriors Expo** – dates are 12 – 13 June 2020 – please note in your dairies
- Waste Warriors Committee Members are
- Richard Walker – Chair
 - Anne Jacob
 - David Hinwood
 - Graham Dooley
 - Helen Tickle
- **Don't forget to read the Roster – it now follows in meeting format**



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
Mercure Function Room
Kent Street
South Tamworth

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 PM – Tamworth West
Tuesday PM – Tamworth
Wednesday PM - Calala
Friday AM - Sunrise

Club Officers and contact details

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	3 July 2019	10 July 2019	17 July 2019
Topic	Drover's Run 2019	Brian Thompson – Profile & Changes in Rotary	Paul Stevenson New Road Rules & How to keep your licence!
Sergeants	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin
Corporals	Bruce Hemmett David Hinwood	Rob Clifton Marina Lawrence	John Rouvray Brodie Shields
Meeter & Greeter	Val Hellmann	Peter Leonard	Michael Smith
Door Team	Lesley Hood Ian Howle	Brian Logan Phil Lyon	Mitch Soree Maureen Thornton
President Assist	Peter Hyde	Louise Matthews	James Treloar
Visitor Assist	Les Jacob	Dennis Maunder	Richard Walker
Welcome	Anne Jacob	Glenn McIntosh	Chris Watson
Bulletin Notes	Dennis Johnson	Michael O'Connor	Peter Bell
Introduction	Dennis Johnson	Michael O'Connor	Peter Bell
Vote of Thanks	Phil Knight	Sue O'Connor	Paul Crosby
PO Raffle	5 July	12 July	19 July
NOW @ 6.30	Peter Ryan Barry Biffin	Barry Biffin Brodie Shields	Brodie Shields Richard Walker
	26 July	2 August	9 August
	David Hinwood Marina Lawrence	Marina Lawrence Steve Massey	Steve Massey Phil Penman
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Nil		
Partners Birthdays	Isis Maughan (04/07)		
Anniversaries	Nil		
Club Induction	Nil		
Attendance			
Attendance	84%		
Make-Ups			
Make-Ups	Nil		
Visiting Rotarians			
Visiting Rotarians	Nil		
Visitors			
Visitors	Octavian Hotaran, Veronica Hurst		
Heads & Tails			
Heads & Tails	Veronica Hurst (visitor)		
Raffle			
Raffle	Brett White		