



# Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



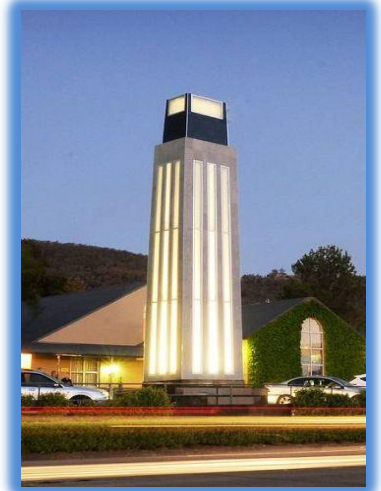
**2019-2020**

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**MEETING 1464 WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST 2019**



*Photo courtesy of both Barry Biffin and Rob Clifton -  
the "Maree Man" (re-chalked) out in the far far far west*

## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

**Friday, 16 August – Club Social Night** at the Post Office Hotel – *please consider making it the place to be* – the MHERV van is here for next two days and Rob Wooley is being hosted this year by Richard and Kerry Walker. Rob would appreciate meeting some of our members on a social basis.

**Saturday / Sunday – 17 & 18 August – 10:00AM – 4:00PM - MERV Van at Bunnings**

**Wednesday, 25 September - Polio Movie – “Ride Like a Girl” – Family movie first female jockey to win the Melbourne Cup**

**02 – 09 May 2020 DISTRICT 9650 RYLA 2020 - Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre  
RYLA Dinner Wed 6th May**

Saturday, 27 June 2020 – D9650 Changeover



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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**

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## Quote of the Week from Abraham Lincoln

“The problem with quotes on the internet is you can never be certain they are authentic”

### LOUISE'S THOUGHTS

WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST 2019

Thanks to Peter Ryan for keeping us well informed, once again, on developments in technology. Quite frightening in some circumstances. It seems obsolescence is a thing of the future, out of date before it's invented. Makes you wonder if a lot of society's issues are because our minds just can't keep up. I'm still having trouble with my remote control for the telly.

Another timely reminder from our PElect / Treasurer Deb, regarding payment of subs. If you are not in a financial position to pay outright, speak to Deb privately and make a payment plan. We'd hate to lose anyone due to financial constraints, we're all family here.

Janni had a great weekend travelling to Port Macquarie with Marina and Jordan. The beach, rainforest, koala hospital and strawberry farm, very full day and one Janni obviously enjoyed.

Leaders for RYLA 2020 were announced last week. For the second year running the recipient of the Terry Burgess Scholarship has been chosen to come back as a Leader. Big congratulations to Zack McDonald. I'm positive he'll do a sterling job and will benefit from even more personal and professional growth as a Leader.

I was having a discussion with Sue O'Connor after the meeting this morning in regard to the role of the Welfare Officer. Both Sue and Lesley are sharing the job this year, however, they cannot fulfil the role if they are unaware that a member may require support in some shape or form. Please pass on relevant information so that support can be forthcoming.

I hope everyone is keeping up to date with our fearless leader's travels on Facebook. Great opportunity to see this wide, very brown land whilst raising heaps of dollars for our Helicopter.

Until next time....

**Louise oxo**

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### What the future may hold – To what extent these predictions come true – only time will tell:

#### Part 1

1. Auto repair shops will disappear.
2. A petrol/diesel engine has 20,000 individual parts. An electrical motor has 20. Electric cars are sold with lifetime guarantees and are only repaired by dealers. It takes only 10 minutes to remove and replace an electric motor.
3. Faulty electric motors are not repaired in the dealership but are sent to a regional repair shop that repairs them with robots.
4. Your electric motor malfunction light goes on, so you drive up to what looks like a car wash, and your car is towed through while you have a cup of coffee and out comes your car with a new electric motor! Fuel pumps will go away.
5. Street corners will have meters that dispense electricity. Companies will install electrical recharging stations; in fact, they've already started in the developed world.
6. Smart major auto manufacturers have already designated money to start building new plants that only build electric cars.
7. Coal industries will go away. Gasoline/oil companies will go away. Drilling for oil will stop. So, say goodbye to OPEC! The middle-east is in trouble.
8. Homes will produce and store more electrical energy during the day and then they use and will sell it back to the grid. The grid stores it and dispenses it to industries that are high electricity users. Has anybody seen the Tesla roof?
9. A baby of today will only see personal cars in museums. The FUTURE is approaching faster than most of us can handle.
10. In 1998, Kodak had 170,000 employees and sold 85% of all photo paper worldwide. Within just a few years, their business model disappeared and they went bankrupt. Who would have thought of that ever happening?



# 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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# WILL YOU BE THE DISRUPTED OR WILL YOU BE THE DISRUPTOR?

What a great way to start a presentation – Our speaker today is Peter Ryan  
Technology is Changing the Face of Business – obvious examples already are

## Kodak

Invented the Digital Camera  
\$30,000,000,000  
145,000 Employees



Had the opportunity to  
buy into Netflix  
\$5,000,000,000  
60,000 Employees

## NOKIA

State they 'did nothing wrong'  
\$303,000,000,000  
132,000 Employees

### Technology Trends from 2015 – 2017 already being superseded

Cloud Computing



Big Data



Social Media



Mobility



### New Technology already superseding the above are

**Airbnb – Uber – Wework – Nokk** – already highly valued – own no buildings / vehicles etc and yet already worth billions of dollars

Start 2008    Start 2009    Start 2010    start 2018

**In 12 months time we may find all the above is obsolete –  
can't wait for the next presentation!**



Introduced by David Hinwood and thanked by Peter Bell with Peter Ryan

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**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

**Point 6**

There were other things which we should have made for ourselves and did not. The most remarkable instance is that of artificial dyes. The first artificial dye was made by a famous English chemist, Sir William Perkin, and all the rest followed from his discovery. But the men who rule our country have never believed in science, which has *always* been neglected and flouted, though our men of science have been the greatest in the world. So, in the long run, all the dyes came to be made in Germany, where science has been respected and assiduously used for scores of years.

This was very wasteful for us, and very profitable for Germany. But now we are making our own dyes, and the same is true of many valuable drugs which we used to pay Germany for, and which we can perfectly well make for ourselves. Thus, the war is actually founding several new industries in this country, which will serve us all in the coming years of peace. Some good will often come from throwing healthy men or nations on their own resources, severe though the strain may be at first.

**Point 7**

No empire in the world has greater resources than ours, if we would bestir ourselves; but until the war came, we were like a youngster who has inherited an immense fortune, and thinks he need not trouble about anything. Today we are thrown upon our own resources. For instance, there are certain rare metals of extreme value for some chemical purposes – for instance the making of particular qualities of steel, and mantles for the best way of burning gas for lighting purposes. Germany supplied us with these, at immense profit to herself, and we were quite content. If you are rich enough, you just buy what you want, with the least trouble, and don't care what it costs. But the supply of these things was stopped. We began to examine our own resources, and one of the results has been the discovery of large quantities of the precious ore called *wolfram* in Australia, where it will be a source of an excellent industry and much wealth. It might not have been found for another decade if the war had not made us bestir ourselves.

To be continued...

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## . 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**

	<b>14 August</b>	<b>21 August</b>	<b>28 August</b>
<b>Topic</b>	<b>What Happens when Four Women go to Sydney for a Visit to Government House</b>	<b>Mal McPherson Youth Insearch</b>	<b>RYLA Octavian Hotarian</b>
<b>Sergeants</b>	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin
<b>Corporals</b>	Paul Crosby Rob Sharp	James Treloar Graham Dooley	Chris Watson Helen Tickle
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Brodie Shields	Laurence Hearne	Ian Howle
<b>Door Team</b>	Richard Walker Richard Hardwick	Bruce Hemmett John Rouvray	John Treloar Phil Knight
<b>President Assist</b>	Mitch Soree	Michael Smith	Anne Jacob
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Naomi Blakey	Peter Ryan	Dennis Johnson
<b>Welcome</b>	Lesley Hood	John Worldon	Peter Leonard
<b>Bulletin Notes</b>	Maureen Thornton	Paul Stevenson	Phil Lyon
<b>Introduction</b>	Maureen Thornton	Paul Stevenson	Phil Lyon
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Louise Matthews	Brian Thompson	Phil Penman
<b>POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:30 – 7:30PM</b>			
<b>16 August</b>	<b>23 August</b>	<b>30 August</b>	<b>6 September</b>
Phil Penman Rob Clifton	Laurence Hearne Michael Smith	Michael Smith John Treloar	John Treloar Phil Knight
<b>BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS</b>			
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Peter Pulley (18/08)		
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Margaret Lyon (21/08)		
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Robyn & Phil Penman (41yrs 18/08); Kerry & Richard Walker (47yrs 21/08)		
<b>Club Induction</b>	James Treloar (8yrs 17/08)		
<b>Attendance</b>	74%		
<b>Make-Ups</b>	Tamworth West – Brian & Jane, Tamworth & Sunrise – Jane		
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Janni Sievanen (YEP)		
<b>Visitors</b>	Nil		
<b>Heads &amp; Tails</b>	Skinner		
<b>Raffle</b>	Skinner		

