



# Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



**2019-2020**

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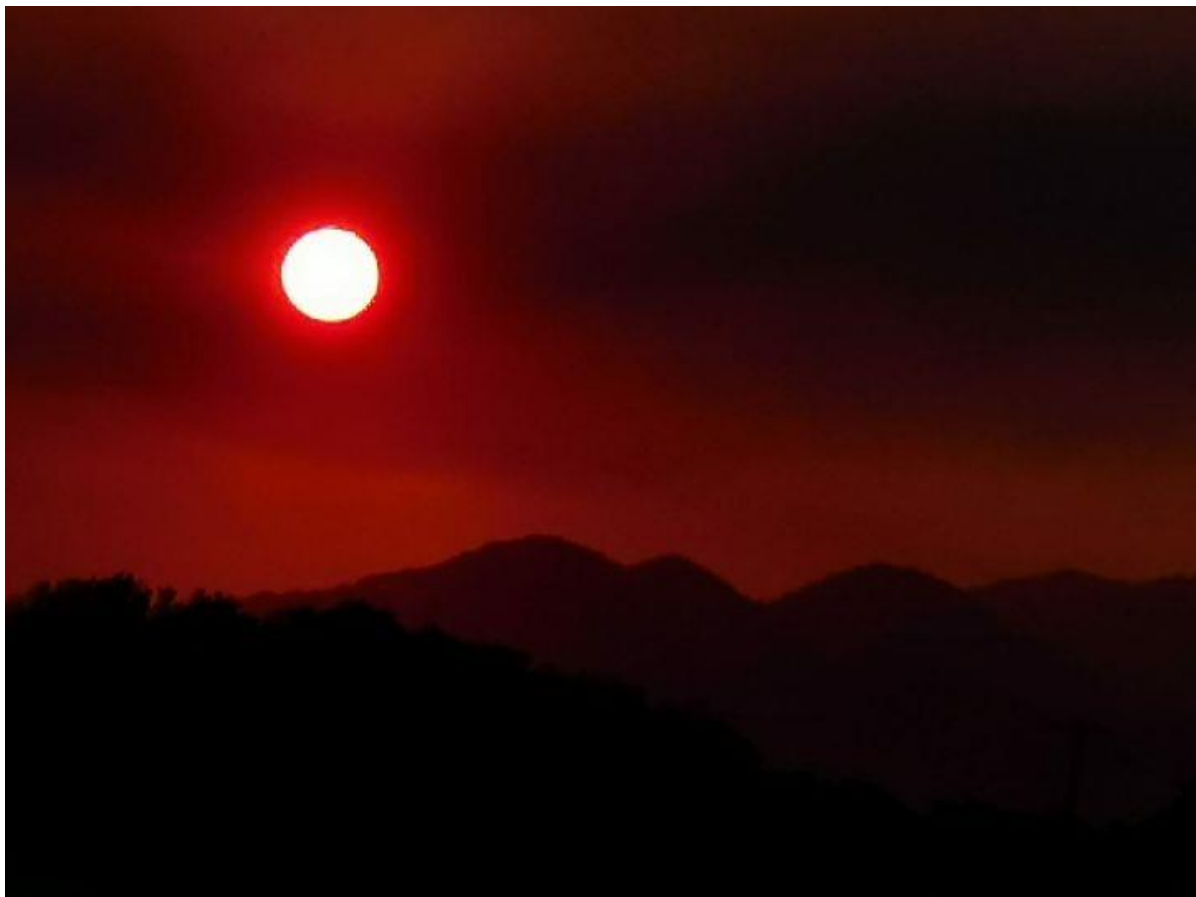
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MEETING 1481

WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2019



*Bushfire Moon early morning Coffs Harbour -  
thank you - Gordon Grant*

## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES **2019**

**Wednesday, 11 December** Club AGM

**Wednesday, 18 December** – Ashleigh Dallas – It's Christmas

## **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

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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](mailto:mitchell.soree@gmail.com)

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### ***FIVE RULES TO REMEMBER IN LIFE***

*1. Money cannot buy happiness - but it's far more comfortable to cry in a Porsche than on a bicycle.*

*2. Forgive your enemy - but remember the idiot's name.*

*3. If you help someone when they're in trouble - they will remember you when they're in trouble again.*

*4. Alcohol does not solve any problems - but then, neither does milk.*

*5. Many people are alive only because it is illegal to shoot them.*

Thank you – John Rouvray

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**Quote of the Week**

*Sorry - must have disappeared into the ether....*

**BARRY'S BRIEFINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2019**

Hello Members

- ❖ An interesting meeting last week at the Salvation Army Hall
- ❖ This week's meeting is our Annual General Meeting for the Club and the Club's Foundation plus confirming the incoming Board for 2020 – 2021 – a busy meeting!
- ❖ Science & Engineering Challenge Tamworth seeking sponsors
- ❖ Don't forget the Santa Crawl – check with Phil Knight re your times and places when you are on duty!!



Finally, a Very Merry Christmas and Festive Season to each of you and your families and may 2020 bring us good seasons, excellent crops and top-quality sheep and cattle for the stockyards – good health with fun and laughter for the forth-coming year!!!!

See you all next week for our final meeting for 2019...

**BARRY BIFFIN**

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## **CAPT DEAN CLUTTERBUCK - SALVATION ARMY - OUR HOST FOR OUR VISIT TO THE SALVATION HALL, GOONOO GOONOO ROAD, TAMWORTH ON WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2019**

After an inauspicious welcome, Capt Dean Clutterbuck informed us that he and his wife were being relocated to Alice Springs at the end of this year. A new experience lies ahead for them and Dean encouraged our Club to maintain their generous support for the Salvos and welcome his replacement, a lady by the name of Farquhar.

Dean highlighted the numerous areas that the Salvos get involved in which included financial guidance; rural working and assistance to small towns; assistance with parole issues; grief and anger management; and, of course, issues with accommodation and homelessness and many others. They try to break the cycle of behaviour that is well entrenched in our society.

*The vision of the Salvation Army is "wherever there is hardship or injustice Salvos will live, love and fight alongside others to transform Australia one life at a time, with the love of Jesus.*

The Salvos will offer support and assistance to over 700 children in Tamworth during this Xmas period. Not only today and at this time of the year, the Salvos are always grateful for any donations and for people looking to get involved. So, when you are doing the regular clean out at home, think of the Salvos before discarding some of your items!! Thank God for the Salvos!!

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*Introduced by Phil Penman and thanked by Marina Lawrence*

# Certificate of Gratitude

Presented to

## Rotary First Light Tamworth

In gratitude for the support you have given to the ministry of  
The Salvation Army and to the people of the Tamworth region.

Captain Dean Clutterbuck

Captain Rhonda Clutterbuck

*“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving  
each other, just as in Christ God forgave you”  
Ephesians 4<sup>32</sup>*



**Tamworth**

*For the love of Christ compels us*



## ‘ARE MAKE-UPS STILL VALUABLE?’ Article by ARC PDG Stephen Lamont

It was during a recent interstate trip and having a walk through the local area that I noticed a sign with a Rotary logo. A Rotary club meets here ... and I reflected that I had not done a make-up, at another Rotary club, for a very, very long time. Yes, I had used other Rotary meetings and a working bee as a make-up recently ... but not visiting another club. Perhaps, it was time to do so.

The local club met on a morning I was there and being from a breakfast club it was a time I was used to – I really should attend – so I did. The atmosphere was inviting (as it should be) and engaging. The interesting and perhaps not surprising fact was that the club was excited that they had a visitor - because it had been a very, very long time since a visiting Rotarian had attended. The meeting morphed into an open forum - they wanted to hear about the club I was in, projects we are involved in as well as club issues. During discussions we shared ideas, found common ground but importantly shared what made each club successful. By starting a conversation, we became better friends. The experience reminded me of one of the most basic ideals of Rotary – that through friendship we are united.

One of the members in our club does regular visits to overseas countries and has always enjoyed visiting other clubs – to him it reinforces the fact that we are an International organization. He proudly returns to the club and shares his experience. It has also led to global grant opportunities. Having the personal local contact makes the project much easier to administer and this has been very rewarding for both clubs. It also provides the opportunity to view how other clubs function first hand – can we bring something back that shall enhance our club experience?

One of the reasons Rotarians attend International Conventions (and this permits an opportunity to highlight that the Rotary International Convention in 2023 shall be held in Melbourne) is to personally view the wider picture of what Rotary achieves on an International scale. We meet and hear from likeminded people from all over the world and share club experiences. Are we as prepared to do this when we travel on a smaller scale (even our own backyard)?

As we approach Christmas and the holiday season, it is worthwhile noting that the work of Rotary and our membership does not stop. It is also a time and an opportunity to visit another club – doing a make-up locally or internationally may be more rewarding and valuable than you think.

**Article from December edition of “Rotary on the Move”**

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### ***\*BONUS RULES\****

- ✚ Condoms do not guarantee safe sex. A friend of mine was wearing one when he was shot by the woman's husband.*
- ✚ I think politicians should wear uniforms. You know, like NASCAR drivers, so we could identify their corporate sponsors!*

Thank you again – John Rouvray

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## . 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

	11 December	18 December	8 January 2020
<b>Topic</b>	<b>AGM</b>	<b>Ashleigh Dallas Christmas</b>	
<b>Sergeants</b>	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	
<b>Corporals</b>	Maureen Thornton Paul Stevenson	Anne Jacob Graham Dooley	
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Dennis Maunder	Bruce Hemmett	
<b>Door Team</b>	Dimity Betts Richard Hardwick	Steve Massey Brian Thompson	
<b>President Assist</b>	John Treloar	Glenn McIntosh	
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Michael Smith	Peter Leonard	
<b>Welcome</b>	Peter Hyde	Michael O'Connor	
<b>Bulletin Notes</b>	AGM	Peter Ryan	
<b>Introduction</b>	AGM	Peter Ryan	
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	AGM	Mitch Soree	
<b>POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:30 – 7:30PM</b>			
<b>13 December</b>	<b>20 December</b>	<b>10 January 2020</b>	<b>17 January 2020</b>
James Treloar	Santa Crawl	James Treloar	
<b>BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS</b>			
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Deb Barnes (14/12);		
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	NIL		
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Sue & Brian Thompson (41yrs – 16/12); Bernadette & Peter Hyde (36yrs – 17.12)		
<b>Club Induction</b>	Phil Knight (1yr – 12/12); Richard Walker (5yrs – 14/12);		
<b>Attendance</b>	83%		
<b>Make-Ups</b>	NIL		
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Janni Sievanen YEP;		
<b>Visitors</b>	Judy Biffin		
<b>Heads &amp; Tails</b>	NIL		
<b>Raffle</b>	NIL		

