



# Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



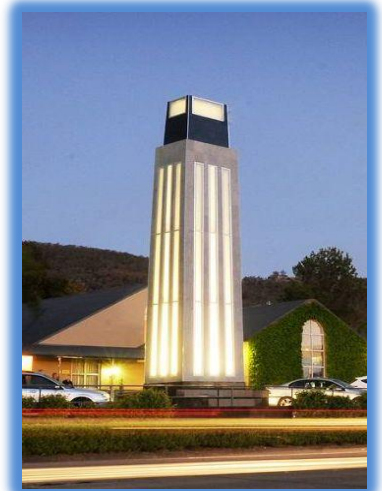
2019-2020

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MEETING 1485

WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY 2020

*This picture was considered the best photo of this century.*

*A lioness and her cub were crossing the Savannah but the heat was excessive and the cub was in great difficulty walking.*

*An elephant realised that the cub would die and carried him in his trunk to a pool of water walking beside his mother and we call them wild animals.*



*It's a great lesson for mankind who are fighting and dying for no reason.*

## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2020

**Saturday, 25 January Country Music CAVALCADE – Ron Allan seeking volunteers – List at January meetings or mobile 0419 287 064**

**Sat 15 February Newcastle Military Band (Venue to be confirmed)**

26 – 27 February MVHERV - Bunnings

Sunday, 1 March Clean up Australia Day on the Sunday – Rotary to meet behind Hungry Jacks – Volunteer Sheet will go around closer to the time – Contact is Richard Walker – 0427 466 799

17 – 20 March - Science & Engineering Challenge

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

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

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

Wednesday, 20 May - 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 - Laurieton

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**Quote of the Week**

*Prosperity provideth, but adversity proveth friends.*  
Queen Elizabeth I



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***WATER IN THE CARBURETOR***

*WIFE: "There is trouble with the car. It has water in the carburettor."*

*HUSBAND: "Water in the carburettor? That's ridiculous "*

*WIFE: "I tell you the car has water in the carburettor."*

*HUSBAND: "You don't even know what a carburettor is. I'll check it out. Where's the car?"*

*WIFE: "In the pool".*

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### Mick the Poet

We have all seen Mick and his three-legged dog on Peel Street and conjured up our own thoughts on his back story - good, bad or indifferent.

In the words of our PM, "How good is Mick!"

Mick Souter came to Tamworth in 1980 at the age of four. He has suffered from grand mal seizures most of his life. He has PTSD and is assisted through the day to day by the love of his life, "Laney", the three-legged wonder dog.

Grand mal seizures cause disturbance in the functioning of both sides of the brain which can make you lose consciousness and have severe muscle contractions. To assist with recovery Mick has taken to writing and performing to stimulate recovery in his brain function.

All the drugs he has been on during his life have played havoc with his teeth. He has a full set of dentures; however, they can become problematic in the event of a seizure.

Natarsha, his wonderful wife, has always encouraged Mick to research, write and perform and remains "his rock." They have six children. Mick's love of the land, animals and Australian history is evident in the poems he recited for us.

Mick can be seen performing during the Festival in Peel Street, opposite The Tudor. He has CD's for sale at \$20 each. So, if you get a chance stop by and say "Giddy" to Mick and don't forget to give Laney a pat.

Notes taken by

Mick was thanked by Laurie Hearne.

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### ***TODAY'S SHORT READING FROM THE BIBLE***

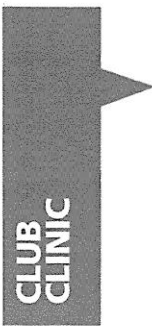
*From Genesis: "And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the earth."*

*Then he made the earth round and He laughed and laughed*

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# 4 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH ROTARY'S NEW TOASTMASTERS COLLABORATION

After decades of avoiding public speaking, Rotarian Terry Beard decided to confront his fears head on. A friend introduced him to Toastmasters, where he learned to be comfortable in front of an audience, while also enhancing his leadership skills.

Wanting to create a safe harbor for others to grow as he had, Beard launched the Portland Rotary Toastmasters club which includes members of the Rotary Club of Portland, Oregon, USA, but is also open to the public.

"We started it to help members develop their voice and grow in leadership skills," he says. "But we got so much more than we anticipated."

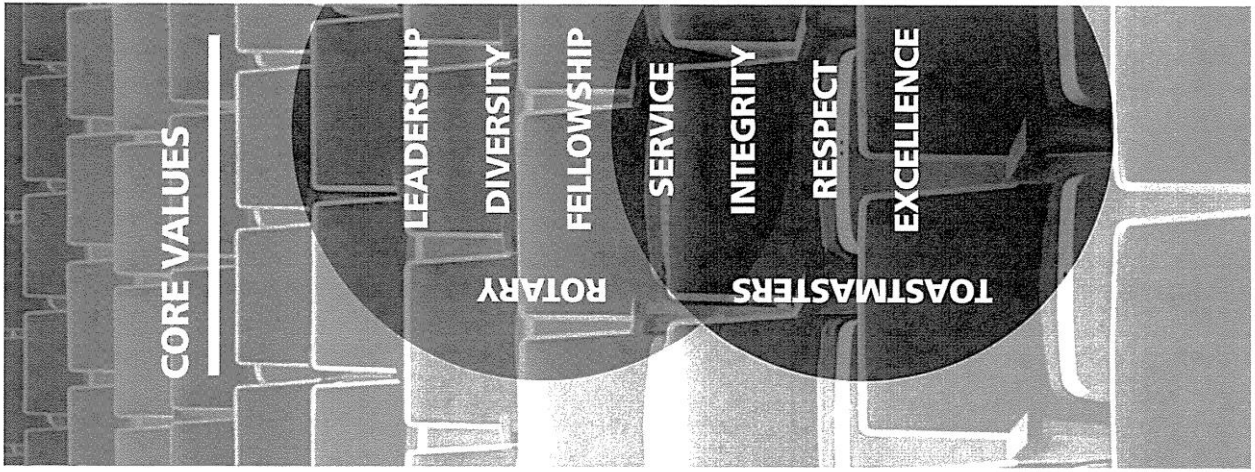
Rotary International and Toastmasters International are now collaborating to give Rotary members increased opportunities for personal and professional growth. Rotary members have access to **explore** public speaking tips, videos, podcasts, and more from Toastmasters.

**Here's how you and your Rotary club can get involved in this collaboration:**

1. Visit a local Toastmasters club to learn more about the organization. Toastmasters has 16,800 clubs in 143 countries, so you're likely to find one near you. Go to [toastmasters.org/find-a-club](http://toastmasters.org/find-a-club).
2. Ask a member of Toastmasters to visit or speak at your club.
3. Invite a Toastmasters member to participate in a club service activity or attend a social event.
4. Work with your local Toastmasters club to hold a joint event so your members can discuss potential collaboration opportunities.

Rotary International is also creating a leadership and communication curriculum for Rotary and Rotaract members that will be available in English next year, with release in all Rotary languages by 2021.

Read more about Beard's experience with the Portland Rotary Toastmasters and how Toastmasters can benefit your club in **his post for Rotary Voices.**



## 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

	22 January 2020	29 January 2020	5 February 2020
<b>Topic</b>	Coffee – 6:30AM Order off Menu – 7:00 Hopscotch	Ronald McDonald House Vocational Visit	Ian Howle Family Pharmacy Hotel Mercure
<b>Sergeants</b>			Mandy Fisher Steve Martin
<b>Corporals</b>			Ron Allen Richard Hardwick
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>			Michael Smith
<b>Door Team</b>	Ian Howle Phil Knight	Phil Penman John Rouvray	Brian Logan Brodie Shields
<b>President Assist</b>			Mitch Soree
<b>Visitor Assist</b>			Peter Hyde
<b>Welcome</b>			Maureen Thornton
<b>Bulletin Notes</b>			John Treloar
<b>Introduction</b>			John Treloar
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>			Graham Dooley
<b>POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:30 – 7:30PM</b>			
<b>31 January 2020</b>	<b>7 February 2020</b>	<b>14 February 2020</b>	<b>21 February 2020</b>
Phil Knight Phil Penman	Phil Penman Michael Smith	Michael Smith David Hinwood	David Hinwood Paul Stevenson
<b>BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS</b>			
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Mandy Fisher (23/01); Naomi Blakey (26/01); Terry Robinson (27/01)		
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Nil		
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Leigh & Ian Howle (49yrs 22.01);		
<b>Club Induction</b>	Nil		
<b>Attendance</b>	64%		
<b>Make-Ups</b>			
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Janni Sievanen YEP;		
<b>Visitors</b>	Pam Shields		
<b>Heads &amp; Tails</b>	Skinner		
<b>Raffle</b>	Skinner		

