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# Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



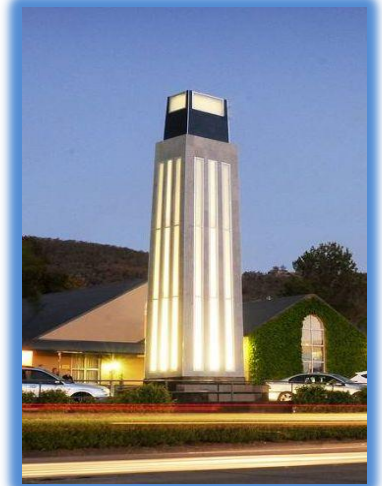
**2019-2020**

District Governor [Phil Hafey](#)

President: [Barry Biffin](#)

Secretary: [Liz Gill](#)

Treasurer: [Deb Barnes](#)



MEETING 1489

WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2020



*Is it smoke? Is it dawn or dusk? Great photo - Thank you David Hinwood*

## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2020

26 – 27 February **MVHERV** - Bunnings

Sunday 1 March **President Elects Training** - Tamworth High School – more details to follow

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

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

3 May Incoming Board Training Sessions - Gunnedah

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

Tuesday, 19 May Parents night re Careers Expo

Wednesday, 20 May - Northwest Regional Careers Expo at TRECC – Booking now open

12 – 13 June (Friday / Saturday) Regional Waste Warriors Expo

Saturday, 20 June – Club Changeover

Saturday, 26 June -D9650 Changeover - Laurieton

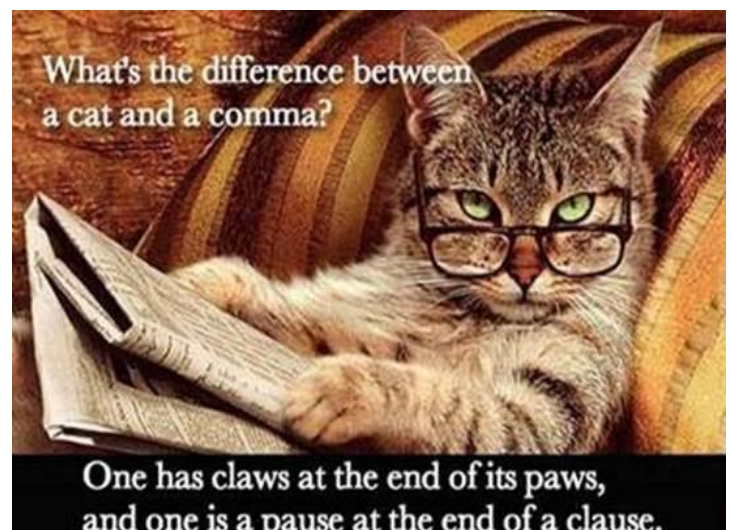
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### !!Congratulations!!

**Congratulations Steve Hawkins** Well deserved and Rotary's newest **Paul Harris fellow** presented last Wednesday, 12 February by PP John Worldon

**Congratulations Brian Thompson** received a Certificate from our local member, Kevin Anderson – 50 years as a Justice of the Peace

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## **D9650 ROTARY CONFERENCE – 20 - 22 MARCH 2020 – SOUTH WEST ROCKS**

Just a reminder to members that the District Conference is on the second last weekend of March at South West Rocks.

Despite a rumour that the place is booked out, there are rooms available at Rockpool Motel. You just need to ring them directly (02 6566 7755) and mention Rotary.

**You need to register online here:**

**<https://www.rotary9650.org.au/district-conference>**

**and choose the events you would like to attend.**

At the last Board Meeting, it was decided to reimburse costs to first time attendees to the value of \$150. It does include those first timers who have already booked.

Don't be put off by the term "conference", it's is a misnomer – it conjures up a scene of endless boring PowerPoint presentations, motivational speeches and silly little workshops. I can assure you a Rotary conference is nothing like that.

For those who haven't been to one, it usually goes like this: on the Friday night there is an informal cocktail party (no obligation to attend) where you have the opportunity to meet Rotarians from all over the District. The Saturday is the conference proper where there will be a variety of presentations from other clubs; presentation of awards; keynote speakers, and a talk by the world president's representative. More info on speakers is in the latest eNews.

Yanni will be there and you can meet many of the other exchange students from the District.

You do not have to sit through the lot, you can wander out to the "friendship room" where you will see a variety of static displays of what other clubs are getting up to, and international projects as well. Good opportunity to have a coffee, chat with other Rotarians, and of course, buy something from the Rotary paraphernalia table.

Conference is an opportunity to see the diverse range of ways clubs interact with their community and how clubs raise funds. Fund raising is a hot topic for this club, so chatting to other Rotarians will provide some ideas.

I encourage you all to attend. If you take your Rotary membership seriously, then a District Conference is a "must do" item on your calendar.

**Brodie Shields**  
**Executive Secretary**

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### ***Corporate Lesson***

Usually the staff of a company play football

The middle level managers are more interested in tennis

The top management usually have a preference for golf.

**Finding** As you go up the corporate ladder, the balls reduce in size.



## Quote of the Week

**Remember:  
There is somebody smarter  
than all of us and that is:  
Everybody!**

*Napoleon Bonaparte*

## ‘GROW ROTARY’

Article by Floyd Lancia, RI Director, Zones 30-31, 2019-21, from The Heartbeat, Zones 30-31 Newsletter, Sept/Oct 2019

### “Rotary Connects the World” year.

As you look ahead to what comes next, have you contemplated the thought of “Grow Rotary?”

When I think of Grow Rotary, I think of more than growing membership. Not that growing membership isn't important, but my thought is that by combining **Our Foundation and Rotary's Public Image, Rotary can grow in a more united and stronger way.**

If you're thinking about increasing membership how about implementing a few thoughts that incorporate Our Foundation and really tell our story? Begin by

- Creating a list of all the great things about your club and telling others;
- Knowing your club's strengths and promoting service/social activities;
- Talking about Rotary wherever you go, wearing your pin;
- Being persistent and vibrant while talking about how Rotary impacts your life and that of your family.

**Rotary's Public Image efforts around “People of Action”** provide downloadable ads here. You'll find guidelines on how to use and localize each element, making it easier for your club or district to tell the world the Rotary story in a consistent, compelling way.

The Public Image “People of Action” campaign brings the Rotary brand to life by highlighting what happens when community leaders within Rotary join together, share their vision, exchange ideas about solutions, and take action to make it a reality.

**How about Our Foundation?** The work of Rotary, as we all know, is boundless, and Rotarians always ready to assist. Has your club or district made application for a Global or District Grant? Think about the impact of that grant that you're contemplating.

Over the past century, our Foundation has contributed \$3 billion to programs and projects that have transformed countless lives. How many lives have been saved or transformed by Our Rotary Foundation projects over the past 102 years?

I doubt that we'll ever be able to quantify our results exactly, but I do know that millions would not be an exaggeration. Telling our story about the good things we do with Our Foundation will be a sure fire, winning combination when it comes to attracting members.

Create a membership campaign that shows Rotary's work supported by Our Foundation, telling our story and truly, consistently living as People of Action.

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## ‘THE TOP THREE REASONS FOR LEAVING ROTARY’

From Rotary Membership Minute, October 2019

- Cost or time constraints
- Club environment and culture
- Unmet expectations

Does your club know why its members leave?

Use the “Understanding Why Members Leave exit survey” to find out and then develop a plan to address any issues the survey reveals.

**Both items from Rotary on the Move – December 2019 issue**



**Rotary**  
Clubs of New South Wales



**mherv**

men's health education rural van  
saving men's lives in rural australia

# FREE men's health checks!



**At Bunnings Tamworth**  
**Wed. 26th & Thurs. 27th February 10am-4pm**

Out in a New England paddock or in town in the supply business... many blokes don't take time to look after number one! High blood pressure and diabetes can sneak up with no symptoms. Too many of us drop dead suddenly, because nobody saw it coming! Do your mates a favour...

**Get checked ... see mherv ... its FREE!**



**Free health checks at the Men's Health Education Rural Van include:**

- Blood pressure just to check the heart isn't too stressed.
- Blood sugar levels ... just a pin-prick in the finger, to make sure there's no type two diabetes ... which is manageable even if there is.
- Cholesterol ... just another pin-prick to see if levels are high and need attention.

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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](#)

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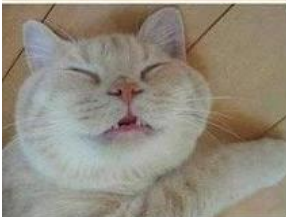
[Treasurer – Deb Barnes](#)



Marina Lawrence notes we all missed out on a great night - Raised \$160.85 –  
 Very entertaining and really good.  
 Not many people out for a Saturday so we did well.

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How to tell  
 if you have  
 smelly feet



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## WEEKLY ROSTER FOR BOTH CLUB AND POST OFFICE RAFFLES

	19 February 2020	26 February 2020	4 March 2020
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Alison Groth Nazareth Care</b>	<b>Nurse Rob Wooley Men's Health</b>	<b>Bob Kirschner Toastmasters</b>
<b>Sergeants</b>	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin
<b>Corporals</b>	Phil Lyon Dennis Johnson	John Worldon Graham Dooley	Peter Hyde Mitch Soree
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Phil Knight	John Rouvray	David Hinwood
<b>Door Team</b>	Naomi Blakey Brett White	Richard Hardwick Steve Massey	Maureen Thornton Terry Robinson
<b>President Assist</b>	Louise Matthews	Naomi Blakey	John Treloar
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Val Hellmann	Ian Howle	Bruce Hemmett
<b>Welcome</b>	Marina Heame	Ron Allen	Brian Logan
<b>Bulletin Notes</b>	Peter Bell	Phil Penman	Dennis Maunder
<b>Introduction</b>	Peter Bell	Phil Penman	Dennis Maunder
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Peter Ryan	Richard Walker	Brodie Shields
<b>POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:30 – 7:30PM</b>			
<b>21 February 2020</b>	<b>28 February 2020</b>	<b>6 March 2020</b>	<b>13 March 2020</b>
Paul Stevenson Terry Robinson	Terry Robinson Brett White	Brett White Peter Leonard	Peter Leonard Mitch Soree
<b>BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS</b>			
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Val Hellmann (25/02);		
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Erin Cumming (19/02); Susie Stevenson (25/02)		
<b>Anniversaries</b>	NIL		
<b>Club Induction</b>	Terry Robinson (16yrs 25/02)		
<b>Attendance</b>	87%		
<b>Make-Ups</b>			
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	NIL		
<b>Visitors</b>	NIL		
<b>Heads &amp; Tails</b>	Steve Hawkins		
<b>Raffle</b>	Skinner		

