



Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



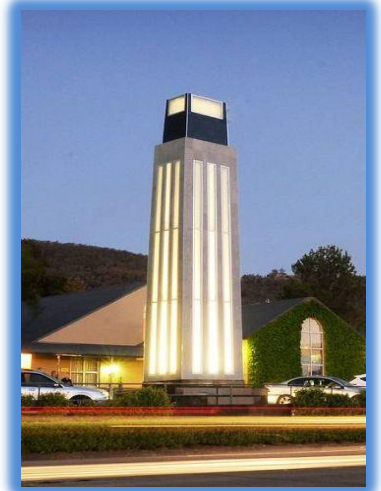
2019-2020

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MEETING 1480

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2019



Sunrise Emerald Beach - thank you David Hinwood

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2019

Wednesday, 4 December – Salvation Army – Vocational Visit – plenty of parking

Take non-perishable goods and unwrapped toys that day

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

The Shaggy Dog – or is it??

A newspaper decided to test the moral stances of its employees. It gave them a fictional situation and asked them to answer truthfully. The scenario was:

You are a staff photographer in Florida on holidays at the same time as a major gathering of politicians.

A hurricane suddenly hits the area and you are caught in the middle of the chaos. Houses are being thrown around and people are being swept away in the flood waters.

You are trying to take some photos for your newspaper.

Suddenly you see a group of men clinging to some debris in the raging tide. They look familiar as they are pounded by the current. They are world leaders and seem certain to drown.

You can either save them or take a dramatic photo.

Give an honest answer to this question.

Would you select expensive high contrast colour film or would you go for classic black and white?



Quote of the Week

*Great food is like great sex.
The more you have the more you want.*

Gael Greene

BARRY'S BRIEFINGS

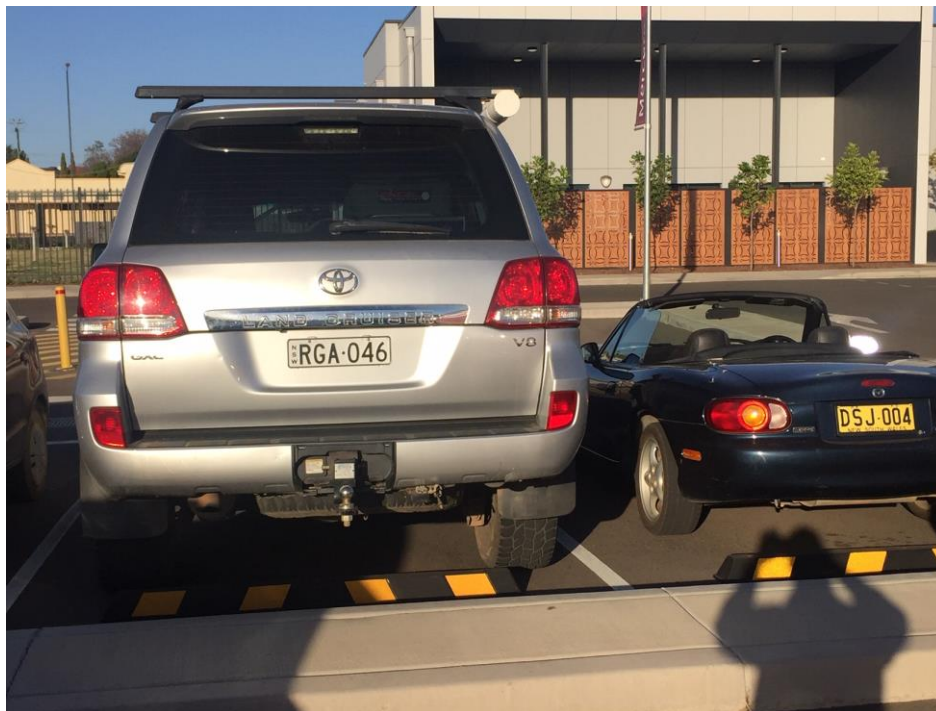
WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2019

- What a cracker (sorry) of a meeting, I am sure that Syd could talk and keep us entertained for hours – especially if it was over a beer or two
- Don't forget that our AGM is fast approaching – please make yourself available if our incoming President – Deb Barnes - invites you onto her team
- Glen is also looking for help with the Science and Engineering Challenge, particularly in the area of sponsorship and fund-raising – ideas and suggestions will be very welcome
- All the Santa's are getting ready for the party, see Phil to ensure your name is on the roster.
- Our meeting this week is a vocational visit to the Salvation Army, they have offered to supply us with breakfast however there will be a **\$20.00 charge** which will all go to the Salvation Army in Tamworth. I believe that Val will have a donation vessel there for those who could not supply or forgot their non-perishable gifts or unwrapped presents for children

Finally - our thoughts are with Sue O'Conner with the recent passing of her father Clive Norrie who was also a fellow Rotarian. An excellent article is in the D9650 ENews edition for Monday, 25 November on page 3

See you all next week...

BARRY BIFFIN



"Goliath meets David" Thank you Dennis Maunder



Syd Howard AO – Cars, Farming and Fireworks (Guest Speaker 27th November 2019)

Syd was born into a fireworks family from Newcastle. The family built a fireworks factory in Sydney in the 1920's and Dad subsequently blew his hand off.

Syd came along in 1936 and always wanted to be a farmer, however, by the age of 15 he was sent to Maryborough QLD to do his first solo fireworks show and that's where his long illustrious career started in pyrotechnics.

After completing his National Service, he went back to the factory in Sydney and followed with a move to Kempsey building a factory in 1988.

Syd's company was world renowned which led to travel and shows all over the world. Some of which included –

- World Expo 1988
- Desert Storm Kuwait
- Hand over Hong Kong July 1977
- Nauru Independence
- On the Thames
- Port Moresby
- New Zealand
- Disney World
- Monaco
- Japan
- Taiwan
- Sydney Harbour Bridge

The Millennium 1999 / 2000 midnight fireworks on Sydney Harbour were rated as **the best fireworks** from 27 countries around the world followed by Paris then London (Syd's company did London)!!

World Expo was the first electric and computerised firing display. The first time doing the Harbour Bridge was by plunger. It cost \$250k to computerise the Harbour Bridge fireworks.

Syd's business was the first to bring fireworks out of China, via Macau, which they previously sourced from Taiwan. One disaster saw the fireworks destined for display in Singapore going off by accident and blowing the building apart. This led to having to deliver \$US400k worth of fireworks by plane. Two planes from Richmond Air Base to Indonesia, paying the bribe and then onto Singapore.

After 9/11 everything changed. Syd always wanted to be a farmer and in 2001 had a tree change and moved to the north west. Over the years he had five properties from Barraba to Bingara and the Tamworth region. His wife renovated the houses and Syd renovated the properties.

Syd's trips into China, Tiananmen Square and up to the border of Mongolia, racing cars with Jack Brabham and raising \$400k for Royal Flying Doctors in his Ford Galaxy will make wonderful stories for another day- we hope!!.

Syd has now retired and living in Tamworth where he has a daughter and two grand-daughters and is one of the younger members of the "Optimist's Club", a group of local men whose average age is 91, the eldest 103.

Syd Howard AO - an amazing very interesting man. Notes by Louise Matthews – thank you!

Q Initially fireworks would have been lit by hand – when did this change?

A Originally only by hand – lots of fast movement behind the scenes to ensure the lighting fitted into the pattern for that show! The Millennium created the change – proved a very expensive process and being continually refined over the years since.

Q. Where did you purchase the ingredients to make fireworks?

A From Taiwan then direct from China – first white person seen in that north-west region – quality control was absolutely hopeless – much improvement was required! Had the opportunity to go to Tiananmen Square – huge area – empty except for men in duffle coats toting guns. Back then there were no cars in China – hundreds of bikes, basically no English spoken – massive modernisation over the past twenty years – stunning the speed that China has modernised itself.

Louise Matthews introduced Syd Howard AO and thanked by John Rouvray



'HOW TO HANDLE MILLENNIALS' Rotary on the Move – December 2019 edition

By Michael S. Turner – A Theoretical Cosmologist

From the Zone 7A, Membership Newsletter, July – September 2019

Speak the Language

- Don't talk about "events" they should attend. Instead, promote the **opportunities and experiences** Rotary has created for them.
- Don't pitch them a membership the way you always have. Instead, ask them for an **investment** and be able to describe the return they can expect on that investment.
- Don't ask for "volunteers" for a committee. Instead, invite them to **collaborate** with fellow Rotarians.
- Think words don't matter? Test these out and see for yourself.

Know your Audience

- Need a sophisticated understanding of who they will be.
- Know what they want. Ask them! They will be happy to tell you and offer to help make things happen.
- Offer the specific programs to them.

It's About Culture

- Millennials have an almost subliminal obsession with culture, and with finding people, places and organizations that match their values.

Collaboration

- Find a place where individuals can come together and collectively produce something of value
- Engage in a two-way conversation where they feel like they've helped to shape the project's goals.

Distributed Authority

- Empowering leaders to feel ownership of projects or experiences will drive them to incredible results.
- You need to be very careful who you place in leadership positions. But once you've matched the right person with the right project, the rest will take care of itself.

Recognition

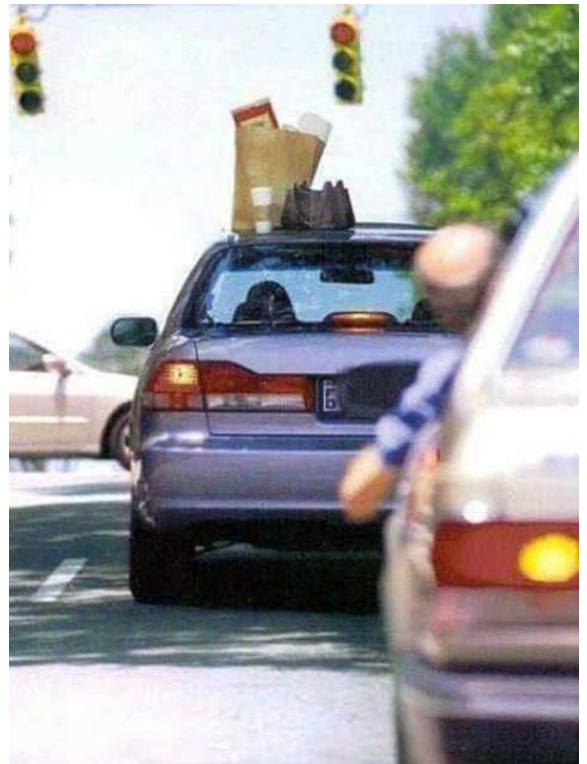
- After the fun is over you need to spend time thanking those people who made the event or program so great. This simple gesture will ensure that person is loyal to your Rotary for their entire career.



Sorry no photo received for the Bulletin so will have some jokes instead

My children want a cat for Christmas, normally I cook a turkey but hey, whatever makes them happy!

We always get each other ironic gifts, but my brother killed it this year.



**When I turn 80
I won't need
glasses...
I'll just drink
from the bottle!**



I finally remembered—red with hunter, white with fisherman.



. 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](#)

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WEEKLY ROSTER FOR BOTH CLUB AND POST OFFICE RAFFLES

	4 December	11 December	18 December
Topic	Capt Dean Clutterbuck Salvation Army Vocational Visit	AGM	Ashleigh Dallas Christmas
Sergeants	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin
Corporals	Rob Sharp Brodie Shields	Maureen Thornton Paul Stevenson	Anne Jacob Graham Dooley
Meeter & Greeter	Phil Knight	Dennis Maunder	Bruce Hemmett
Door Team	Richard Walker Rob Clifton	Dimity Betts Richard Hardwick	Steve Massey Brian Thompson
President Assist	Brian Logan	John Treloar	Glenn McIntosh
Visitor Assist	Peter Bell	Michael Smith	Peter Leonard
Welcome	Ian Howle	Peter Hyde	Michael O'Connor
Bulletin Notes	Phil Penman	AGM	Peter Ryan
Introduction	Phil Penman	AGM	Peter Ryan
Vote of Thanks	Marina Lawrence	AGM	Mitch Soree

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

	13 December	20 December	10 January 2020
John Rouvray Paul Stevenson	Paul Stevenson James Treloar	Santa Crawl	James Treloar

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS

Members Birthdays	Anne Jacob (03.12); Steve Hawkins (08.12); Peter Bell (10/.12);
Partners Birthdays	Hellen Allen (04.12);
Anniversaries	Helen & David Hinwood (44yrs – 05.12);
Club Induction	Val Hellmann (5yrs – 10.12);

Attendance	78%
Make-Ups	NIL
Visiting Rotarians	Janni Sievanen YEP; Gaia Di Cintio (YEP); Sam Peacocke & Andrew Bowden (South Dubbo); Syd Howard AO (guest Speaker)
Visitors	NIL
Heads & Tails	Andrew Bowden
Raffle	Maureen Thornton

