



Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



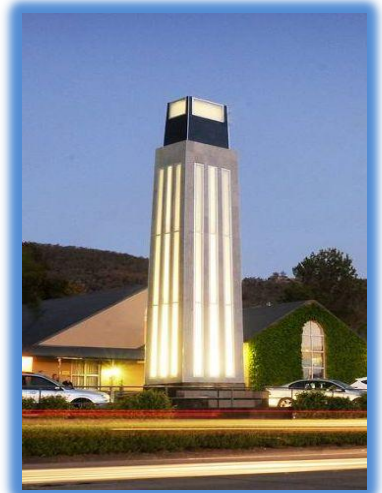
2019-2020

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ZOOM-MEETING 1499

WEDNESDAY, 29 APRIL 2020

Social Distancing Tool



IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2020

This Wednesday, 29 April – **OUR SECOND ZOOM MEETING** – details on Page 6

Sunday, 3 May Incoming Board Training Sessions

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

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

15 – 22 August DISTRICT 9650 RYLA – KEEPIT DAM

	BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS
Members Birthdays	Mitch Soree (02/05);
Partners Birthdays	Angela McIntosh (29/04);
Anniversaries	Paul & Susie Stevenson (41yrs 29/04); Peter & Debbie Leonard (35yrs 04/05)
Club Induction	NIL

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS

If you have not yet completed the
SUBSCRIPTION SURVEY,
you have until **Thursday, 30 April 2020.**

We require your input regarding how you wish to receive your subscription of the Rotary Down Under magazine. The survey takes about **ONE (1) MINUTE** to complete so in the current environment of isolation you will only need to find something else to do with the remaining 1439 minutes left in the day!

To go to the survey please follow the link below:

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q37238P>



A new Priest at his first mass was so nervous he could hardly speak. After mass he asked the Monsignor how he had done.

The Monsignor replied, "**When I am worried about getting nervous on the pulpit, I put a glass of vodka next to the water glass. If I start to get nervous, I take a sip.**"

So next Sunday he took the Monsignor's advice. At the beginning of the sermon, he got nervous and took a drink. He proceeded to talk up a storm.

Upon his return to his office after the mass, he found the following note on the door:

- 1) Sip the vodka, don't gulp.
- 2) There are 10 commandments, not 12.
- 3) There are 12 disciples, not 10.
- 4) Jesus was consecrated, not constipated.
- 5) Jacob wagered his donkey; he did not bet his ass.
- 6) We do not refer to Jesus Christ as the late J.C..
- 7) The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are not referred to as Daddy, Junior and the Spook.
- 8) David slew Goliath; he did not kick the shit out of him.
- 9) When David was hit by a rock and was knocked off his donkey, don't say he was stoned off his ass.
- 10) We do not refer to the cross as the 'Big T.'
- 11) The recommended grace before a meal is not: Rub-A-Dub-Dub thanks for the grub, Yeah God.
- 12) Next Sunday there will be a taffy pulling contest at St. Peter's not a peter pulling contest at St. Taffy's.

Thank you Quirindi Rotary

turns out my top 3 hobbies are:

1. eating at restaurants
2. going to nonessential businesses
3. touching my face



Quote of the Week

“Australia’s a long way from your merry old England out here, and it’s a funny sort of place, where nothing happens like it should. Christmas comes in the middle of summer. The north wind’s hot, the south wind’s cold. Trees drop their bark and keep their leaves. The flowers don’t smell and the birds don’t sing. The swans are black and the eagles white. You burn cedar to boil your hominy and build your fences out of mahogany. Aye, it’s not the same as the old country at all.” Brian Penton (Landtakers)

Hello Members and Friends

Hope you had a great Anzac Day.

- Thank-you to Richard Hardwick for his efforts in getting our first meeting achieved. Looking forward to next week now we have a few minor problems sorted.
- With the aim to get a little more involvement from our members at the meeting would like to ask each one of you to be prepared to briefly answer the following – **“How are you going with the isolation - what are you up to and how has it impacted on your personal / business life?”**
- Just a quick 1-2-minute answer planning to do this over a number of weeks say 5/6 members per week.
- I believe that we will have a little more time at the start of the meeting for some extra fellowship.
- Thank-you Michael O'Connor and Joe Melville for your presentations at our first Zoom meeting - lucky you – you are young enough to handle the technology.
- Please feel free to invite some of our friends/past members if they would like to join the meeting people like Vicky Cooper, Annette Arthur, David Baddams, Graham Kruger are a few that spring to mind. You are welcome to share the link to the meeting.
- If you would like something to occupy you in the down-time, we have a pattern to make simple masks. I will provide more info on this at our next meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone when we Zoom again next Wednesday

Regards

BARRY BIFFIN



ROTARY CLUB OF TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT ANZAC MEETING WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 2020

Traditionally, for as long as I can remember, our Club has conducted a short remembrance tribute for our countries fallen at a breakfast meeting as close as possible before ANZAC day. This year was no exception, and although the traditional ANZAC day will not be celebrated in the normal manner this year, we did our best at our first zoom meeting.

We started with the poem “For the Fallen”, commonly referred to as the “ode”, written by Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943) in 1914 and has been used on ANZAC day in Australia since 1939. It is one of the most famous and enduring war poems used throughout the British Commonwealth countries.

The poem consists of seven stanzas. Stanzas three and four have been the most popular and frequently used. They are as follows:

**“They went with songs to the battle, they were young
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow,
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them”.**

LEST WE FORGET

We then followed with a minute silence, the Last Post, and the Rouse.

Our acknowledgment was short but very respectful. May all our fallen countryman rest in peace and we remember their sacrifice.

For those members interested, there is a difference between the Rouse & Reveille and the following is a piece I located on the Australian War Memorial web site explaining the difference.

Reveille or Rouse

Since Roman times, bugles or horns have been used as signals to command soldiers on the battlefield and to regulate a soldiers’ days in barracks.



The custom of waking soldiers to a bugle call dates back to the Roman Legions when the rank and file were raised by horns playing Diana's Hymn. To this day the French term for Reveille is 'La Diana'.



When bugle calls were officially introduced into the British System by King George III, a special call was written for the waking of troops. This was known as Reveille meaning 'to wake again', from the old French. Joseph Hayden is generally regarded as the composer of the calls which exist substantially unchanged today.

The Reveille was a bright, cheerful call to rouse soldiers from their slumber ready for duty. The call has also been adopted to conclude funeral services and remembrance services. It symbolises an awakening in a better world for the dead and 'rouses' the living—their respects paid to the memory of their comrades—back to duty. The Rouse is a shorter bugle call, which as its name suggests, was also used to call soldiers to their duties. Due to its much shorter length, the Rouse is most commonly used in conjunction with the Last Post at remembrance services. The exception is the Dawn Service, when the Reveille is played.

Rouse is the bugle call more commonly used in conjunction with the Last Post and to the layman is often incorrectly called Reveille. Although associated with the Last Post, Reveille is rarely used because of its length.

Today, the Rouse is associated with the Last Post at all military funerals and services of Dedication and remembrance. It is played on the completion of one-minute silence, after the Last Post has been sounded. It calls the soldier's spirit to rise and prepare for another day.

The bugle call played after the 'silence' during any ANZAC Day ceremony is:

- Reveille—ANZAC Day Dawn Service
- Rouse—ANZAC Day services, Remembrance Day services and at other times of the day

The Last Post is a trumpet or bugle call which was sounded each night at the end of the officer of the guard completing his rounds to check that the garrison was secure and the sentries were at their posts. It also served to inform soldiers that they should be in their quarters for the night. It is also sounded at military funerals and commemorative services to symbolise that the duty of the dead is over and they can rest in peace.

Thanks to Richard Hardwick for putting the Last Post and Rouse together for the meeting.

Michael O'Connor

22 APRIL 2020



ATTENTION MEMBERS, FELLOW ROTARIANS AND FRIENDS

We will be holding our second **ZOOM** meeting this Wednesday (29/4) for all members and friends or any Rotarians interested in participating to join in. The only requirement is access to one of the following:

- PC with web cam and mic
- Laptop with camera
- iPad or tablet
- Smart phone

Headphones / earbuds are also preferred as this reduces background noise during a meeting. There are many options including just coming into the meeting as voice only.

Please note

Richard Hardwick has set a re-occurring meeting for the next three weeks (just to see how this goes) and has added another feature below.

- **Although the meeting start time is slotted in as 06.50 the meeting actually can commence at 06.30 for any members to join and socialise before the meeting starts.**
- This will still allow 40 minutes to conduct the meeting.
- Val will provide the link to each guest speaker.

Richard Hardwick is inviting you to this scheduled ZOOM meeting.

Topic: RCTFL - Rotary Weekly Meeting

Time: Apr 29, 2020 06:30 AM

May 6, 2020 06:30 AM

May 13, 2020 06:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/71646393419?pwd=d29TcUtxUDducnhhbKwYlINnNBZz09>

By clicking on the above link, it will take you straight into the meeting room - I have password protected the meeting and this is embedded in the link already.

However, if there are members who may be new to this system or unsure, Richard can run a **test session on Monday afternoon between 4.00pm and 5.00pm.**

Just send Richard an email and he will email you a different link to access a meeting room for Monday – Richard's email is

Richard.Hardwick@challengecommunity.org.au

Ladies (brave men too)

*Please plant / spread lots of **red hearts** on Facebook and emails to celebrate **Breast Cancer Awareness Month in May***



AND PEOPLE STAYED HOME

And people stayed at home
And read books
And listened
And they rested
And did exercises
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened
More deeply
Someone meditated, someone prayed
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed.
And in the absence of people who
Lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
The earth also began to heal
And when the danger ended and
People found themselves
They grieved for the dead
And made new choices
And dreamed of new visions
And created new ways of living
And completely healed the earth
Just as they were healed.

Written by Kathleen O'Meara in 1869 after the Irish famine

Editor: Seemed so relevant today with self-isolation!
Thank you Vaun Gegier – Walcha Rotary Club





31 Attendees and 1 guest for our first ZOOM Meeting – Congratulations!!



PORTRAITS

An Irish painter by the name of Murphy, while not a brilliant scholar, was a gifted portrait artist.

Over a short number of years, his fame grew and soon people from all over Ireland were coming to the town of Miltown in County Clare, to get him to paint their likenesses.

One day, a beautiful young English woman arrived at his house in a stretch limo and asked if he would paint her in the nude. This being the first time anyone had made such a request he was a bit perturbed, particularly when the woman told him that money was no object; in fact, and she was willing to pay up to 10,000 pounds.

Not wanting to get into any marital strife, he asked her to wait while he went into the house to confer with Mary, his wife. They talked much about the Rightness and Wrongness of it. It was hard to make the decision but finally his wife agreed, on one condition.

In a few minutes he returned.

"T'would be me pleasure to paint yer portrait, missus," he said "The wife says it's okay.

"I'll paint you in the nude all right; but I have to at least leave me socks on, so I have a place to wipe me brushes."

T'is why we love the Irish. 🍀

Hormel made their first batch of SPAM in 1937. The company has just announced that due to hoarding by consumers, they are going to make a second batch.