



# Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



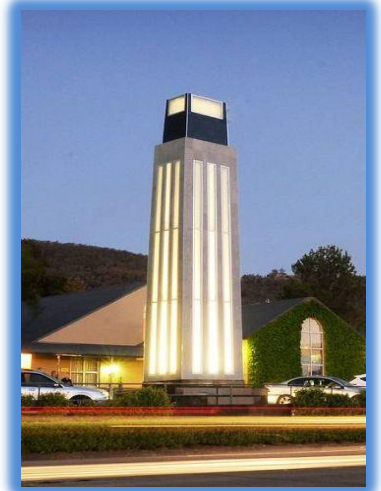
**2019-2020**

District Governor [Phil Hafey](#)

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Treasurer: [Deb Barnes](#)



**MEETING 1505**

**WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2020**



*Pink Galahs - another Australian icon - Thank you David Hinwood*

# IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2020

**This Wednesday, 10 June – POST OFFICE HOTEL - 6:30 AM - \$23.00 PP**

**Saturday 18 July is Changeover Date – further information to follow**

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

**15 – 22 August - DISTRICT 9650 RYLA – KEEPIT DAM**

It's important to identify **AND** nominate potential participants **NOW** to ensure they have the opportunity to organise leave **AND** be part of the premier youth program at District level, Nationally **AND** Internationally.

**Saturday 15 – Saturday 22 August 2020**

Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre

**RYLA Needs YOU!!!**

**Accepting nominations now**

Please encourage your members to:

**identify** potential participants

**tell** them about the RYLA program

**share** the positive impact it will have on their lives

**encourage** them to apply

**encourage** employers in your Club to sponsor an employee

**invest** in the future of your Club

**RYLA is the future of Rotary...**

[www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLA](http://www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLA)

**The program is brilliant, the results outstanding, the experience is life changing.**

**Nominations close Friday, 24 July 2020**

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact:

**David Mayne** DGN & D9650 RYLA Chair (RC Port Macquarie) 0434 860 680

**Louise Matthews** D9650 RYLA Secretary (RC Tamworth First Light) 0420 743 083

Yours in **Developing Rotarians of the Future**

**LOUISE MATTHEWS**

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### Quote of the Week

*The idea that it is necessary to go to a university in order to become a successful writer, or even a man or woman of letters (which is by no means the same thing), is one of those phantasies that surround authorship.*

*Vera Brittain*

Hello Members and Friends

Looking forward to **BREAKFAST AT THE POST OFFICE HOTEL THIS WEDNESDAY AT 6:30AM – COST AS BEFORE - \$23.00 PER PERSON – Please confirm with Jane Bradford if you are attending or an apology – need numbers by noon on Tuesday please....**

**Jane can be contacted on 0429 666 100 (text) or [jbmail@monelu.com](mailto:jbmail@monelu.com)**

See you all this week when we do it all again with different speakers –

John Rouvray has suggested that our Club or Combined Clubs should organise a Street Parade to thank all our essential people who have worked so hard through the Covid-19 Pandemic one Saturday morning or maybe lead the Cavalcade at the January Festival. He will approach Tamworth Regional Council with the suggestion and let us know of progress in due course.

**RYLA** Louise has confirmed that our two candidates are not available for RYLA this August but both keen to participate in April 2021.

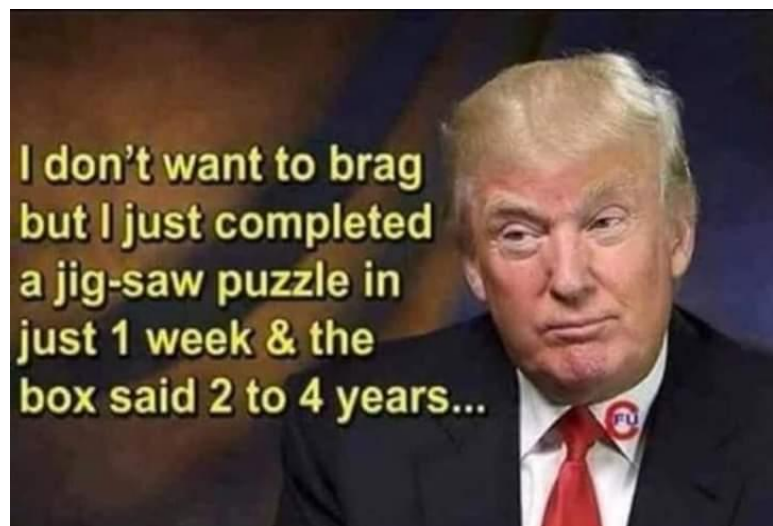
**MEMBERS – PLEASE** look around your businesses – you must have employees who would truly benefit from an opportunity like this – we see year after year the change in the applicants who go and employers speak very highly of the positive changes within the workplace afterwards – aren't the successes from RYLA the reason we support this and our other Youth programs to benefit our youth.

Don't forget to save the date for the **change-over on Saturday, 18 July** - as restrictions ease, we will be able to make more decisions on what form this will take.

See you at Jamaica Blue after our ZOOM meeting.

Hope everyone has a great week.

**BARRY BIFFIN**



## OUR MEMBER SPEAKER TODAY IS NAOMI BLAKEY AND HER TOPIC IS TAMWORTH REGIONAL MUSEUMS

My position at Tamworth Regional Council is Cultural Collections Officer (Museums)

- Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic not all our museums are open at the present time
- However, the Tamworth Regional Gallery, The Wax Museum and the National Guitar Museum opened from Monday, 1 June 2020.

### **Australian Country Music Hall of Fame**

- Celebrates the history of Australia Country Music and the Annual Festival
- Two important Dates – Festival in January and Hats Off to Country in June / July

### **Barraba Museum / Nandewar Historical Society**

- Preserves the history of Barraba and surrounds including the Early Pioneers, Mining, Agriculture and Military History

### **Future Astronomy Centre / Chris Bowman Mineral and Fossil Collection**

- Preserve the regionals mineral and fossil deposits including an almost complete diprotodon skull
- Opening date to be advised
- **Galaxy of the Stars Wax Museum / Tamworth Information Centre**
- Tells the story of over 20 notable Country Music singers
- All figurines were made by the one family in Nashville, USA then sent out to Tamworth Australia

### **Manilla Heritage Museum / Manilla Visitor Information Centre**

- Preserves and tell the stories of the town of Manilla and surrounds

### **Moonbi Museum**

- Preserve the social and farming history of the area
- Chicken farming was of great importance to Tamworth due to its sandy soil

### **National Guitar Museum / Tamworth Information Centre**

- Guitars from Smokey Dawson through to Keith Urban
- Also has Australian Wall of Fame listing all Gold Guitar Winners

### **Nundle Visitor Information Centre / Gil Bennet Rocks, Gems and Minerals**

- Displays a magnificent collection of rock, gem and mineral specimens
- Houses a particularly interesting Sphere Collection

### **Powerhouse Museum**

- Built on original site 9 November 1888

### **Tamworth Historical Society / Calala Cottage**

- Purpose is to tell the stories of Tamworth's beginning and development into a city
- Worth noting that it was built by Tamworth's First Mayor – Philip Gidley King

### **Tamworth Regional Film and Sound Archive**

- Preserves Tamworth and surrounds film and sound heritage
- Of particular interest is the **Ison Plates Collection** which were added to the UNESCO Memory of the World Register in 2019

### **Tamworth Regional Gallery**

- Collection started in 1919 – donation from John Salvana – keen to promote art for children

### **Online Collections**

- Tamworth Power Station Museum
- Tamworth Regional Film and Sound Archive

Coming

- Gil Bennet Rocks, Gems and Mineral Collection
- Chris Bowman Mineral and Fossil Collection

Followed by

- Australian Country Music Hall of Fame

### **Questions**

Q. What is Council's role with the smaller Museums?



- A. Council owns the buildings but all operated by volunteers – I am there to assist with any difficult queries and assist with setting up displays
- Q. Is this a new position?
- A. Have taken over from Anna Gregory – very excited as I have just completed my degree and actually found a position within my field and in my town.
- Q. Powerhouse Museum – Amazing knowledge – always spend more time than planned there?
- A. Agree – go often as I just keep learning and so keen to share their knowledge.

Introduced by Val Hellmann  
 Thanked by David Hinwood

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*Richard Saunders - Gardener showing how he fills in his slow days - somewhere in France!*





## A COMMITMENT TO END POLIO.

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 30 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.

As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

We've helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. So far, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.8 billion toward eradicating the disease worldwide.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. But it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyse as many as 200,000 children each year.

### ***We're so close to eradicating polio. Here's why we need \$1.5 billion more to finish the job.***

"Rotary was there at the beginning of the global effort to eradicate polio," says International PolioPlus Committee Chair Michael K. McGovern.

"It would be unfortunate if Rotary isn't there at the finish line. We've done too much; we've made too much progress to walk away before we finish."

Finding poliovirus outside Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan, the only countries that have yet to eradicate it, is not unusual.

In 2014, just before the World Cup brought travellers from all over the planet to Brazil, poliovirus was detected in the sewage system at São Paulo's Viracopos International Airport.

Using genetic testing, officials traced its origin to Equatorial Guinea.

Brazil's regular vaccination efforts kept the disease from showing up beyond the airport doors.

Those are frustrating examples for the thousands of people around the world working to eradicate polio.

The fight has come a long way, but it is far from over. And while many involved in the effort say we may detect the final naturally occurring case of polio this year, getting to that point — and ensuring that the disease remains gone — will continue to require money, hard work, and the support of Rotarians around the world.

One of the most important aspects of the fight to eradicate polio is detection. This requires continuous surveillance that is complicated and costly.

### **Polio surveillance consists of two parts.**

First, doctors and community health workers monitor children for acute flaccid paralysis.

The second part of the process involves local authorities collecting samples from sewage systems or in places that don't have adequate sanitation facilities, including rivers or bodies of water near a large group of residents.

We must all continue to support the fight to End Polio and eradicate the disease from the Earth.

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**A REMINDER TO BOTH OLD AND NEW MEMBERS  
ABOUT THE DUTIES OF THE WEEKLY ROSTER**

**SERGEANT/S**

Responsible for putting out all Club Property and putting away at the conclusion of the meeting with two Corporals each week to assist - **includes setting up and putting away the laptop and projector for presentations**

**Need to be in attendance by 6:30AM**

**CORPORALS**

To assist the Sergeant by putting out all Club Property, collecting fine monies, and putting away at the conclusion of the meeting - **includes setting up and putting away the laptop and projector for presentations**

**One Needs to be in attendance by 6:30AM.**

**DOOR TEAM**

To record the attendance of our members and guests, collect meeting dues, and if possible, balance the cash float - monies paid = monies received.

**Need to be in attendance at 6.30AM**

**MEETER AND GREETER**

To meet and greet our members and welcome guests to our Club at the top of the stairs and to hand name badges to members. Also ensure any guests of members or visiting Rotarians are introduced to the Visitor Assist to ensure they are made feel welcome.

**Need to be in attendance at 6.30 am**

**WELCOME**

To publicly welcome our Members and Guests (following the introduction) to our meeting when called upon by the President or his / her substitute.

**Need to be in attendance by 6.40 am (or earlier)**

**PRESIDENT ASSIST**

To ensure members who are rostered for the duties of, Meeter and Greeter, Door, Visitor Assist, Welcome to our Members and Guests, Introduction of the Guest Speaker(s) and Vote of Thanks are present and if they are not to find a replacement and ensure those people's names are updated on the President's Running Sheet. Select the Table Order (after the head table).

**Need to be in attendance by 6.30AM**

**VISITOR ASSIST**

To ensure any visitors to the Club are made welcome by introducing yourself to them and other members and guests of our Club. **To also include them in fellowship before and, where possible, introduce them to the President**, make sure they are included with several members for breakfast and are not left on their own.

**Need to be in attendance from 6.30 am**

**INTRODUCTION**

Make yourself known to our Guest Speaker/s, assist them to the head table and sit with them. During breakfast find out some information about the guest speaker which will assist you in your introduction. Assist with PowerPoint set-up etc

**VOTE OF THANKS**

To move a vote of thanks to our guest speaker, and present a little thank you gift (ensure you have it before the meeting commences and take notes during their presentation to ensure that your thank you is informed).



## The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

### Rotary Grace

O Lord and giver of all good  
We thank Thee for our daily food  
May Rotary Friends and Rotary ways  
Help us to serve Thee all our days

#### Tamworth—First Light

Meets Wednesday morning,  
6:30 for 7:00 am at  
Mercure Function Room  
Kent Street  
South Tamworth

#### The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

#### Other Clubs meet:

Monday PM – Tamworth West  
Tuesday PM – Tamworth  
Wednesday PM - Calala  
Friday AM - Sunrise

Club Officers and contact details

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## WEEKLY ROSTER FOR BOTH CLUB AND POST OFFICE RAFFLES

	10 June 2020	17 June 2020	24 June 2020
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Chris Watson Future of Tourism PO Hotel</b>	<b>PO Hotel??</b>	<b>PO Hotel??</b>
<b>Sergeants</b>	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin
<b>Corporals</b>	Ian Howle Steve Massey	Laurence Hearne John Treloar	Steve Hawkins Peter Bell
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	John Rouvray	Richard Walker	Anne Jacob
<b>Door Team</b>	Bruce Hemmett Mitch Soree	Michael Smith Ron Allan	Les Jacob Dennis Johnson
<b>President Assist</b>	John Worldon	Dennis Smith	Michael O'Connor
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Brian Logan	Brodie Shields	Paul Stevenson
<b>Welcome</b>	Peter Hyde	Terry Robinson	Brian Thompson
<b>Bulletin Notes</b>	Louise Matthews	Peter Leonard	Glenn McIntosh
<b>Introduction</b>	Louise Matthews	Peter Leonard	Glenn McIntosh
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	David Hinwood	Maureen Thornton	James Treloar
<b>POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:00 – 7:00PM</b>			
<b>12 June 2020</b>	<b>19 June 2020</b>	<b>26 June 2020</b>	<b>3 July 2020</b>
Richard Walker Peter Leonard	Peter Leonard Rob Clifton	Rob Clifton Phil Knight	Phil Knight Phil Penman
<b>BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS</b>			
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Tom Hellmann (13/06)		
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Leonie Bell (11/06)		
<b>Anniversaries</b>	NIL		
<b>Club Induction</b>	David Hinwood (23yrs 11/06)		
<b>Attendance</b>	?		
<b>Make-ups</b>			
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	NIL		
<b>Visitors</b>	NIL		
<b>Heads &amp; Tails</b>	NIL		
<b>Raffle</b>	NIL		



**ZOOM MEETING – WEDNESDAY, 3 JUNE 2020**

