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# Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



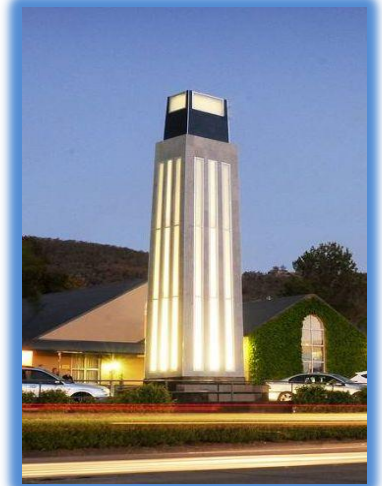
**2019-2020**

District Governor [Phil Hafey](#)

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MEETING 1491

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2020



*The Hills of Tamworth looking back from Goonoo Goonoo Station*

*Thank you to Bruce Hemmett*

## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2020

1 – 9 March RYAG SHEEP – WALCHA

**Dinner Friday, 6 March**

Anyone interested in attending – please speak with Naomi Blakey on 0424 973 714 or [namoi.blakey@gmail.com](mailto:namoi.blakey@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Time to be confirmed and there is no cost for the meal (drinks??)

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 at **BLAZES**

Tuesday, 19 May Parents night re Careers Expo

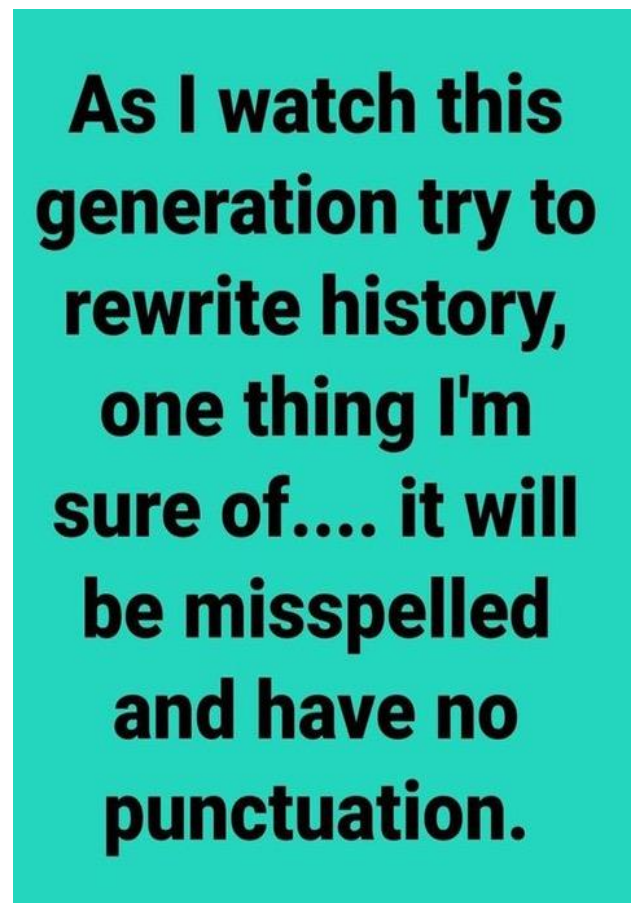
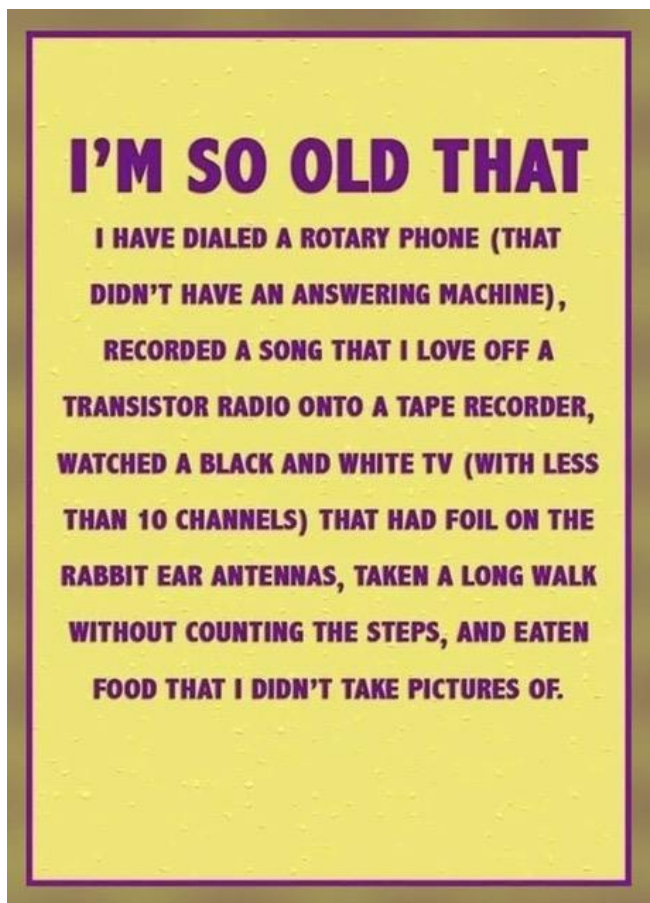
Wednesday, 20 May - Northwest Regional Careers Expo at TRECC – Bookings now open

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

**Saturday, 20 June – Club Changeover & 30<sup>TH</sup> Birthday Celebrations**

Saturday, 26 June -D9650 Changeover - Laurieton

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## Quote of the Week

*The Way to Gain a Friend is to be One.*

*Jules Michelet*

Hello Members and Friends

### ➤ **MERV VAN REACHES BIG ACHIEVEMENT -7000 VISITORS**

Nurse Rob Wooley delivered a very enjoyable and often comical presentation on this wonderful project. Also, during his stay, he achieved his 7000-consultation great work

### ➤ **Gemma Sisia dinner** – reminder that it is on Tuesday, 24 March – 6:00 for 6:30PM and cost is \$50 per person – further details in this Bulletin

### ➤ Past President and RYLA Mum Louise – is planning the **50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY RYLA DINNER AT BLAZES** - please support this event - I am sure that it will be a great night

### ➤ Speaking of Great nights – Our very own **30<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS** will take place at **OUR CHANGEOVER NIGHT** our committee have started to spread the word....

### ➤ Plans for this year's **WASTE WARRIORS EXPO** are well under way and your support for and possibly taking on a job in helping Richard and his crew to make this EVENT another great success, I am sure would be appreciated.

See you all next week  
**BARRY BIFFIN**

*Janni at the Oxley High School Swimming Carnival*

*Two guesses to what they dressed up as.....*



## **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.

**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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## OUR GUEST SPEAKER WAS ROB WOOLLEY – REGISTERED NURSE – MHERV PROGRAM

Rob Woolley started with MHERV in 2008 in the Narromine Shire and is hoping to reach 7,000 individuals by the end of these two days at Bunnings Tamworth.

He has been based at Country Shows, Cattle and Sheep Saleyards, Coonamble Gold Cup Races, Bunnings and similar around the countryside and is currently on his fifth Contract with MHERV. He frequently speaks on radio – country people still listen and has a high percentage that visit him because they heard him on the radio.

### Some facts about Rob Woolley

- He has been a nurse for over 30 years – huge portfolio of experience
- He has worked in Intensive Care units in many hospitals and trained new staff as patients need special care
- Rob's wife is also a nurse and they spent three years on Cape York in far-north Queensland – his position was Men's Health Education Officer
- He also has experience in Rehabilitation Units and in Aged Care.

Attached as an extra page are some important facts – one x A4 sheet of paper with some basic facts to assist all age groups – please print this off and keep with your First Aid Kit or Medicine Cabinet for now and future use.



Introduced by Phil Penman

Thanked by Richard Walker and hosted by Richard & Kerry Walker

**Congratulations also to Rob Woolley – he made his 7,000 target in Tamworth – with an overall total of 7,914**

The 914 target was before he joined the program back in 2008.

We look forward to Rob's return next year!

**RESERVE THE DATE - 24 March 2020**



## *Welcome to a special dinner*

to celebrate Gemma Sisia's new achievements and her visit to Tamworth on 24 March 2020



Sponsored by the **Rotary Clubs of Tamworth**

### **Some history of SOSJ**

From the heady days of 2002, with just three students, the School of St Jude now comprises three campuses filled with 1800 students, provides boarding facilities for 1,200, owns and operates 25 buses which transport students and staff, provides 29,000 hot meals each week and employs over 290 people – 95% of whom are Tanzanian.

SOSJ also supports 350 graduates as part of the Beyond St Jude's programme. Between them, they have taught over 60,000 government school students as part of a Community Service Year before going on to tertiary education.

*This remarkable institution has been made possible by a symbiosis between the Girl from Guyra and her long-term supporters, many of whom are Rotarians from all over Australia.*

**Gemma is always looking for new supporters, so if you would like to learn more, come along and enjoy her presentation.**

Date: Tuesday 24 March 2020  
Guest Speaker: Gemma Sisia and student from SOSJ  
Venue: Diggers Ballroom, West Diggers Club, Kable Av  
Time: 1800 for 1830 (6.00pm for 6.30pm)  
Meal: Dinner and wine  
Cost: \$50  
RSVP: 10th March 2020  
Booking contact: Sue-Ellen Nash 0428 623 229 sue\_ellennash@yahoo.com.au

There will be some items for sale, including the very colourful Masai Shukas, light blankets to grace any modern bedroom.



## 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 March 2020	11 March 2020	18 March 2020
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Bob Kirschner Toastmasters</b>	<b>Barnaby Joyce State of the Nation</b>	<b>Gregory's All Settlers Motel</b>
<b>Sergeants</b>	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin
<b>Corporals</b>	Peter Hyde Mitch Soree	Glenn McIntosh Peter Bell	Marina Lawrence Phil Knight
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	David Hinwood	Paul Stevenson	Val Hellmann
<b>Door Team</b>	Maureen Thornton Terry Robinson	Peter Leonard James Treloar	Louise Matthews Graham Dooley
<b>President Assist</b>	John Treloar	Ron Allen	Phil Penman
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Bruce Hemmett	Brian Thompson	Namoi Blakey
<b>Welcome</b>	Brian Logan	Dennis Johnson	Phil Lyon
<b>Bulletin Notes</b>	Dennis Maunder	Anne Jacob	Peter Ryan
<b>Introduction</b>	Dennis Maunder	Anne Jacob	Peter Ryan
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Brodie Shields	Michael O'Connor	Brett White

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

6 March 2020	13 March 2020	20 March 2020	27 March 2020
Brett White Peter Leonard	Peter Leonard Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree Phil Lyon	Phil Lyon John Rouvray

### BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS

<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Brian Thompson (04.03);
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	James Blakey (10.03)
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Michael & Gloria O'Connor (43yrs – 04.03) Graham and Marion Dooley (37yrs – 05.03)
<b>Club Induction</b>	Maureen Thornton (20yrs -08.03)

<b>Attendance</b>	81%
<b>Make-Ups</b>	
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Yanni Sievanen (YEP), John Hur, Nurse Rob Wooley (Guest Speaker for MERV)
<b>Visitors</b>	
<b>Heads &amp; Tails</b>	Phil Lyon
<b>Raffle</b>	Skinner - Previous week's winner was Dennis Maunder (No 43)

