



Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



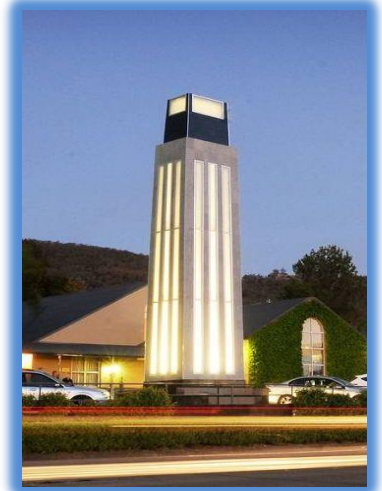
2019-2020

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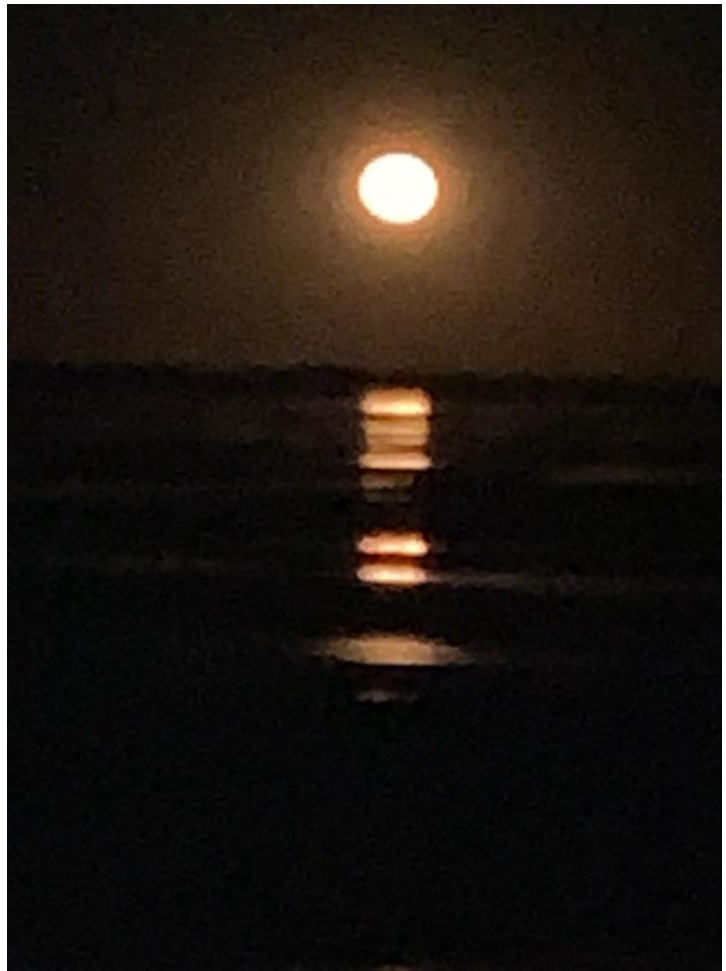
MEETING 1465

WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST 2019

Miracles

*We live on a blue planet
That circles around a ball of fire
Next to a moon that moves the sea
And you don't believe in miracles?*

*This photo was taken at Port
Hedland at the viewing of the
"staircase to the moon"
Thank you John Fogarty*



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

Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 November 2019 –
Rotary D9650 2019 Showcase Weekend at Tamworth

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, 26 June 2020 -D9650 Changeover

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

A look at Rotary’s Prospective Members – Barbara Mifsud – our Regional Membership Officer, Membership Development in RISPAPPO (RI Head Office in Parramatta)

Why do people join Rotary? Why did you join Rotary? These are the results from a recent survey of members

- Prospective members join Rotary for local and international service as well as personal and professional development
- Awareness of and introduction to Rotary began much earlier than interest in membership
- Half of membership candidates have a personal connection to a Rotarian
- People are aware of Rotary; their impressions are positive and there is a strong interest in Rotary membership
- Younger, diverse professionals and business leaders are attracted to Rotary
- Barriers to joining Rotary clubs include not being invited, cost and time constraints and unmet expectations.

Rotary Basics is now an online course that covers all things Rotary in an interactive, multimedia format – maybe the Club membership Committee should look further into this?

“Having read the above – think about why **YOU joined Rotary** many years ago or very recently!”



Quote of the Week

Know yourself. Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful."

Ann Landers

BARRY'S BRIEFINGS

WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2019

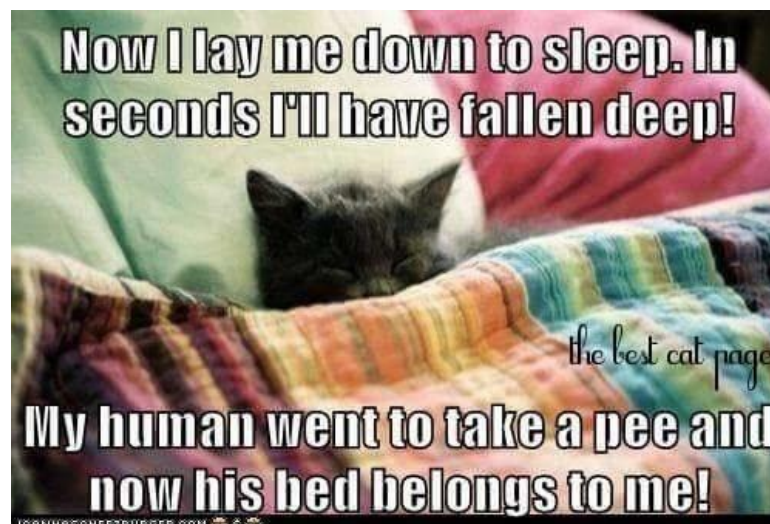
- 2019 Drover's Run was a brilliant experience – the roads were much rougher than anticipated but, in spite of all challenges, everyone made it to the end and the parade along Peel Street with the Police leading the way through red lights – the lot – was the final high light. Enormous funds raised for the Westpac Helicopter Service – a truly great experience and look forward to going again!
- Somerton School is seeking financial help to provide breakfast for their students during the drought – Norm Dezius – an ex-member of this Club – asked if we would consider some assistance and we are going to discuss it at the President's meeting this Thursday – it is possible we may need to consider other smaller schools in the area as well who could be in similar situations
- Thank you for Louise and Brodie for standing in during my absence
- Phil Knight – our thoughts and sympathy are with you and your family with the loss of your father
- Very good to hear that Tony Hawkins now has his new hip and is slowly progressing back to good health once more. A note, text, phone call to Steve and Jill would, I am sure, be very much appreciated
- Finally, a reminder of a few items coming up:
 1. Bonfire & Pizza night at the Penman's home on Saturday, 31 August – everything catered for – take your own drinks – and have a great night under the stars – a sheet is going around to generate an idea of numbers for catering purposes
 2. Polio Movie – "Ride Like a Girl" will be held on Wednesday, 18 September – tickets available from this week
 3. 23 – 24 November – D9650 Rotary Showcase Weekend in Tamworth
 4. Rotary Charity Golf Day will be held on Friday, 29 November

Please note these important dates in your diaries and don't forget to inform your partners of these events!

- Finally, Richard Hardwick is organising a Membership Survey which will be out to members very shortly – please complete and return with your ideas, suggestions for events – small or large – all will be considered by your Board.

Have a great week....

BARRY BIFFIN



You know it's HOT in Australia when....



1. The best carpark is determined by shade, not distance.
2. Hot water comes out of both taps.
3. You learn that a seat belt buckle makes a good branding iron.
4. The temp drops below 32 degrees C and you feel chilly.
5. You learn it only takes 2 fingers to steer a car.
6. You can sunburn through the windscreen of a car.
7. You develop a fear of door handles.
8. You break into a sweat @ 7am
9. Your biggest bicycle fear is "what if I get knocked out and end up cooking on the road".
10. You realise asphalt is a liquid state.
11. Farmers are feeding chickens ice to prevent hard boiled eggs.
12. The trees are whistling for dogs.
13. Shopping Centers are temples where you worship Air Conditioning
14. Sticking your head in freezers is considered normal
15. A cup full of ice is considered a great snack
16. A blackout is life threatening because the air con and fans stop working.
17. You keep everything in the fridge, including clothing
18. The effort of towelling yourself off after a shower means you need another shower right away
19. You worry the ceiling fan is spinning so fast it will fly off and kill you
20. You laugh because you know this list is so accurate.

YOUTH INSEARCH – OUR SPEAKER TODAY IS MAL MacPHERSON
“Retired” Magistrate and currently President of the Rotary Club of Tamworth West

Mal opened his talk with a couple of short videos and noted the age group of these youngsters is between 16 – 20 years and all have issues covering drugs, alcohol, abuse (both physical and verbal), cyber bullying is growing and all are totally lacking in self-esteem and while he was on the bench – just kept turning up in front of him for relatively minor crimes but all heading towards at least one goal sentence.

In spite of what he kept seeing – he did not lose his faith in youth and he kept feeling there had to be a better way of getting through to these kids that they were throwing their lives away.

From 1965 he travelled around NSW and he kept seeing the same families over three generations who kept appearing in front of him in the courts and he became a Magistrate in one place in 1991.

For a youth to go to prison for a year – costs the taxpayer \$310,000 per annum

For an adult to go to prison for a year – costs the taxpayer \$109,000 per annum

Does this make us safer – **Absolutely NOT.**

In 1991 he was in Moree and went to a camp organised by Narrabri with 25 youths– and he talked to them and none had come back before him on the bench for over two years – he felt he now had a program he could work with.

In 2000 Youth Insearch started here with support from PCYC and similar organisations with Lake Keepit proving an ideal venue – 13 young people came by bus from Tamworth – Ron Barr (Head Office Sydney) or Ron Carr – Tamworth West) and I went through their paperwork and the stories were / still are so similar. The youth run these camps and we have a number who have returned as Team Leaders – after training – the adults are there just in case.

From 2003 we now have a Rotary D9650 committee and we have camps in different places around this District – thank you for the massive support shown by Rotary D9650 with particular support from the Rotary Clubs of Tamworth First Light and Tamworth West.

Christine Shewery now works with us via JobLink Plus and supplies the buses that transports the students to and from camps here.

After camp there are weekly meetings held – some youth attend a few and feel strong enough to walk away – but could return – others just keep coming as it represents a safe place for them and BackTrack in Armidale also works in a similar way.

We hear over and over again that without Youth Insearch these kids would no longer be here and yet Youth Suicide still continues to rise.

Youth Insearch continues to break this constant negative cycle and continues to provide both help and support. Heath Ducker completed his training and is now CEO for Youth Insearch and Nicole Davies completed her training and was a member of the Board.

RYLA has proved a very positive next step for this group – even having two from BackTrack coming back in 2020 as RYLA Leaders. BackTrack’s Motto is

“Keep them out of goal
Keep them alive
Keep their dreams so they can achieve.”

Questions:

What size are the camps? 65 last one at Keepit – 70 ideal number up to 95 (difficult to manage)

What about mobile phones? Removed – watch the change!

Thanked by Brian Thompson “Out of an acorn a mighty oak tree grows.”

Teacher Now Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers?

Simon No Sir, I don’t have to, my Mom is a good cook



**Introduced by
Paul Stevenson**

**Mal MacPherson
being thanked by
Brian Thompson**



The Shaggy Dog

A couple of 80-year old's having problems remembering things decided to see the doctor to make sure nothing was wrong.

After his examination the doctor said they were well but might want to start writing things down and make notes to help them remember.

The couple thanked the doctor and left. Later than night while watching TV, the man got up from his chair and his wife asked where he was going.

When he replied – to the kitchen for a snack, she asked for a bowl of ice cream.

She then reminded him to write it down so he would remember.

He stated he could remember that.

The wife responded – well I would also like some strawberries on top – you had better write this down because I know you will forget that.

Came the slightly irritated reply – I can remember that, you want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.

That made the wife say - Well I also would like whipped cream on top. I know you will forget that so you better write it down.

With even more irritation in the voice the man responded - I don't need to write that down! I can remember that.

He then fumes into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes he returns from the kitchen and hands her a plate of bacon and eggs.

The wife stares at the plate a moment and says angrily – I TOLD you to write it down! You forgot my toast!

Anonymous

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 9

Of all forms of knowledge, those concerned with the prevention of disease and the treatment of wounds are those we might naturally expect to profit most by war. That is indeed so in this case. Certain departments of the science of health have leapt forward, as its direct result, to the immense benefit of the generation that will follow us, which would otherwise have had to learn these things slowly for itself, with great loss of life meanwhile. Here are the newest facts about the new discoveries.

We have already heard about the inoculation against typhoid fever, tested in the war on an unheard-of-scale, and under the severest conditions. It has steadily been improved, until we can now say that it reduces the death-rate in this war to less than *one-seventieth* part of what it would otherwise be. But there is a close ally of typhoid fever called paratyphoid – which means *beside* typhoid-fever, and of this we knew practically nothing until last year. There was a dreadful amount of disease among our men in Gallipoli – scores of thousands of cases. Vast numbers of these looked like typhoid fever and yet the men had practically all been inoculated against this disease.

Then the doctors found that it was really paratyphoid fever, against which the typhoid inoculation was simply useless. So the doctors went to work and made something new. It is a triple thing, made of the poison, or toxin of the typhoid microbe, and of two kinds, a and b, of the paratyphoid microbe. It is accordingly called the “t.a.b.” vaccine. The result of it is that paratyphoid fever has been conquered even more completely than typhoid itself. In six months of 1916 not a single British soldier inoculated with “t.a.b.” vaccine died of paratyphoid fever. This new development of life-saving we, and all mankind to come, owe to Sir William Leishman, and to this life-destroying war.

There is a remedy-the tetanus antitoxin- against the dreadful disease called tetanus, or lockjaw. Its value was rather doubtful until the war, and many patients, though treated with it, died in agony from this most merciless of diseases. Death is usually like going to sleep, but death from lockjaw is cruel. The experience of the war suggested that we should try to give the remedy in time, so that now we do not wait for the symptoms to appear, but give the antitoxin to practically every wounded man at once; and cases of the disease are now almost unknown. That is a new lesson we shall never forget. In future, where there is the slightest chance that the microbe of tetanus may have got into a wound, the doctor will inject tetanus antitoxin as a measure of precaution. A little girl, last summer, scratched herself with barbed wire while blackberrying, and died of lockjaw. We see now that that need not have happened, and, thanks to the war, it will not be allowed to happen in the future.

To be continued...



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

21. In the USA* young lawyers already don't get jobs. Because of IBM's Watson, you can get legal advice (so far for right now, the basic stuff) within seconds, with 90% accuracy compared with 70% accuracy when done by humans. So, if you study law, stop immediately. There will be 90% fewer lawyers in the future, (what a thought!) only omniscient specialists will remain.

22. Watson* already helps nurses diagnosing cancer, its 4 times more accurate than human nurses.

23. Facebook* now has a pattern recognition software that can recognize faces better than humans. In 2030, computers will become more intelligent than humans.

24. Autonomous cars* In 2018 the first self-driving cars are already here. In the next two years, the entire industry will start to be disrupted. You won't want to own a car anymore as you will call a car with your phone, it will show up at your location and drive you to your destination.

25. You will not need* to park it you will only pay for the driven distance and you can be productive while driving. The very young children of **today** will never get a driver's license and will never own a car

26. This will change* our cities, because we will need 90-95% fewer cars We can transform former parking spaces into green parks.

27. About 1.2 million* people die each year in car accidents worldwide including distracted or drunk driving. We now have one accident every 60,000 miles; with autonomous driving that will drop to 1 accident in 6 million miles. That will save a million lives plus worldwide each year.

28. Most traditional* car companies will doubtless become bankrupt. They will try the evolutionary approach and just build a better car, while tech companies (Tesla, Apple, Google) will do the revolutionary approach and build a computer on wheels.

29. Look at what Volvo* is doing right now; no more internal combustion engines in their vehicles starting this year with the 2019 models, using all electric or hybrid only, with the intent of phasing out hybrid models.

30. Many engineers* from Volkswagen and Audi; are completely terrified of Tesla and they should be. Look at all the companies offering all electric vehicles. That was unheard of, only a few years ago.

To be continued....

Grow Your Membership – things you can do now to create a good foundation for growth this year

- Encourage Clubs' incoming boards to take the Rotary Health check and work on strategies to improve membership and club operations so they can hit the ground running on 1 July
- 2019 is the 20th anniversary of welcoming women into Rotary. Organise a District or multi-district event celebrating the impact women have made in Rotary and promoting ways to increase their presence
- Remind Clubs to use the Program Participants and Alumni Report to find former Rotaractors, Youth Exchange students, Ambassadorial Scholars, GSE team members and other past program participants and alumni living in, hosted by or sponsored by your District. Encourage clubs to invite this group who know and value Rotary to meetings and service projects and consider them for membership
- Make sure your membership director has a team to work with supporting their efforts – members can come from any part of your club – people who show enthusiasm will bring positive results
- Growing membership isn't about numbers but about creating a strong and vibrant club that can do even more for their community.

Adapted from an article by Haris Sofradzija, RI Regional Membership Officer for Zones 30 / 31, Heartbeat Newsletter, March 2019 and found in the July edition of "Rotary on the Move".



. 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

[President—Barry Biffin](#)

[Secretary—Liz Gill](#)

[Treasurer – Deb Barnes](#)



A REMINDER TO BOTH OLD AND NEW MEMBERS ABOUT THE DUTIES OF THE WEEKLY ROSTER

SERGEANT/S

Responsible for putting out all Club Property and putting away at the conclusion of the meeting with two Corporals each week to assist - **includes setting up and putting away the laptop and projector for presentations**

Need to be in attendance by 6:30AM

CORPORALS

To assist the Sergeant by putting out all Club Property, collecting fine monies, and putting away at the conclusion of the meeting - **includes setting up and putting away the laptop and projector for presentations**

One Needs to be in attendance by 6:30AM.

DOOR TEAM

To record the attendance of our members and guests, collect meeting dues, and if possible, balance the cash float - monies paid = monies received.

Need to be in attendance at 6.30AM

MEETER AND GREETER

To meet and greet our members and welcome guests to our Club at the top of the stairs and to hand name badges to members. Also ensure any guests of members or visiting Rotarians are introduced to the Visitor Assist to ensure they are made feel welcome.

Need to be in attendance at 6.30 am

WELCOME

To publicly welcome our Members and Guests (following the introduction) to our meeting when called upon by the President or his / her substitute.

Need to be in attendance by 6.40 am (or earlier)

PRESIDENT ASSIST

To ensure members who are rostered for the duties of, Meeter and Greeter, Door, Visitor Assist, Welcome to our Members and Guests, Introduction of the Guest Speaker(s) and Vote of Thanks are present and if they are not to find a replacement and ensure those people's names are updated on the President's Running Sheet. Select the Table Order (after the head table).

Need to be in attendance by 6.30AM

VISITOR ASSIST

To ensure any visitors to the Club are made welcome by introducing yourself to them and other members and guests of our Club. **To also include them in fellowship before and, where possible, introduce them to the President**, make sure they are included with several members for breakfast and are not left on their own.

Need to be in attendance from 6.30 am

INTRODUCTION

To make yourself known to our Guest Speaker/s, assist them to the head table and sit with them. During breakfast find out some information about the guest speaker which will assist you in your introduction. Assist with PowerPoint set-up etc

VOTE OF THANKS

To move a vote of thanks to our guest speaker, and present a little thank you gift (ensure you have it before the meeting commences and take notes during their presentation to ensure that your thank you is informed).



WEEKLY ROSTER FOR BOTH CLUB AND POST OFFICE RAFFLES

	28 August	4 September	11 September
Topic	RYLA & Janni Sievanen - YEP	Vocational Visit to Decorama, Bridge Street	Anne Sanders Outback Nursing in Western Australia
Sergeants	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin
Corporals	Chris Watson Steve Massey	Michael O'Connor Dimity Betts	Peter Ryan Louise Matthews
Meeter & Greeter	Ian Howle	Marina Lawrence	Lesley Hood
Door Team	John Treloar Phil Knight	Terry Robinson Peter Bell	Rob Sharp Laurence Hearne
President Assist	Anne Jacob	Rob Clifton	Maureen Thornton
Visitor Assist	Dennis Johnson	Brian Logan	Mitch Soree
Welcome	Peter Leonard	Brett White	Brodie Shields
Bulletin Notes	Dennis Maunder	Richard Hardwick	Liz Gill
Introduction	Dennis Maunder	Richard Hardwick	Liz Gill
Vote of Thanks	Phil Penman	Graham Dooley	Richard Walker
POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:30 – 7:30PM			
30 August	6 September	13 September	20 September
Michael Smith Rob Clifton	John Treloar Phil Knight	Phil Knight Peter Ryan	Peter Ryan Bruce Hemmett
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS			
Members Birthdays	Nil		
Partners Birthdays	Nil		
Anniversaries	Nil		
Club Induction	Mandy Fisher (1yr-29/08)		
Attendance	74%		
Make-Ups	Nil		
Visiting Rotarians	Janni Sievanen (YEP); Mal McPherson (Tam West Pres)		
Visitors	Nil		
Heads & Tails	David Hinwood		
Raffle	Richard Walker		