



Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



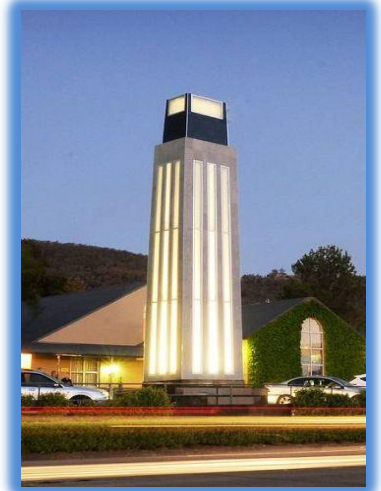
2019-2020

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MEETING 1464

WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST 2019



Whistling Kite - thank you David Hinwood

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2019

Saturday 31 August **“Bonfire and Pizza night”**
at Phil and Robyn Penman’s property Delmar, Goonoo Goonoo
BYO drinks, club will provide ingredients to make and cook your own
pizza concoctions in the pizza oven
Small cover charge, further details to follow.

Wednesday, 18 September - Polio Movie – “Ride Like a Girl” – Family movie first female jockey to win the Melbourne Cup

Friday, 29 November **“Rotary charity golf day”**
Looking for players, BBQ helpers and sponsors for the day
Similar format to last year, teeing off at lunchtime with drinks and
presentation afterwards

2020

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

Saturday, 27 June **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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“You should turn off your cell phone on a date... especially if it's smarter and cooler than you are.”

English playwright George Bernard Shaw and Prime Minister Winston Churchill did not get along.

Shaw telegrammed the following invitation to Churchill: “Have reserved two tickets for my first night. Come and bring a friend, if you have one”

Churchill had the final word with this reply: “Impossible to come on the first night. Will come on the second night, if you have one.”

Which is better – the modern comment

or the pithiness of the older style?



Quote of the Week

*"Tact is the art of describing someone as they see themselves."
Abraham Lincoln"*

BRODIE'S BABBLINGS

WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST 2019

It was great to be back in the chair this morning, and I noted the "Chain of Office" was quite a bit heavier since I last wore it in 2005.

Congratulations to Jane for her well-earned OAM award. It was interesting to see what 4 women can get up to when visiting Government House. The drinkie-poops the night before that extended to nearly mid-night; the near International incident with the taxi driver; the strict protocols involved in the presentation itself; and a rare cheeky selfie with the Governor herself after the event. Great story, Jane.

Good to hear that Steve Hawkins' son Tony's hip replacement went well and he is improving daily. For those who don't know, Tony had a hip replacement several years ago that went bad, causing massive infection that has only now been brought under control, allowing a new hip to be installed. Please spare a thought for Steve and Jill, or give them a call, as their life has been put on hold for the past several months, and of course, Tony himself who has been doing it even tougher.

If you are reading this, then MHERV is about to happen or is over. Thank you to those who participated, and a big THANK YOU to Richard Walker who organised the event.

A reminder that District Conference is on the 20, 21 and 22nd of March, and will be held at the South West Rocks Country Club. If you are thinking of attending, then book now as accommodation usually runs out fairly quickly. On-line registration will be available later in the year. For those who have not been before, a District Conference is a wonderful opportunity to meet Rotarians from all over the District. You would be surprised at the diversity of ways clubs interact with their communities and raise funds. Don't be put off by the term "conference". That word conjures up a vision of boring PowerPoint presentations, and motivational speeches. I can assure you a District Conference is nothing like that. I will be raising the subject of subsidies for first time attendees at the next board meeting, so watch this space. Unless something gets in the way, Pam and I will be attending. If you take your Rotary membership seriously, then a District Conference is a "must do" item on your calendar.

Finally - yet another reminder for those rostered for a duty, please find a replacement if you think you cannot make it"

Cheers

Brodie

Teacher John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

John You told me to do it without using tables!



Jane Bradford OAM and Liz Gill were our speakers today – chatting about four women having a wonderful couple of days in Sydney ending in a visit to Government House and the investiture for Jane

Government House staff were so keen for everyone to enjoy a “special” day

Beautiful weather, glorious setting with the fountain and looking out to the harbour

Photo

Liz Gill, Jane Bradford, Christine Bowen-Thomas and Jane’s sister – Gail Grant



Last people to leave and we were lucky enough to score a photo with the NSW Governor – Her Excellency the Honourable Justice Margaret Beazley AO QC

The Governor’s investiture was on 2 May and we were the Tenth group to go through with another group following us at 2:30pm.

Louise Matthews thanking Liz Gill and Jane Bradford – what a great experience with such fun and great memories



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

- 11. What happened* to Kodak and Polaroid will happen in a lot of industries in the next 5-10 years ... and most people don't see it coming.
 - 12. Did you think* in 1998 that three (3) years later, you would never take pictures on film again? With today's smart phones, who even has a camera these days?
 - 13. Yet digital* cameras were invented in 1975. The first ones only had 10,000 pixels, but followed Moore's law. So as with all exponential technologies, it was a disappointment for a time, before it became way superior and became mainstream in only a few short years.
 - 14. It will now happen* again (but much faster) with Artificial Intelligence, health, autonomous and electric cars, education, 3D printing, agriculture and jobs.
 - 15. Forget the book, * "Future Shock", welcome to the Fourth Industrial Revolution.
 - 16. Software* has disrupted and will continue to disrupt most traditional industries in the next 5-10 years.
 - 17. UBER* is just a software tool, they don't own any cars, and are now the biggest taxi company in the world! Ask any taxi driver if they saw that coming.
 - 18 bypassed already....
 - 19 Airbnb* is now the biggest hotel company in the world, although they don't own any properties. Ask Hilton Hotels if they saw that coming.
 - 20. Artificial Intelligence* Computers become exponentially better in understanding the world. This year, a computer beat the best Go-player in the world, 10 years earlier than expected.
- To be continued....





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 8

The war has taught us the value of babies! Who would have thought it? Certainly not those of us who have been charged with the task of trying to make our fellow-countrymen realise the value of these helpless, expensive, useless little creatures. Everyone saw at last, when the war broke out, the obvious truth that saving the babies is Saving the Future of the country for which the best of our present are giving their lives. Because of the war we got Parliament to notify an Act compelling people to notify the authorities of the birth of a baby within 36 hours, all over the country.

Up to that time, one quarter of the local authorities in the country did nothing for babies; at this moment there are only two in London and urban authorities in the whole country which make no such provision. Their notorious names are Camberwell and Gateshead; put them in black on your map. That immense change, which will mean so much to our country in 25 years, is the direct result of war which will then have passed into history.

Some of the men and women who have led the fight for babies' lives, and some who had never seriously thought about babies before, have combined, solely because of the war, to start a great National Institute of Mothercraft in London, as a thanksgiving for peace and a memorial to the fallen.

Here the great task of Saving the Future will be properly taught and practised. In all our Empire there is nothing like this, though there has been such a place for several years near Berlin. The war will have given us a place which will be a centre of light and learning on behalf of the unborn – the most numerous, the most valuable, the most helpless of mankind.

As long as our Empire lasts, this institute, in one form or another, will endure; it will endure and do its work when such a war as brought it forth can never again ravage the earth.

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

	21 August	28 August	4 September
Topic	Mal McPherson Youth Insearch	RYLA Octavian Hotarian	Bruce Hemmett Decorama
Sergeants	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin
Corporals	James Treloar Graham Dooley	Chris Watson Steve Massey	Michael O'Connor Dimity Betts
Meeter & Greeter	Laurence Heame	Ian Howle	Marina Lawrence
Door Team	Bruce Hemmett John Rouvray	John Treloar Phil Knight	Terry Robinson Peter Bell
President Assist	Michael Smith	Anne Jacob	Rob Clifton
Visitor Assist	David Hinwood	Dennis Johnson	Brian Logan
Welcome	John Worldon	Peter Leonard	Brett White
Bulletin Notes	Paul Stevenson	Dennis Maunder	Richard Hardwick
Introduction	Paul Stevenson	Dennis Maunder	Richard Hardwick
Vote of Thanks	Brian Thompson	Phil Penman	Namoi Blakey
POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:30 – 7:30PM			
23 August	30 August	6 September	13 September
Laurence Hearne Michael Smith	Michael Smith John Treloar	John Treloar Phil Knight	Phil Knight Peter Ryan
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS			
Members Birthdays	Peter Hyde (25/08)		
Partners Birthdays	Nil		
Anniversaries	Nil		
Club Induction	Michael Smith (13yrs – 23/08);		
Attendance	76%		
Make-Ups			
Visiting Rotarians	Janni Sievanen (YEP)		
Visitors	Nil		
Heads & Tails	??		
Raffle	Richard Walker		

