



Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



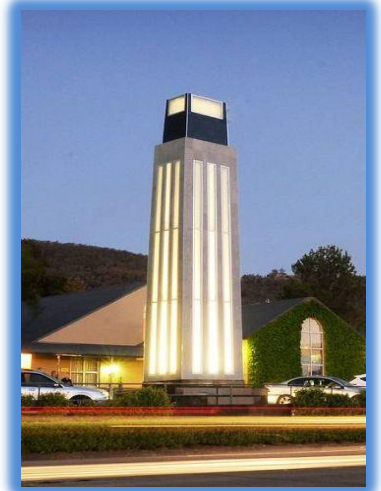
2019-2020

District Governor [Phil Hafey](#)

President: [Barry Biffin](#)

Secretary: [Liz Gill](#)

Treasurer: [Deb Barnes](#)



MEETING 1473

WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2019



Rocky Creek Glacial area

*Thank you
Marina Lawrence*

More great photos would be appreciated by The Editor please

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES **2019**

Sat 12 – Sun 20 October – Photo Exhibition upstairs at Inspirations – Entrance Gold coin

Saturday, 9 November – Calala Inn – Social Function – more details to follow

**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

Wednesday, 11 December Club AGM

2020

17 – 20 March 2020 - Science & Engineering Challenge

20 – 22 March 2020 – D9650 Annual Conference at South West Rocks – book early!

02 – 09 May DISTRICT 9650 RYLA 2020 – Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre
RYLA Dinner Wednesday, 6 May

Wednesday, 20 May 2020 - Northwest Regional Careers Expo at TRECC

12 – 13 June (Friday / Saturday) Regional Waste Warriors Expo

Saturday, 20 June – Club Changeover

Saturday, 26 June -D9650 Changeover



Mitch Soree is our Public Relations Director this 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

How to Make Your Wife Appear!

*An older man approached an attractive young woman at a shopping mall
“Excuse me, I can't seem to find my wife. Could you talk to me for a couple of minutes please?”*

The woman, feeling a bit of compassion for the old fellow said “Of course, sir, do you know where your wife might be?”

“I have no idea” he replied “but every time I talk to a woman with a figure like yours, she seems to appear out of nowhere!”



Quote of the Week

*In nature there are neither rewards or punishments -
there are consequences.*

Robert Green Ingersoll

BARRY'S BRIEFINGS

WEDNESDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2019

One job you would not want at the moment, I am sure, would be Bruce Logan's. Trying to manage our water supply in the worst drought ever experienced would be nearly impossible and explains why all local Councils are struggling across Australia – not just Tamworth!

Bruce - thank-you for sharing the action plans being put into place to ensure the efficient use of our currently limited supplies. RAIN is desperately needed because a dam without water is only a wall!

Congratulations to those who wore HATS today – they were a real fashion statement as this is Mental health month

We have been asked if we could help with two upcoming projects being

1. **Graffiti Removal Day - Sunday, 27 October-** BMX Track to assist Tamworth Rotary club
2. Homes North is organizing the **Reclaim the Night March for Tamworth on Friday, 25 October** looking for volunteers to provide BBQ at the end of the march in Bicentennial Park.

If anyone is interested in helping with either of these projects please let me know.

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, 9 NOVEMBER – CALALA INN – SOCIAL BBQ AND FUND-RAISING DINNER for LIFELINE - please get groups together of family and friends - should be a fun night - tickets will be available soon.

See you next week...

BARRY BIFFIN



Hat Parade for Mental Health



Bumbira Art & Culture Program

work with the local Gomerioi Community to improve social and emotional wellbeing through art, culture, connection to community and cultural identity

Directions are easy to follow but parking can be difficult – address is 2 / 1 Hinkler Road

Vocational visit is Wednesday, 23 October at 6:30 for 7:00AM breakfast

**TAMWORTH
CAMERA CLUB**

PHOTO EXHIBITION

PROUDLY SUPPORTING THE BLUE ANGEL FOUNDATION

**OPENING NIGHT
OCTOBER 11TH
6.30PM**

**Located upstairs in the
Inspirations Gift and Patchwork Gallery,
515 Peel St Tamworth**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM THE
12-20 OCTOBER 2019**

The exhibition kicks off at 6.30pm on Friday the 11th of October. There will be a cover charge of \$20 for the evening which includes complementary nibbles and drinks. All proceeds are donated to the Blue Angel Foundation.

Bookings are essential, please call Inspirations on 67666800 to make your reservation.

All images will be for sale with a proportion of the sale price going to the Blue Angel Foundation.

A night not to be missed, where you will have the opportunity to meet and chat to the exhibiting photographers.

A lucky door prize will be awarded and you will have the chance to vote for your favourite image.

**GALLERY HOURS
MONDAY-FRIDAY 9AM-5PM
SATURDAY 9AM-1.30PM
ENTRY BY GOLD COIN DONATION.**



GUEST SPEAKER TODAY IS BRUCE LOGAN FROM TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL AND TODAY'S TOPIC IS "WATER" (OR LACK OFF)

Introduced by Brett White – Bruce was born in Queensland and has been with this Council for 28 years and is currently the Director of Water and Waste and has been through droughts before but nothing like the present situation with so many other Local Councils across Australia facing a similar situation.

Bruce opened with Chaffey Dam has 19.5% water and Dungowan has 20% remaining plus Council is using the drift wells on Scotts Road. A major issue with all dams is the evaporative loss, particularly in times of extreme heat as experienced last summer and heading for similar this summer. Council has two issues facing it at present – an effective short term and a long-term outcome.

Bruce noted that once Council orders water to be released it takes three days to flow down to where the water is pumped to the Calala Treatment works. For every two-meg released, only one meg arrives at the retrieval point – the rest is lost to water irrigators and the aquifer and to evaporation.

Level 5 water restrictions now in place means that Council is encouraging business to use 30% less water. Council is offering rebates to business installing dual flush toilets.

Audits undertaken on top 75 businesses that are high water users have received a breakdown of their water usage for consideration and a Task Force has been appointed to the business community to encourage these savings.

Water NSW is to install a weir in the river near Dungowan Village and install a pipe line from Chaffey to this location where water will be transferred into the existing Dungowan pipeline to avoid loss of water with river transfer. Anticipated that this work will be completed by March 2020.

A long-term option being considered is the Dungowan Dam upgrade and possible transfer of ownership to Water NSW – however this could take six plus years before construction would even start.

Current residential use in Tamworth is 200 litres per person per day and this needs to be reduced quickly down to 150 and could go as low as 90 litres per person per day. Currently almost down to 160 litres per day.

Current water usage is currently residential 50% and business 50%.

Any Questions???

Q New storage facility at Calala treatment plant?

A Yes, building a 120 megalitre storage facility as we had no "buffer" storage – we can fill this while we are making repairs to the facility

Q Up to end of June we had good flows – is this being taken into account?

A Irrigators, 12 high security users then Council – remember that we don't have control of Chaffey Dam – Water NSW does.

Q High Security Users – who makes that decision?

A Water NSW assess and make decision – currently Nil usage which helps Council

Q When pipeline completed – does the 20 megs go back to Tamworth or irrigators?

A Still in discussion – could go either way

Q New Dungowan Dam – would we control?

A Possibly not – we just have to confirm that our security is guaranteed!

Q Pipeline from Dungowan to Chaffey – is it being planned, designed and priced et?

A No design as yet – can't see it happening



Q Are people still able to buy water for pools, tanks etc?

A Yes but we are setting up CCTV to check and water carters have log books which can be checked

What about waste water reduction?

A Westdale water is treated and goes on the Council's Lucerne farm – after the Toowoomba debacle – all Councils are nervous about putting the idea forward again

Q What about treating and storing the water – like Perth – it goes into sand aquifer – can be retreated and put back into the system

A Unlikely that the public would accept and no regulations for this type of concept in NSW. It would be extremely expensive whichever way it is approached

Q At present – what timeline does Tamworth have?

A 12 – 18 months if we are careful

Q There was talk about a weir near the Jewry Street Bridge?

A NSW Fisheries requested it be removed

Introduced by Brett White

Laurence Hearne thanked Bruce Logan for a very informative talk and Q&A response



JOKE

A student was sitting with a senior citizen when he pondered on the generation gap. He said “You grew up in a different world. Today we have television, email, jet travel, space travel, computers...” The list went on and when the younger man paused, the senior said “You are right. We did not have them when we were young. We actually had to invent them!”

'SUCCESS STORY FROM A FABULOUS CLUB IN DISTRICT 9980'

Article by ARC PDG Karen Purdue. September issue of Rotary on the Move

The Rotary Club of Waimate, D9980 NZ, strongly believes that involving and supporting young people as early as possible in the Rotary family and in service to their community, has many benefits for future membership of the organisation.

The first Rotakids club was chartered in Waimate in 2016, following in the steps of another very successful program that had been operating for a number of years.

That program involved the head girl and head boy prefects from the local high school being made 'honorary members' of the club.

This has been extremely beneficial to both the young leaders and the Rotarians.

As honorary members they attend the club's weekly meeting and participate in club activities.

At the monthly 'Club Night', committees present and update members with information and the honorary high school members report on local youth and high school news, activities and needs.

It has given Rotarians a lot of satisfaction and pleasure to see how the students develop confidence with their public speaking and to see how they engage with members and their community.

Many students leave Waimate to go onto tertiary education at various New Zealand Universities.

It's a highlight for the club when past 'honorary' school members are 'back in town' and they choose to attend a club meeting, sharing with members what they are now doing with their lives.

For many, a strong connection with Rotary has continued as part of the Rotaract family.

This year, the Waimate club welcomed two new Honorary Members from Waimate High School, Catherine Nichol and Campbell Shedden.

The Rotary club of Waimate has been very innovative and successful in installing the Rotary values and ideals in our future Rotarians!



Dilraj Toor (far left), along with Claire Rollinson (second from right), treasurer and secretary for the Rotaract club of Dunedin.



Zara Wilson, also a former 'honorary member' is President of the Rotaract Club Massey University.

Another way of attracting parents towards Rotary by involving their children – worth a thought-
Editor



. 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](#)



WEEKLY ROSTER FOR BOTH CLUB AND POST OFFICE RAFFLES

	16 October	23 October	30 October
Topic	Michael O'Connor Outback Adventures	Bumbira Arts & Culture Vocational Visit	Kelly Squires From Wine to Waistlines
Sergeants	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin		Mandy Fisher Steve Martin
Corporals	Michael Smith Mitch Soree;	Steve Massey James Treloar	Peter Leonard Laurence Hearne
Meeter & Greeter	Rob Sharp	John Worldon	Brian Logan
Door Team	Peter Hyde Naomi Blakey	Val Hellmann Michael O'Connor	Brett White Naomi Blakey
President Assist	Peter Bell	Chris Watson	Dimity Betts
Visitor Assist	Ian Howle	Graham Dooley	Louise Matthews
Welcome	Maureen Thornton	David Hinwood	Phil Knight
Bulletin Notes	Phil Lyon	Anne Jacob	John Worldon
Introduction	Phil Lyon	Anne Jacob	John Worldon
Vote of Thanks	Dennis Maunder	Terry Robinson	Dennis Johnson
POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:30 – 7:30PM			
18 October	25 October	1 November	8 November
Louise Matthews Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree Steve Massey	Steve Massey Brian Logan	Brian Logan Richard Hardwick
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS			
Members Birthdays	Liz Gill (17/10); Ron Allen (22/10)		
Partners Birthdays	Nil		
Anniversaries	Nil		
Club Induction	Anne Jacob (21yrs – 21/10);		
Attendance	73%		
Make-Ups			
Visiting Rotarians	Janni Sievanen YEP;		
Visitors	Bruce Logan (Tamworth Regional Council)		
Heads & Tails	Paul Stevenson		
Raffle	No 22		