



# Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



**2019-2020**

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**NON-MEETING 1495**

**A WEDNESDAY IN 2020**



*Another Australian icon suffering serverly from the bushfires  
- great photo - David Hinwood*

## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES **2020**

3 May Incoming Board Training Sessions

02 – 09 May DISTRICT 9650 RYLA – **POSTPONED**

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

Saturday, 26 June -D9650 Changeover – Laurieton – POSSIBLE?

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*Hello Members – we are aiming to maintain a short Bulletin whilst we are isolated from society as we once knew it – however it will need your support so what are we seeking from you – the members:*

- *Photos – Aussie icons, family shots, pets, sunrises and sets, bushfire shots, funny, sad*
- *Jokes – especially written ones rather than just a copy from a magazine*
- *Family shots showing what creative activities you have discovered through the holidays and beyond*
- *Let your imagination come to the fore....*

*Your President Barry and Editor Jane  
are keen to see just how creative you can all be...  
prizes maybe*

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	<b>BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS</b>
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Michael O'Connor (17.03); Maureen Thornton (22/03); Louise Matthews (24/03); Peter Ryan (26.03); Sue O'Connor (27.03); Dennis Johnson (03/04);
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Debra (Brooks) Logan (20.03);
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Michael & Breda Smith (14yrs-11/03); Marina & Jordan Hearne (2yrs 07.04);
<b>Club Induction</b>	Naomi Blakey (2yrs-14.03); Lesley Hood (7yrs (27.03); Peter Ryan (12yrs 02.04); Laurence Hearne (25yrs 05.04); Steve Hawkins (5yrs 08.04)



## Quote of the Week

*In real friendship the judgement, the genius,  
the prudence of each party  
become the common property of both.*

*Maria Edgeworth*

## Hello Everyone

Hopefully these guys are not practising social isolation like the rest of us. My new addition is meeting the girls (the black one).

I do hope that you are all fit and well and not missing Rotary and our families too much. Please continue to be in touch with each other and support each other any way you can. It is a stress full time but with the knowledge that support is only an email / phone call away we can get through this.



We will be keeping the Bulletin in production, so can you all please consider contributing information to our editor Jane. This contribution can take many forms including jokes, advice, how are you spending your downtime to mention just a few ideas.

I can start this by showing my dear wife helping with getting a “**get around to it**” job done.

Yes! It is Judy painting

**Social isolation at its best** - Judy up the ladder, 1.5 metres away from me with my feet firmly on the ground!!

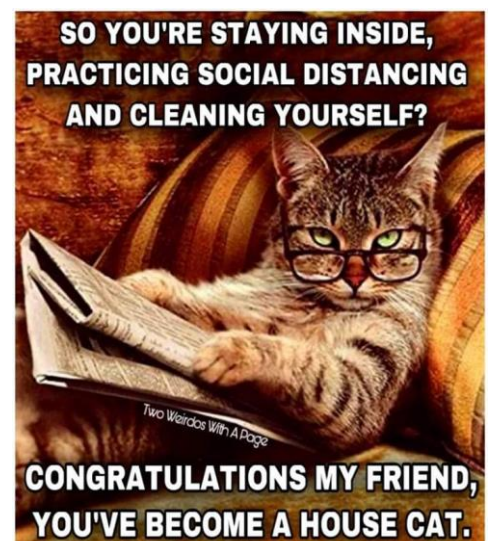
We are working on possibly having a meeting using a technology system, we are going to trial a board meeting and the combined Presidents are planning to do the same, if successful we may try a full meeting.

***In closing stay well - stay at home - keep in touch – send photos, etc to Jane.***

**BARRY BIFFIN**

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*“I married beneath me –  
All women do.” Nancy Astor*





*Mitch Soree dressed for safety / security / to protect us or was it him at the last PO Raffle prior to close down!*

*Drinking beer did prove a bit of an issue...*

Marina Hearne shared with us our “Non-Conference” weekend over at Southwest Rocks with Janni and Gaia (Sunrise exchange student).

We went via Port first, stopping at Apsley Falls.

There was a lot of relaxing about the place, swimming and walking. Checked out Trial Bay Goal, Smokey Cape Lighthouse and walked the 0.8km track there. Worth it but slightly exhausting coming back up the hill! The water was an amazing temperature and they had a really great time even though conference wasn't on and they couldn't see the other exchange students.



We returned home via Coffs and stopped to say goodbye to an exchange student returning home (social distancing and elbow bumps used).

The girls are not really able to return home at present, especially Gaia. Quite a lot of our conversations revolved around what is happening at home. Lines are for hours on end as one person enters the supermarket. Parents are working from home; school is all online. We hope their families stay safe and it all ends soon.

We learnt how different each country is to apply through Rotary, some have interviews with clubs depending on how many people apply, the costs involved - medicals, blazers, badges, who does or doesn't pay for their flights and so on. It's really amazing how different the process can be.

The girls are very competitive when it comes to games. Don't play Bluff (Facebook appropriate name) with Janni. She's very sneaky 😏