



Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



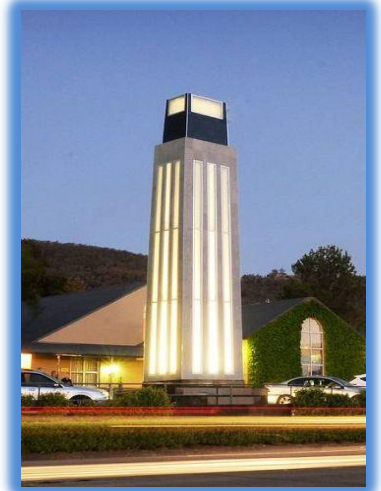
2019-2020

District Governor [Phil Hafey](#)

President: [Barry Biffin](#)

Secretary: [Liz Gill](#)

Treasurer: [Deb Barnes](#)



MEETING 1477

WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2019



Sunrise - Swansea, Tasmania - courtesy of David Hinwood

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES **2019**

**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!

Sunday, 29 March 2020 – **Pedal the Peel Cycling Challenge** – Volunteers please diary note now

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

*Seemed appropriate with
the golf tournament fast
approaching*



Quote of the Week

*The hardest thing to learn in life is which bridge to cross
and which bridge to burn.*

David Russell

BARRY'S BRIEFINGS

WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2019

What another interesting meeting. You could listen to Steve for hours on topics such as this.

Also, a big thank-you to Val for putting together such a diverse and interesting program for our enjoyment.

Again, another thank-you to Brian and his team of helpers for the breakfast we supplied for the Postie Bash start on Sunday. I am sure it was well received and the incomer received will be put to good use.

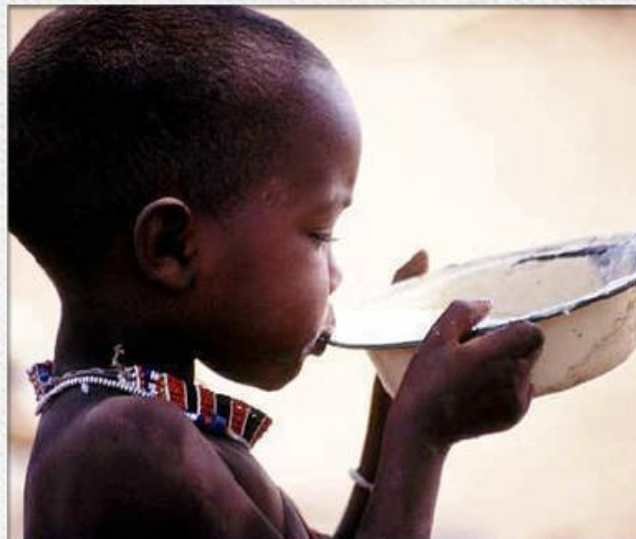
Pleased to hear that Leslie and Steve are back in town and our other patients are on the road to recovery – don't forget to send an email or make a call or text – it shows you care.

Don't forget the **ROTARY SHOWCASE** is on the weekend of 23-24 November. It is here in Tamworth and it is a great opportunity to learn about all things Rotary. Details available from myself or Liz.

Looking forward to our event on Saturday at the Calala Inn, our food and entertainment is locked in just add some happy patrons.

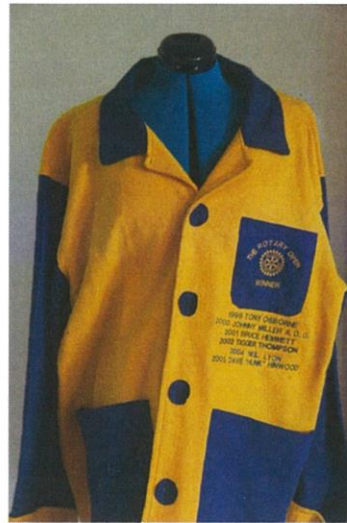
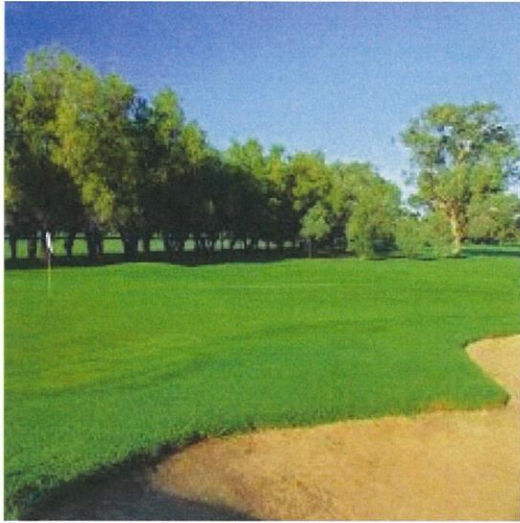
See you next week, when we welcome our Local Federal Member Barnaby Joyce to our meeting.

BARRY BIFFIN



*Equal distribution of wealth
does not mean we all should be millionaires--
it only means no one should die of hunger.*
- by Dodinsky

The Rotary Open of Tamworth



“The Rotary Open of Tamworth” is back by popular demand.

- **Be in the running to win the “STUNNING Gold & Blue Jacket”**
- Friday 29th November 2019
- Tamworth Golf Club
- \$40 per person
- 12 Noon BBQ Lunch for a 1.00 pm Shotgun Start
- Individual Stableford in conjunction with 2 person Irish 4 ball
- Book and pay at the Pro Shop with Brock Sampson, individually or as a team – phone 6765 9980
- Sponsor a hole for \$100 or you may like to donate a prize
- Lots of prizes and fun, BBQ lunch included
- Presentation and drinks to follow the golf
- **PROCEEDS to LOCAL CHARITIES**

Further information:

Michael Smith – 0408 230 211

Dennis Maunder – 0428 456 017

Deb Barnes – 0411 770 552



OUR GUEST SPEAKER TODAY IS STEVE CUNNEEN – AN EX-BANKER WHO RETURNED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND TO STUDY AUSTRALIAN HISTORY INCLUDING PIONEERING WOMEN – introduced by Brodie Shields.

Today, Steve will be speaking about Elizabeth Macarthur – the second pioneering woman who arrived in NSW in June 1790 – two years after Betty.

Elizabeth Veale was born in August 1766 and received an excellent education as she was raised by her grandfather who lived near the parsonage and became friendly with the vicar's daughter, Bridget and they became life-long friends. The vicar was a strong believer in education for women – not a common belief in those days.

Elizabeth married Ensign John Macarthur in October 1788 and their son Edward was born at Bath in March next year. On 6 June 1789 John transferred as a Lieutenant into a new regiment – the NSW Corp – raised to serve in Sydney. Knowledge of Sydney in 1789 was extremely inadequate and misleading for prospective new arrivals.

The Macarthur's boarded the "Neptune" at Plymouth where Macarthur's haughty sense of self-importance and prickly nature showed and became a feature of his life thereafter. The voyage of the "Neptune" was dreadful with 158 convicts dying on route and immediately upon arrival. The Macarthur's transferred on 19 February 1790 to the "Scarborough" and arrived in South Africa on 14 April. The trip to Sydney Cove proved one of the worst voyages ever over this period of time.

Although the arrival in Sydney was vastly different to what had been expected, wish dead, dying and starving convicts being unloaded at the wharf. Her first letters home have been lost – would have been extremely interesting to know her first thoughts about the climate, the settlement, the land, the Aborigines, the convicts and the hut that became her first home.

Throughout her life, Elizabeth was to charm all the Governors from Phillip, then Major Grose, Governor Macquarie, Governor Brisbane, Governor Darling, Governor Richard Bourke, Sir George Gipps.

She wrote to her friend about the frequent reduction of rations and the daily anxiety of waiting for a relief ship from England and how she was learning about the flora and fauna, about the stars and learnt to play the piano. The housing situation was wretched but by January 1971 moved into a more convenient home.

Sydney streets were still unpaved, there were no shops, the streets were impassable with rain and rotting garbage and stifling heat of a 112 degree was exacerbated by hot northern winds compared to the soft hills of Devon.

In 1792 Major Grose arrived and the Macarthur fortunes took a turn for the better with 100 acres of land at Parramatta Farm Cottage – worth a visit today. Elizabeth had a further six children – 4 boys and 3 girls. And a comfortable new house and food they grew on their land which expanded to over 500 acres within a few years.

Education was a serious priority for the boys but eventually went back to England with John who was arrested and sent back to face a court martial and seriously injuring a Lt Col Paterson – his commanding officer. John remained in England and was successful and the other three boys returned to NSW and lived at Camden and looked after their father till his death in 1834.

Elizabeth managed their enterprises for the next four years and upon his return he had an order from Lord Camden, the Home Secretary to grant him 10,000 acres at Cowpastures near Camden.

In 1884, 233 Irish prisoners rebelled at Castle Hill planning to lure the soldiers towards Elizabeth Farm Cottage but the local women were hustled down to the river and sailed to Sydney and the rebellion was ruthlessly put down!

In 1805 the Macarthur's entered the best phase with their farming pursuits expanding into the Camden property although John lived there – Elizabeth remained at Parramatta. However, in 1809 Elizabeth again took over the management of both the Camden and Parramatta farms for the next



8 years – often travelling to Camden to discuss sheep breeding and management with her convict overseer.

In spite of all the social triumphs, additional land acquired through Governor Macquarie, Elizabeth experienced much sadness. John died insane in 1834, in 1831 her son John dies – she had not seen him since the age of 7 when he was sent to England to be educated, in 1842 her daughter Elizabeth died at Parramatta on the same day as her brother John dies 11 years before.

In 1846 Elizabeth was very ill and retired to their Watsons Bay residence “Clovelly” where she spent her remaining years and died on 9 February 1850.

Elizabeth spent 60 years in NSW and had been influential in the city’s growth from a penal settlement to a thriving commercial colony. She had been the confidant of the early explorers, scientists and musicians and was warmly welcomed by and advised 12 governors and countless convicts and emancipists and free settlers through to Governor Fitzroy.

Elizabeth enjoyed strong relationships with other pioneer women despite obvious social differences – a member of the “sterling” squattocracy yet happily moved in all circles. Not once in those 60 years did she return to England and she was buried next to her husband at Camden.



President Barry Biffin, Brodie Shields (introduced the speaker) Liz Gill (secretary), Steve Cunneen (guest speaker) and Paul Stevenson (thanked the guest speaker)

**MITCH SOREE – OUR PR DIRECTOR
IS ASSISTING US TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH FACEBOOK!**

The image shows a screenshot of the Facebook page for the Rotary Club of Tamworth - First Light. The page header includes the club's name and a search bar. A red arrow points to the search bar. Below the header is a profile picture of a woman in a red Rotary uniform. The main content area features a large graphic with the Rotary logo and the text: "TOGETHER WE SEE A WORLD WHERE PEOPLE UNITE AND TAKE ACTION TO CREATE LASTING CHANGE ACROSS THE WORLD IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND COUNTRIES. YES". A red arrow points to the "Like" button. Below the graphic are buttons for "Following", "Share", and "Send Message". A red arrow points to the "Share" button. The "Photos" section shows a dry, cracked landscape and a building labeled "Mercure HOTEL". The "About" section includes the text: "ABOUT ROTARY CLUB OF TAMWORTH - FIRST LIGHT", "Our Story", "The Rotary Club of Tamworth - First Light Meets every Wednesday morning 6:45am for 7am start.", "Join us...", and "See More".

Step 1 - Search for "Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light"

Step 2 - Click "Like" AND "Follow"

Step 3 - Consider Clicking 'Share' to let others know about our Rotary club, and projects!

...Send a message with any questions and I can answer them.

- Step 4 Further questions? Contact Mitch Soree to discuss further and I can answer them – mitchell.soree@gmail.com 0401 719 332
- Step 5 Help our Facebook page grow! Consider Liking and following our club page on Facebook
- Step 6 If you like what you see, consider sharing with your Facebook Friends
- Step 7 Consider telling your friends Online and Offline about Rotary!

Our Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light Facebook page has been getting some good reviews; however, we want to see our message spread further, and see our Club grow.

Please consider 'Liking' and 'Following' our Club page – it really helps! If you see some content that strikes a chord with you, please consider 'sharing' it to help our message spread to a larger audience.

We are currently averaging at 292 'Likes' and 325 'Follows' – let's see these numbers increase markedly!

I am always on the lookout for new content, so PLEASE send me what you have- I can turn most content into a 'good news story' or a "call to action", or a "reminder of the service our Club performs in our community". Any content will help.

Thank you....



. 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 RAFFLES

| | 13 November | 20 November | 27 November |
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| Topic | Barnaby Joyce State of the Nation | Dr Ronita Majumdar Anaesthesia Day | Syd Howard Cars, Farming, Fireworks |
| Sergeants | Mandy Fisher Steve Martin | Mandy Fisher Steve Martin | Mandy Fisher Steve Martin |
| Corporals | John Treloar Peter Bell | Sue O'Connor David Hinwood | Brett White John Worldon |
| Meeter & Greeter | Peter Hyde | Michael O'Connor | Namoi Blakey |
| Door Team | Michael Smith Peter Ryan | Anne Jacob James Treloar | Terry Robinson |
| President Assist | Dennis Maunder | Richard Hardwick | Dennis Johnson |
| Visitor Assist | Phil Lyon | Val Hellmann | Chris Watson |
| Welcome | Richard Walker | Graham Dooley | Laurence Hearne |
| Bulletin Notes | Mitch Soree | Richard Walker | Louise Matthews |
| Introduction | Mitch Soree | Richard Walker | Louise Matthews |
| Vote of Thanks | Maureen Thornton | Dimity Betts | Marina Lawrence |

POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:30 – 7:30PM

| 15 November | 22 November | 29 November | 6 December |
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| Sue O'Connor David Hinwood | David Hinwood Rob Clifton | Peter Leonard John Rouvray | Peter Leonard John Rouvray |

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS

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| Members Birthdays | Steve Massey (17/11); Paul Stevenson (19/11); |
| Partners Birthdays | Nil |
| Anniversaries | Nil |
| Club Induction | John Worldon (12 yrs – 14/11); Glenn McIntosh (3 yrs – 16/11) |

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| Attendance | 72% |
| Make-Ups | |
| Visiting Rotarians | Janni Sievanen YEP; Sam Peacocke (Dubbo South); |
| Visitors | David Baddams (ex-member), Roya Mohammed, Steve Cunneen (guest speaker) |
| Heads & Tails | Phil Penman |
| Raffle | Peter Pulley |

