

# Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



### 2019-2020

**District Governor Phil Hafey** 

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NON-MEETING 1497 WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL 2020



Another Aussie icon suffering through and after the bushfires this year.

Thank you to a special photographer friend for this shot.

### IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2020

3 May Incoming Board Training Sessions

02 – 09 May DISTRICT 9650 RYLA – **POSTPONED TO 15 – 22 AUGUST** 

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

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

15 – 22 August RYLA – KEEPIT DAM



Guess who is in isolation lock down???

What an appropriate time to apply Effedex?? "Please consider!"

How is he passing the time – he has discovered his mobile does more than photos and is making calls to check on friends and contacts – what



 $a\ great\ idea!!\quad Thank\ you\ Brian\ Thompson....$ 

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### However, on a much more cheerful note – guess who is growing up fast??



The newest Rotarian Myles, is coming up to 3 months old already! Hopefully you'll all get to meet him before he's a teenager! Haha

Juno has been missing day-care (So has Mum!) but we've had extra time for walks, bike riding, reading and gardening. Hasn't the weather been beautiful and so nice to see the green!

Thank you Dimity Betts







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	BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS
Members Birthdays	Nil
Partners Birthdays	Roslyn Maunder (21/04)
Anniversaries	Rob & Jenny Clifton (37yrs 16/04); Laurence & Elizabeth Hearne (41yrs 21/04); Terry & Sue Robinson (36yrs 21/04)
Club Induction	John Rouvray (2yrs 18/04)



### Closing Sermon Words

A preacher was completing a temperance sermon: with great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

And then finally, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

He sat down. The song leader then stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn # 365: "Shall We Gather at the River."





#### **Quote of the Week**

"The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not." Mark Twain

### Hello Everyone – We are always told that nature repeats itself – this article from







## explains what we are going through currently – worth a read..... A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE NORTH WEST MAGAZINE

Prepared by Local Land Services North West Agricultural Magazine 1918

#### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LANDSCAPE

### SPANISH INFLUENZA

Not all challenges facing north-west NSW are obvious. Biosecurity threats such as disease can destroy entire industries and many people very quickly. Spanish Influenza was a global disease or pandemic which touched even us here in north-west NSW. Animal, plant and human pandemics are one of the region's greatest threats as we move into the future.

In 1917 the world faced one of its largest pandemics recorded. It was an era of the mass movement of people around the globe which enabled disease to spread easily. Exhausted and nearing the end of the Great War, millions of soldiers and civilians survived on substandard ration diets. By the end of the Great War, 17 million soldiers and civilians had been killed in the conflict. Returning troop-ships entered Sydney Harbour and if, upon inspection, anyone on board suffered flu symptoms, all those aboard would be quarantined at North Head. Many diggers died here of Spanish Influenza.

This simple emergency management procedure stopped the entry and spread of the disease into north-west NSW and the

whole new nation, saving many lives. We do not know how many local men nearly made it home to the north-west before they fell. It is estimated, however, that 20 million men, women and children world-wide died from the Spanish Flu—more than were killed in the conflict itself.

Today many pharmaceuticals address disease: However, diseases such as Golden Staph (Staphylococcus aureus) are already showing signs of resistance. Interestingly, early research is showing that a possible treatment or prevention for Golden Staph may be found within certain honey varieties. Apiculture (bee keeping) is an important local north-west agricultural industry for both crop pollination and consumer foods.

The world travels tirelessly and rapidly in the twenty first century, providing opportunities for the next Spanish-Influenza-style epidemic. For this reason emergency management strategies and quarantine procedures seeking to minimise a broad range of biosecurity threats to the agricultural industry and broader community are undertaken by governments and industries.







### **BARRY BIFFIN**

### Spanish Flu, 1918. Family Portrait.



Even the cat wore a mask!

Thank you for this photo from Jodie Porter





Lovely way to remember a very different Easter in Self-Isolation





Most of us over 65 were HOME SCHOOLED - in many ways

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

2. My mother taught me RELIGION.

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

3. My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL.

If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

4. My father taught me LOGIC.

" Because I said so, that's why"

5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident"

7. My father taught me IRONY.

"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.

"Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

10. My mother taught me about STAMINA.

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

11. My mother taught me about WEATHER.

"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"

13. My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out..."

14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.

"Stop acting like your father!"

15. My mother taught me about ENVY.

"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."





16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.

"Just wait until we get home."

17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING

"You are going to get it from your father when you get home!"

18. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.

"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

19. My mother taught me ESP.

"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

20. My father taught me HUMOR.

"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me"

21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.

"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

22. My mother taught me GENETICS.

"You're just like your father."

23. My mother taught me about my ROOTS.

"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

24. My mother taught me WISDOM

"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

25. My father taught me about JUSTICE.

"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

This should be sent only to the over 60 crowd because the younger ones would not believe we truly were told these "EXACT" words by our parents...

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# Thank you for finding the above article Liz Gill

For the "oldies" in the Club
It will bring back many happy / sad memories!

For the "youngies" – your education has been very severely neglected!

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