



Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



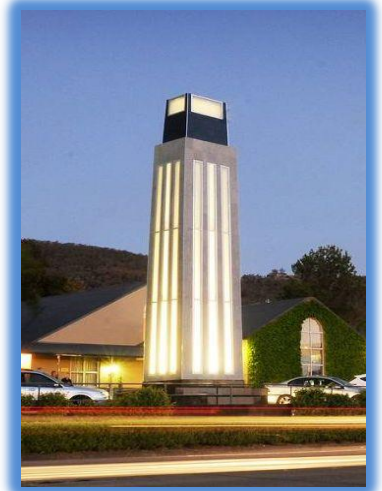
2019-2020

District Governor [Phil Hafey](#)

President: [Barry Biffin](#)

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Treasurer: [Deb Barnes](#)



MEETING 1486

WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY 2020



Cradle Mountain - Tasmania - David Hinwood

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES **2020**

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!

Pedal the Peel Cycling Challenge – POSTPONED

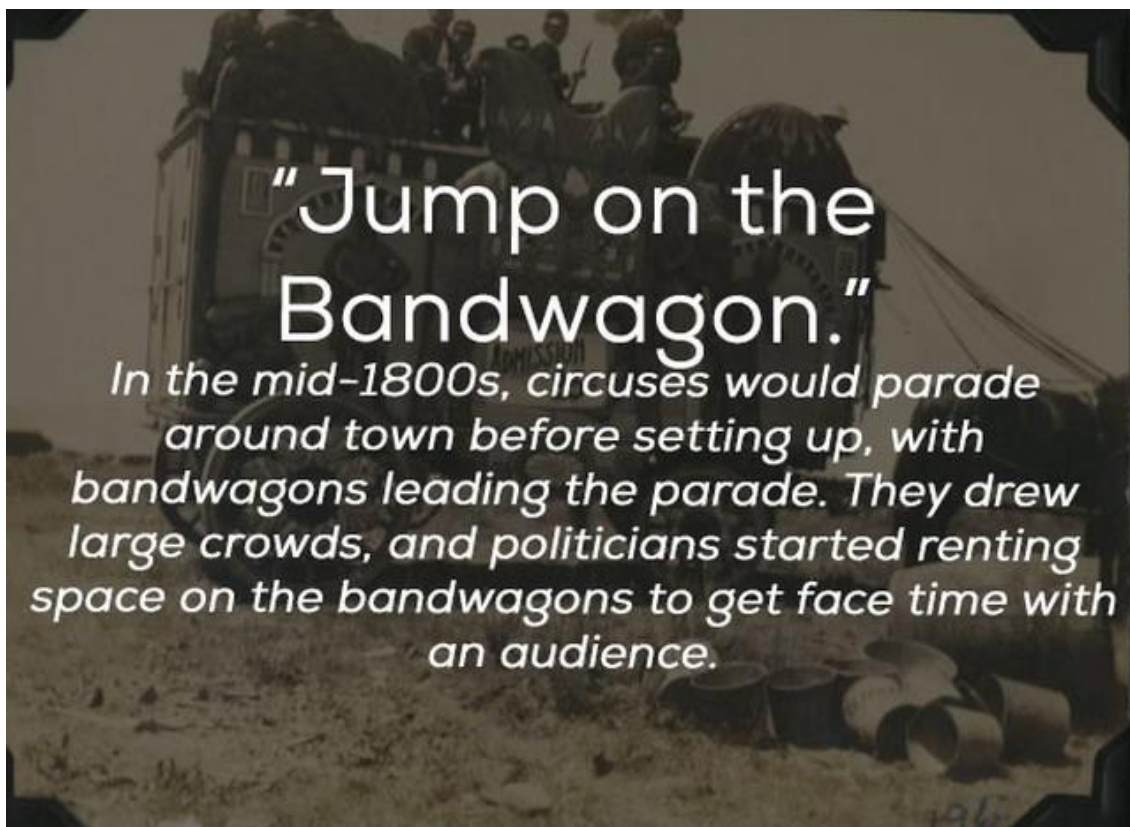
02 – 09 May DISTRICT 9650 RYLA – Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre
RYLA Dinner Wednesday, 6 May

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



Quote of the Week

A smart girl is one who knows how to play tennis, piano and dumb.
Lynn Redgrave

Another meeting with a difference – realising some were pressed for time but it was a good opportunity for fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere.

Thank-you to those who assisted with the Cavalcade - again it was a smooth operation except for our Secretary Liz who thought autumn came early, and wanted some love and attention.

This event is a highlight of the festival and again it did not disappoint even under very trying and difficult times.

The Council and event organisers should be congratulated on the whole Festival because we need some happy events following our devastating fires and drought.

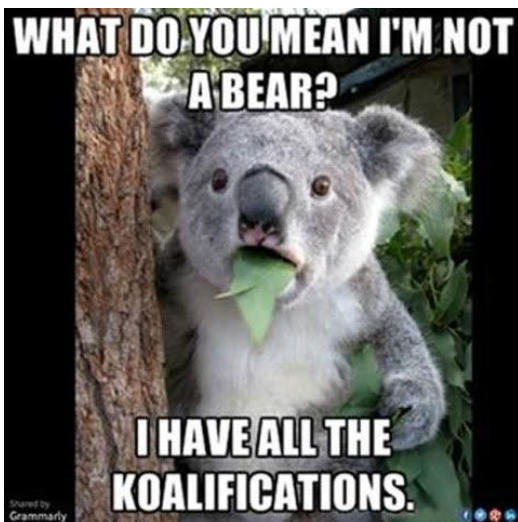
Hope everyone has a wonderful Australia day – Thank-you for the rain although patchy we will take any that we can get. Well done to the hay-runners, we need more good news stories for a change.

Pedal the Peel is currently under review - Terry and his team are working on this so watch this space.

Next week we are at Ronald McDonald house for the handing over of the proceeds from the Santa Pub Crawl. Hope we can all make it

See you all next week.

BARRY BIFFIN



**‘MEMBERSHIP’ By Ed Strom, Membership Director.
From Rotaspoke, Rotary Club of Carlingford, NSW, D9685**

Due to a resignation I seem to have ended up as Membership Director. Why an old contrarian like me would be asked to look after membership I have no idea, but I’ll give it a try. Membership, in my opinion, is more than just increasing the numbers on our books.

It is important for growth that we continue to seek new worthwhile members and give them the same opportunities for “Service Above Self” as we have, some of us are getting older and slower, we need to add to our stocks – why should we be so selfish as to keep it all to ourselves?

It is also very important to retain our current members and we can do this by encouraging those non-attendees to participate more regularly and for Directors to ensure that all members have a purpose in the Club so they feel they are contributing members.

There may be one person with the title of Membership Director but the entire membership of the Club is part of this Committee, so I will need and I do ask for your help.

A few of my random thoughts on membership, not rocket science, but facts:

- Apart from Cristy and Phil we do not have any partners as members. Often our partners are more Rotarian than we are!
- We do not have any sons or daughters of members in the Club!
- We do not have any next-door neighbours in the Club, in fact we don’t even have two members that live on the same street!
- We do not have one business owner or employee from either Carlingford Court or North Rocks Shopping Centre as a member!
- We support around 15 schools in our district but to my knowledge we do not have any teachers or parents from any of those schools as members!
- Until recently we have never gained a parent of the many exchange students we have sponsored! We do not have any members from the numerous sporting Clubs in our area!
- We give continuing support for many local organisations but where is their representation in our Club?
- To my knowledge we have never gained a member through conversations or contact with the thousands of people that have come through the gates at the market!
- We all have doctors, chemists, dentists, physios, electricians, plumbers, solicitors, mechanics, gardeners, butchers etc, so why aren’t they in our Club?
- As Rotarians we are really, really, really nice people so we must have numerous friends!
- Just a few of my thoughts on the possible sources of membership, I’m sure you all have your own, if anybody would like to run with one of these or instigate your own ideas, please feel free to do so.

The above is an article from the December 2019 issue of **ROTARY ON THE MOVE** – plenty of ideas of how to find new members, (apart from “JUST ASK”) and could benefit all members plus, of course, the Membership Committee seeking ideas! Our Club’s Membership Chair is Richard Hardwick – 0429 671 373 or richard.hardwick@challengecommunity.org.au



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

	29 January 2020	5 February 2020	12 February 2020
Topic	Ronald McDonald House Vocational Visit	Ian Howle Family Pharmacy Hotel Mercure	Resuscitation
Sergeants		Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin
Corporals		Ron Allen Richard Hardwick	Paul Stevenson Bruce Hemmett
Meeter & Greeter		Steve Massey	Peter Leonard
Door Team	Phil Penman John Rouvray	Brian Logan Brodie Shields	Rob Sharp Michael O'Connor
President Assist		Mitch Soree	Anne Jacob
Visitor Assist		Peter Hyde	Glenn McIntosh
Welcome		Maureen Thornton	Brian Thompson
Bulletin Notes		John Treloar	David Hinwood
Introduction		John Treloar	David Hinwood
Vote of Thanks		Graham Dooley	James Treloar

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

31 January 2020	7 February 2020	14 February 2020	21 February 2020
Phil Knight Phil Penman	Phil Penman David Hinwood	David Hinwood Paul Stevenson	Paul Stevenson

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS

Members Birthdays	NIL
Partners Birthdays	NIL
Anniversaries	NIL
Club Induction	Rob Sharp (10yrs – 03/02);

Attendance	83%
Make-Ups	NIL
Visiting Rotarians	NIL
Visitors	Pam Shields
Heads & Tails	Skinner
Raffle	Skinner

