



Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



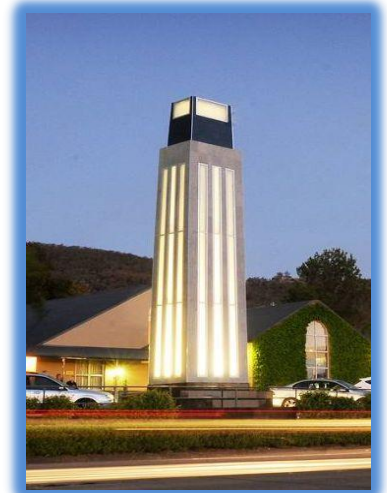
2019-2020

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ZOOM-MEETING 1501

WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2020



Tired koala sleeping before the bushfires - thank you David Hinwood

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2020

This Wednesday, 13 May – **OUR FOURTH ZOOM MEETING** – details on Page 4

Saturday, 20 June – Club Changeover & 30TH Birthday Celebrations – HOPEFUL – MIGHT BE PUT BACK TO MID JULY!

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

15 – 22 August DISTRICT 9650 RYLA – KEEPIT DAM

| | BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS |
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| Members Birthdays | Marina Hearne (13/05); Brian Logan (13/05); Les Jacob (17/05); Laurence Hearne (18/05) |
| Partners Birthdays | Judy Biffin (13/05); |
| Anniversaries | Leonie & Peter Bell (45yrs 17.05); Anne & Les Jacob (47yrs 19.05) |
| Club Induction | Nil |

71% attendance – visitors Bob Wearne – our guest speaker for next week and Sam Peacocke – our guest speaker today talking about “insolvency” – Thank you Brodie Shields

Winners from last week’s Fine Session -.

Nothing from Mandy Fisher - Sergeant – her screen / voice cut-out.

However, she wished the following to be noted:

Prizes will be awarded in the hoped for not too distant future.

All fine suggestions - current or historic - gratefully accepted by the isolated Sergeant.

UPDATES – How members are filling in time whilst self-isolating plus

- **Changeover** – suggest delay a month or possibly ZOOM ZOOM
- **Masks** – Peter Bell – demonstrated **Inspiration** masks for members
- **S&E** – Reduced the rate for participation by 50% - found that interesting for next year
- **Sam Peacocke** is enjoying travelling around the countryside with green patches rather than just drought, drought and no stock
- **Laurence Hearne** – busy working on the garden jungle – no bagpipes on Anzac Day
- **Michael Smith** – playing golf and studying the form guide – working from office whilst staff members work from home
- **Ian Howle** – grand children around – 6 metres of manure left for garden – certainly keeping the neighbours away during slow spreading
- **Richard Walker** – gardening mainly – some walking exercise
- **Paul Stevenson** – Susie is busy in the garden – he is not enjoying isolation but has discovered Netflix and similar which has been great but will be starting back this week – isolated driving lessons – sounds really interesting....



Quote of the Week

*Politicians can forgive almost anything in the way of abuse;
they can forgive subversion, revolution, being contradicted,
exposed as liars, even ridiculed,
but they can never forget being ignored.*

Auberon Waugh

Hello Members and Friends

Looking forward to our **Fourth ZOOM** into Wednesday morning at 6:30AM and having a chat....

However, this Week's Bulletin is for our mothers, grandmothers, wives, our daughters, grand-daughters and great grand-daughters – wishing them all Happy Mother's Day both now and in the future - may we all be together to celebrate Mother's Day next year....



BARRY BIFFIN

TODAY'S FINE SESSION

Brian Thompson would like to know which Club belongs to this sign –
Mandy Fisher will know the answer.....



ATTENTION MEMBERS, FELLOW ROTARIANS AND FRIENDS

We will be holding our fourth **ZOOM** meeting this Wednesday (13/05) 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 two 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 – Bob Wearne – Blaze Aid / Bush Fires

Time: 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 – Richard has password protected the meeting and this is embedded in the link already.

However, if there are members who are unsure, contact Richard via his email – he will be happy to assist but please give him notice...

Richard's email is Richard.Hardwick@challengecommunity.org.au

From Brian Thompson – **noting the death of Bob Hickson and his connection to Our Club**

“You may have seen in the local media recently news of the death of **Bob Hickson**. Bob was very involved with establishing the Gold Coast Golf Trips. He was good friend of David Cummins - a charter member of our Club and helped David with gaining sponsorship and publicity.

Bob was a well-known cricketer in Tamworth and a sports commentator for 2TM and Prime Television. He organised in the first year of the trip sponsorship to the value of \$8000 in the form of advertising / News items on both Prime and 2TM.

Without this, the trip would not have proceeded. Bob also came on one or two trips and used to send back daily reports or interviews with different participants. Our Club is indebted to Bob for his efforts and support. He was a great Citizen of Tamworth.



OUR GUEST SPEAKER'S TOPIC IS AROUND "INSOLVENCY" presented by Sam Peacocke – an Insolvency Expert and Regional Manager with the accounting firm Rodgers Reidy Accountants in Dubbo.

Sam was born in Bathurst – eldest of six – family moved to Dubbo – has five siblings.

Sam's father was NSW State MP for Dubbo for around 20 years and was a great friend of Noel Park – Member for Tamworth throughout these years. Mother is obsessed with bridge and keeping track of her extending family including grand and great-grand-children.

Sam has two sisters – one is a journalist on the Central Coast and the other works for a private school in Sydney.

One brother is the CFO for a listed company in Property Development

Next brother is a Teacher in Hong Kong and the last brother is a journalist training to be a teacher.

Actually, worked in Tamworth for a while and coached the Pirates Rugby Club for a season.

Sam was very keen on sport – rowed in Sydney and played Rugby till the hair fell out and currently into cycling.

Lived in went to school in Dubbo then ten years in Sydney – University and work and returned to Dubbo in 1993. Whilst in Sydney pestered and pestered the partners to allow him to move into Insolvency – was fascinated with it as a career.

First Insolvency case he was the junior and he and his boss arrived at a Transport Company in Auburn to be greeted by pools of blood, police etc as the owner had been murdered that night.

One of the first and most vital facts he learnt from this case – must write everything down – must have a clear trail of letters / emails and keep accurate diary records.

The second case – I was the senior and we took over Citizens Gold Bullion on 13 October 1988 – Black Friday. The importance of Balance Sheets cannot be overstated.

Arrived at office – lots of furniture and filing cabinets – basically empty but as furniture was being removed found one bank statement – managed to acquire \$500 worth of bank statements with substantial laundering of drug money. Directors were Ian John Saxo and Fabio Ben Garcia and his wife.

After our appointment the Sunday Telegraph had an article about a \$77M cash and drug bust. On Monday we discovered the Directors above were the same as the article. Managed to trace 200 cheques of varying amounts from @\$20K - \$600k.

Discovered that the company paid for a boat called Rolling Thunder.

Discovered \$60k was in Swiss Bank Accounts.

Recovered a motel called the Lookout Motor Inn at Dorrigo plus a three-bedroom unit in Noosa.

Discovered \$140k in Hong Kong bank accounts.

Finally recovered about \$3M and I attended court as an expert witness for the AFP.

Years later when my daughter was doing her legal studies, she came across Ian John Saxon and Fabio Ben Garcia – I was able to outline the above.

Overall less than \$8M was recovered and the directors stayed out of jail.

Ian Saxon is in NZ running a big winery and Ben Garcia has disappeared and \$60M have never been recovered.

The third case shows, if we are invited in early enough, a business can be saved. This was a Tasmanian Tuna Farm consisting of four tanks and thousands of Tuna.

As we were appointed and flew down to Tasmania to inspect the premises and check the books etc – we approached the bank to see if they would continue to support the business – they agreed and almost immediately two tanks sank and the tuna escaped. However, the bank agreed to stay with us and the two tanks were repaired and refilled and after a period of time the company traded out of insolvency and is a going concern still – outstanding debts have been repaid and now making a reasonable profit depending on seasons just like the man on the land.

Thank you for a very interesting topic that many of us probably knew very little about....



Instead of all the negative postings, here is a pic of some topless chicks in short skirts



AUSTRALIA AND AUSTRALIANS – AN INTERESTING STORY – PART 2

The second confusing thing about Australia is the animals. They can be divided into three categories: Poisonous, Odd and Sheep. It is true that of the 10 most poisonous arachnids on the planet – Australia has nine of them. Actually, it would be more accurate to say that of the nine – Australia has them all. However, there are few snakes, possibly because the spiders killed them all.

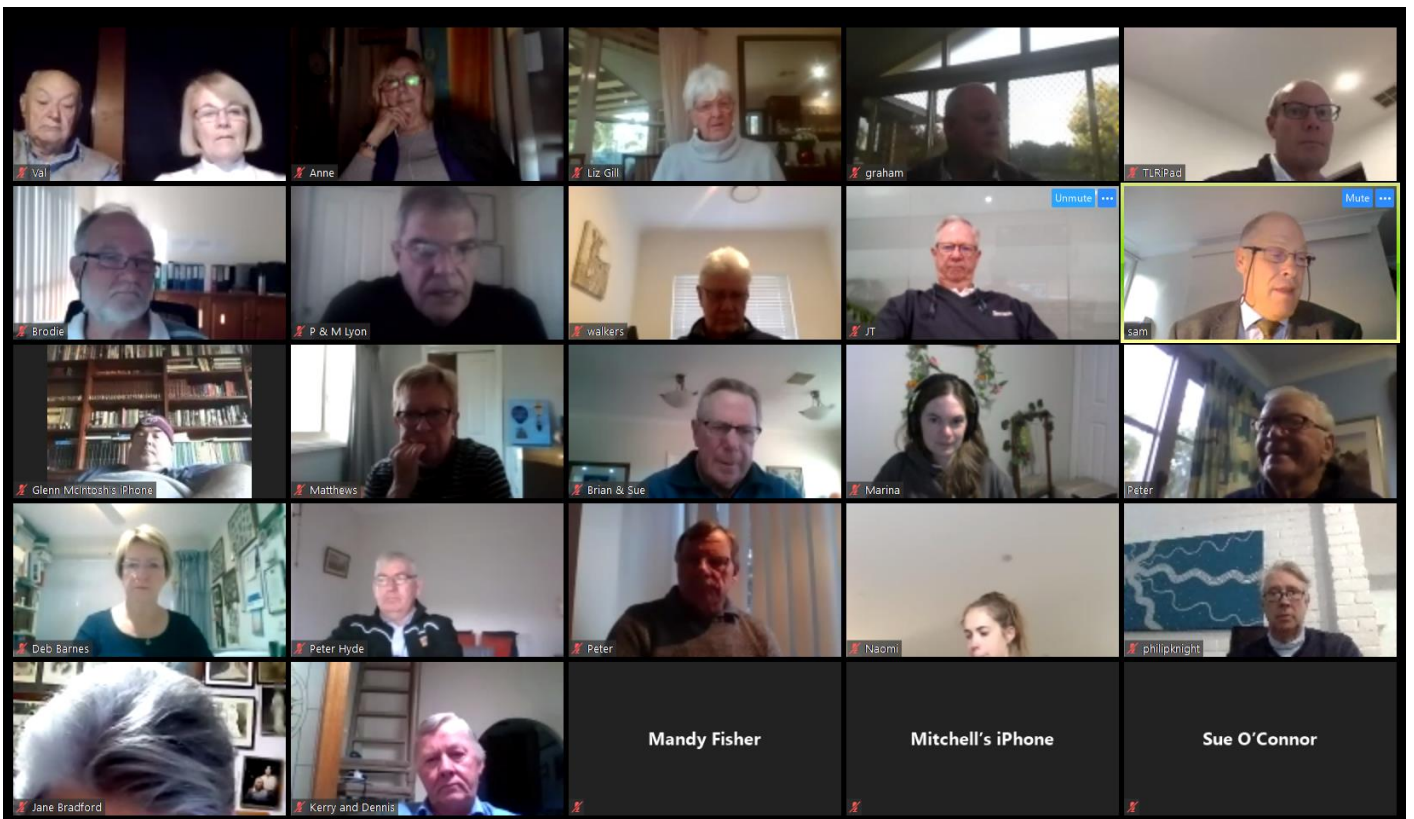
But even the spiders will not go near the sea. Any visitor should be careful to check inside boots (before putting them on), under toilet seats (before sitting down) and generally everywhere else. A stick is very useful for this task.

Bet you can't wait for Part III...

Internet went down and I had to spend time with the family.

They seem like good people.

I'M NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD.COM





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