



Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



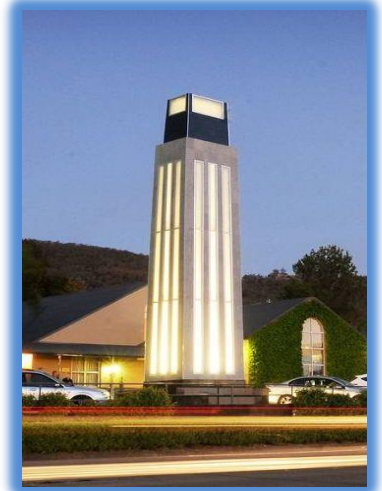
2019-2020

District Governor [Phil Hafey](#)

President: [Barry Biffin](#)

Secretary: [Liz Gill](#)

Treasurer: [Deb Barnes](#)



NON-MEETING 1496

WEDNESDAY, 8 APRIL 2020



*An even rarer sight - another Australian icon - the platypus -
thanks David Hinwood*

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES **2020**

3 May Incoming Board Training Sessions

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

Saturday, 20 June – Club Changeover & 30TH Birthday Celebrations – HOPEFUL!

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



Cats are truly clever – they understand the meaning of 1.5 metres of separation and still enjoy their comfort zone – Marina Hearne



Well we have strip poker, match stick poker, heavy stakes poker – never expected to see loo paper become an even more vital item within the household! – Michael O'Connor

	BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS
Members Birthdays	Nil
Partners Birthdays	Robyn Penman (12.04); Annette Ryan (14.04);
Anniversaries	John & Janet Treloar (44yrs 09.04);
Club Induction	Steve Hawkins (5yrs 08.04); Brian Logan (20yrs 12.04)

Quote of the Week

*“Thank you very much!”
These are the four most important words
you can ever say, or will ever here*

Hello Everyone



BUT.....we have secured a new date
at Keepit Sport & Rec for RYLA 2020.

Saturday 15th – Saturday 22nd August

Keep those applications coming,
so when this is over we can have

the best Camp ever!!

Application & brochure on D9650 webpage

Best news for some time

Some ideas / pictures of how you are filling in time through self-isolation would be appreciated – the supply of jokes received is endless.....

Have a great week....

**BARRY
BIFFIN**



**For those who have
lost track, today is
Blursday the
fortyteenth of
Maprilay.**





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DISTRICT GOVERNOR

SECRETARY

Phil Hafey

Patti Parsons

To: All District 9650 Members

We have now received official confirmation that:

- 1. Pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Rotary International in January of this year, our district and D9670 will merge effective from 1 July 2022.*
- 2. The merger is the result of the numbers in D9670 falling below 1100, being the minimum number for a separate district.*
- 3. The merger will proceed unless on 1 July 2020, the numbers in D9670 increase to a minimum of 1100.*
- 4. The merger does not require a vote of the clubs in our District and the merger resolution has been made by the RI Board pursuant to its powers under Bylaw 15.010.1.*

We know that this will be disappointing to our members who were expecting – as was our District Management Committee – that we would have had the opportunity to vote on the proposed merger. However, the reality is that the clubs in D9670 have to go somewhere and the RI Board has decided that they should be merged with the clubs in our District.

Whilst the merger will not proceed if the numbers in District 9670 increase to 1100 on 1 July this year, that seems unlikely as they have an ageing membership and their numbers have been gradually decreasing from 1246 six years ago to 1066 on 1 July 2019.

Accordingly, we are proceeding on the assumption that the merger will occur. A transition committee appointed by RI including PDG Neville Parsons, PDG Jo Wilkin and PDG Maurie Stack plus 3 representatives from District D9670 and with an independent chair, PDG Steve Hill from D9710, is working on making the transition as smooth as possible. Focus Groups were due to report by the end of March and an all-day workshop was scheduled for Sunday 26 April to go through their proposals. This workshop has been postponed until at least September.

We have already advertised the position of Governor for the merged district to take effect on 1 July 2022 and interviews are scheduled for the end of May.

Attached is a newsletter from PDG Steve Hill.

Phil Hafey

Governor District D9650