



Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



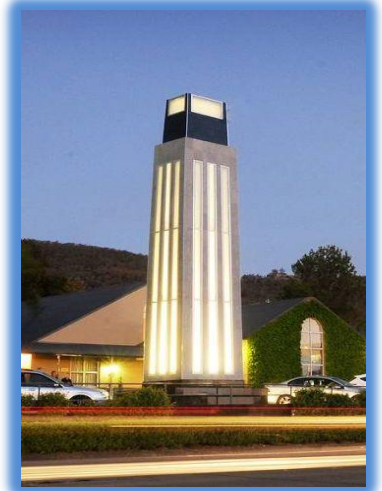
2019-2020

District Governor [Phil Hafey](#)

President: [Barry Biffin](#)

Secretary: [Liz Gill](#)

Treasurer: [Deb Barnes](#)



MEETING 1460

WEDNESDAY 17 JULY 2019



"Somewhere" between Lake Eyre and Cooper Pedy - thank you Rob Clifton

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Thursday, 18 July 2019 – Community Consultation Meeting – Britten Room at the Tamworth Community Centre, 3A Darling Street, Tamworth – 5:30 – 6:30PM

Wednesday, 7 August Movie - "**DANGER CLOSE**" – The Battle of Long Tan – **WE WON**

Saturday / Sunday – 17 & 18 August – MERV Van at Bunnings

Saturday, 27 June 2020 – D9650 Changeover

WASTE WARRIORS AND INTERESTED PARTIES!

The Forest Road waste management facility is feeling the strain of a growing Tamworth population, and as such, approx 10,000 Tonnes per annum of organic waste is finding its way into our landfill, due to the existing infrastructure operating at capacity.

A new, organic recycling facility has been planned for development 15km NW of Tamworth, on the Gidley Appleby Road. This site will utilise Tunnel Composting technology, which allows the treatment of batched organic products in fully enclosed long ventilated composting tunnels. This will allow for turnaround of up to four weeks, producing a stable high-grade mulch product which can enrich the soil within our region, rather than be buried underground

Tamworth Regional Council has been successful in securing a \$3,000,000 grant towards this project, which will secure our ability to manage this type of waste, and overall, be a great asset for the region. It is also considered a 'state significant development', and has endorsement from the EPA as part of their 'waste less, recycle more' initiative. More information can be found on the TRC website, or at <https://bit.ly/2NTTGw2>

A **community consultation meeting** will be held on Thursday 18 July 2019, 5.30-6.30pm at Tamworth Community Centre - Britten Room, 3A Darling Street, Tamworth.

I would urge those Rotarians who are waste conscious, to consider supporting this most worthwhile development. **Mitch Soree, Director Public Relations**

DANGER CLOSE – The Battle of Long Tan – Australian Produced Movie – Wednesday, 7 August 2019 at 6:00 for 6:30PM at the Capital Cinema – tickets available through our Rotary Club - \$15.00 – funds raised will go to **Mates4Mates** or to book tickets contact

Brian Logan – 0418 576 776 or loganbrian2@bigpond.com

Jane Bradford – 0429 666 100 or jbmail@monelu.com

WE SAY FAREWELL TO DJ AND JAY

We are moving to Phoenix, Arizona, where we are investing in a medical supplies' distribution company founded by DJ's brother called Distribution Unlimited. We are planning to expand the business to Australia within three years.

We are keeping 360 Fitness Club and New England Roasters, so will be regularly travelling back to Tamworth over the coming years.

We arrived in Tamworth expecting to stay for six months, and twelve years later it is with mixed emotions that we are leaving such a supportive and welcoming community.



Quote of the week

BARRY'S BRIEFINGS

WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY 2019

- Busy week and hopefully enjoyable for everyone
- **YES** - the anthem worked!!
- Nearly remembered the chook raffle
- For those interested the meeting number was 1459. (Thanks Louise)
- Sorry to hear the news that DJ has decided to go home – will stay an Aussie and will return to Australia in time.
- I would like to again thank DJ for the contributions that he has made to our Club and confirm he will always be welcome to attend whenever he is in town
- Please find attached the committee list for this year. At the moment it is still a draft copy and if you wish to make changes or have a burning desire to be in another group please let Jane know
- Our exchange student is now on track for her stay. We are still looking for more hosts – January to June 2020, if you can help please talk with Marina – a reminder that our student has an allergy to cats
- We had our first board meeting, which I believe was very productive and would like to thank our Directors for their input and I am sure that this year will be very rewarding
- Fundraising was a topic of discussion, so if any members have ideas or thoughts on this your input would be appreciated.
- Brian – I am not sure that security guards drinking red wine will be that profitable these days
- Our thoughts should also be with Steve Martin - for the loss of his father -always a sad time

In finishing the **Drovers Run 2019 fund raising is still progressing** so I have included the link if you would like to make a contribution to this worthwhile cause.

<https://droversrun2019.gofundraise.com.au/page/JudithBarryBiffin>

See you all next week

BARRY BIFFIN

***THE SERGEANTS' DINNER IS FINALLY HERE FOLLOWING
CONSIDERABLE PROMPTING FROM THE FLOOR!***

WHEN TUESDAY JULY 23

WHERE POST OFFICE HOTEL

TIME 6:30 FOR 7PM

RSVP FRIDAY, 19 JULY FOR CATERING PURPOSES

All acceptances / apologies to go to

Mandy Fisher – 0422 008 523 or mandy.fisher.australia@gmail.com

*Mandy Fisher and Steve Martin look forward to the Sergeants
joining them and providing “robust” or maybe even some useful advice!*



GUEST SPEAKER WAS OUR OWN BRAIN THOMPSON, AKA THOMO.

The theme of this address was his personal observations of his 30 years in our club.

Brian was a foundation member, our first president and our first PHF recipient. He recalls our Charter night when 42 charter members were inducted. Seven remain today. He commented that never in our history has there ever been a 100% attendance of members at a meeting. At our early meeting most of the members wore a tie and coat as we were off to work after the meeting and that was the dress standard of the day. A little different today. In those days we stood to address the Chair and call the President formally by his title. He recalls one of our first fund raising activities was a security guard gig at the Farrer Agricultural High School Field day. We made \$1000 and nothing was stolen. During our first year we had 15 inductions and 7 resignations.

One of the significant issues dealt with was the introduction of women into our Club. A few members walked, including Brian, but after some navel gazing, he returned. He now realises that it was one of the best decisions our Club ever made and is a significant reason why we have been so successful.

Our early fund-raising centred around the highly successful golf trips and the bus tours conducted by Dick Davidson and his wife Pauline. The tours were called 'Condicki Tours" and ran from 1991 to 2008. The tours raised over \$50,000 for the Club.

The idea for the golf tours was attributed to the then member David Cummings. They were very successful. However, their popularity has waned of late. Many reasons have caused the decline, age of members, competition from other similar events to name two.

The Club did create a Foundation which now has a balance of over \$100,000. Our Foundation now supports the "Terry Burgess Scholarship" which supports the cost of one RYLA participant who would otherwise not be able to attend due to financial or other constraints.

Two other significant community events have been supported by the Club for many years very successfully. The first is the "Careers Market". The format has change over the years, but the importance of this event has been appreciated by our local school students and parents and the educational institutions who attend. It continues to grow and becoming more expensive to run.

The second initiative was the Science and Engineering Challenge which was commenced by our member Allan Coates. Allan was an Engineer by profession and with assistance of some of his engineering mates and contacts at the University of Newcastle the concept was born and continuing today bigger and better.

We also support Youth Insearch and have been a significant sponsor for some years. As Mal McPherson puts it, it is more economical and better for the community to send a kid to an Insearch camp than to send them jail.

We also commenced awarding the "Steve Burrows Award" to recognise members service to the club. Steve was a member of the Club and passed away a few years ago and was a very active and dedicated member of our club. \$1,000 is put aside for the awardee to put to a charity of their choice. This year's winner was Anne Jacob.

Our support of the Rotary Foundation has been significant. Since our charter, all fine monies have been directed to the Rotary Foundation. As a result, we have accumulated a significant credit for the presentation of Paul Harris Fellows. Brain noted that this has now changed.

Brian also reminded us about the work of our deceased member and Club historian, Terry Burgess, who produced the publication, "The First 20 Years" and is a must for all members to read.

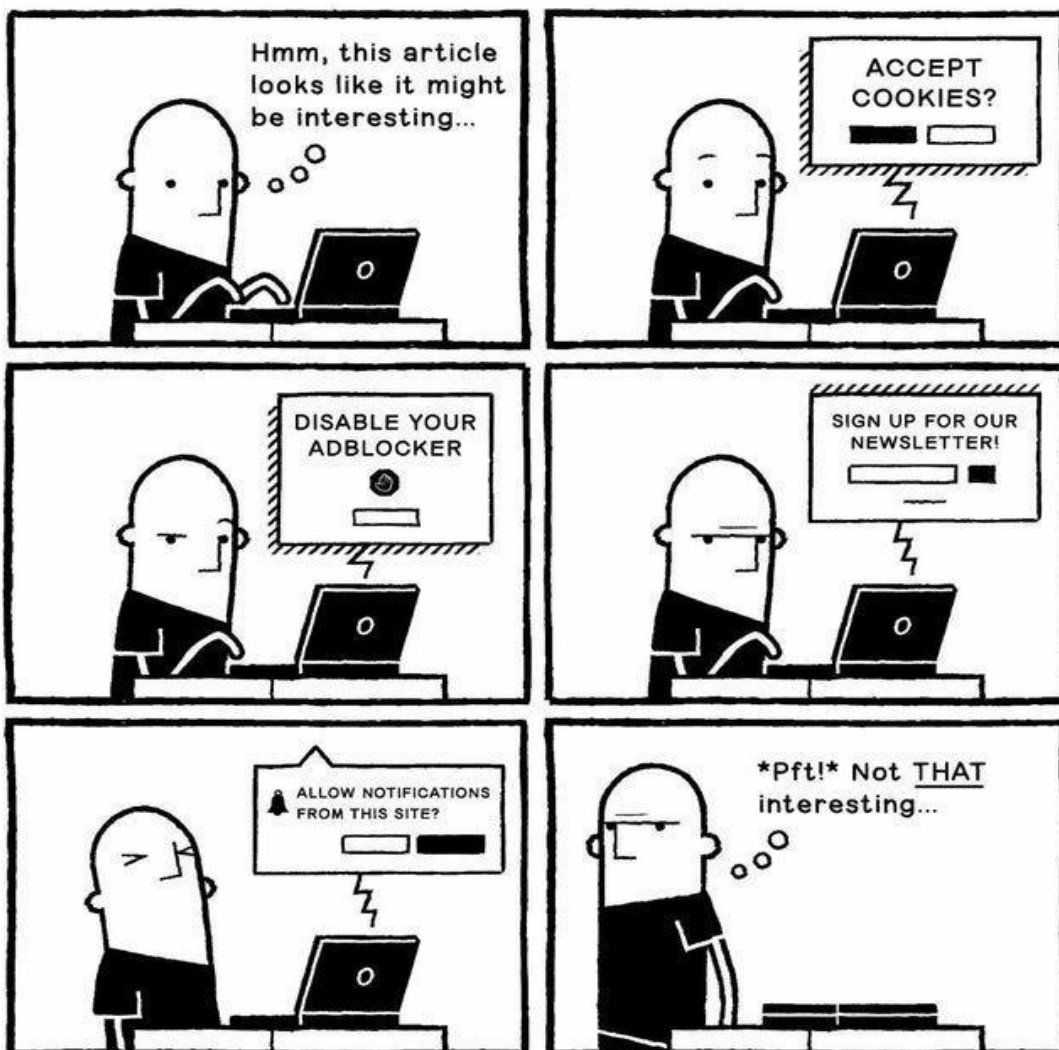
Brian concluded by saying he has enjoyed his many years in Rotary and looking forward too many more.

Our current historian, Brody Shields, during question time made the comment that our Club has donated over \$1,000,000 to various causes, projects and the like since our charter, an amazing achievement. Editor - *Great notes – Thank you Michael O'Connor*





*Introduced by Michael O'Connor - Brian Thompson PH
and thanked by Sue O'Connor*





PUT ON YOUR DANCING SHOES



for the

QUIRINDI RAIN DANCE

Join in the fun with

**MACCA & HIS
GUMBOOT BAND**

for a community spirit lifting dance

at

**QUIRINDI
ROYAL THEATRE**

Thursday 25th July 2019

from 7pm

Come along and kick up the dust!



**Ian McNamara - is coming to Quirindi,
(Macca on a Sunday Morning, Australia All Over on the ABC Radio)**

ADMISSION - FREE

. 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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	17 July 2019	24 July 2019	31 July 2019
Topic	Paul Stevenson New Road Rules & How to keep your licence!	Robert Chandler - Plant a tree in Tamworth.	Steve Martin The Flying Doctor Service
Sergeants	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin
Corporals	Brodie Shields Rob Sharp	Paul Stevenson Brian Thompson	Lesley Hood Ian Howle
Meeter & Greeter	Michael Smith	John Treloar	Anne Jacob
Door Team	Mitch Soree Maureen Thornton	Naomi Blakey Graham Dooley	Dennis Johnson Phil Penman
President Assist	James Treloar	Peter Ryan	Phil Knight
Visitor Assist	Richard Walker	Laurie Heame	Terry Robinson
Welcome	Chris Watson	Richard Hardwick	Marina Lawrence
Bulletin Notes	Peter Bell	Michael Smith	Peter Leonard
Introduction	Peter Bell	Michael Smith	Peter Leonard
Vote of Thanks	David Hinwood	Bruce Hemmett	Phil Lyon
PO Raffle	19 July	26 July	2 August
NOW @ 6.30	Brodie Shields Richard Walker	David Hinwood Marina Lawrence	Marina Lawrence Steve Massey
	9 August	16 August	
	Steve Massey Phil Penman	Phil Penman Rob Clifton	
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS			
Members Birthdays			
Partners Birthdays	Philip Hood (22/07);		
Anniversaries	Sarah & Steve Massey (35yrs – 21/07)		
Club Induction	Graham Dooley (23yrs – 24/07); Tom Hellmann (6yrs – 24/07)		
Attendance			
Attendance	82%		
Make-Ups			
Make-Ups			
Visiting Rotarians			
Visiting Rotarians			
Visitors			
Visitors	Phil Heffernan, Jay Lynch, Octavian Hotarian, and, Lachlan. Butters		
Heads & Tails			
Heads & Tails	Skinner		
Raffle			
Raffle	Val Hellmann		