



Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



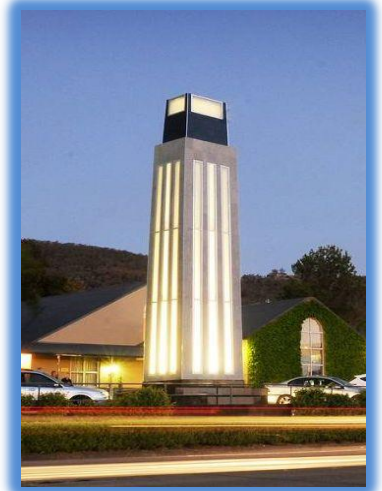
2019-2020

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MEETING 1462

WEDNESDAY 31 JULY 2019



Catholic
underground church

One way of beating the heat - build the church underground - same temperature all year! 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

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



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Mitch Soree is our Public Relations Director this year – this is his signature for the year – please don't forget to provide Mitch with details about upcoming events, stories, happenings – he likes jotting down notes and can be contacted on **0401 719 332** or mitchell.soree@gmail.com

Support Mental Health Research Through Puzzles



You can partner up with the Clue Detective Puzzle Agency to raise money for our [Lift the Lid on Mental Illness](#) campaign.

Contact Catherine on: cluedetective@zoho.com



Quote of the week

Did not receive – am sure it was a good one!
Barry currently in Queensland

BARRY'S BRIEFINGS

WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY 2019

- Congratulations to Brett White – stepping up as the D9650 Insurance Officer
- Sergeants' Dinner very successful last night – excellent food, beverages and service at the Post Office Hotel – lots of laughter and chatter – well organised thank you Mandy
- After the success of last night, we are re-introducing a Social team led by Michael Smith, David Hinwood and Peter Ryan to organise more social events like last night – Futures usually organises evening functions through October / November – Guess who is coming to Dinner and any other ideas members might like to consider
- A reminder to purchase tickets for the movie – **Danger Close** – from Brian Logan or Jane Bradford – being held at the Capital Cinema on Wednesday, 7 August at 6:00 for 6:30PM – tickets are \$15.00 per person and the funds raised will be going to Mates4Mates
- MHERV is rapidly approaching – will be at Bunnings on the weekend of 17 / 18 August between 10:00AM and 4:00PM and remember it is FREE!
- A big welcome to our new Youth Exchange student – Janni Sievanen from Finland attending Oxley High School from this Monday, 29 July. A reminder to members to consider including Janni in any activities you and your family are considering whether it is sport, movies, just a coffee or travelling to another town in our region
- Our guest speaker this morning – Robert Chandler reminded us of the importance of planting appropriate trees for our region. Most schools, including Oxley High, have had to remove all their gum trees for the safety of the children and staff and will be replacing with appropriate trees / shrubs in due course
- See you next week then off on the 2019 Drover's Run

Best wishes

BARRY BIFFEN

*Pythons Pool
Millstream National Park WA*



mherv

men's health education rural van
saving men's lives in rural australia



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FREE men's health checks!



At Bunnings Tamworth
Sat. 17th & Sun. 18th of August 10am-4pm

Out in a New England paddock or in town in the supply business... many blokes don't take time to look after number one! High blood pressure and diabetes can sneak up with no symptoms. Too many of us drop dead suddenly, because nobody saw it coming! Do your mates a favour...

Get checked ... see mherv ... its FREE!

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Free health checks at the Men's Health Education Rural Van include:

- Blood pressure just to check the heart isn't too stressed.
- Blood sugar levels ... just a pin-prick in the finger, to make sure there's no type two diabetes ... which is manageable even if there is.
- Cholesterol ... just another pin-prick to see if levels are high and need attention.

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OUR GUEST SPEAKER TODAY IS ROBERT CHANDLER – introduced by Michael Smith

TOPIC IS “LET US MAKE TAMWORTH GREEN AGAIN”

– a discussion about the benefits of increased street tree plantings (Urban Forests)

Benefits of this include

- Dust suppression
- Leafy suburbs can be up to 5°C cooler
- Studies show people are happier and healthier in leafy suburbs
- The most expensive suburbs are the ones with green canopy in any town or city – (compare north – east Tamworth to south – west Tamworth)
- Tamworth has had some great tree plantings in or around parks and ovals but not necessarily the **correct** tree for the area so major losses particularly in times of drought

Solutions

- Tamworth Regional Council has formed a Tree Advisory Group
- Tamworth Regional Council has established an advanced tree nursery
- Tamworth Regional Council has identified that we have to do considerably better with our street trees in our new subdivisions
- Council can do things to a certain level but passionate volunteers can create amazing results with appropriate tree planting – an example being the Marsupial Park
- With community ownership of a park or area a much better outcome can be obtained
- For a relatively small cost a park, oval surrounds or similar could have amazing shade within a relatively short period of time
- Plant wattles (fast growing and last about ten years) plant slower growing trees near them to take over as the wattles die off
- Plant tube trees rather than advanced trees to obtain a better long-term result
- Finally – suggest a volunteer organisation such as Rotary could raise the money, plant appropriate trees for the chosen area, maintain the trees and document the plantings and the success rate of tree growth.

Please note – Robert Chandler can be contacted on 0418 686 516 re any suggestions above or listen and suggest alternate ideas – he would prefer to plant trees rather than cut trees down



Bruce Hemmett thanked Robert Chandler for a particularly interesting talk



My Magazine – edited by Arthur Mee – Edition April 1917 (no it is not a typing error! Editor)

TEN GOOD THINGS FROM THE WAR

Some of the gains that will balance the loss of wealth and life

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING IN THESE TERRIBLE DAYS

There is good in everything, said Shakespeare, and there is good even in war. He is the enemy of all mankind who tries to make a war, but being in it, let us take whatever good a war can give us.

The world will never know the bitter price it pays for the war the Kaiser made, but some good things will come from it. There will come from it a peace that none will ever dare to break, an everlasting liberty for little nations, the unbreakable alliance of Allies, and the enduring brotherhood of the British peoples.

Those are great and general things that will come from the war. Here Dr Saleeby talks of ten practical gains that we have to put down on the good side in these dark days.

We have seen what is the worst of war – the loss of the finest young men a country has, and of the children that should have followed them. We have seen, too, what is beyond war to destroy, and survives just as if war had not been. Can we go further, in these tragic times, and find any good in war? Is there anything which this terrible and destructive business creates to help mankind in the coming years of peace?

We know that the people called militarists – who are by no means to be found only in Prussia, though strongest there – declare war to be a very good thing in every way; but we know that is a lie, as this war has proved. Yet is there anything that can be found on the right side of the account which we can set, in however small degree, against all the evil and misery and loss?

The answer is that war provides opportunities for certain kinds of real gain, which we may take some comfort in remembering now. In many parts of Europe the traveller comes across splendid roads which were built in the past for military purposes, and now serve peaceful purposes. In the Balkans and other parts of Europe splendid roads are being built, which will service communication and industry and commerce and the comradeship of peoples in time to come. The same is true of some railways. But it is in the realms of truths learned, not of actual material things made, that we find the only real good of war.

Point One

The friends of peace and civilisation have maintained for decades that a **tunnel should be built under the English Channel**, so as to help trade and travel between England and the Continent. Our soldiers pronounced against it 35 years ago, and they had their way. Again they considered it, and decided against it, only a fortnight before this war broke out. But they must have begun to think again a fortnight after it had broken out; and now they see what other people have long seen – that the tunnel would be a great national boon. No one can say whether it would be more valuable in peace or in war. It would be simply priceless in both.

How many more years it would have taken to persuade our authorities that a tunnel should be built, no one can say; but as soon as this war is over we shall undoubtedly start to build it, and by the time it is finished we shall probably be making arrangements to double it. Our food supply will be safer and cheaper, we shall find our trade with our allies immensely helped, and we shall be able to enjoy better and cheaper holidays than ever, while our neighbours will come across and make friends with us as never before. This we shall owe, as a permanent boon, to the lessons of this appalling war.

Point 2

The most foolish kind of men have long declared that **women were too weak and stupid** to do any but a very few kinds of work, most of which are very badly paid. This has not been good for women, and what is not good for women, always turns out to be injurious to men too. The war has compelled us to experiment as to the powers of women, and we have found that they can do almost anything. Already men are learning to respect and value women accordingly, as they have never been respected and valued in this country before. That is a very good thing for any country, as we see when we note what happens to countries like Germany and Turkey, where women are despised and treated as domestic beasts of burden – which means the degradation of men and women too. It cannot be believed that so many men and women will be found, after the war, to think so poorly of each other as they did before. It will be something to have rid ourselves of some old quarrels, once and for all.

To be continued.....



. 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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WEEKLY ROSTER FOR BOTH CLUB AND POST OFFICE RAFFLE

	31 July 2019	7 August 2019	14 August
Topic	Steve Martin The Flying Doctor Service	Peter Ryan Technology	What Happens when Four Women go to Sydney for a Visit to Government House
Sergeants	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin
Corporals	Lesley Hood Ian Howle	Les Jacob Brian Logan	Paul Crosby Rob Sharp
Meeter & Greeter	Anne Jacob	Rob Clifton	Brodie Shields
Door Team	Dennis Johnson Phil Penman	Louise Matthews Dennis Maunder	Richard Walker Richard Hardwick
President Assist	Peter Ryan	Sue O'Connor	Mitch Soree
Visitor Assist	Terry Robinson	Brett White	Naomi Blakey
Welcome	Marina Lawrence	Steve Massey	Lesley Hood
Bulletin Notes	Peter Leonard	David Hinwood	Maureen Thornton
Introduction	Peter Leonard	David Hinwood	Maureen Thornton
Vote of Thanks	Phil Lyon	Peter Bell	Louise Matthews
POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:30 – 7:30PM			
2 August	9 August	16 August	23 August
Marina Lawrence Steve Massey	Steve Massey Phil Penman	Phil Penman Rob Clifton	Laurence Hearne Michael Smith
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS			
Members Birthdays	Lesley Hood (03/08);		
Partners Birthdays	Nil		
Anniversaries	Nil		
Club Induction	Phil Lyon (14+ yrs – 03/08)		
Attendance	79%		
Make-Ups	Nil		
Visiting Rotarians	Adam Scarff (Taree North)		
Visitors	Octavian Hotaran, Janni Sievanen		
Heads & Tails	Steve Massey		
Raffle	Jane Bradford		

